

### Public Accounts Committee Is Ignored By Government

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons public accounts committee was told Tuesday that only 10 of its 50 recommendations made to the government and Parliament two years ago have been implemented.

Harold Winch (NDP-Vancouver East) led protesting members in demanding that ministers and senior civil servants be called before the committee to explain why the recommendations had been ignored.

The committee, holding its first working session, was told by Auditor-General Maxwell Henderson that a number of the remaining 40 recommendations are under study by government departments, but little progress has been made recently.

The recommendations, for the most part, had been passed unanimously by earlier accounts committees and tabled in the Commons. In addition, copies of the recommendations were sent to individual ministers by Mr. Henderson on instructions from the committee.

They dealt in the main with steps to tighten administrative control of government expenditures, increase the responsibility of departmental and branch

heads, and protect the taxpayer's money against non-productive expenditures.

Mr. Henderson said he wished there was a clear definition of non-productive expenditure. He said they were generally expenditures of public funds for which nothing of any value was received by the government.

#### SERVES PARLIAMENT

The auditor-general, an officer of Parliament rather than a servant of the government, said he is still 22 persons short of his office staff requirements of 220. He again asked the committee to urge the government to give him power to hire auditors and accountants independently of the civil service commission.

Commission procedures are so slow, he said, that good prospective employees find other jobs before the paper work can be cleared through the civil service. Other offices, such as that of Redistribution Commissioner Nelson Castonguay, have independent hiring power.

Mr. Winch said the committee had passed this and other recommendations repeatedly, without action by the government.

"We want an answer as to

why these unanimous reports of this committee are not being acted upon," Mr. Winch said. "The fact that the auditor-general is 22 short of his office staff means he is not able to fulfill the duties of auditor-general as he sees it. We should call the responsible ministers before us and find out why."

"We're not going to stand for this lack of attention to our reports. The government must recognize that this is not a rubber stamp committee."

### Force On Cyprus Faces Problem

NICOSIA (Reuters) — The United Nations peacekeeping force in Cyprus is planning to re-deploy of its forces to compensate for the withdrawal of the 500-man contingent from Ireland when its six-month term of duty ends April 18.

A UN statement Tuesday said the British Royal Highland Fusiliers and Canadian Black Watch battalions would extend their territories in northwest Cyprus to cover the area previously supervised by the Irish 8th Infantry Group and an armored car squadron.

The withdrawal of Ireland's 500 men will reduce the force to its lowest strength ever. It will have about 4,300 men composed of contingents from five countries — Canada, Britain,

### DOG POSSIBLE AS CATCHER

QUEBEC (CP) — Authorities in Quebec City may resort to setting dog against dog in an attempt to eliminate a growing municipal problem, wandering canines.

The officials are giving serious consideration to hiring a German shepherd dog named Demon who is specially trained to track down stray members of his species. Demon already has proved effective for this purpose in several suburbs of the provincial capital. An experimental hunt has been carried out in Quebec City involving Demon and his master, Robert Plante.

When Mr. Plante spots a stray dog, he sends Demon in pursuit. The German shepherd tracks down the stray and holds it until Mr. Plante arrives to take it away. Police Chief Gerard Girard said he is "delighted" with the experiment. He saw Demon track down 10 strays, all of which then were taken into custody.

Finland, Sweden and Denmark together with small groups of civilian police from Australia, Austria, Denmark, Sweden and New Zealand.

The Canadian force in Cyprus consists of nearly 1000 men.

### Auto Industry Is Supporting Most Of LBJ's Proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. automobile industry endorsed Tuesday most of President Johnson's highway safety legislation but urged that it rather than the government be given primary responsibility for car safety standards.

John S. Bugas, vice-president of the Ford Motor Company, said in testimony prepared for a Senate commerce committee hearing that the industry is in favor of all of the major parts of the \$700,000,000, six-year program except for the section under which the commerce secretary would have discretionary authority to establish motor vehicle safety standards.

Bugas, chairman of the Automobile Manufacturers Association's safety administrative committee, said the section would give the secretary "virtually unlimited power to establish safety standards affecting the design and development of motor vehicles."

As an alternative, Bugas proposed a three-point program which he said would bring into effect a partnership of the federal government, the state governments and the auto industry for moving ahead immediately to improve traffic safety.

The industry proposal, as he outlined it, called for:

1. A commitment by the four major automobile manufacturers to co-operate in a voluntary program to improve the safety design of vehicles as rapidly as possible.
2. The strengthening of the government's role in vehicle safety standards through a joint federal-state program that would include participation in and support for the vehicle equipment safety commission which now represents 44 states and the District of Columbia.
3. Frequent reporting on the industry's safety progress by the auto-makers to the U.S. Congress, the commerce secretary, other government agencies and the public.

"Such a program," Bugas

said, "will enable the automobile companies to share safety developments with each other soon enough so they can be incorporated in passenger cars by each company at the earliest possible time."

### Business Briefs

TORONTO (CP) — Shareholders of Northern Canada Mines Ltd. of record April 15 will have the right to buy one additional share at \$1.50 for each five shares held. The right expires May 12.

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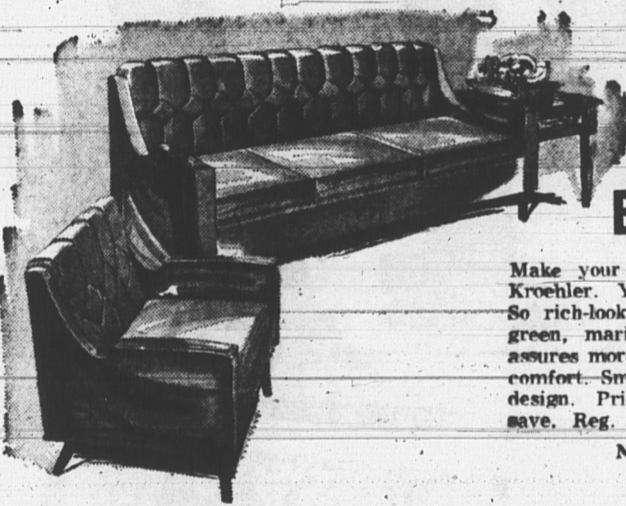
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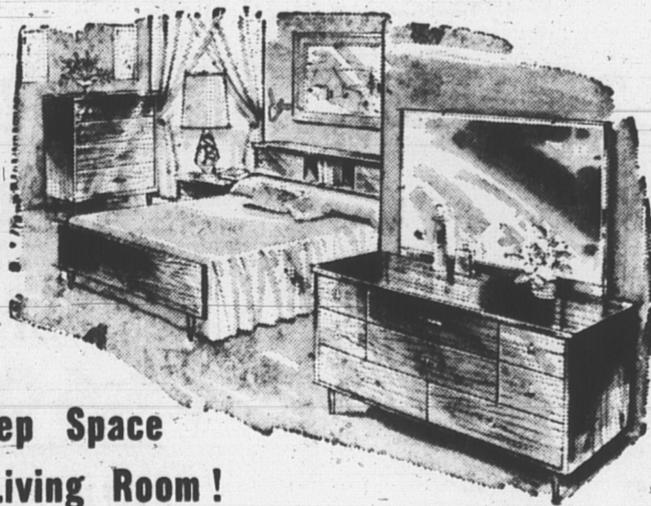
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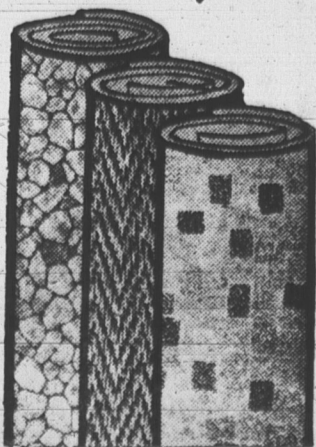
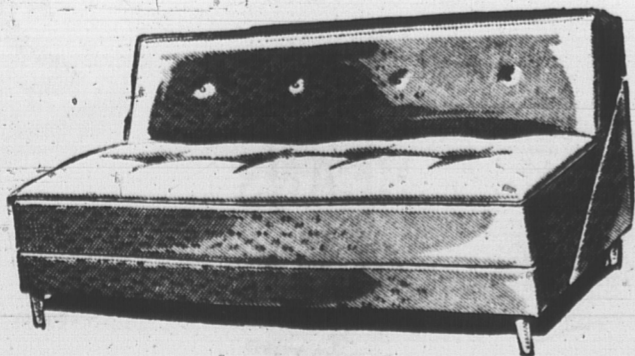
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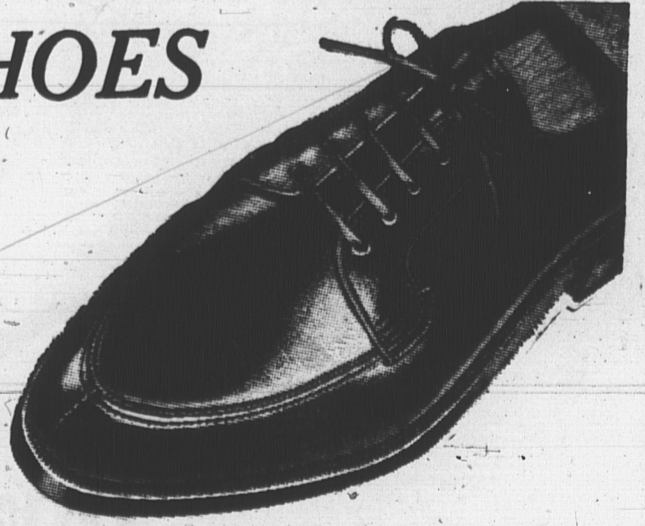
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