

New Team in Boston Closing On Strangler

By JAMES CALOGERO
BOSTON (AP) — A new-fashioned army is moving with assurance these days, confident that it is closing in on the enemy for which it was mobilized—the strangler of 11 women in less than two years.

The free-wheeling unit was organized in January by Attorney-General Edward W. Brooke after local police came up empty-handed in independent investigations in four cities.

Assistant Attorney General John S. Bottomly, 42, who heads the special "strangled division" in Brooke's office, said:

"I think we know who killed nine, possibly 10, of the 11 victims. We have six prime suspects. Three are confined in state institutions for other crimes. The other three are free, under surveillance.

"Of those six, one stands out as a better bet to be the strangler than the others—but like the other five he still falls just short of judicial proof of complicity."

Bottomly said there are divergent views among the investigators as to whether one man is responsible for all 11 crimes.

ONE RESPONSIBLE
He said his own theory is that six stranglings definitely were committed by the same person, and possibly as many as 10.

Bottomly's army is made up of hundreds. There are specialists from the Boston police department. Eight of the stranglings took place in Boston.

There are experts from the police departments in Lynn, Salem and Lawrence. Those suburban cities had one strangling each.

State and metropolitan district police also have been assigned to the strangling division. On the theory that the killer is deranged, Bottomly recruited a special investigative team of doctors, psychiatrists and psychologists.

Forty-four lawyers are members of the team. And for a back-up weapon, Bottomly borrowed from a private concern an electronic computer to record up to 1,000 pieces of information on the 10,000 persons who have figured in the investigation.

The computer has confirmed many suspicions, Bottomly said. It has come up with new angles and pointed out various threads of similarity in all the crimes.

Nine of the women lived alone. Two others had roommates who were absent at the time of the crimes.

In no case was there forced entry into the apartments.

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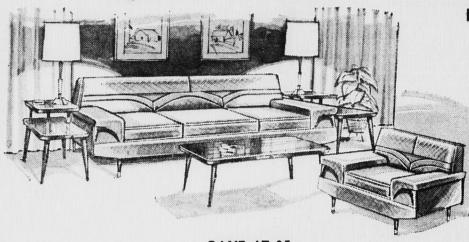
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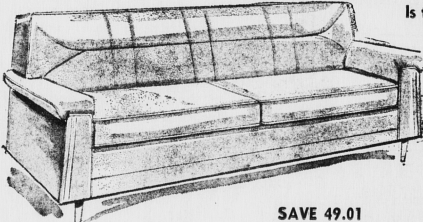
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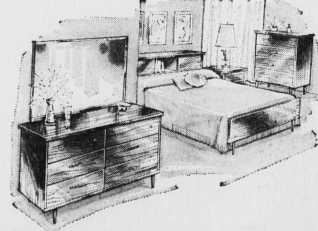
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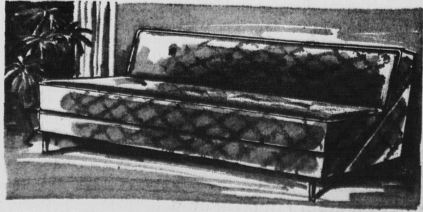
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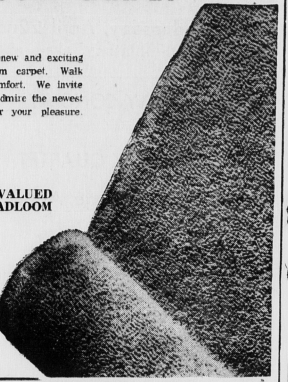
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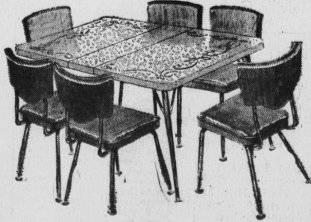
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CLEVELAND (AP)—Weekly steel output has varied by only about 7,000 tons in the last three weeks and may be topping out. Steel magazine said Sunday.

The weekly journal of metalworking said order volume appears in for a definite slowdown in May. It added: "Forward buying may slip as much as 10 per cent in the next few weeks, particularly in the light, flat-rolled products."

"Stockpilers think April will probably also be the best shipping month of the first six months," Steel said, "while second-quarter shipments will likely top the first quarter's by 14 per cent."

Production this week was expected to be about the same as last week's 2,490,000 tons. The steel market in the main continues to display price stability, Steel reported. Recent price increases involve secondary sheets, rigid conduit and certain ferrous and related nonferrous metals, the magazine said. "But some signs of price weakness persist—notably in stainless steel, line pipe and spring wire."

For the fifth straight week, Steel's price composite on No. 1 heavy melting scrap rose. It went up 33 cents to \$31.30 last week, compared with a year ago composite of \$28.67 a ton.

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