



Dinner in Reno—Holiday tourists, some dressed in cowboy attire, eat dinner on steps of the State building in Reno, Nev., after securing food from the emergency center set up by the Chamber of Commerce when the culinary workers left their jobs in wage dispute closing most of the city's eating houses. (AP Wirephoto)

DON'T COMPARE WITH 1918 CUTIES

Mack Sennett Frowns on Today's Bath Suit Beauties

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON
Hollywood **MacPHERSON**—Mack Sennett, the man who created the bathing beauty, stacked up the 1949 crop alongside his 1918 cuties today and allowed as how progress hasn't improved his invention any.

The white-haired producer says you can see more in this age of atom bombs and French bathing suits. But you can't trust what you see.

"When you looked at my girls," he snorted, "you know what you were looking at was all theirs. Nowadays, with these falsies and things, a man doesn't know what to believe in."

Sennett, who's been a Hollywood legend ever since he put Marie Prevost and Phyllis Haver in bloomers and posed them by a fake ocean, doesn't think much of the latest fashion in female figures anyway.

"My girls," he said with a reminiscent gleam in his eye, "had effeminate shapes. They were pleasingly plump and rounded all over. I mean they had hips by golly."

Moviegoers who remember that far back can relive those days pretty soon now. Eagle-Lion's putting out a "Down Memory Lane," a collection of Sennett two-reelers.

"Nowadays," he says, "all bathing beauties look like boys—until they turn around. And even then you can't trust 'em. They might still look like boys underneath that padding, for all you know."

Skimpy French bathing suits Sennett dismisses as "those darn postage-stamp-and-fig-leaf-things."

"I'm no prude, understand," he added. "Remember, I was the one who shocked a nation when I posed a girl in a one-piece swim suit."

"But I got a good look at a girl in one of those diaper things the other day. I jumped 10 feet. They wanted me to have my picture taken with her, but I refused."

He had no idea, says the sultan of slapstick comedy, what he was starting that day back

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These officials would not reveal just how many informants quit their undercover work. But they left no doubt the number is substantial.

The FBI, it was said, now must begin a long job of finding and placing new contacts in the communist party's network of underground and "front" organizations.

Justice department officials, who are in a position to know, estimated it will take the FBI some years to re-establish its counter-spy activities to the point of efficiency that existed up to a few months ago. The breakdown in the FBI's informant system stems from two big federal court cases—the Coplon trial and the New York trial of 11 leaders of the American communist party.

In the New York trial, some of the justice department's chief witnesses against the top communists were FBI informants who gathered evidence through long years of association with the party and its operations.

The department deliberately brought these informants in as witnesses and willingly revealed their clandestine activities in the hope their testimony would provide absolute proof that the communist party in this country is a master conspiracy trying to overthrow the government. This was a calculated sacrifice of future work by these informants.

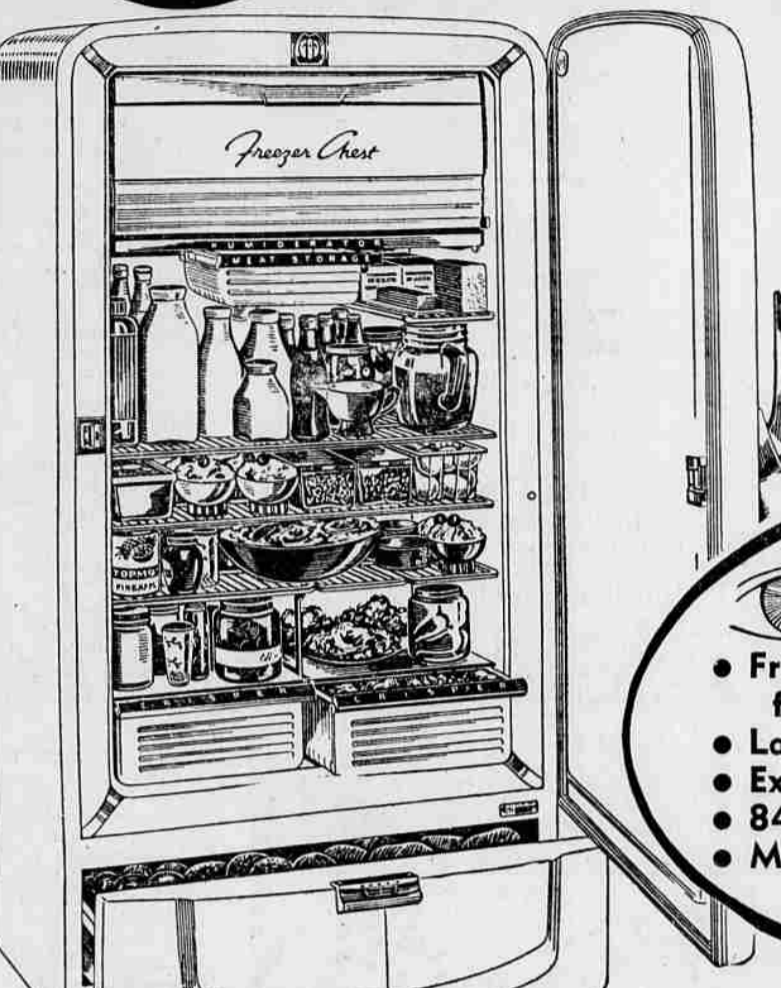
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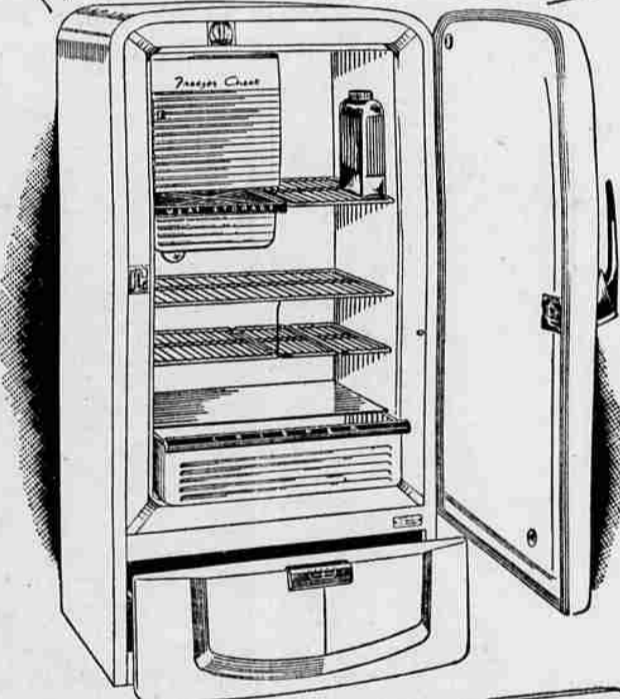
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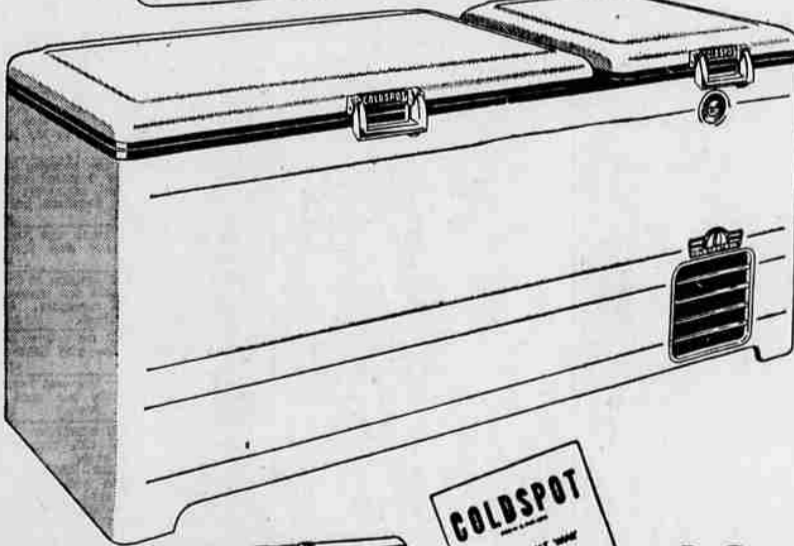
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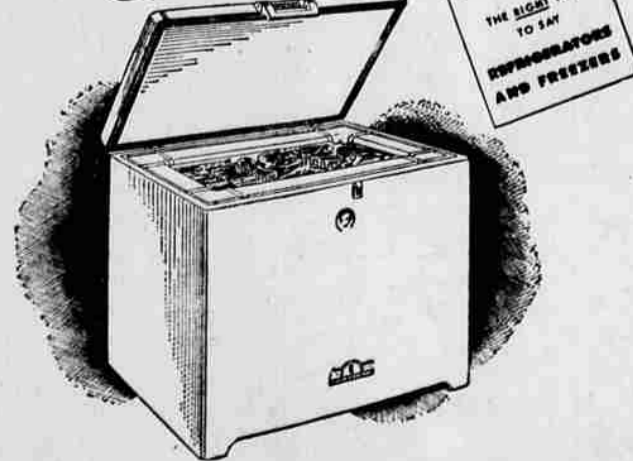


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