



MOVING PROBLEMS — Making the day interesting for a moving crew at St. Louis, Mo., this five-room bungalow takes up most of the available space while being maneuvered down a street. The 70-ton house cleared the utility poles with inches to spare but the street lamp suffered damage. The house was being moved to another neighborhood. (UPI Telephoto)

Home Furnishings Business Finds Going Rough During '61

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New York (UPI)—The home furnishings business, like the economy, has found the going rough thus far in 1961. But, again like the economy, things are expected to get better later this year. And the home furnishings manufacturers look forward to reaping in substantial benefits from the population explosion predicted for this decade.

Based on the anticipated increase in the number of U.S. households to more than 56 million by 1965 compared with last year's level of 51.8 million, the Latex Foam Rubber Council places the home furnishings market potential at approximately \$6.5 billion.

This estimate of additional household item buying is supported by a recent study conducted by the University of Houston which found that the average Houston home buyer spent \$1,569 during the first year in his newly acquired home.

Forty per cent of this \$1,569 was spent for furniture and about 27 per cent for kitchen appliances.

Boom in Families
Council Chairman Edward Welch said a significant factor in the growth of the home furnishings market will be the sharp rise in family formations when the large number of youngsters born in the 1940s, especially in the post-World War II baby boom, reach marriageable age.

Projected figures on the number of marriages are 1.9 million in 1965 and 2.25 million by 1970. This compares with an average of 1.6 million marriages annually the past 12 years.

In addition to the population and marriage factors, consumer demand for housing and home furnishings is likely to gain added impetus.

Narcotics Raid Nets 50 in Buffalo
Buffalo, N. Y. (UPI)—Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, using eight dogs from the city police department K-9 Corps, Saturday night arrested more than 50 persons in one of Buffalo's largest narcotics raids.

Police Commissioner Frank N. Feliceita said the arrests were made after 18 secret indictments were handed down by a grand jury which had been hearing evidence on the narcotics flow in the city.

Pravda Claims U.S. Harasses Journalists
Moscow (UPI)—Charges of harassment of Soviet correspondents in the U.S. were featured in the Communist party newspaper Pravda Saturday as reports circulated that the Russian government might lift existing censorship restrictions against foreign correspondents here.

Pravda said Russian journalists working in the U.S. are harassed, discriminated against and even forced to undergo the "humiliating procedure of finger printing."

Luce Likes Power Integration Idea

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (UPI)—A proposed intertie between the power systems of the Pacific Northwest and California could have "very positive beneficial effects," Charles F. Luce, Bonneville Power Administration administrator, said Saturday.

Luce made his statement at the annual meeting of the Kootenai Rural Electric cooperative here.

He said a five-man group, which he heads, named by Interior Secretary Stewart Udall to study the plan starts "with no preconceived ideas."

But he said Udall had set two ground rules for the study. One, he said, is that "we are not to recommend construction unless it would be mutually beneficial to the economic growth of both regions involved." The other calls for legal safeguards to insure that the area in which power is produced would sell only power which it does not need.

Luce said about 85 per cent of California's electric power is now steam produced and purchase of cheaper hydro power from the Northwest would benefit California rate structures. At the same time, he said, this year BPA will let 30 million kilowatts of power flow over dams without going through generators because there is no use for it in the Northwest. Sale of that wasted power would help keep Northwest power rates low, Luce said.

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