

**Strontium-90
Levels Higher
But Called Safe**

Washington - (Science Service) - Levels of radioactive strontium-90 in the nation's major rivers increased during the second quarter of 1959, but are still "very substantially below" the levels set for safe life-time exposure for the general public.

The U.S. Public Health Service said it had "no ready explanation" for the slight increase, but thought spring rains may have washed a little more strontium-90 out of the sky than normally would have fallen. It predicted July-August-September figures would show a general decrease.

Of 47 stations that reported readings in both quarters, 33 showed slight increases. Only 13 reported a drop in radioactivity, and one held steady for both quarters.

The highest level was recorded on the Tennessee river near Chattanooga. It had a level of 4.8 micro-microcuries—still far below the 80 micro-microcurie "maximum" which the National Committee on Radiation Protection and Measurements says is safe.

Samples were taken on 17 major rivers by 51 stations every week for the strontium-90 analysis. Strontium-90 is the most deadly of the "hot rain" from an H-bomb's virulent cloud.

This 51-station "water quality network," as it is called, is expected to increase to 75 stations during the coming year and will eventually be expanded to 250.

**Phonetic Guide
For Non-Frenchmen**

Paris - (UPI) - Everyone else seems to have tried it, and now Paris' Cafe de la Paix has tried it, too: Preparing a handy phonetic guide for non-Frenchmen who want to speak a few words of the native language.

The Cafe de la Paix people have gone further than most, however. Their table napkins are over-printed with phonetic guides not only for those whose native language is English, but also for Germans and Italians.

English-speaking people, for example, are advised, when asking for the check, to say, "Doonay mooa la deesse-own see voo play." Germans are told to say, "Doonay mo a l' additziohn zill wu plaeh." Italians are advised to say, "Dome moa adision ill vu ple."

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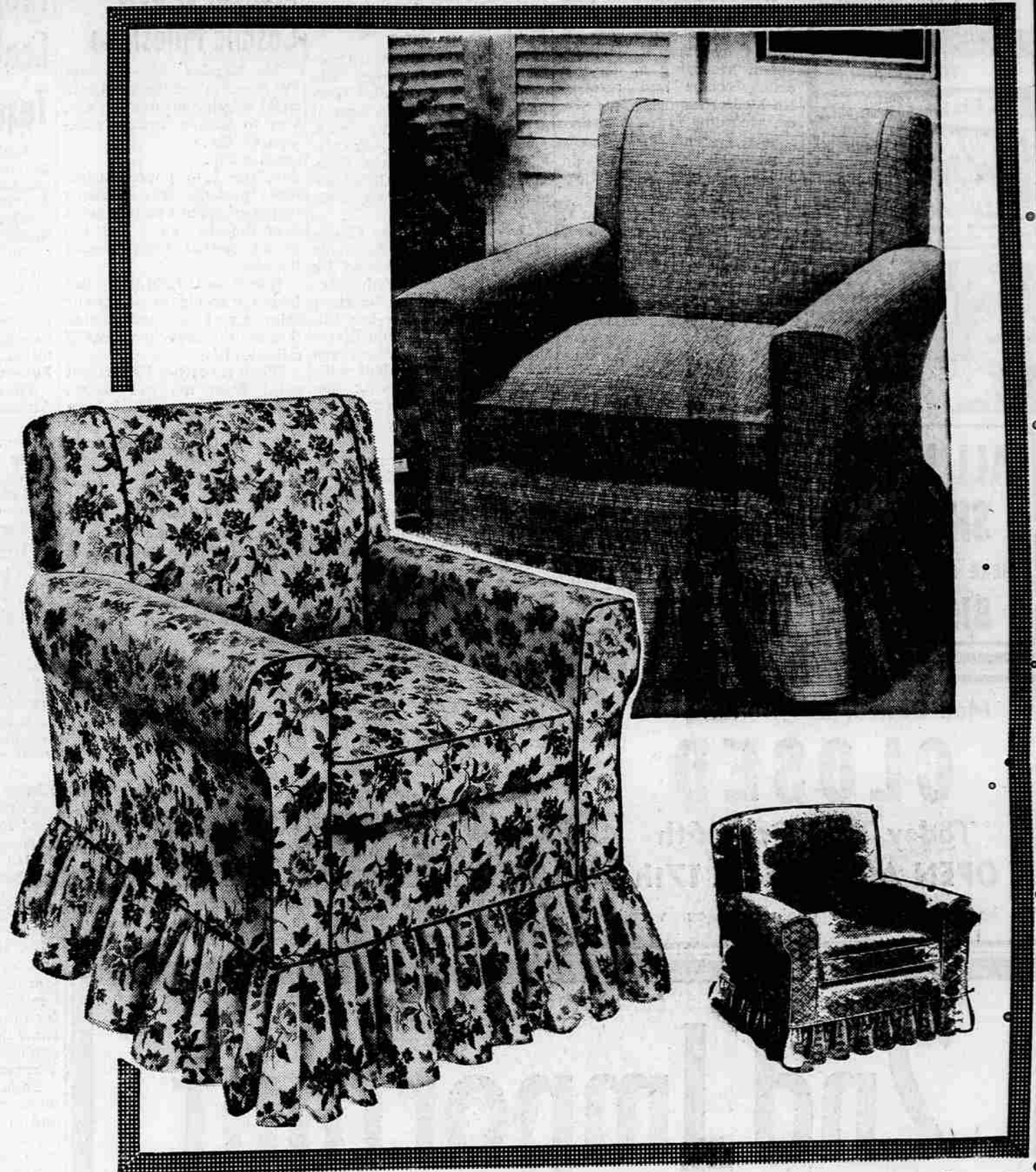
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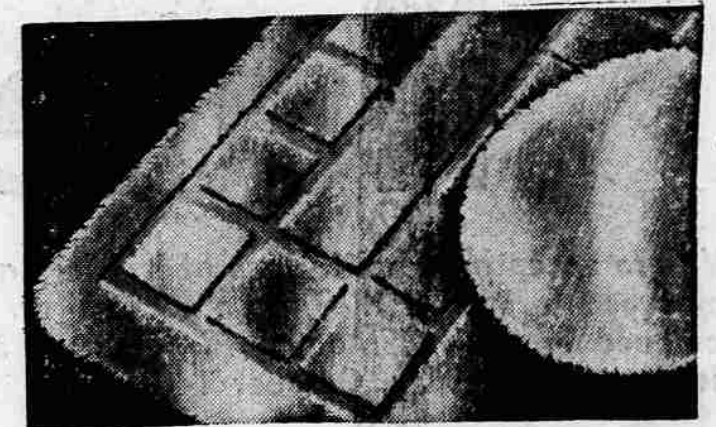
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