

# Un-American Probe Slated To Check Soviet Influence In Unions

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—The house committee on un-American activities decided today to start hearings June 23 on what Chairman J. Farnell Thomas (R-N. J.), described as "infiltration of communists into the labor unions."

Witnesses, Thomas announced, will be members of the CIO Electrical Workers union from Bridgeport, Conn., Schenectady, N. Y., and New York City.

Thomas announced also that the committee unanimously approved a report on the Southern Conference

for Human Welfare which will be released to newspapers for publication Sunday.

Observers The committee plans to send several observers to a meeting here Monday, sponsored by the conference, at which Henry A. Wallace will speak.

The committee in 1944 had reported the Southern conference was a communist front organization.

Thomas also announced:

1. Upon recommendation of a subcommittee on fascism, "there will be instituted an all-inclusive program of investigations and hearings on fascism." Dates have not been set. Additional members will be added to the committee staff to help on the inquiry.

2. Victor Kravchenko, former Russian army officer who worked for the Soviet purchasing commission in New York, will be heard by the committee on June 26.

Thomas said Kravchenko will "tell us how communism operates in Russia and what we can expect here under communism. Kravchenko gave up his job with the Soviet government and wrote a book called 'I Choose Freedom.'"

The committee, Thomas said, did not have time to act on a subcommittee report recommending a full investigation of a charge of communist influence in a CIO union at the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company at Winston-Salem, N. C.

Thomas said the forthcoming report on the Southern conference lists Wallace as an "advisory associate" of the conference.

## Douglas Fir Demand Climbing

PORTLAND, Ore., June 12 (AP)—Demand for Douglas fir lumber is exceeding that of any peacetime year since 1930, the West Coast Lumbermen's association reported today.

Orders the first 22 weeks of 1947 totaled 3,071,888,000 feet, an increase of 541,788,000 over the same period in 1946.

Production was also up. It was 2,902,401,000 feet compared with 2,611,583,000 in 1946.

## FIREMAN HURT

PORTLAND, June 12 (AP)—J. W. Rowan, 30-year-old fireman, was injured slightly last night while battling a \$3500 fire in the Foster hotel here.

The blaze began in the basement of the Waterfront hotel. Rowan tumbled through a sidewalk entrance.

## Peoples Court Frees Schmidt

VIENNA, June 12 (AP)—A Vienna people's court today acquitted Dr. Guido Schmidt, the Austrian foreign minister before anschluss, of high treason charges.

The five-man court ruled that charges accusing Schmidt of betraying Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg and engineering the 1938 Austrian link with Germany to advance his own interests had not been proven.

"It is not the place of this court to determine the rightness or wrongness of your pre-anchluss foreign policy," the court said. "Our task here is to determine the guilt or innocence of this one man."

## Housewives Stock Up On Sugar

PORTLAND, June 12 (AP)—Housewives stocked up on sugar yesterday, using up their stamps when they learned the end of rationing was at hand.

Merchants—many of whose shelves were swept bare—said the buyers appeared to fear a shortage. They advised, however, that wholesalers stocks were ample to take care of needs.

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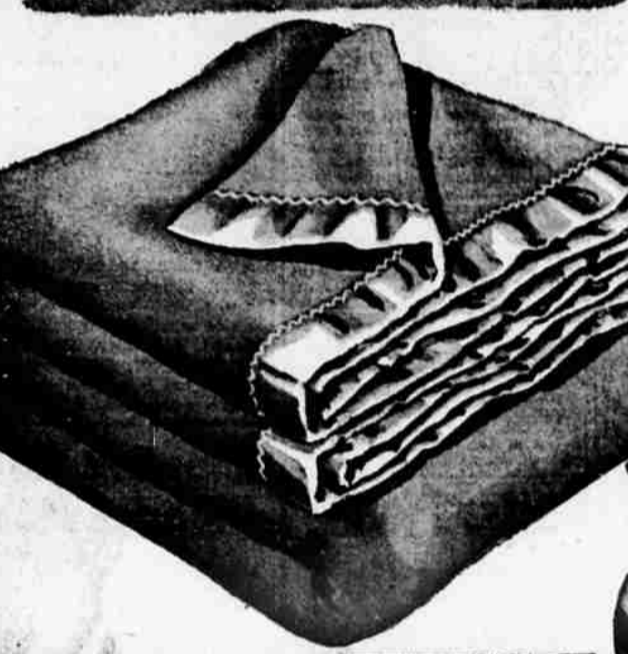
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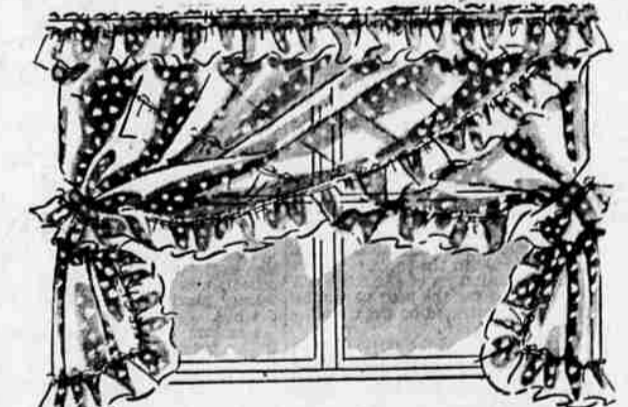
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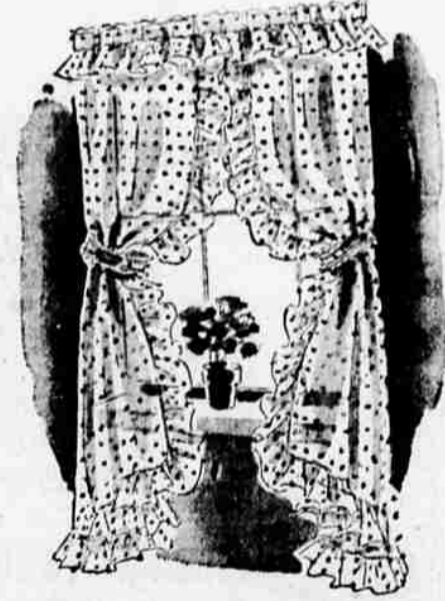
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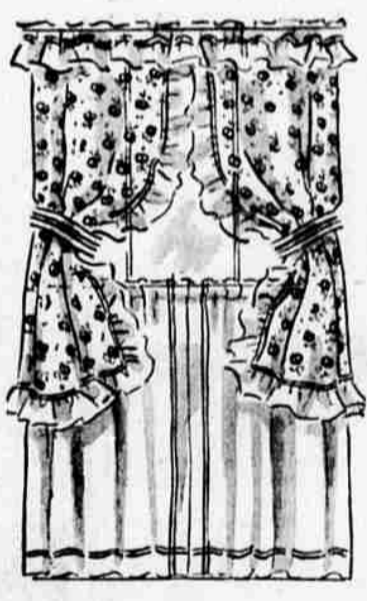
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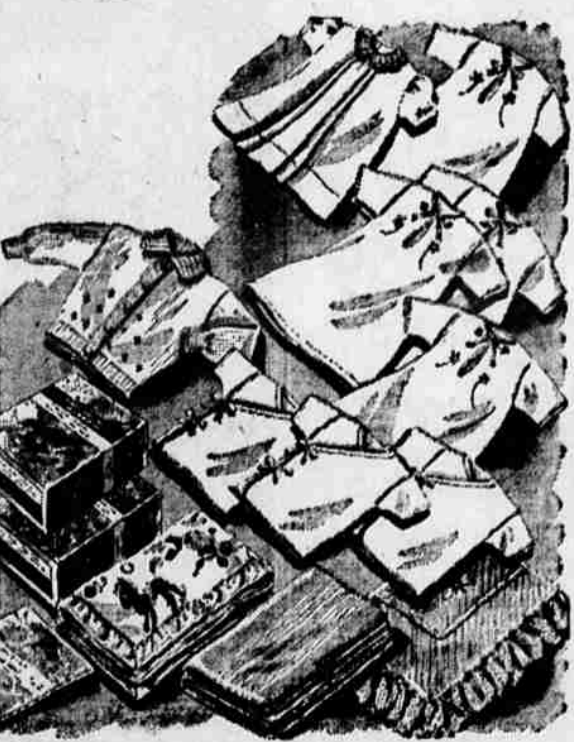
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