



THE OUTSIDE LOOKS BETTER EVERY DAY—By Charlie Knight in the Windsor (Ont.) Star. (CP PHOTO)

## Bomb Site is Rustic Garden

LONDON (CP)—A rustic garden, costing £40,000 (about \$120,000) is being built on a bomb site in the shadows of historic St. Paul's Cathedral as a permanent retreat for city workers. The project represents London Corporation's contribution to the Festival of Britain.

The garden will have a magnificent lawn of Cumberland turf, a pond, twin fountains and will contain some of the most elaborate stone work of its type in London. The work which began last December is expected to be completed before official opening of the festival next month.

Already in position around the edges of the site are 50 lime trees which will provide a protective screen 10 feet high between the garden and the street traffic. Around the lawns will be three lines of flower beds.

Laying the paving stones around the sunken garden will pose a tricky task for masons assigned to the job. Two experts from the Yorkshire quarry from which the stone comes were sent to London to study plans calling for 192 stones, all different in size and contour. The experts returned to the quarry to supervise the cutting.

## April Was Fair Month

It was a fair April in Prince Rupert this year from the weather standpoint. Rainfall was less than the same month last year while sunshine was up.

Precipitation this year to date is just about a stand-off with the corresponding period last year, the total for the first four months of 1951 being 25.54 inches compared with 25.4 inches in the corresponding period of 1950.

Sunshine this year to date has aggregated 268.9 hours as against 320 hours in the first four months of 1950.

The weather summary for this April is as follows:

Total precipitation, 4.95 inches on sixteen days (7.74 inches in April 1950.)

Sunshine—117.3 hours on nineteen days (83 hours April 1950.)

Maximum temperature, 59.7 on April 14.

Minimum temperature, 29.5 on April 16.

Mean temperature, 42.4.

Maximum barometer reading at sea level, 30.68 on April 9.

Minimum barometer reading, 29.19 on April 27.

Maximum wind velocity, southeast, 36 miles per hour, April 2.

## Eskimo Chief Harbor Pilot

CHURCHILL, Man. (CP)—Eskimo John Ell has been official pilot at one of the world's most northerly harbors for more than 30 years. And he's the official interpreter too.

He has been in Fort Churchill hospital most of the winter undergoing treatment. There, he finds the central heating a pleasant contrast to the igloo he lives in at Coral Harbor, on Southampton Island at the top end of Hudson Bay.

Southampton Island is 500 miles northeast of this Hudson Bay port.

Mr. Ell first saw a white man when a United States whaler put into Coral Harbor when he was six. Later he joined a whaler crew and learned the English that has stood him in good stead as an interpreter throughout his adult life.

When not serving as pilot or interpreter, he hunts white fox and norwral, the latter for its tusks. On his hunting trips over the polar ice he uses 12 dogs, hitched fan style.

## Building is Falling Off

Building in Prince Rupert declined sharply in April this year. Permits were issued for only \$10,650, compared with \$38,180 in the previous month. Permits for building this year so far total \$81,825.

April last year had the most applications for that month on record, totalling \$111,750, constituting nearly a third of all building during 1950.

## Timber Scaling Booming in This District—Up From 1950

Timber scaling in Prince Rupert forestry district for the present year to date is running more than 50 per cent higher than for the first four months of 1950. The scale up to April 30 had reached 72,170,139 board feet compared with 46,381,137 board feet in the corresponding period of 1950.

The scale of forest products—poles and piling—is also running heavily ahead of last year—609,073 to 396,793 lineal feet for the four-month periods this year and last.

The log scale this April aggregated 35,386,720 board feet compared with 32,297,570 board feet in April 1950.

The log scale per species this April and last was as follows:

	April '51	April '50
	Bd. ft.	Bd. ft.
Fir	3,719	
Cedar	4,552,666	447,489
Spruce	19,290,089	12,532,793
Hemlock	7,423,180	2,687,593
Balsam	1,013,160	673,474
Jackpine	2,623,098	2,306,581
Misc.	389,528	
Totals	35,386,720	18,647,930

FOREST PRODUCTS  
The pole and piling count for this April was 123,432 lineal feet compared with 93,825 lineal feet in April 1950. Cedar, with 99,384, was the largely predominant variety.

The jackpine tie count this April was 11,901 pieces compared with 9147 in April 1950.

The cordwood count this April was 69 cords compared with 224 in April 1950.

## Hangman's Tree Sinister Scene

LILLOOET (CP)—Gaunt and sinister, a hangman's tree stands on a bluff overlooking this Fraser Valley town.

Just who was hanged there, and when, seems to be unknown but six unmarked graves at the foot of the twisted pine are a grim reminder of what may have been early Cariboo justice, carried out when the town was a roaring mining camp.

The hills around Lillooet once were covered with bush, but when the miners came they cut it all down for firewood and building material except the lone pine. The tree has become a tourist attraction, but only in daylight. Not many take the lonely trail past the grim relic in the dark.

Standing in the spring sunshine the old pine keeps its history to itself.

BIGGEST SHARE  
The bulk of the irrigation works in formerly undivided India are in Pakistan territory.

## MASS ATTACK

FORT ERIE, Ont. (CP)—Local officials wondering how to get rid of the thousands of starlings which frequent both sides of the Niagara River heard with interest of experiments in Buffalo. There it was planned to asphyxiate thousands roosting in an old boiler house by carrying carbon monoxide from big trucks in hoses.

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## Change Trimming On Spring Suits

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LONDON (CP)—For many British women, the steady rise in prices means no new suits this spring.

This, however, does not dismay the fashion-conscious. Close study of up-to-date couture styles and fashion hints shows that last year's "tapered" look is not far removed from this year's "drain-pipe" styles.

In fact, clever fingers, pretty buttons and contrast materials soon give an up-to-the-minute look to any of last year's straight-skirted suits and dresses.

Spring styles recently displayed in both London and Paris show many innovations that are easily copied. These are often individual to the designer concerned and are as distinctive as a signature.

Take for instance four button-tabs folding backwards from a long V neckline and threaded with a fringed scarf-tie. This design is by Charles Creed. Two oblique "tongue" tabs buttoned across the front of a dress and threaded by a long scarf attachment that files freely from the belt downward show the touch of Jacques Faith.

Feter Russell uses squared button-tabs to nip in the waist of a classic suit. Dior gives button-tail breast pockets to a plain little bolero, while Jacques Faith uses a similar line to gather the bodice and hip fullness of a strapless evening gown.

Hardy Amies decorates a tweed suit with neat tab epaulettes at the sleeve top and Creed slashes a wide raglan sleeve, turns it back in a deep cuff and decorates the sleeve—not the cuff—with one outside button. This gives a new length to the sleeve. It is neither full length nor three-quarters, but roughly seven-eighths.

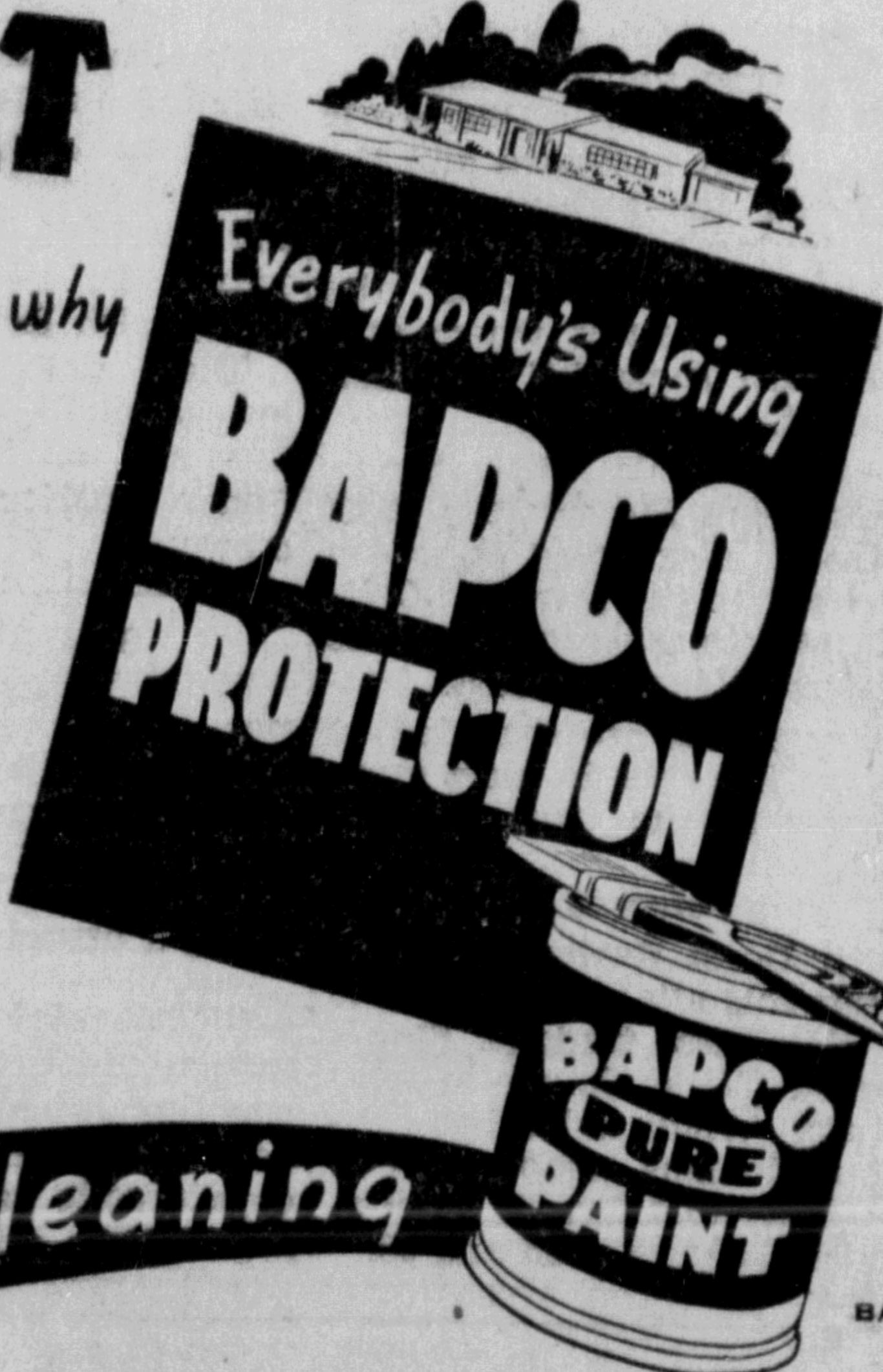
One of the easiest renovations is the waistcoat look. This gives a clean freshness to dark suits and is easily achieved by a yard of white pique and a little patience.

Take any dark classic suit, turn back the jacket flaps and outline with white, elongate the lapels where possible and edge with white, add a white waistcoat—bolero or insert and you have the Paquin look. Smartness is heightened by attractive buttons, cunningly-placed at jacket waist and on the flaps and waistcoat.

Many London women are already adding white to black and navy suits. Combined with a dark hat decorated in white, white gloves, dark shoes and handbag, this promises to be the most popular choice of the season.

For dark dresses there are many chic little adornments that give both individuality and femininity. To a plain black dress with scooped-out neckline a small vestee of tiny Parma violets lends charm to the neckline. If accessories are also in black, a Parisian look is given by a wide hat dressed in Parma violets combined with violet-colored gloves and severely-plain black bag and shoes.

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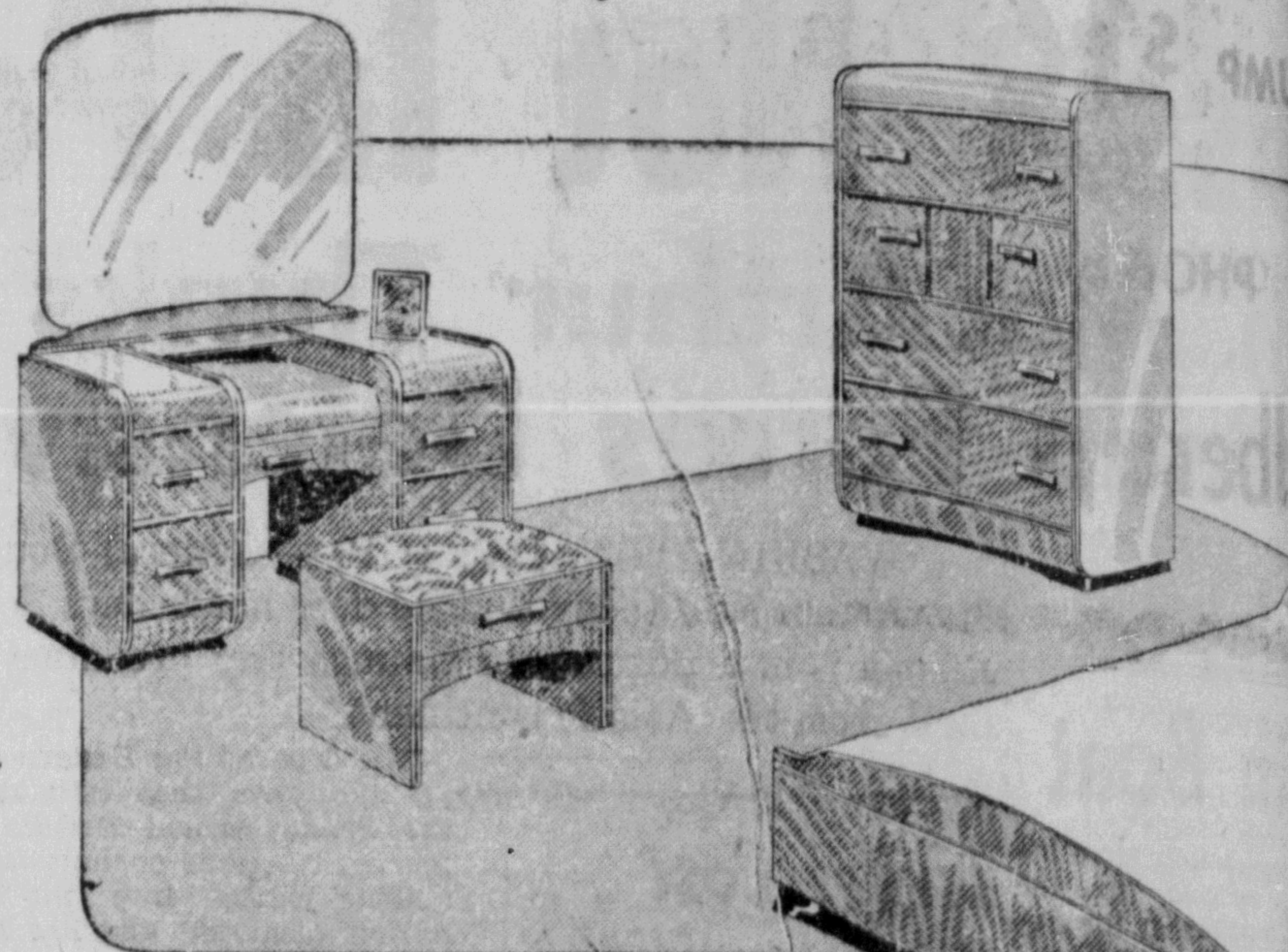
Prince Rupert

NERVY YEGGMEN  
LONDON (CP)—Passers-by ignored explosions occurring in a store in Piccadilly. Later it was reported that £8,000 (\$24,000) had been stolen from the shop. The explosions? Sticks of dynamite blasting a safe.

YOUNG AT 75  
TAMPERE, Finland (CP)—Friends rushed to her aid when Miss Erika Virtanen fell from her toboggan when celebrating her birthday, but doctors said she suffered only slight injury. She is 75 years old.



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