

Other Nations Asked to Help

Hong Kong Out of Room For Red China's Refugees

HONG KONG —The Hong Kong Human Rights Council has called on the free world to provide living space for thousands of refugees from Red China.

The council, an affiliate of the International Council on Human Rights, said Hong Kong's capacity for further absorption of refugees had reached a "critical point" (where the world must now) render maximum aid in solving Hong Kong's tragic problem of the people.

The council specifically asked that:

1. Nationalist China "take immediate steps" to receive and resettle 100,000 refugee immigrants from Hong Kong during 1962-63.

2. Canada, Australia and other nations "with vast open spaces and unexpected resources" amend their immigration laws to absorb at least a few thousand refugee immigrants from Hong Kong every year.

3. The United States and Britain set up a joint program to temporarily resettle and educate 3,000 to 5,000 school age children every year.

4. The responsibility of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees be expanded to include resettlement of large numbers of Chinese refugees

in other countries throughout the world.

The council also gave full support to a bill pending in the U.S. Senate that would permit large numbers of refugees from Red China to enter the United States every year. The present U.S. quota for Chinese immigrants is only 105 a year from all areas of the world.

The council's appeal came on the heels of Hong Kong's crack-

down on illegal entry of refugees fleeing the mainland.

In the past month the British colonial government has increased its patrols along the border and in the sea lanes used by scores of Chinese junks smuggling refugees into Hong Kong.

Refugees caught trying to enter the colony have been returned to Red China.

Loudest criticism has come from Formosa which, according to information here, has accepted only about 15,000 Chinese refugees in recent years. Hong Kong's crackdown was taken reluctantly by the government, which said it was necessary because the population had swollen beyond the colony's capacity.

Nearly a million and half refugees have swarmed across Communist borders into Hong Kong in the past 12 years. Hong Kong's population is 600,000 at the end of World War II and has swollen to nearly 3.5 million.

Food for Prisoners

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Red Cross said Friday it has sent food to 23 U.S. citizens being held prisoner by the Fidel Castro government in Cuba.

Tavern Owner Pistol-Whipped

PORTLAND, Me. — The proprietor of a Northeast Portland tavern was pistol-whipped Thursday afternoon by a gunman who escaped with an undetermined amount of cash, police said.

The victim was Mrs. Ann C. Fredson, 58, authorities said. She was hospitalized with severe scalp wounds and shock from loss of blood.

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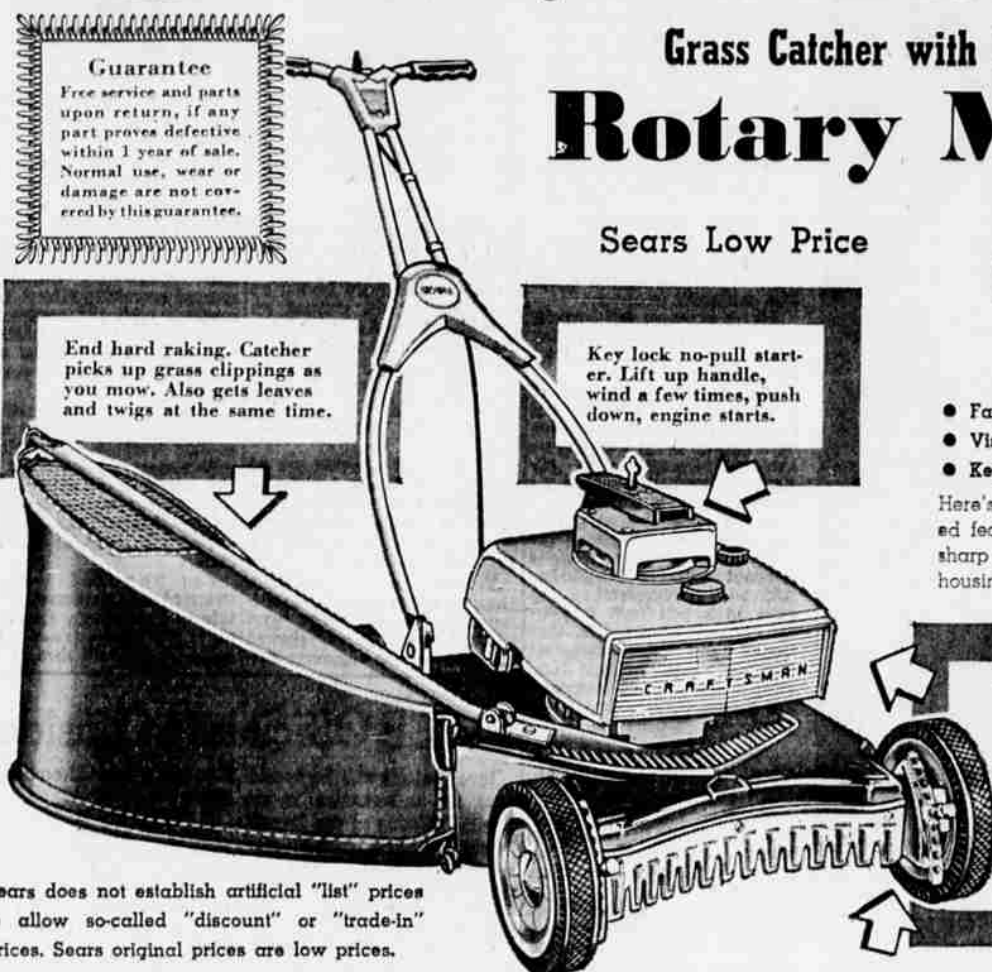
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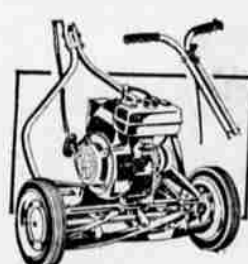
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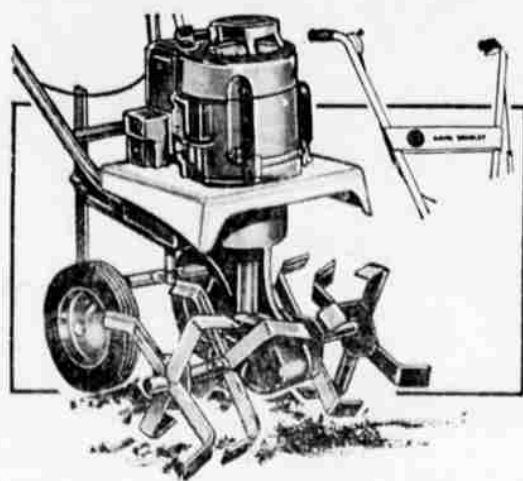


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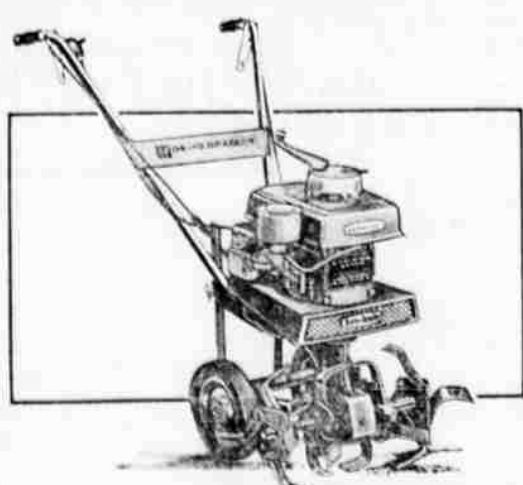
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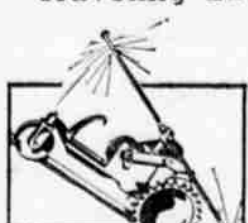


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