



INVITED TO VISIT SON—Mrs. Nellie V. Peters weeps as she reads message informing her that Chinese Reds will allow relatives of imprisoned U.S. airmen to visit them. Her son, Airman 2/c Daniel C. Schmidt, is one of those held prisoner. She thought the biggest obstacle would be the cost of the trip from her home in Portland, Ore., which would total between \$1,000 and \$2,000. Rep. Kenneth Keating (R-N.Y.) announced that he would introduce legislation Jan. 24 to pay the expenses of any relatives who accept Communist China's offer.

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington (U.P.)—It's quite a job to go through your card case and fish out the things you may never need.

Cards like one "dedicated to the preservation and use of cloudy crystal balls." My card says I am president of the "Clear and Opaque Club." Fact that everybody else who is a member is a president too, is beside the point.

And few people, I suppose, have been honored by getting a card that starts out like mine does with "Know ye by these presents that H. W. N. has been elected to honorary membership in Cigar Smokers United, dedicated to protect the inalienable rights of cigar smokers everywhere."

Makes a man wish he liked cigars. That particular card was

signed by my friend Maurice C. Dreicer, who has spent more time searching the world for the perfect steak and martini than sucking the wet end of a cigar.

And here goes one to certify that "Bro. H. W. N. is a full fledged member of the 'Ugly Mug' Lodge." That is a carrying card from Kahn's Cocktail Bar at Cape May, N. J. I have been told, although I have never seen it, that a mug with my name on it in gold hangs by a silver string from the ceiling in the joint along with hundreds of others.

One from the Anteaters Association I must keep because during the fall months we gather at the Washington Zoo, and Dr. William M. Mann serves up everything delicious from antelope to buffalo to rattlesnake at wonderful luncheons.

Another card entitles me to dip where angels of the male sex fear to tread—in the all-gal swimming pool at the Meridian Hill Hotel here in Washington. President Eisenhower and V.P. Nixon also are card bearers and they are scared, too.

It seems, in looking things over, that I also am a member of the order of "Yellow Dogs," the fun club of the Department of Commerce. I started out as a "puppy" and graduated after a rather hectic initiation.

There is also a little card calling me a White House correspondent.

It won't get you in the White House without a special come on from the big house guards, but the guards at least will say "howdy." It is something to keep anyhow. Maybe it will get you out of a parking ticket in Yuma.

Ike To Discuss Sugar Quota Hike

Washington (U.P.)—President Eisenhower scheduled a conference today with a congressional delegation representing sugar-producing states to discuss proposed increases in domestic sugar quotas.

Rep. Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.) announced in advance he would not support the increases unless "all interested parties" first reach agreement on the bill.

Cooley, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said he would insist on the approval of the State Department because of the effect of the legislation on Cuba.

Boosting the share of the U.S. market allotted to domestic growers under the Federal Sugar Act would almost automatically slice the Cuban share.

Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) and other sugar area lawmakers are preparing legislation to boost domestic cane and sugar beet quotas by 165,000 tons in 1955.

**Congress To Hear
Haitian President**

Washington (U.P.)—President Paul E. Magloire of Haiti goes before a joint session of Congress today to thank the United States for help it has given his Caribbean nation.

He was scheduled to tell Congress that the helping hand the United States has extended to Haiti and other American nations is the chief reason Communism has failed to gain a foothold in the Western Hemisphere.

Magloire, who arrived here on Wednesday for a three-day visit, also planned to see Washington area landmarks and confer with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Magloire, the first foreign dignitary to arrive for an official visit this year, was invited by President Eisenhower. His visit is billed only as a "good will" mission, but he is expected to sign a military assistance agreement with the United States before departing Saturday to tour part of the nation.

Dover Urges Action In Welfare Cases

Portland (U.P.)—Floyd K. Dover, state president of the Oregon Institute of Social Welfare has sent telegrams to Gov. Paul L. Patterson and to senators and representatives in the Oregon legislature urging action to correct the "plight of our general assistance recipients in Oregon."

"It is nothing short of a state scandal and should be investigated by the state Legislature at once," Dover's telegram read. He urged the public as a whole to cooperate in giving at least part time employment to recipients.

Checks for Multnomah county welfare recipients will be cut Feb. 1 because of a lack of funds.

Attorney's Battle To Leave Skid Row Gives Boosts To Other 'Men of Misery'

Chicago (U.P.)—A distinguished attorney's fight to get out of Chicago's tawdry skid row was giving a boost today to every bum on the city's "mile of misery."

Public interest in the case of William G. Good, a law professor who hit the skids of alcoholism, paid off with new promises of aid for the attorney's skid row "colleagues."

For two days now, Wood has turned up, cold sober and wearing a clean shirt, to assist Municipal Judge Hyman Feldman in dealing with the droves of derelicts who are picked up on West Madison street.

Feldman hired Wood at \$5 a day when he learned that the 65-year-old skid row habitue was once an expert on contract law and one of the top professors at the Kent College of Law here.

More Aid for Homeless Men
Chief Justice Raymond Drymalski announced yesterday that two new social workers would be hired and assigned to Feldman's court on a full-time basis to aid the homeless men.

Feldman said "That means I'll be able to try to save some of these men instead of merely sentencing them to brief terms in jail for a clean-up."

Meanwhile, a mayor's committee to rehabilitate the skid row bums met to plan how to coordinate its work with the courts, social agencies and the Salvation Army.

Wood himself received the first word from his daughter in years and the good wishes of attorneys who learned their law from him at Kent.

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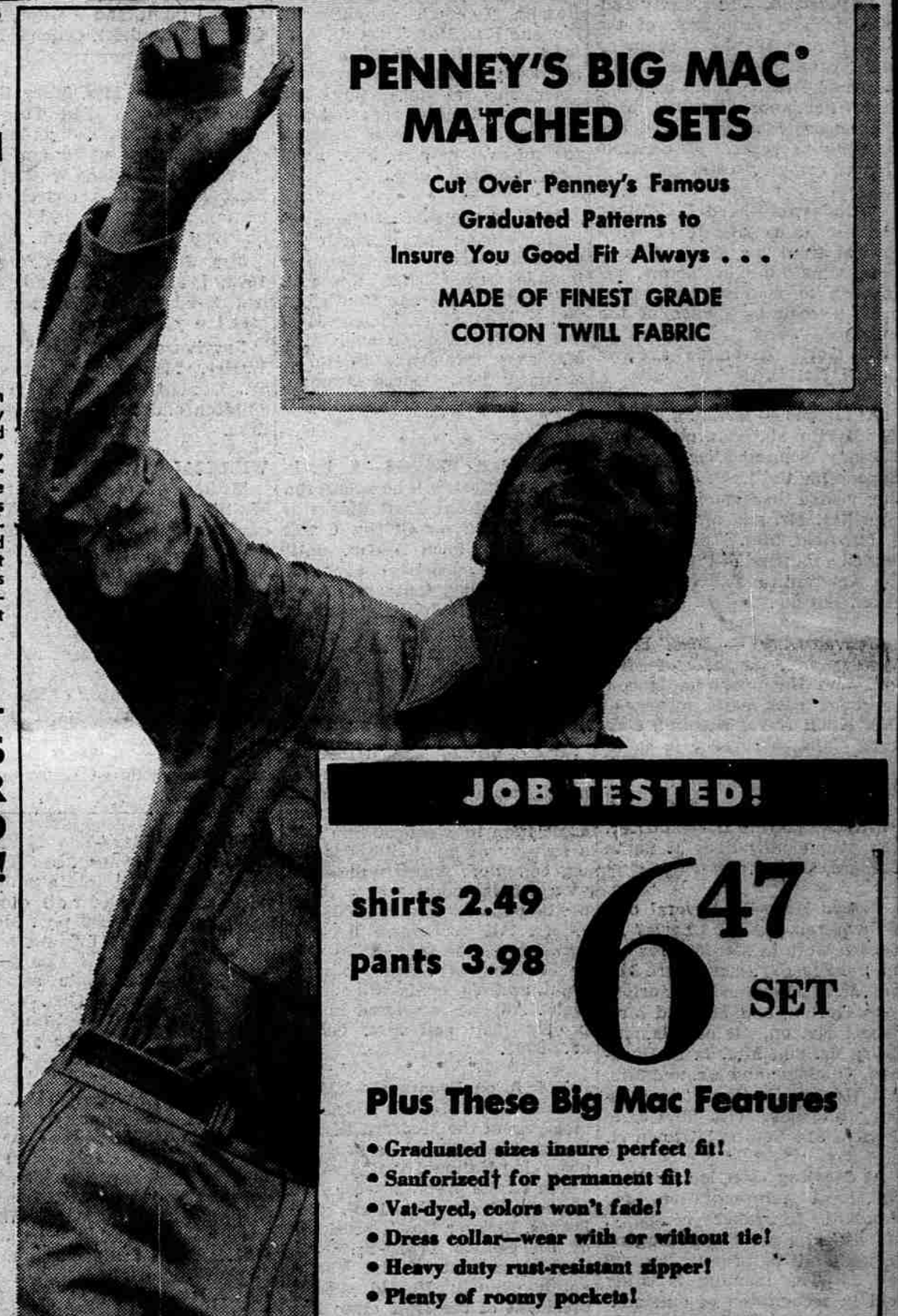
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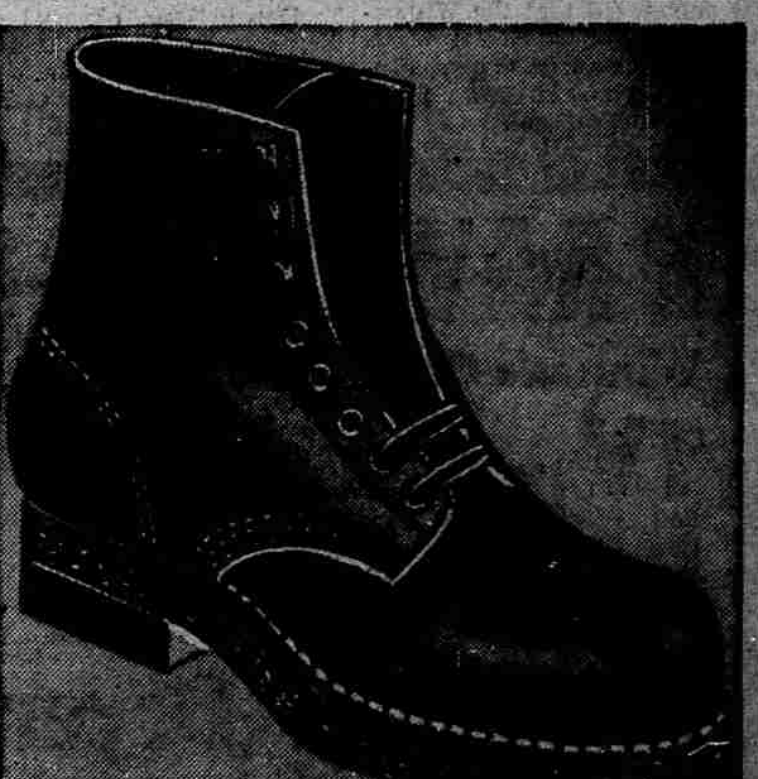
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