

### New Fashion in Mens Suits Will Have Narrow Lapels, Little Shoulder Padding

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New York — (U.P.) — This is Men's Fashion Week.

We could make that sentence longer, except the men behind this Fashion Week like to be simple and straightforward in talking about men's clothes.

Men are so easily scared away from the subject anyway, the experts explain. With a calm approach, they hoped to ease men into suits with narrow lapels, very little shoulder padding and narrow trousers.

We'd call that a "long, lean look," in women's fashions. Designers of men's clothes would be happy if men would just call them new suits.

"The average adult male in this country buys only five-eighths of a suit each year," said Louise Scalise, general chairman of the convention of clothing designers held here this week. "It isn't that he doesn't have the money. It is because

he thinks there is nothing new."

**Conservative But Different**  
Scalise described the proper male suit for Easter as "conservative, yet different." No man could complain about that now, could he?

"The big basic change will be the very narrow lapel and the high gorge effect," he said.

"Gorge, did you say?" we asked.

"That is this sear," he explained, fingering the notched part of his lapel. He was wearing a charcoal gray suit with narrow lapels, narrow, cuffless trousers, a pink shirt and a black and pink striped necktie.

"The low gorge and the wide lapel gives a man a heavy, sloping look," he continued. Several men nearby eyed their lapels nervously, which proves that man is not insensitive to criticism of his clothes.

"The trousers will be a little lower in rise and narrower at the knee and at the bottom," Scalise continued. "Cuffs are optional."

"Rise?" we asked respectfully. Scalise pointed to his waistband. **Charcoal Big Color**

Charcoal gray is still the big color, he said. This should be conservative enough for any man.

"We heard about a company

that's going to sell suits with a pair of pants and a half," he said. "One long, one Bermuda length. What do you...?"

There were cold looks all around. This is the kind of startling change that scares men away from accepting new fashions, we realized suddenly.

"Even the narrow lapel will be modified for our customers," Louis D'Andrea, executive of a men's store, said later as he showed visitors around the convention display of new styles. "We will sell many peaked lapels, somewhat narrower, with a higher gorge."

D'Andrea was wearing a charcoal gray suit with peaked lapels, white shorts and gray and pink necktie.

One thing puzzles us though. How come men don't even understand simple, straightforward talk about their clothes?

We asked our boss about his gorge. He looked at his stomach and said, "I know, I've gotta go on a diet."

#### PATTERSON SIGNS BILL

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Patterson has signed house bill No. 1, providing for expenses of the 1955 legislative session. It was the first bill passed by the Legislature and the first signed by Gov. Patterson this session.

### Guilty Verdict Made in Portland Contempt Trial

Portland — (U.P.) — A second Portland man went on trial today on charges of contempt of Congress. Herbert Simpson, 33, unemployed former clerk for a Portland trucking firm, was scheduled to appear in court at 9:15 a. m.

It took a Federal Court jury just 35 minutes yesterday afternoon to convict Donald Wollam, Portland longshoreman, on five counts of contempt of Congress. U. S. District Judge George Boldt, of Tacoma, Wash., set sentencing of Wollam for 1:15 p. m. Friday and allowed him to remain free on \$750 bail.

#### One of Four

Wollam was one of four Portland men charged with contempt in failing to answer questions posed at a house un-American activities subcommittee hearing here last June.

Trials of the two remaining men — John R. Mackenzie and Thomas G. Moore, are scheduled to follow Simpson's.

The men, in refusing to answer questions, stood on constitutional grounds of possible self-incrimination. Indictments against them, however, termed the questions "innocuous" and charged there was no danger of self-incrimination involved.

Defense attorney Irvin Goodman, said the conviction would be appealed.

#### LAST PLACE TO LOOK

Detroit Lakes, Minn. — (U.P.) — Sheriff D. A. Wennerstrom called off his search today for Harold Ryan, wanted for abandonment. Wennerstrom discovered that his wife had let Ryan into the county jail because he was tired and hungry and wanted a place to rest.

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