

Tacoma To Try City Manager

TACOMA (AP) — Tacoma's city council-elect Wednesday night voted to offer Frank Backstrom of Kansas City the city manager-ship.

After a hectic five-hour session which at one time saw the council split three ways, Backstrom, now assistant city manager in Kansas City, won by a 6-3 vote.

He won the job despite strenuous objections of Tacoma labor representatives. They said reports from Kansas City indicated Backstrom did not have the reputation with unions that other applicants had.

At one time a councilman in Kansas City, Backstrom has held the assistant city manager-ship there for about 1 1/2 years. The Tacoma job will have a salary between \$16,000 and \$20,000. Backstrom's present job carries an \$8,000 salary.

The job will start June 1. Tacoma adopted the city-manager type of government in elections late last year. Present government is in the commission form.

Other candidates who were considered until the last minute included William J. Deegan of Quincy, Mass., Oren L. King of Eugene, Ore., and George Bean of Grand Rapids, Mich.

King seemed to have the best chance to sneak in as compromise candidate early in Wednesday night's straw balloting, but Backstrom's supporters rallied as the voting narrowed.

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LONDON (AP) — Dr. Konrad Adenauer said here Thursday economic and political factors as well as the threat of Soviet military aggression make imperative the unification of Western Europe. The West German chancellor spoke to 250 editors and publishers attending a meeting of the International Press Institute, an organization dealing with free flow of news.

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Thornton was asked by Gov. Patterson, who must make a decision by Thursday evening to sign or veto the bill. The bill bans picketing of any business which is doing business with the government.

Thornton said the bill conforms with federal law as applied to interstate commerce.

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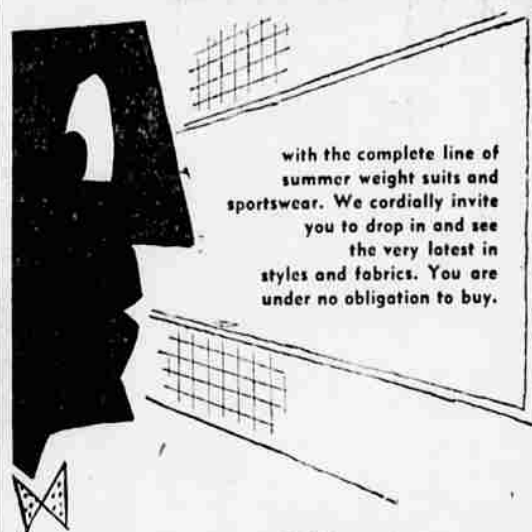
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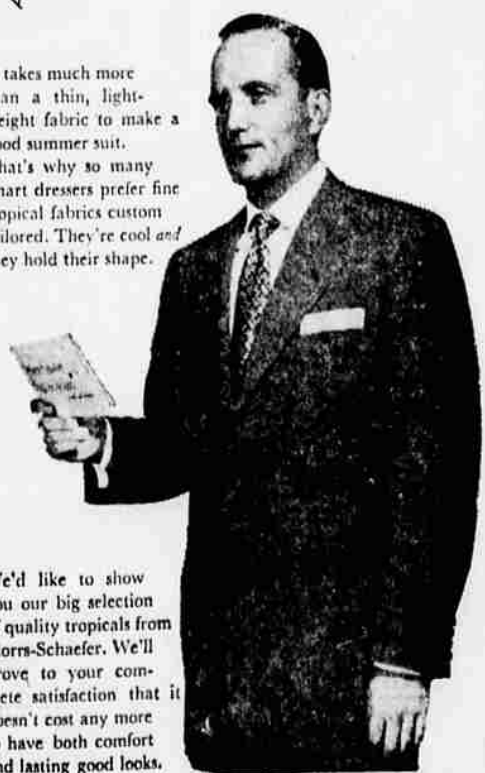
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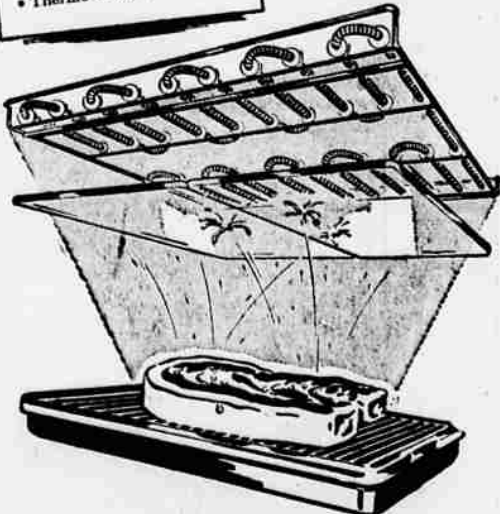
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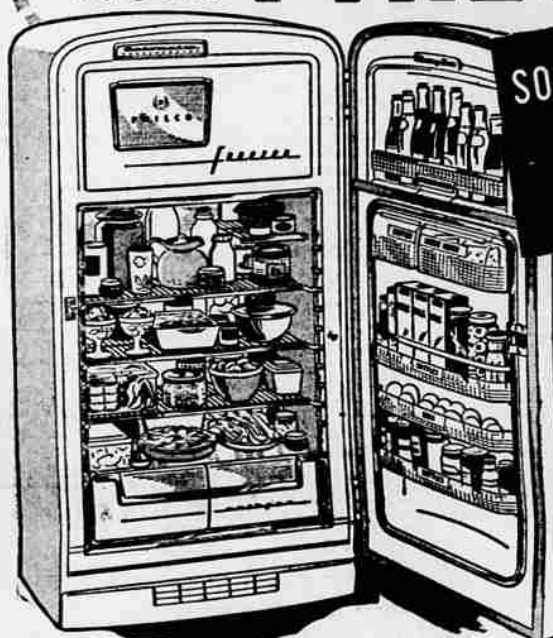
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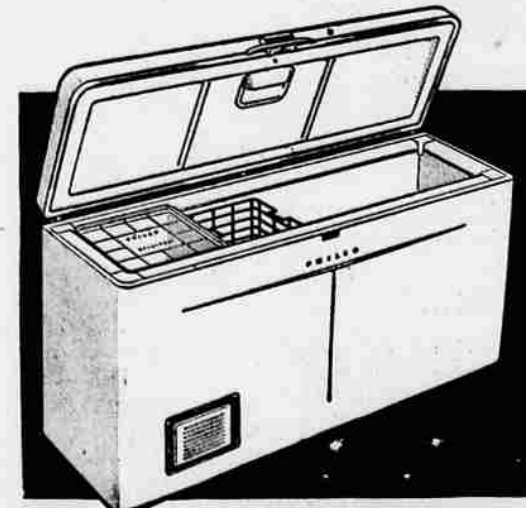
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