



SMILING GRATEFULLY at the many persons who attended a community shower for them recently after their home and all their belongings were destroyed by fire is the Marvin Ward family. From the back row, left to right, Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Ward and Cindy. Front row, Abbey, Julie, Melanie and Terry. An older son, Tom, is in Canada for the summer. The shower was sponsored by the Bly Grange 771. Further items of necessity were supplied by the Red Cross soon after the fire.

### Town Accepts Nikita's Trip

COON RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — This little town in west central Iowa apparently is taking in stride the news that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev may come here to visit farmer Roswell Garst next month.

"I've heard very little comment from the townspeople," said one of the leading citizens, Thomas Rogers, who edits the local weekly newspaper, The Enterprise.

"There's no indication so far that anyone is getting overly excited about it."

In talking to newsmen in Moscow Wednesday, Khrushchev said he had been invited by an American farmer named Garst to stay with him and that he probably would.

Garst lives in a big place on the outskirts of this town of about 1,700. His specialty is growing seed corn. He has visited the Soviet Union, has talked with Khrushchev and has sold the Russians seed corn.

Since 1955, several Soviet farm delegations have visited the Garst showplace.

"We're used to Russians coming here," said Rogers. "They stayed at the Garst place, and we did nothing special to entertain them. It was mostly a private affair."

"As Garst says, Khrushchev seems to be interested in corn. We have plenty of corn around here for him to see."

Rogers said he knows of no local plans that would involve a Khrushchev visit, and Garst said he had nothing special in mind except to show the Soviet leader some Iowa agriculture.

Garst's wife commented: "I have mixed emotions about the whole thing. But I hope he has a good time in Iowa."

### Fashion World Discusses New High Hemline Trend

By MARY ANN CLINTON

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The edict from the House of Dior in Paris that hems will go up, up and over the kneecap was echoed here today by designer Tamara Yohanan.

Tamara assured American ladies and gentlemen that her fall collection will include not just a few, but some 30 of the new short fashions.

"Of course," she said, "only the young will be able to wear my new short styles." But the attractive designer banked on her "young and young at heart" customers to pay between \$100 and \$300 to number among the smart set this fall.

And her dresses, as St. Laurent's will be short — measuring a brief 28 inches from waistline to hem with a resulting two-inch above-the-kneecap hemline.

Tamara obviously wasn't confining herself to "shorties" when she planned her fall line. The styles, her first as an independent designer, include debutante dresses, bridal and opera gowns, and other special occasion dresses.

"I think that's what St. Laurent of Dior was doing in his collection. He must be just as sick and tired of covering up women as I am," she said smiling.

"Women think that knee-caps are ugly, but men don't — quite the contrary," said Tamara whose own limbs are capable of attracting admiring glances.

Here is a double uncovering, thought. Hems go up and bodices go down.

"In my new collection I created a bare-top look for evening which shows off woman's most underestimated charm — her arms." Her "shorties," stripped off trimmings and unnecessary detailing, have brief bodices and are predominantly strapless.

"I've tried to design with 1902's detailing and an early 1900's silhouette," the petite designer said. She created her line after weeks of studying period theatrical costumes in Southern California.

Most women's answer to the question "How do you stand on the short styles?" is a frantic — "How do I stand? — How do I sit?"

Tamara's answer counted on her fuller skirts to allow women to retain their dignity while sitting.

"Some women just know how to sit gracefully naturally. If a woman eases into her chair, she will have no trouble," she said.

When asked if she thought that all fashion-conscious women will be busy with the hemming needle

ing length," Tamara said, "College girls and young marrieds will probably snap up the new trend," she added, "but a woman knows what's best for her."

phology this season. "American women will wear their skirts at their most becoming length."

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### Moscow Hails Frank Diary

MOSCOW (UPI) — A sellout audience of a thousand persons stuck it out at the Moscow Film Festival until 2 a.m. today to see America's "Diary of Anne Frank."

"Diary" was the only American movie to be presented at the festival, and it was entered outside competition so that it was not eligible for an award.

It had the disadvantage of being screened after a full-length Polish epic about a submarine that ordinarily would have been more than enough picture-viewing for one night. There also was the drawback of having only one male interpreter to translate the dialogue into Russian over an earphone system.

Nevertheless, the audience, mostly Soviet film dignitaries and the upper crust of Moscow society, including members of the foreign colony, gave the film an unusually enthusiastic reception.

Several times during the show, particularly in the scenes where Milly Perkins, as Anne Frank, experiences her first date and first kiss, the spectators spontaneously applauded and buzzed appreciatively.

The picture is the touching story of a Jewish family hiding in Amsterdam during the German occupation in World War II, as told through a 13-year-old girl's diary. Its anti-war, anti-fascist themes went over well with the Soviets, along with its excellent acting and directing.

Soviet audiences have been able to see relatively few American films, although Moscow is now seeing "War and Peace."

### TODAY'S 2-MINUTE MYSTERY THE CASE OF THE AIR GUN MURDER

By Donald J. Sobel

"You — you police! How many times did my husband have to complain about those hoodlums? Now they've killed him!"

Mrs. Grace Loving flung herself upon Inspector Winters and pounded her fists against his chest. She was wailing hysterically as two policemen gently led her inside the apartment house.

Alone with Dr. Haledjian on the balcony of the Loving apartment, the inspector said, "She's right. Loving complained several times about a gang of young punks, the Ninth Street Dragons. They hold meetings on the roof of that empty loft across the street. Of course, their leader denies that any Dragon was on the roof last night."

"Just what happened last night?" asked Haledjian.

"According to Mrs. Loving — she's the only witness — her husband had gone out on the porch for a breath of air about 9 o'clock. Suddenly he called, 'Grace — they're at it again. I'm going to call the police!'"

"Then he uttered a moan. Mrs. Loving, frightened, ran out. Loving was standing with his eyes closed. Suddenly he toppled backward over the low rail to the street, four stories below. But the medical examiner says what killed him was a lead pellet fired into his back by a high-powered air gun."

"Did any of the neighbors see or hear anything to confirm Mrs. Loving's story?" inquired Haledjian.

"Ken Martin, an interior decorator who lives below, said he noticed someone on the roof shortly before nine," replied the inspector.

"And it wasn't a Dragon, unless Mrs. Loving is a member," said Haledjian. "I'm sure she could have fired the shot from the loft roof, got back here within a minute or two, and heaved Loving's body over the rail."

Why did Haledjian suspect Mrs. Loving?

Her story that her husband toppled backward over the low rail, striking his back with the added impact of a pellet almost always falls forward, which soon whisks out into the landing trail was an obvious lie. A person who backs over the top of the roof would fall over the low rail, not backward over the low rail.

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### Corn Squeezin's Pinched Twice

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — The corn squeezin's got caught in an Edmond farmer's hay bailer Wednesday.

The farmer, who declined to give his name, said his hay bailer bit off several half gallon jugs filled with moonshine whisky.

Agents of the Alcohol Tax Unit, alerted by the farmer, confiscated 72-half gallons of corn whisky hidden in the hayfield.

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### Youth Ponders Police Problems

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The way police tell it, 19-year-old Norman Hicks has a penchant for picking on them.

On Aug. 1 Hicks was arrested after he allegedly was seen driving a car with stolen tender skirts. The skirts belonged to patrolman John Scott. At the time Hicks was discovered wearing a watch which detective Francis Bergmeister said was stolen from his home.

Wednesday Hicks had a hearing before a magistrate after which detectives searched his car. There, officers said, they found a gun. It allegedly was stolen from the home of patrolman, John Curran.

Hicks was held without bail for grand jury action.

**BOW-WOW BOOZER**

PRESCOT, England (UPI) — James Halliwell, 46, was fined \$108 today for drunken barking. Police said Halliwell got down on all fours and barked back at a dog who barked at him as he was entering his car. They said he thus incited an entire neighborhood of dogs to bark. Halliwell acknowledged he'd had four or five — or maybe six — pints of beer.

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