



## You're Right If You Feel Some Things Aren't As Good As Before

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WASHINGTON — (NEA) — If you have the uneasy feeling that some of the things you have bought in the last couple of years—cars and home appliances—haven't been quite as good as those you used to buy, the chances are your hunch is right.

What's more, there's not much hope that these items will be improved in quality any time soon.

And the situation could last for the next 10 years or even there- after.

The whole thing boils down to

### Tobey Strikes Blow Even After Death

WASHINGTON (AP)—Even after death, Sen. Charles W. Tobey struck a blow for his lifetime campaign against the nation's under- world.

A Senate commerce subcommittee report made public Saturday night declared U. S. waterfronts are plagued by a mixture of corruption and communism. It termed New York docks the "foulest" of them all, and called for the removal of Joseph P. Ryan as head of the International Longshoremen's Association.

Tobey, New Hampshire Republican who had signed the report as subcommittee chairman, died Friday.

### Religious Missions To Korea Deferred

NEW YORK (AP)—Scheduled religious missions to Korea have been ordered postponed by the Defense Department because of the prospects of a truce, the Very Rev. Dr. James A. Plek said Saturday.

Reason for the Defense Department calling off all such trips, he said, was that eastern Army authorities are too busy with truce arrangements to handle more traveling ministers.

a serious shortage of nickel, caused mostly by the Korean War. But it won't necessarily end with a truce there.

Check your own car for proof of the situation. If it's several years old, the bumper, for instance, is probably still in good rust-free shape. Nickel was fairly plentiful to the auto makers just after World War II and before Korea.

However, if your car is a late '52 or a '53, chances are there are small rust spots already beginning to show. That's due to the lack of nickel.

Unfortunately, nickel in cars and other products is more important in the things you can't see. In parts of engines which are subjected to great heat, nickel is added to help withstand deterioration. When the maker is forced to stint on the amount of nickel, it deteriorates that much faster.

In home construction, a similar situation is true. Nickel is needed in heaters, stoves, flashing, ducts and plumbing fixtures, to name just a few. It's needed in such household appliances as refrigerators, washing machines and vacuum cleaners.

Today, nickel, along with tungsten and columbium, other steel-hardening agents, are the only metals which have been kept under full government control.

The pinch on the nickel supply is still so tough, even with recently modified defense needs, that only such key items as food processing and pharmaceutical equipment, sterilizers and textile machinery are permitted to have nickel in them. There are close to 300 categories of consumer goods in which no nickel is permitted.

Military demands cut into the nickel supply in three respects. More weapons naturally demand more nickel. Stockpiling needs are kept high. And more nickel is needed in great proportion in each new weapon that is developed.

The Atomic Energy Commission gets a large slice of the supply. Jet engines require great quantities of the metal, sometimes more than a ton in one engine.

Total free world production last year was 315,000,000 pounds. America got about 202,000,000 pounds of that. There are estimates that unlimited consumer demand in the U. S. is about 250,000,000 pounds. That gives some idea as to how much civilian uses are being stinted.

According to present government plans for purchasing increased supplies of nickel, it is estimated that around 1957 a peak of 320,000,000 pounds per year will be available. It has been raised

to this figure mostly by increasing future purchases from foreign suppliers.

The American producers, especially, and the military, claim that this is not enough for the ever-increasing demand. Such firms as Freeport Sulphur, which owns large deposits of nickel ore in Cuba, are trying hard to get government contracts to speed their development of this new source.

But National Production Authority officials say that a depression, drastic cut in military purchasing or some other big factor could sharply reduce the nickel demand to the point where there would be an oversupply in the U. S.

While the nickel situation has gotten more complicated, the price has steadily risen. In 1946, it was 35 cents a pound. Today it is 60 cents a pound. There are increasing rumors of a gray market in the metal, with prices quoted at four times that amount.

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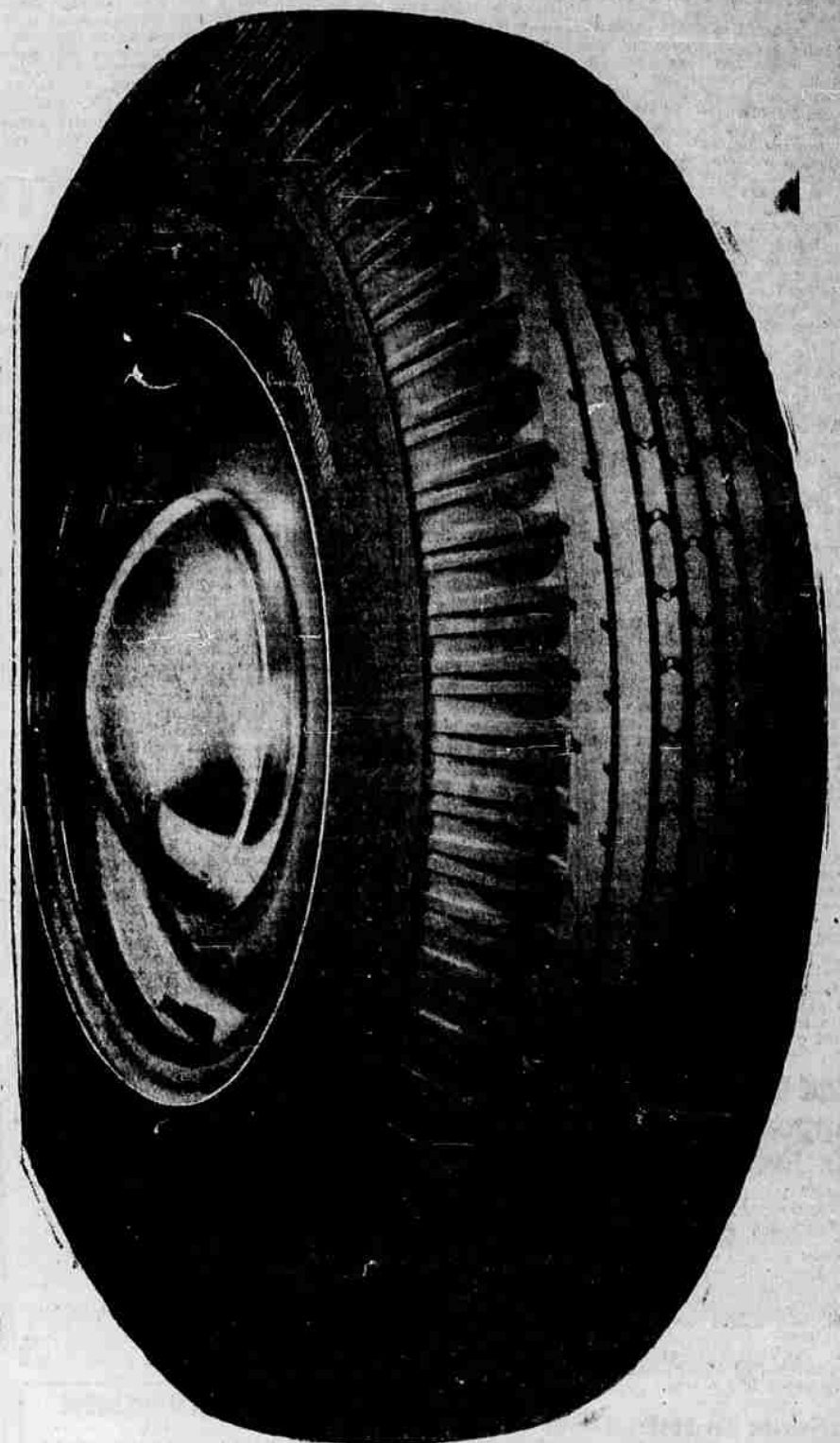


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