

# Tenders for \$40 million fuel link Expected To Be Called in Fortnight

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence forces in strategic Alaska and north-western Canada will be fed oil and gasoline through a 610-mile pipeline to be built immediately by the United States, partly over the storied Trail of '68.

Work on the \$40,000,000 fuel link, passing through north-western British Columbia and the Yukon over sections of the turn-of-the-century gold rush trail, probably will start this year. Terminals will be Haines, near Skagway, Alaska, on the Pacific coast, and Fairbanks, Alaska, keystone of the defence arch that bulges towards Asiatic Russia.

About one-third of the line will be buried, mostly in the Canadian sections, and the rest will be above ground. The eight-inch line will follow the Haines cut-off, a side road from the Alaska Highway, to Haines Junction, where it will bend northward along the vital defence artery.

Sources here said the U.S. engineers in charge of construction will call tenders for pipe and other materials in about two weeks. The aim is to get preliminary work completed before snow forces a halt in the mountainous region. The big drive for construction will be next spring, but no target date for operating the line was announced.

After secret negotiations extending over the last year, the reaching of an agreement between Canada and the U.S. was announced simultaneously Wednesday in Washington and Ottawa.

How much fuel the line will be able to carry is a variable quantity since the capacity of a pipeline depends on the type of fuel transmitted, the temperatures in the area, and the number of pumping stations.

Oil tankers will bring fuel into Haines, about 450 miles northeast of the Queen Charlotte Islands at the head of an inlet called Lynn Canal.

The new line will take over most of the job now performed by the smaller Canol pipeline, built by the U.S. during the Second World War and partly

## Alcoa Scores Government Suit

NEW YORK (AP)—The Aluminum Co. of America has charged that the United States government's suit to prevent the company from buying 600,000 tons of Canadian aluminum would deprive thousands of independent American fabricators of aluminum needed to keep their plants going.

The accusation was made in an answer filed in federal court to a suit brought by the government last month. The action seeks cancellation of a contract by which Alcoa would buy the aluminum from Aluminum, Ltd., of Canada over a six-year period. The U.S. government also asked the court to terminate a judgment entered in 1951 directing certain large stockholders of Alcoa to dispose of their holdings in the Canadian company during a 10-year period.

VANCOUVER (CP) A delegation of 22 Japanese civic and government officials will arrive here Saturday to see what can be done about stimulating trade between B.C. and Japan.

The party will be taken on a tour of various lumber and industrial plants by civic officials.

dismantled later. The pipeline also will be available to fill Canadian military requirements. Civilian needs also will be satisfied.

Cost of the project is estimated at \$40,000,000. Of this, \$12,000,000 will be spent on the Canadian section.

The line will be built northward from Haines, near Skagway, along the Haines cutoff, a road linking the Pacific coast town with the Haines-Junction on the Alaska Highway. From Haines

Junction, it will follow the Alaska Highway to Fairbanks.

The Canadian section of the line will start at the Alaska-B.C. boundary, about 30 miles north of Haines, and end of the Yukon-Alaska boundary on the Alaska Highway, a total of about 285 miles.

Title of right-of-way for the Canadian section will be held by the B.C. and Federal governments. The B.C. government is making crown-owned lands available for the project.

## Turbo-Prop Airliner Earns Large Profit For UK Firm

LONDON (CP)—Turbo-prop Vickers Viscount airliners operated by British European Airways have earned a clear profit of nearly £70,000 in their first 2,000 hours of scheduled service, it was announced here.

Peter Masefield, BEA's chief executive, says in an article in the corporation's magazine that this represents a profit of about £34 a flying hour, and is "tremendously encouraging for the future."

The Viscount went into service April 18. BEA now has nine in service on routes from London to Cyprus, Istanbul, Zurich and Geneva.

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"My campaign committee feel there is no question about the need for a recount," said Mr. Mott today.

New Westminster has been a federal Liberal stronghold for 23 years. Mr. Mott, a former mayor of New Westminster, was elected to Parliament in the 1949 election.

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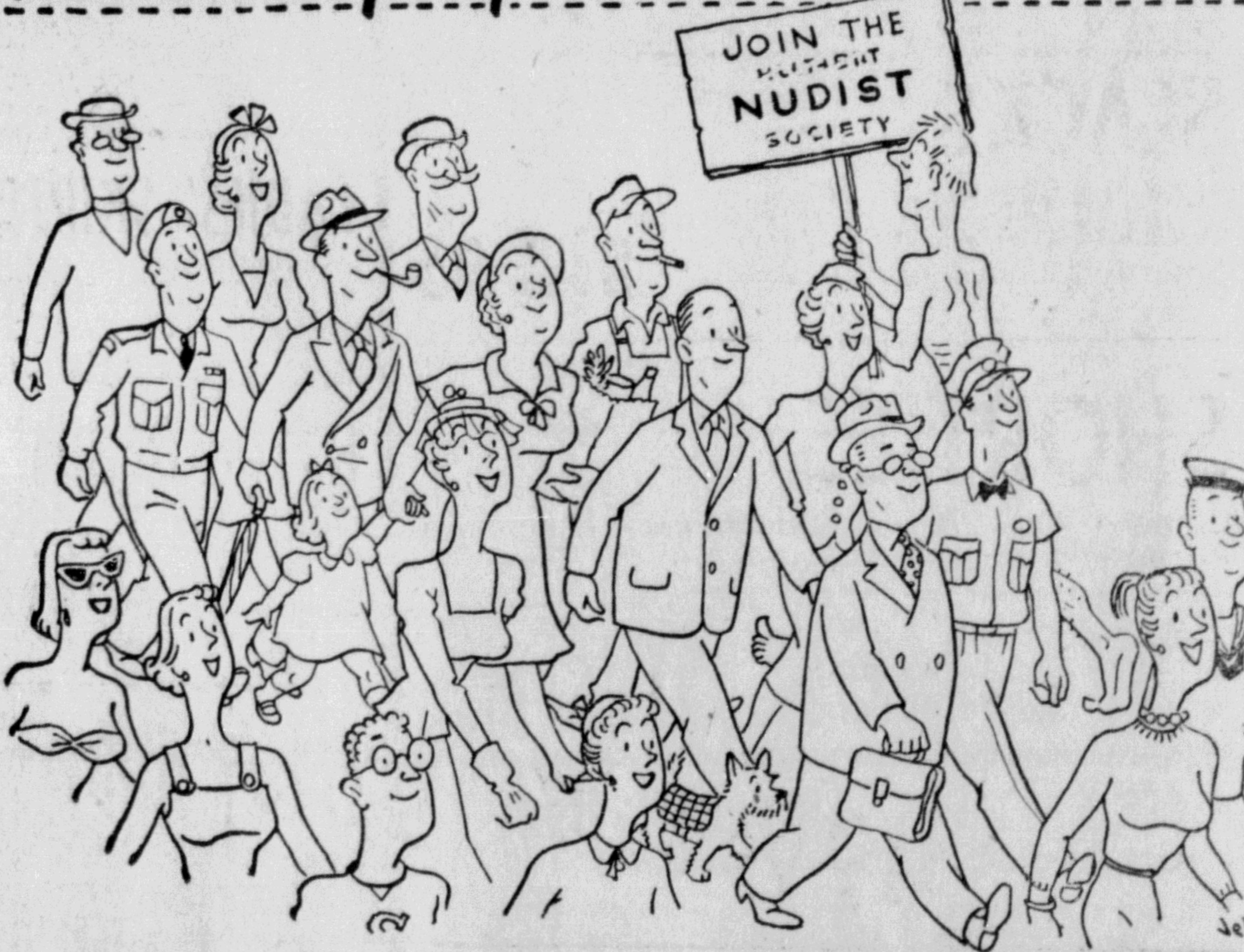
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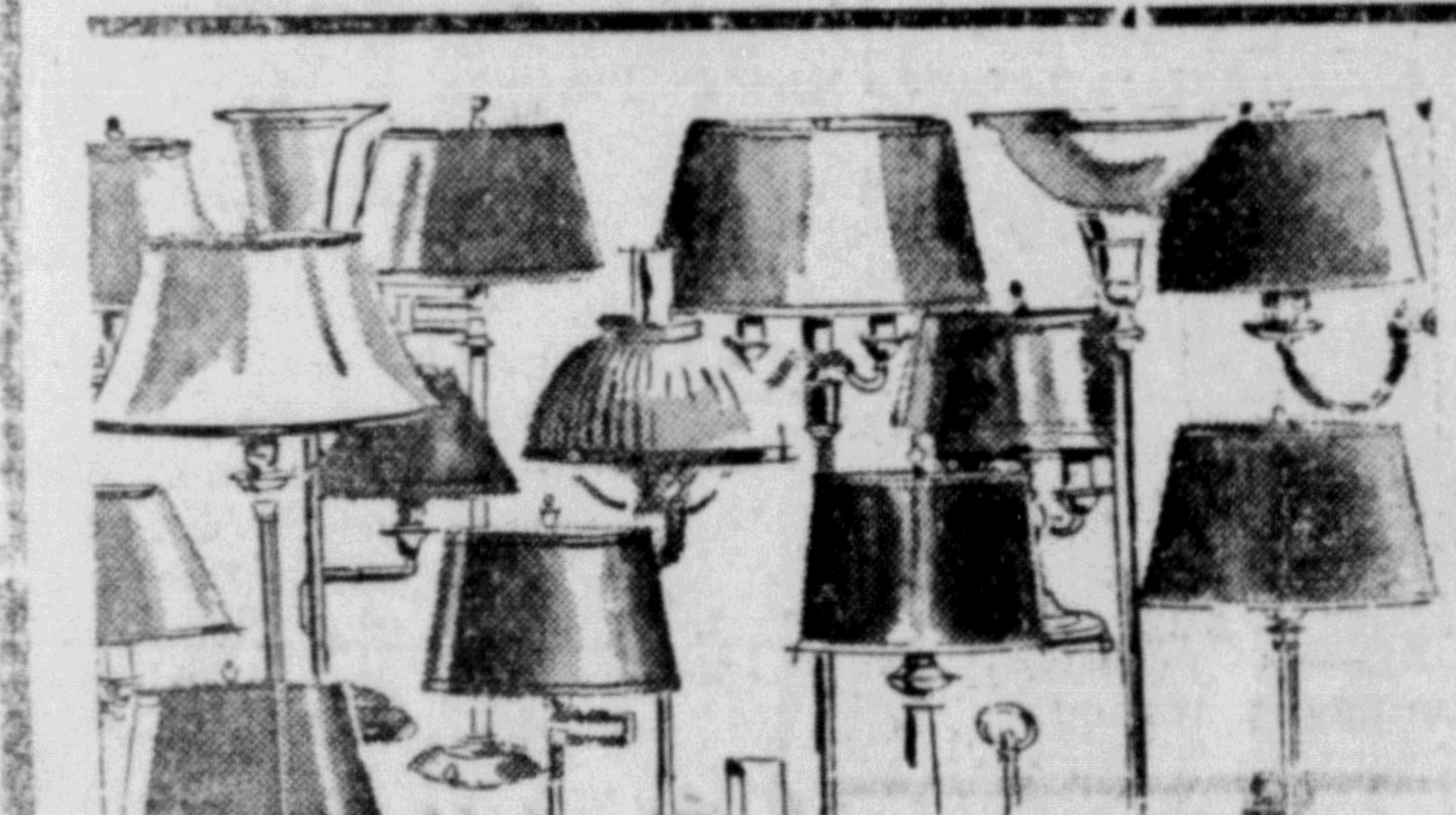
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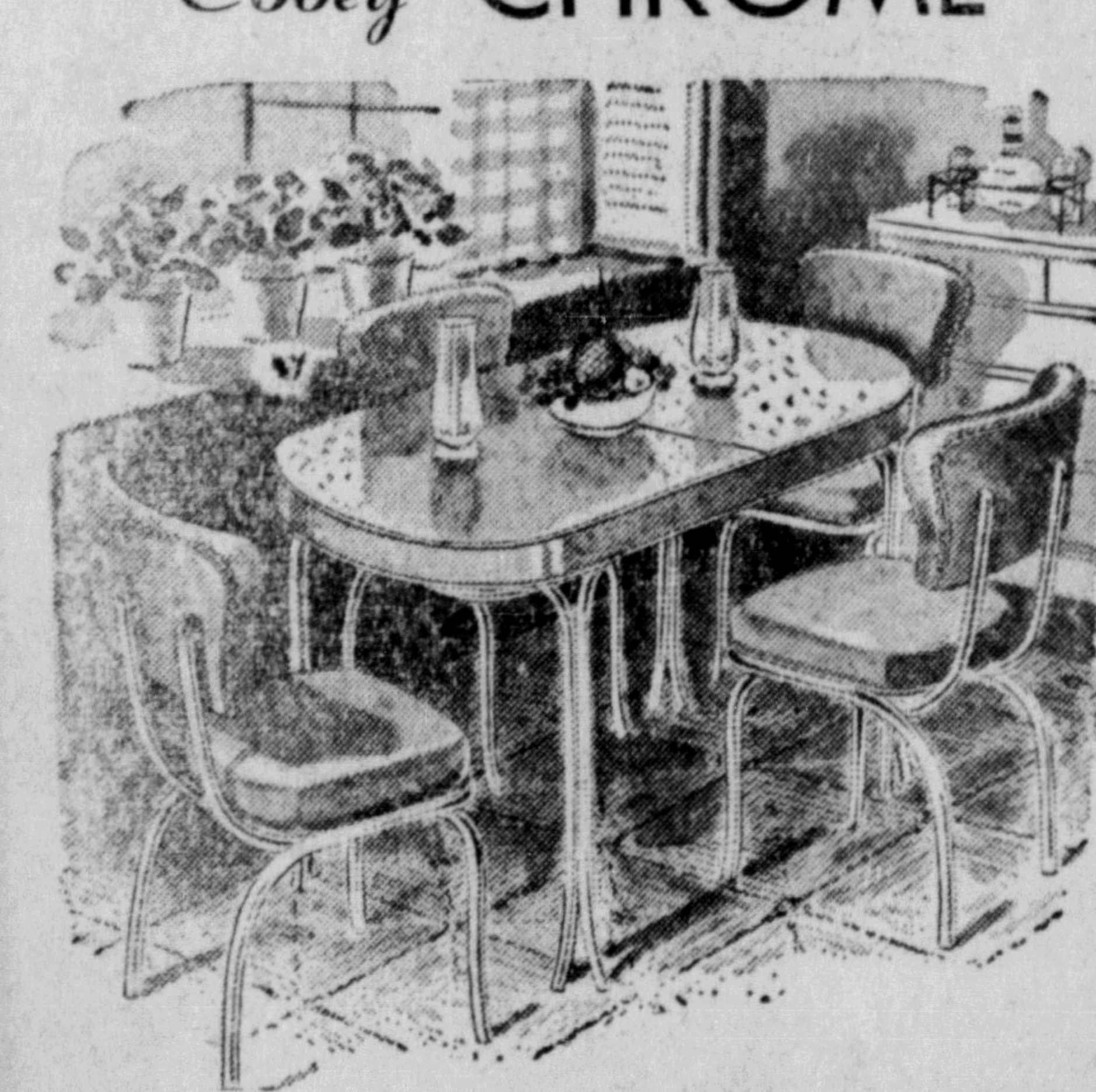


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