

LASH NEW DEAL FOR PERILING U.S. TRADE IN CHINA

Fear 'Weak' Stand Will Give Japanese Control.

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PEIPING, March 17.—Americans in the northern Chinese provinces, many of whom as children of pioneer missionaries went through the dangers of the Boxer rebellion, are unable to understand the attitude of the Roosevelt administration on the North China issue. Most of them, asked what they think of present Washington policy, come back with the question, "Please tell us what the Washington policy is?"

If the group is one of business men one hears expressions containing the words "withdrawal," "retreat," "defeatist," "scuttling." If the group is one of missionaries the expressions are more moderate but none the less filled with deep concern over the outlook of what are generally referred to as American "interests" in North China.

It is generally agreed that \$50,000,000 of American capital investments in this section of China are likely to be adversely affected in the event of a Sino-Japanese clash resulting in Japanese political and economic control. The investment is about equally divided between business and educational-religious-cultural institutions. It is a common saying that Americans put back into China as much if not more than their business men take out in profits.

Effect on Education.
Consensus is that Japanese political domination would have an immediately adverse effect on educational institutions which were Chinese students in Manchuria all colleges and universities were closed immediately after the Japanese occupation and only one, a normal school in Hsin-king, capital of Manchukuo, has been permitted to reopen.

Capital investment in six American operated institutions in North China, mostly from American sources, exceeds \$20,000,000. There also are large numbers of primary and middle schools operated in various parts of the interior districts of the northern provinces, the total investment in which is not known but is considerable.

Hospitals Operated by U. S.
Another noncommercial enterprise of American citizens in North China is the operation of hospitals, the most important of which is the Peking Union Medical college, one of the world's leading scientific institutions for the study of human ailments. It was established about twenty years ago and is still supported by the Rockefeller foundation.

There are several other hospitals operated by missionary bodies in various parts of North China, one of a pioneering nature being located in Kalgan on the border of Mongolia. It is operated by the Seventh Day Adventists and was the first institution to introduce modern medical science to the primitive Mongolian and other peoples on China's northwestern frontier.

1,300 U. S. Citizens.
American enterprises in North China, commercial and noncommercial, are managed by some 1,300 American citizens, most of whom reside in Peking and Peiping. These rank and file American citizens, business and professional men, missionaries, doctors, oil and cigarette salesmen, and motorcar dealers resent the term "imperialist," which some congressmen recently hurled at them.

A banker, manager of the North China branch of a leading New York financial institution, called attention to the closure of the branches of his institution in Manchuria as an indication of what is likely to happen when Japanese political influence begins to operate here.

The "Open Door" Policy.
American business men, professors in mission colleges, and buyers of Chinese products declare they came to China to engage in their enterprises under certain established rules and regulations which, grouped together became known as the "open door" method of doing business.

New Deal declarations, exploited in the vernacular newspapers, have created the impression that the once powerful American nation has become senile and ashamed to hold up its head. American citizens with a long and honorable record of constructive achievement in the Orient, who have never participated in the European game of grab, are nevertheless being told that their activities are a potent source of war, and that they can receive no protection against expanding Japan, despite the existence of treaties which had been fostered and once supported by the United States.

PARENTS SLAIN



Elizabeth Ann Lake, age 7 months, whose parents were slain by Arthur Bannister. His mother, Mrs. Mae Bannister, is on trial for life at Dorchester, N. B.

SECOND MAN IN 'BABY DOLL' CASE TELLS OF THREAT

Falsely Accused in Mother's Plot.

DORCHESTER, New Brunswick, March 17.—(AP)—A mild mannered freight clerk told a jury today that Mrs. May Bannister, charged with kidnapping the baby of the murdered Philip Lake, once threatened to shoot him after accusing him of "a very rash act with Marie," her 13 year old daughter.

The clerk, Albert Powell, is one of the two men from whom the crown claims Mrs. Bannister tried to extort money by appearing with a doll to make it appear she had a child.

The other man, Milton Trites, second hand dealer at Moncton, formerly employed Mrs. Bannister as housekeeper.

Powell, who also engaged in social service work, said he often had gone to the Bannister home to hold "prayer meetings" and "Sunday school services."

Stood His Ground.
The witness said, "I stood my ground because I was an innocent man," when Mrs. Bannister told him Marie was going to have a baby and that he was going to be responsible for its upkeep.

"Then she was sorry," he testified, "and said she had spoken too severely."

Powell said he never had seen Mrs. Bannister with the doll.

Leonard Hachev, another witness, however, testified he saw the accused on Christmas eve and asked her what she had in a large blue bundle.

"She told me she had a baby," the witness testified.

"Did you make any reply?" Crown Counsel P. J. Hughes asked.

"I think I said I was surprised at her."

Linked to 3 Murders.
Trites, whom the prosecution paints as the middle aged lover in the most fantastic case this province has known, testified that he never had seen Mrs. Bannister carry the doll about the streets of Moncton.

Attempts failed today to have the doll, found in Mrs. Bannister's house, admitted in evidence, as well as a "mama" squeak which she was said to have ripped out of the doll to prevent an expose of the ruse.

The prosecution also charges that in order to exhibit a real baby Mrs. Bannister arranged a plot which led to the death of Philip Lake, his common law wife, Bertha, and their elder child; the burning of their home at Pacific Junction, and the kidnapping of their 4 month old child Betty. A son, Arthur Bannister, has been convicted of Lake's murder and charges are pending against his brother Daniel, 19, and his sister Frances, 15.

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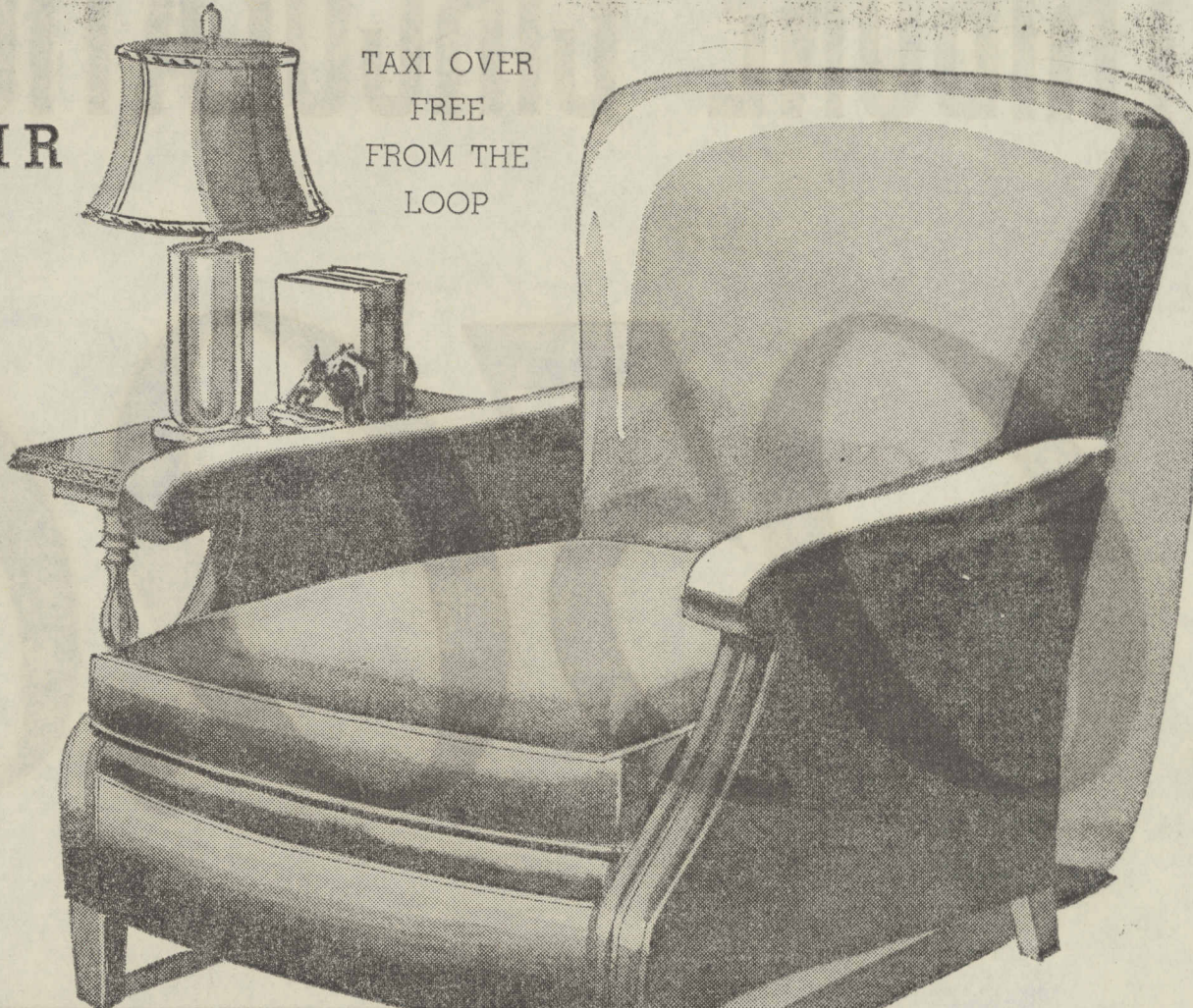
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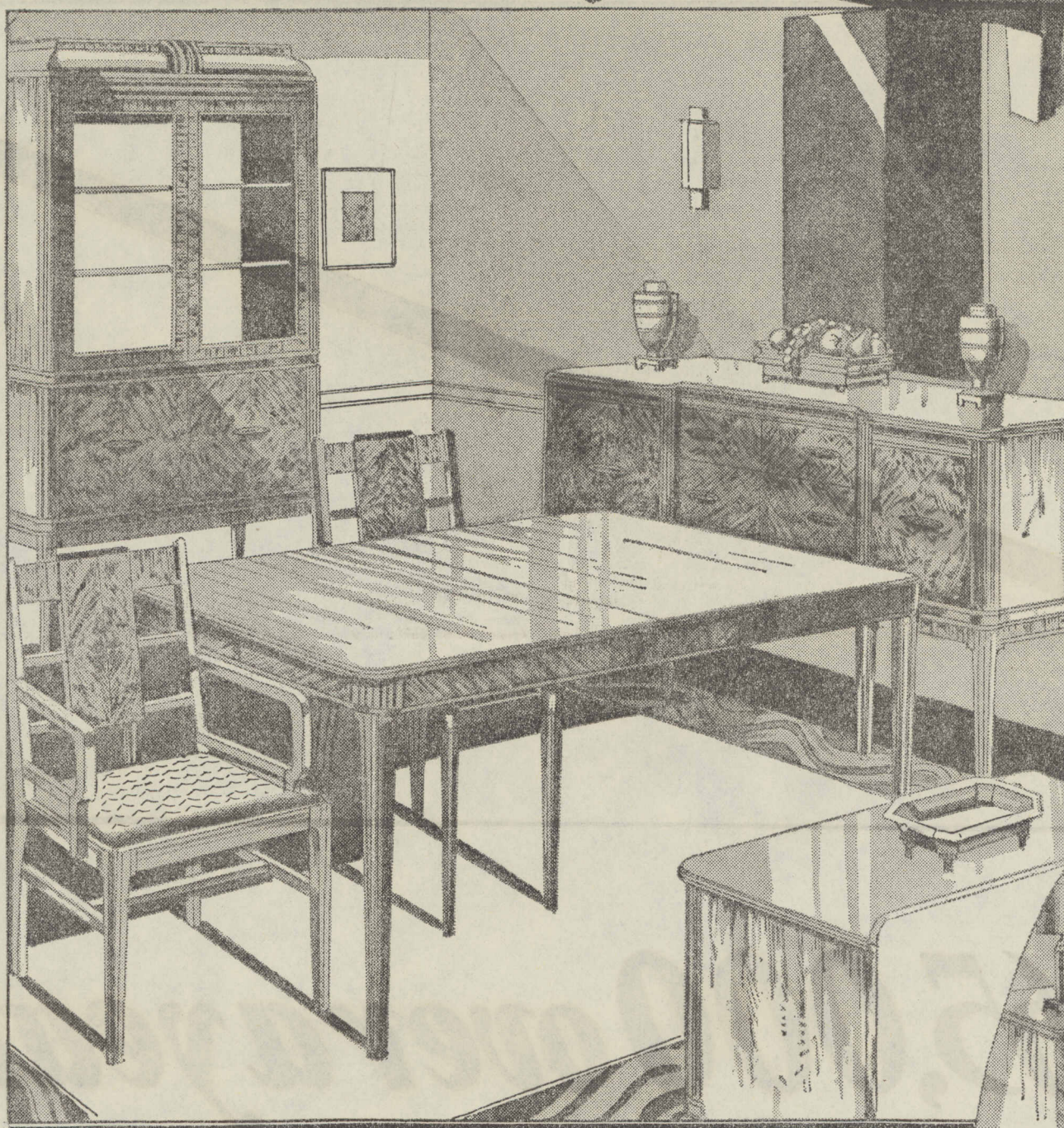
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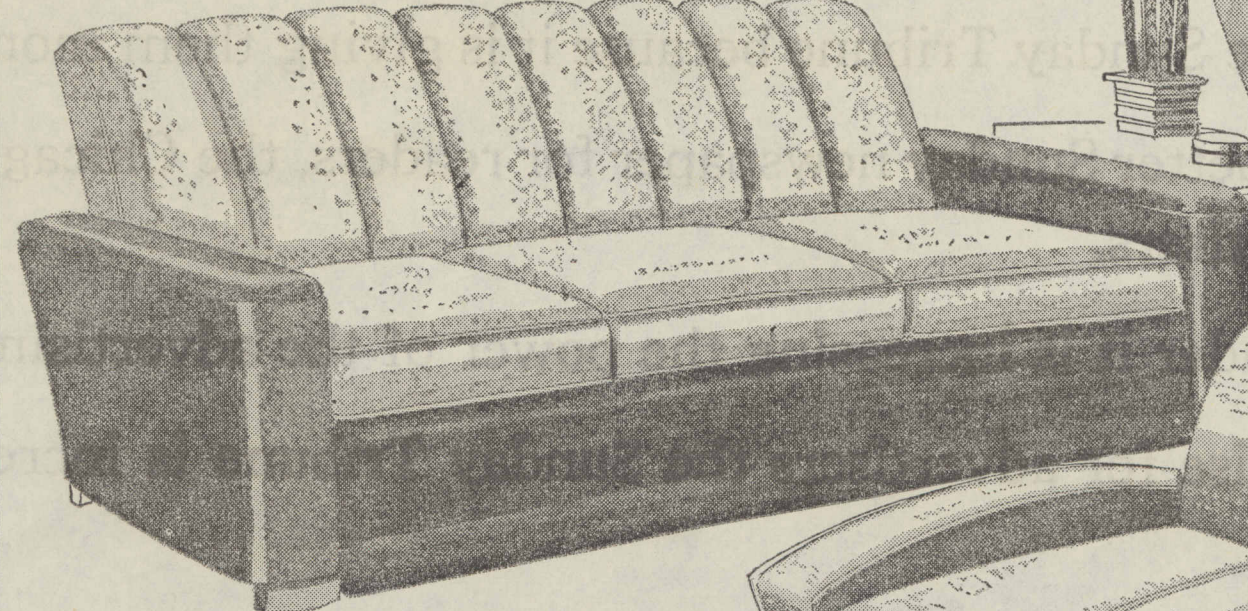
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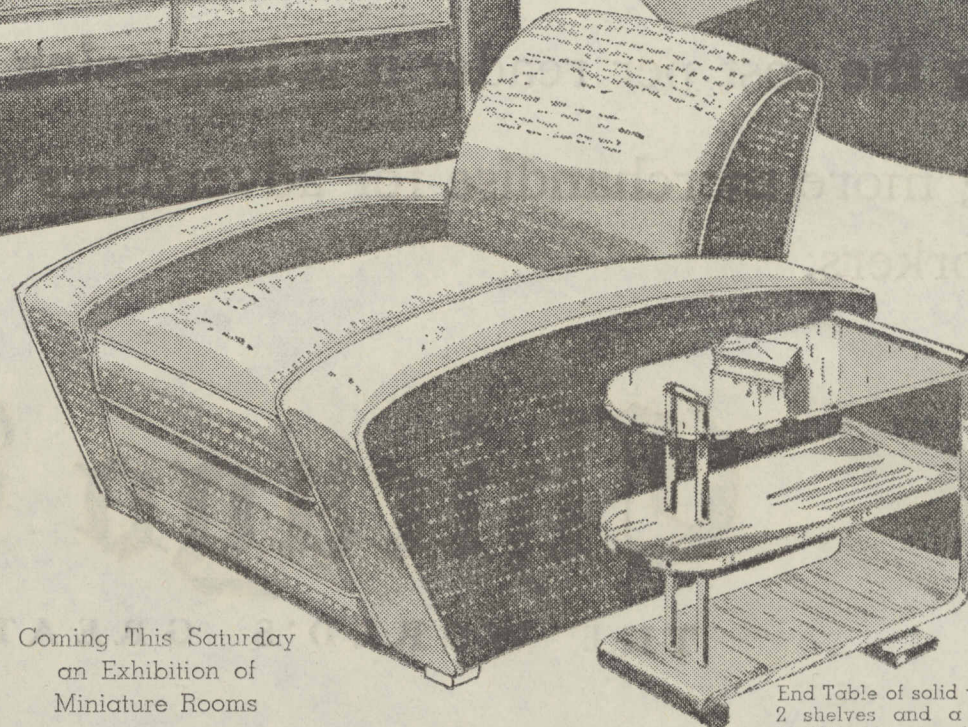
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