

Gentlemen, Your Lapel Notches Draw Nearer

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NEW YORK (NEA)—If you think your new suit is the same cut as your old suit, you should look more closely. From year to year, men's styles change—so slowly that most men never notice.

That's the general idea. Men don't like radical changes in their clothes. If, all of a sudden, tailors come out with suits with pointed sleeves, men will avoid them like they were contaminated. But, if the tailors introduce pointed sleeves gradually, men will never know what hit them and they'll be wearing by pointed sleeves in four or five years.

Right now, there's a revolution in progress in men's fashions. Not pointed sleeves, but something else that's being changed ever so slightly each year. That's the notch in the jacket lapel.

"We've been raising the notch a little each year," says Spencer Witly, head of a top New York tailoring firm. "Just a little. You never notice it. We're trying to slip it over on the men. We think the higher notch looks neater, but we can't do it all at once."

That kind of carrying-on has been the rule for generations. Tailors keep finagling around with a simple suit of clothes—putting padding in the shoulders, taking it out; putting flaps on the pockets, taking them off; lengthening the jacket, shortening it—but it's always done so sneaky that you'd swear this year's suit is the same as last year's.

Just for kicks, look back at what's happened to men's suits since, say, 1900. Over 53 years, the changes become fairly obvious. Compare this year's dapper Dacron with grandpa's sorry Sunday serge.

Start at the shoulders. Grandpa would have thought padding in the shoulders positively indecent; in his suit, he had the manly shape of a limp banana. It wasn't until after World War I that men started developing colossal shoulders.

Between World Wars, shoulders grew bigger. It got so, at the soon zenith, that it was difficult to tell whether a man was wearing a suit or two landing strips. Came World War II, and the fashion plates found themselves in peddler GI uniforms. From then on, shoulder pads melted away. Today there's just a hint of padding in most shoulders.

Grandpa's suits all had flaps on the pockets and a slash in the back of the coat, technically called a "center vent." For a long time, anybody with flaps on his pockets was strictly from 22-1800. And, at the same time, the center vent went. But, look around you now. Everybody who is anybody is flipping over flaps and is handsomely center-vented.

Grandpa had a single-breasted jacket. Came the Prince of Wales—who did more to influence men's fashions than anybody except Seas, Roebuck—and he introduced the double-breasted jacket. The single-breasted model became old hat, or, more precisely, old suit. Like the belt-in-the-back.

But, of late, men have been more interested in comfort than in the Prince of Wales. The double-breasted jacket has abdicated.

Pants cuffs, since the 19th Century, have been in and out more often than a relief pitcher. They were worn in the 1870s, taken off in the '80s, came back around 1910, out again in '41 by government edict to conserve material, and now they're back once more.

And buttons. Grandpa had four on his jacket. During the Prince of Wales, or double-breasted, period, there were only two. Nowadays there are three. Buttons on jacket sleeves have been equally unpredictable.

All these changes were slipped over on the poor man. There'll be more to come. As Witly says, "Fashions have always changed, so there's no reason to think they won't continue to change."

The only thing any man can do is keep a stiff upper lapel notch.

Truman Sees Peace Created by UN Ahead

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman says that eventually there will be complete understanding among all free nations "and the United Nations will be the means to create peace in the world for future generations."

Wars End What?

By GEO. N. TAYLOR
Wars are to run on to the end of this present age. Then come the days of awful agony and expect those days should be shortened, none would be alive on the earth. Christ's word... Mt. 24th. So wars are to go on; sin is to ripen as in Noah's day and God will clear the earth of all who are in rebellion.

Again Christ's word—Luke 17:26. Later come Kingdom Days with Christ ruling.

What Of To-Day?—This is the day of salvation and has now run over 1800 years. In these years God has been calling out a people on whom he is to spend his love forever. Believe in Christ as the Lord and Saviour who died for your sins to set you right with God. Know that He came from the grave to indwell you with new days and ways and eternal life. Else you sell your soul down the river. "Now is the day of salvation—2nd Cor. 6:2. This space sponsored by a Portland Lumber Manufacturer & WPA. ADV.



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7 Die in Italian Floods, Storms

ROME (AP)—At least seven persons died in storms and floods that swept Italy over the weekend. Property damage was heavy.

The toll included four workmen buried under a landslide in Genoa, two persons drowned when the Trebbia River overflowed its banks at Rivergaro, near Piacenza, and one man killed in an earth cave-in near Bergamo.

At least 27 villages in north Italy were isolated by high water.

TYPHOON

MANILA (AP)—A typhoon with winds raging up to 100 miles an hour veered from its course toward the Philippines Monday.

Weathermen said it would pass to the north, possibly striking Formosa or the southern Ryukyu Islands.

UNLUCKY WINNER

MESCHER, Germany (AP)—Siegfried von Der Burg, 19, was one of four persons selected by lot Sunday to go up in a balloon.

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Egypt's Ex-Premier, Others Arrested As 'Traitors'

CAIRO (AP)—President Mohammed Naguib's government arrested former Premier Mustafa Nabus, his wife and 12 other onetime Egyptian bigwigs today. All 14 face trial before a special court created to deal with "traitors" to the revolutionary regime and corruption during the time of ex-King Farouk.

No specific charges were announced against any of the 14, it also was not known when they would appear before the court.

The roundup came as the three-man special tribunal prepared to begin trials of alleged plotters. The court hearings were scheduled to open later today and to remain in session throughout the three-year "transition period"—proclaimed last January—in which Egypt is operating under a provisional constitution. Political parties have been banned during that period.

Those arrested today included leaders of two once powerful political parties, several close advisers of Farouk and other persons previously accused of corruption under the monarchy.

Nabus, premier of the Wafdist government that governed Egypt from 1944 to 1952, his wife, and Hafez Afifi, former chief of Farouk's Royal Cabinet, were put under house arrest.

The other 11 were taken into custody by military police. They included:
Ibrahim Abdel Hadi, a leader of Air Forces commander, a long-time friend.

Also at Tokyo's international airport was Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, U.N. deputy chief, who signed the armistice agreement that preceded Big Switch.

General Dean Leaves For U. S.

TOKYO (AP)—Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, the prize prisoner of the Communists for more than three years, left today for the United States with 10 other Americans on a regularly scheduled flight.

Eight of his fellow passengers were also prisoners of the Communists who were returned in Operation Big Switch. The other two were soldiers whose illnesses required medical care in the United States.

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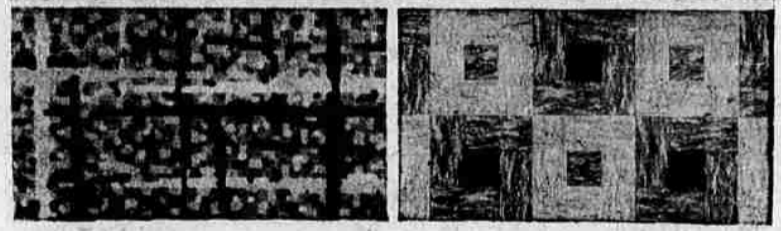
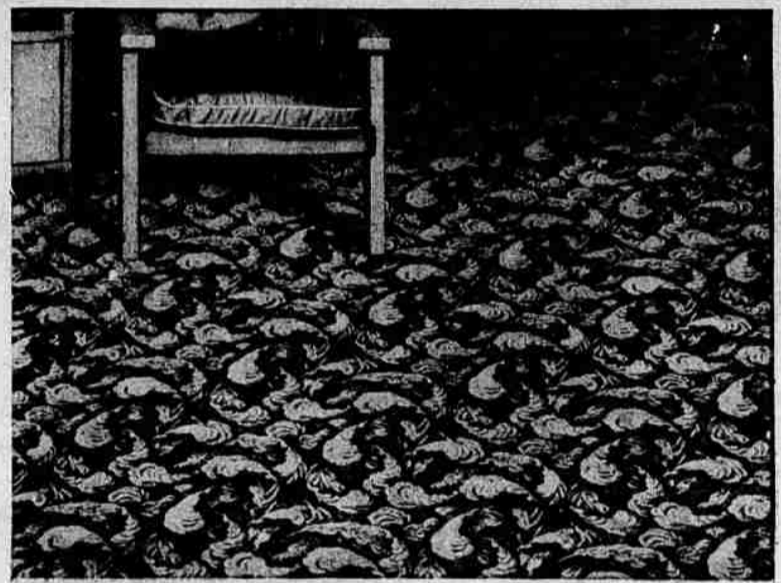
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Establishment of the special court was announced shortly after Naguib and his top aides told a Cairo rally last Tuesday that a conspiracy had been uncovered to restore Farouk to the throne. The former monarch was kicked out July 26, 1952, in an army revolt led by Naguib. The regime declared Egypt a republic last January.

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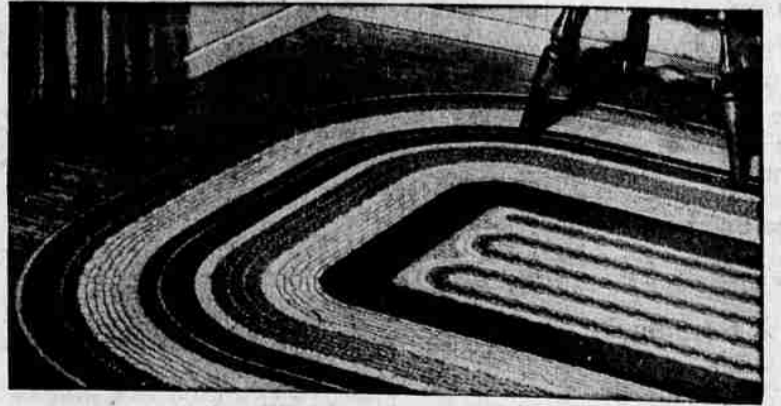
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