



JOAN PLEADS WITH FORMER HUSBAND—Actress Joan Fontaine follows her former husband, William Dozier, television producer, down the courtroom corridor at Santa Monica, Calif., and pleads with him. Dozier had previously obtained a restraining order to prevent Miss Fontaine from taking their 3-year-old daughter, Deborah, with her on a motion-picture-taking trip to Spain. Miss Fontaine was attempting to have the order set aside.

WSC Scientist Tackles Problem of 'Snow Mold'

PULLMAN (AP)—Farmers, golfers and harassed husbands may all give thanks for a research project underway at Washington State College. Every golfer or lawn tender who has discovered straw-colored patches of grass on their favorite recreation spots or farmers who have found dead winter wheat will be interested to know what the college's test-tube men have found out about these blemishes caused by snow mold. The unsightly area caused by the mold is a menace to the golfer's score, a threat to the farmer and a challenge to WSC research men. **TESTER** Washington State's part of a nationwide testing program fell on the capable shoulders of Plant Pathologist Jack P. Meiners, who ran chemical tests last winter. Meiners says the organisms causing the snow mold live deep in the soil and only cause the disease when conditions are right. The snow mold fungus destroys the blades of grass and sometimes even kills the crown (where the blade joins the root). The mold is also a threat to winter wheat, often forcing farm-

ers to reseed after it has struck. Last winter was "ideal" for the snow mold—heavy snows from early December to early March fell on unfrozen ground. Meiners' test greens in Pullman had a severe infestation of mold. A Spokane golf course, where he also ran the tests, wasn't as severely infested, but there was enough of the disease to give results on the chemical tests. Meiners applied 15 test materials

to the WSC golf course about the first of December—just before the first snowfall. Spokane tests were begun about the same time on the Indian Canyon Municipal course. The results were encouraging: grass treated with some commercial chemicals came up this spring with fresh greenness. Untreated areas, which suffered from the blight, resembled fields of dead straw. **EXCELLENCE** Meiners found that two of the commercial chemicals tested gave excellent results. Two other chemicals showed promise on the Indian Canyon course in Spokane, but gave no control in Pullman. Other test materials weren't effective at all. In subsequent tests, Meiners has been able to find the best concentration solution for the two most effective chemicals.

Meiners found the two most effective chemicals were commercial products known as "PMAS Look Best" and "Puraturf." Best concentration for PMAS was .30 pint per five gallons of water for 1,000 square feet of grass to be treated. Puraturf worked best at .20 ounces per five gallons for the same area. At Pullman, "Cadminate" at 1.6 ounces per 1,000 feet gave promising results when applied dry but probably needed heavier dosage to give adequate control. All in all, Meiners feels the test results were conclusive enough to

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Melting Snow Brings Flood

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Snow that piled up to record depths in mountain areas during the winter and streams that were overflowing their banks Saturday throughout the intermountain region. Generally, damage was confined to flooded farmlands and disrupted communications. But in Salt Lake City and some other communities many basements were filled with water as the runoff overtaxed storm sewers. The flood water here was from six creeks, carrying melting snow from the Wasatch Mountains that rise abruptly from the city's eastern edge. In Idaho, most serious flooding has centered along U.S. Highway 93, north from Twin Falls. The route serves Idaho's Sun Valley resort and the branch Union Pacific Railroad line leading from Shoshone to the Sun Valley station at Ketchum has been undermined at some places. Temporary supports have been placed under the tracks. The Snake River, Idaho's principal stream, was near flood stage much of its length. It was expected to begin overflowing in the Weiser area by Sunday.

Letter Content Very Clear

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP)—Probation Officer N. L. Reyna received a letter this week from a man on probation from the 107th District Court. The law requires periodic reports from men on probation. "Dear Sir," said the letter. That's all, except for "Yours," and the signature.

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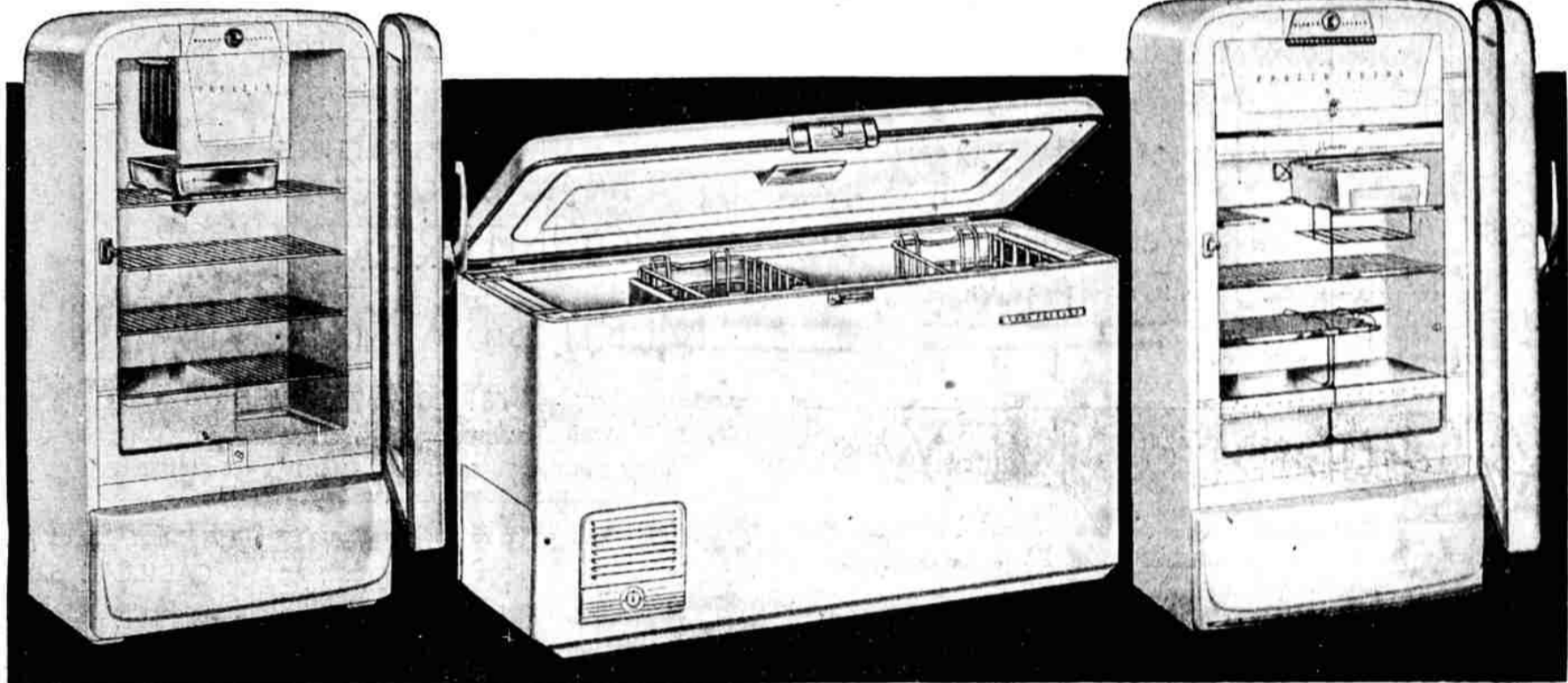
Truman Censor Proposed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.), proposes the appointment of a \$30,000-a-year censor to advise the President "as to the accuracy or inaccuracy of statements he makes, before he makes them." Hoffman suggested in the House Friday that Congress create such a post. He clearly indicated he was referring to President Truman's statement at a news conference this week about an ultimatum to Premier Stalin. The statement later was "clarified" by the White House.

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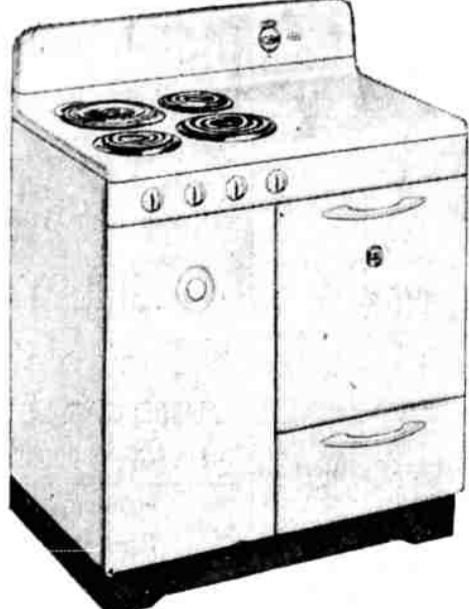


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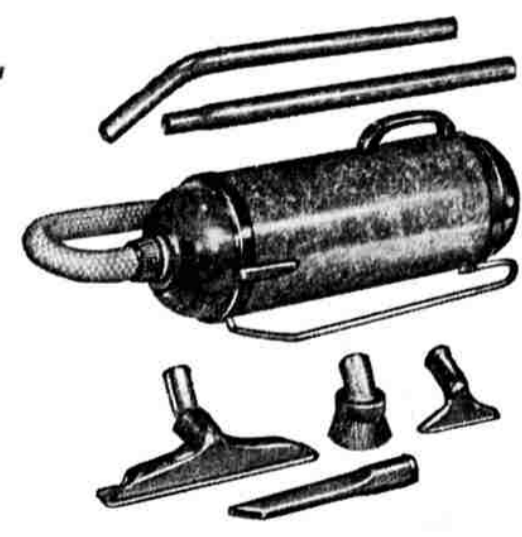
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