

Dances, Ceremonies To Greet Queen As Royal Tour Reaches Fiji Today

BOARD S.S. GOTHIC (Reu- come in the Fiji islands. The islanders have been holding full-scale rehearsals of na- today to a royal wel-

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WINTER SUNSHINE ATTRACTS LOCH NESS' PLAYFUL MONSTER

LOCH NESS, Scotland (AP)—The legendary Loch Ness monster which normally spends its winters shivering at the bottom of the loch was reported today basking happily in the balmy sunshine of Britain's Indian summer.

Woodcutters on the loch banks said they saw the monster, they said it resembled a "huge horse," gambling and splash-

The monster's last reported appearance was about 18 months ago. He usually makes an appearance to coincide with the arrival of Scotland's first tourists.

Result of Strike Probe Expected in Few Days

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Re- and recommendations of a commission probing the month-old strike of north- interior lumbermen will be down in a few days.

Arthur Lord, who open- inquiry into the pro- dispute here Wednes- said he expected to end the hearings today and that report would be ready in a few days.

Lord was appointed a man commission by the government earlier this to inquire into the wage and members of the Inter- national Woodworkers of Am- (CIO-CCL). Some 3,000

Hunters Leave Shot Worker Alone in Woods

MIDDLEBORO, Mass. (AP)—A- edy cranberry bog worker this week how he was and abandoned by a up of hunters and how he without help for three in his little shack until a plight was discovered by chance visitor.

Benjamin de Silva said a up of hunters apparently took him for a deer and hit him three times in his est, back, right leg and arm the buckshot.

The hunters took him to his back and told him they were ing for help. They never turned, de Silva said.

He yelled for help for two but none came, de Silva

Then a friend, Raymond menen, called on de Silva. The visitor said he knocked the door but got no an- He was about to leave, said, when he decided to inside. There he saw de a in a coma from loss of

Doctors said de Silva has a chance for recovery.

Big Rock Light Out of Operation

A warning to mariners, A. Beketov, district marine at advises that the Halg light, in Laredo Channel, not in operation. It will be ended to as soon as possible.

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Red Destroyer Reported Fast

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — A photograph of a new-type Rus- sian destroyer, believed to be the first ever published outside the Iron Curtain, has appeared in Sweden's official navy maga- zine Marin-Nytt (Naval News).

The magazine said there now are 12 Soviet destroyers of this new Skoryi type operating in the Baltic. The destroyer is of about 2,000 tons and has a speed of 36 knots, the magazine said.

It added the destroyer is equipped with modern target- finding and gun-sighting radar. Her armament consists of four 13-centimetre guns in two tur- rets, two 7.6-centimetre anti- aircraft guns, seven to 10 37- millimetre automatic guns and eight 53-centimetre torpedo tubes in two groups of four. A centimetre is .39 inches.

ive dances and ceremonies since they learned the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh plan- ned to stop at Suva on their Commonwealth tour. Today marks the first time they have touched land since leaving Panama Nov. 29.

The royal couple already has been given a preview of the en- tertainment in store for them.

Maori crew members of the escort New Zealand cruiser Black Prince daubed their faces and donned yellow and black shirts Tuesday night when they visited this royal liner. Accom- panied by guitars, they chanted and whirled about in war dances.

The Gothic, which is bearing the royal household on the six- month tour, has crossed the international date line. The nearby Fiji islands are 17 hours ahead of eastern standard time.

VISIT CRUISER ESCORT

The Queen and Duke visited the Black Prince earlier after the Gothic stopped her engines in the lee of tree-clad Naitamba island. The duke wore the uni- form of an admiral of the fleet and the Queen a green-and-white striped frock for the motor-boat trip.

Flying boats of the Royal New Zealand Air Force have been providing a continuous daylight escort for the Gothic.

The Queen can expect pleas- ant weather if predictions for her two-day Fiji visit hold up. The forecast is "fine, with mild to warm temperatures and cool nights."

A sparkling, well-scrubbed Suva greeted the Queen.

Gay flags and bunting decora- te the harbor and streets and colored lamps light up the wa- terfront at night. Roads have been resurfaced and bamboo screens conceal the dingier parts of the town.

Government house grounds are ablaze with the vivid hues of tulip trees, jacaranda, golden shower hibiscus and alamaunda, and the Queen and duke will have a splendid view of the light blue lagoon from the sea balcony.

Complete silence will greet the Queen at Suva — the highest tribute the Fijians can pay a distinguished visitor.



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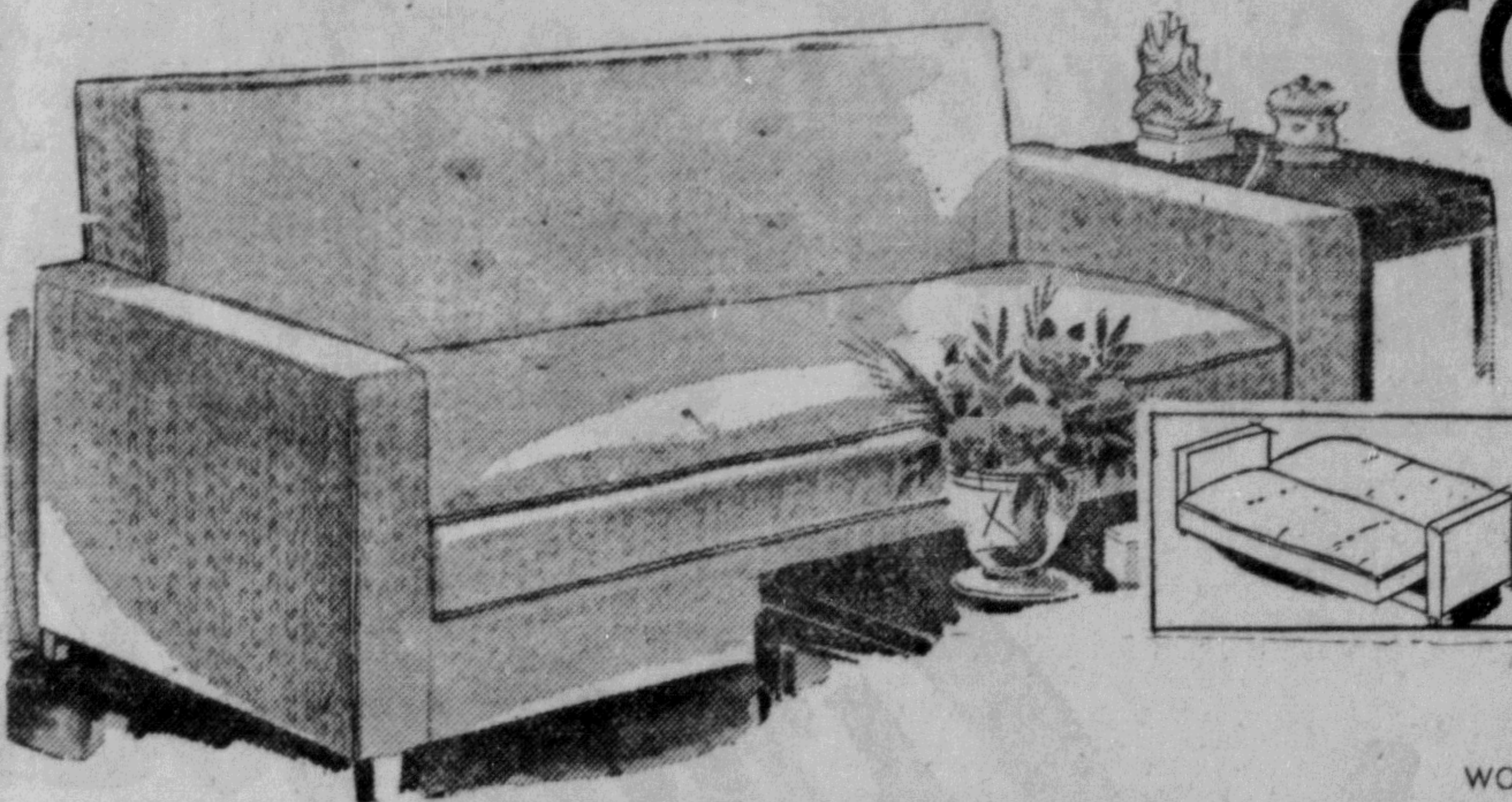
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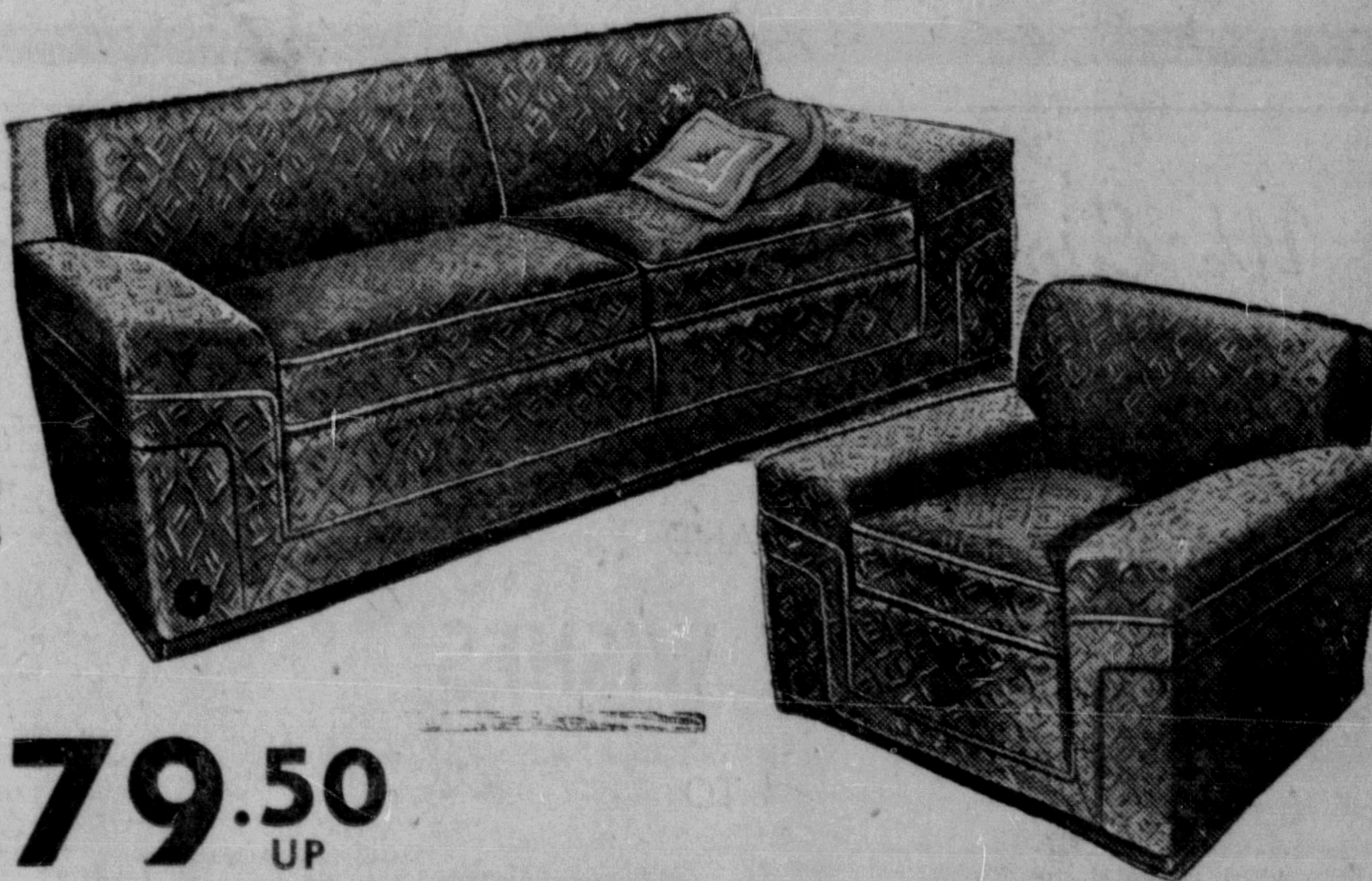
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