



ON TRIAL—Rafael del Pino, a naturalized U. S. citizen, answers prosecutor's questions in Havana, Cuba, while on trial as alleged leader of anti-government "White Rose" organization. The government charges he was trying to pick up Cubans trying to flee the country. Del Pino, a recent resident of Miami, Fla., still suffers from injuries received at his capture.

Main Sources of Air Pollution Discussed by Sanitary Engineer

Ted M. Gerow, Grants Pass, district sanitary engineer with the state sanitary authority, told Medford Lions club members last week there are five main sources of air pollution.

Gerow discussed the health and economic aspects of air pollution, pointing out one of the major environmental health problems today is air pollution.

The five main sources of air pollution, he said, are domestic and municipal, agricultural, industrial, transportation, and natural.

Gerow noted that the average man consumes about 16,000 quarts of air each day, a greater volume than the daily consumption of food, water and milk. He pointed out that the three basic ingestibles have for years been

subject to purity control under standards that have been established and supervised by public health agencies.

Health Aspects
He reviewed some of the health aspects of smog conditions, noting that it "is known that cancer producing agents exist in the community air supply our citizens breathe." He said that air pollution is not only man-made, but it also is nature-made.

"The problem," he said, "is caused by air-borne allergens of vegetative and related origins. Seasonally, hay-fever attacks an estimated 1 to 2 1/2 million Americans. The cost to the nation in lost working time from these allergies is believed to run into millions of dollars annually," he added.

Gerow also reviewed some

of the more well-publicized smog tragedies, including Meuse valley, Belgium in 1930, Donora, Pa., in 1948, and London in 1952.

London Smog
The London smog caused 4,000 more deaths than normal, Meuse valley 60 deaths and the Donora smog resulted in 20 deaths.

"It is important to note," the sanitary engineer said, "that air pollution punishes the senses and sensibilities of the so-called health citizen."

New York—(UPI)—Kelvinator dealers, through the facilities of Pacific, Inc., a subsidiary of American Motors Corp., have set up a new credit policy under which a moratorium on installment payments is declared during the holiday season in December and January.

Discomfort, psychological reactions and outright fear—even terror—have been experienced by many people who are subjected to no more than average air pollution."

The major offender in the domestic and municipal causes of air pollution, Gerow said, appears to be sulphur dioxide and sulphur compounds discharged into the atmosphere. Space heaters, open fires and refuse incinerators are the major source of this type pollution, he said.

The agricultural industry contributes to air pollution through dust resulting from soil erosion, spraying with herbicides and insecticides and orchard heating practices.

Industry Pollution
The heaviest sources of pollution among industries in this

area, he said, results from burning refuse from the lumber industry. The chemical industry is a growing source of pollution, although it is not now present in large numbers. Establishment of such industries in this area may be only a matter of time, Gerow said.

The privately owned automobile contributes a major share to the transportation industry's pollution problem, which chiefly is from exhaust gases. The most significant emissions from automobile exhausts are carbon monoxide,

oxides of nitrogen and organic substances.

Natural pollution is caused by wind borne ragweed, pollen and other respiratory irritants emitted by plant life

and dust. This type of air pollution is a major source of trouble and illness to a large number of Oregonians who suffer from hayfever, asthma and other allergies.

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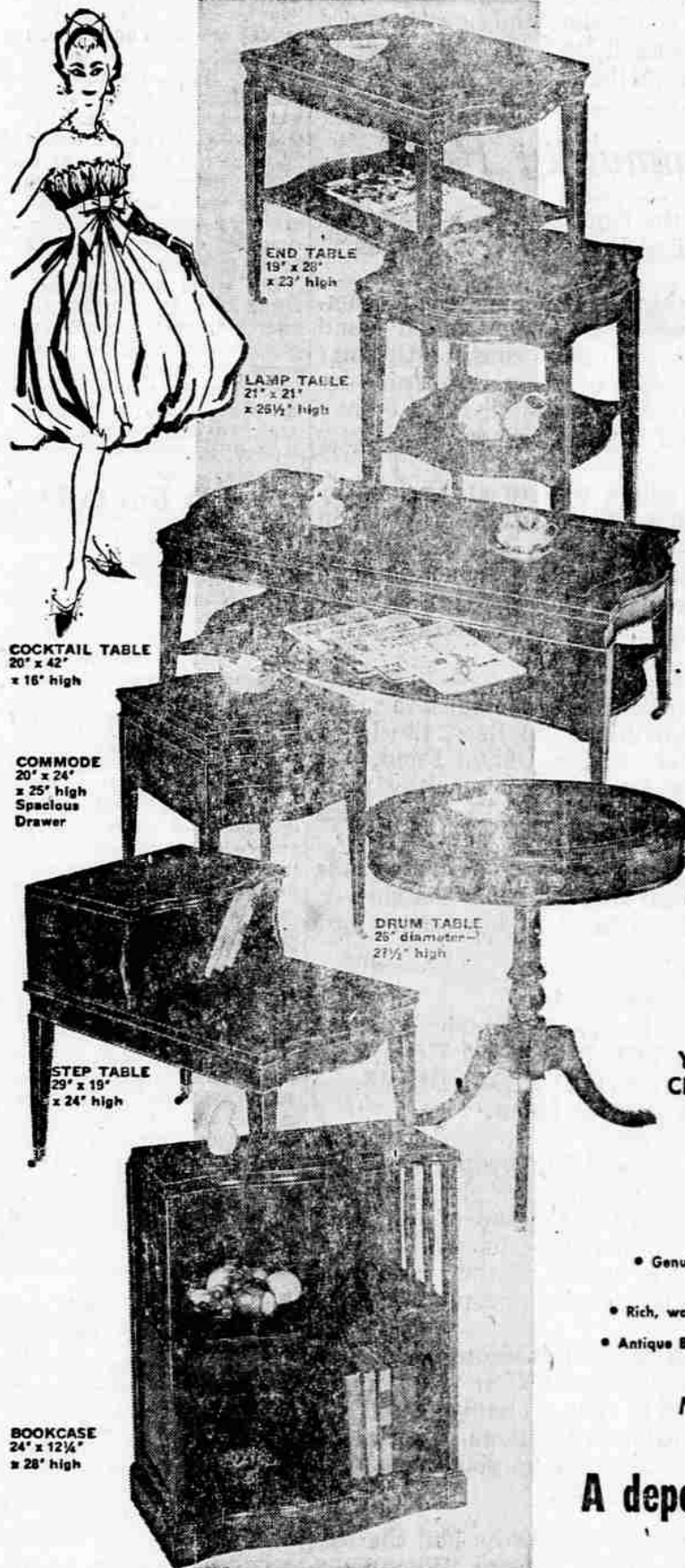


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