

'Riders' Stir Conflict

St. Louis — (NC) — The al Catholic Conference on Inter-racial Justice.

group here has charged that the "Freedom Riders" have done more to create interracial tensions than to improve race relations in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Msgr. Patrick J. Molloy, founder of the St. Louis Catholic Interracial Council, said he is convinced that it was "no accident" that the "Freedom Riders" rides had been planned immediately prior to the Vienna meeting, between President Kennedy and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

The Monsignor, who is pastor of Blessed Sacrament parish here, has been credited with having played a major role in the integration of schools here in 1946. He is a veteran of 20 years in work for interracial justice and is a member of the clergy committee for the National

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"I am totally opposed to the Freedom Riders," the Monsignor told an N.C.W.C. News Service correspondent here. "You don't diminish racial tension by increasing it, and that is what the Freedom Riders are doing."

"The last thing we want in racial relations is conflict. We can't win by force — we can only win by an appeal to moral principles, by persuasion, by education, by creation of racial good will," he continued.

Msgr. Molloy said there is a big difference between the tactics of the "Freedom Riders" and those of the "Sit-in" demonstrators.

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It is entirely different, he says, when persons completely outside the community come for the avowed purpose of creating a disturbance.

Msgr. Molloy questioned the purpose of the "Freedom Riders" in making their trips to the South.

"What were they trying to accomplish?" he asked. "The most that they could accomplish would be a single experience — a bus ride through the South."

"When they announced from Washington long in advance exactly what their itinerary was going to be, it was obvious to everyone that they would stir up trouble."

Mission To Rise On Desert Edge

Dungapur — (RNS) — A Hindu Maharaja and a vow by the Catholic community of Dungapur have contributed to the present construction here of a mission school and a church to be dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.

During the Marian Year in 1954, Dungapur Catholics vowed that if they could obtain a plot of land at the foot of a small mountain which faces the Rajasthan Desert they would build a grove there.

THEIR WISHES were communicated to the Maharaja of the State of Dungapur and towards the end of that year he donated the grounds for the mission currently under construction. At first he was puzzled as to why such a forsaken spot, swept by the hot winds of the desert, was wanted.

The reason became clear at ground blessing ceremonies held recently. The mission and its church spire will be the most prominent structure in the area. Camel drivers plodding their way through the roadless desert sands will see the buildings. On the other side of the mountain is the town of Dungapur beside a picturesque lake.

The ground blessing rites were conducted by Archbishop James R. Knox, Apostolic Internuncio to India, who was hosted by the Maharaja in his palace near here. A large num-

ber of Hindus attended the ceremonies and at night some 150 Catholics belonging to the Bhils, an aboriginal tribe, sang religious songs at the mission site to the accompaniment of rhythmic clapping of hands and swaying of bodies.

The mission school will be open to all children, regardless of their religion.

Noted Author Dies At 58

Lucerne — (RNS) — Louis De Wohl, Catholic writer whose many notable works include historical novels on the lives of the saints and Catholic Church history, died here at the age of 58.

He had recently returned from the U.S. and had completed his latest historical novel on King David. This book and a newly-finished work on the late Pope Pius XII are scheduled for publication this fall.

Since 1949 Mr. De Wohl divided his time between Switzerland and America where he collaborated in writing for the screen, radio and television.

Times Editor Enters Faith

London — (RNS) — John Walter, co-publisher of the London Times and a namesake of its 18th century founder, was baptized a Catholic here at the age of 88.

Slightly more than a year ago, Mr. Walter was severely injured in a car accident and was not expected to live. During his recovery he began to take instructions in Catholicism, according to an article in the Sunday Express.

Mrs. Walter, whom he married in 1939, also is a convert to Catholicism, as was his mother. Although reluctant to talk about his conversion, Mr. Walter said: "I am very happy about this. I know I have made the right decision."

German Reds Block Entry

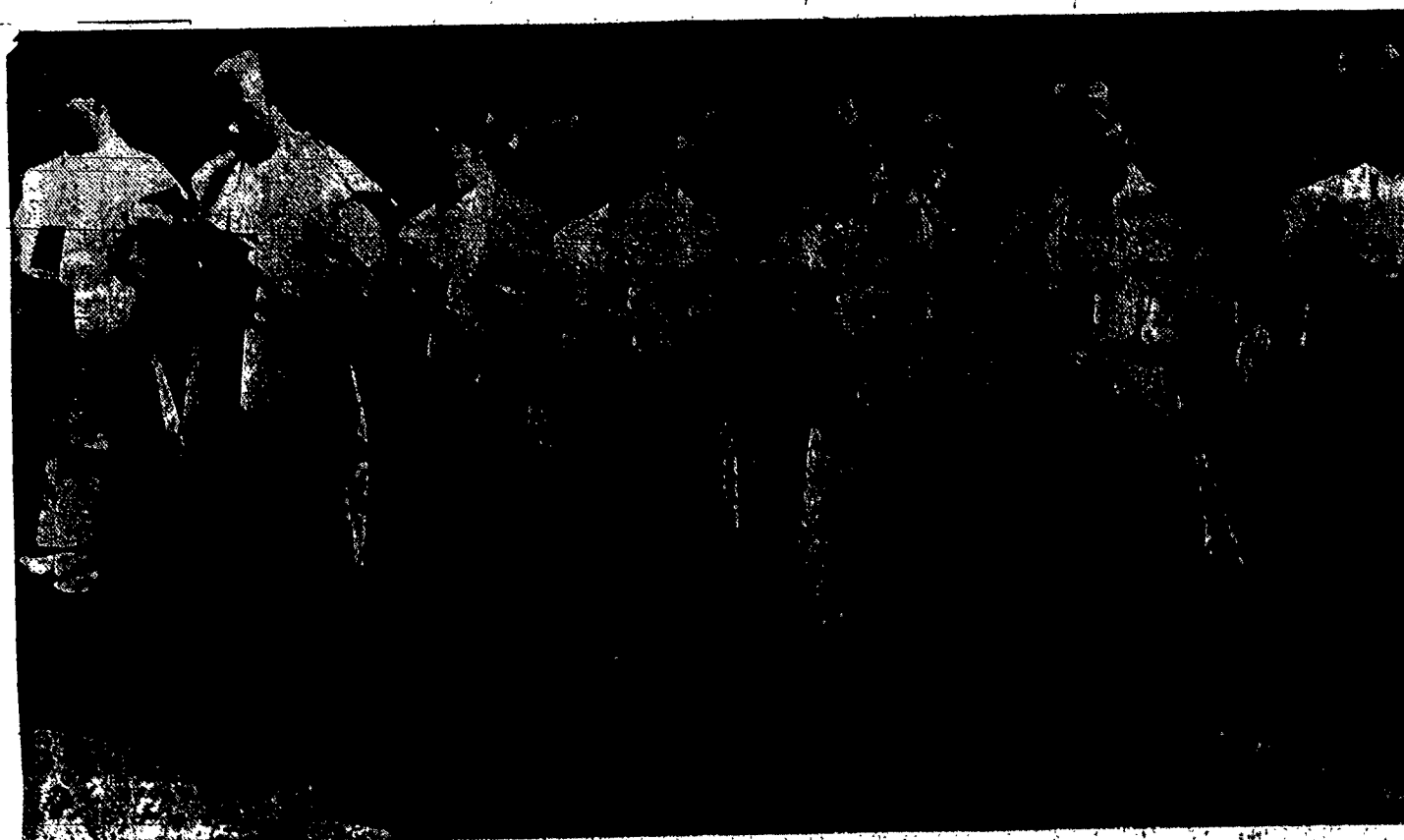
Berlin — (RNS) — East German authorities refused an entry permit to Archbishop Lorenz Jaeger of Paderborn, who had been scheduled to attend celebrations marking the 1,000th anniversary of the city of Halle.

Halle lies in the part of the Paderborn archdiocese located in the Soviet Zone. Archbishop Jaeger, who was himself born in the city, was to have celebrated a special Mass for its 17,500 Catholics.

Cathedral Ordination Ceremony



Bishop Kearney holds his hands aloft to invoke Holy Spirit at ordination ceremony in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Saturday, June 3. In photo below, new priests kneel in sanctuary to offer their first Mass with the Bishop. Their solemn Masses were celebrated in parish churches Sunday morning.



Ouster Of Legislators Protested

Ponce — (NC) — The Bishop of Ponce has charged that the Puerto Rican Legislature's ousting of two Christian Action Party legislators is the result of "monstrous falsehood and grave injustice."

Bishop James E. McManus, C.S.S.R., commented on the Legislature's charge that the CAP Senator and Representative were elected because of "coercion" on Catholic voters by the local Bishops.

"If it is true that the Bishops have violated one of the laws of the Commonwealth, why were they not carried to a court, with an honest trial and declared guilty?" the prelate asked.

In a reference to the number who voted for the two CAP candidates, he asked: "Does the Government have the right to condemn 52,000 citizens for a 'crime' committed by two or three?"

The Bishop's statement was printed in "El Debate," a Catholic-oriented weekly newspaper.

The Christian Action Party was organized in the summer of 1960, with the support of the island's Bishops. The party proclaimed it would defend Christian principles, which it charged were being put aside by the government of this U. S. territory.

Shortly before the November 1960 voting, the Hierarchy issued a series of pastoral letters which forbade Catholics to vote for the Popular Democratic Party, the island's biggest, charging that the party was ignoring Christian principles in dealing with social problems.

They cited the use of tax funds to promote artificial birth control, refusal to support "released time" religious education for public school children and other matters.

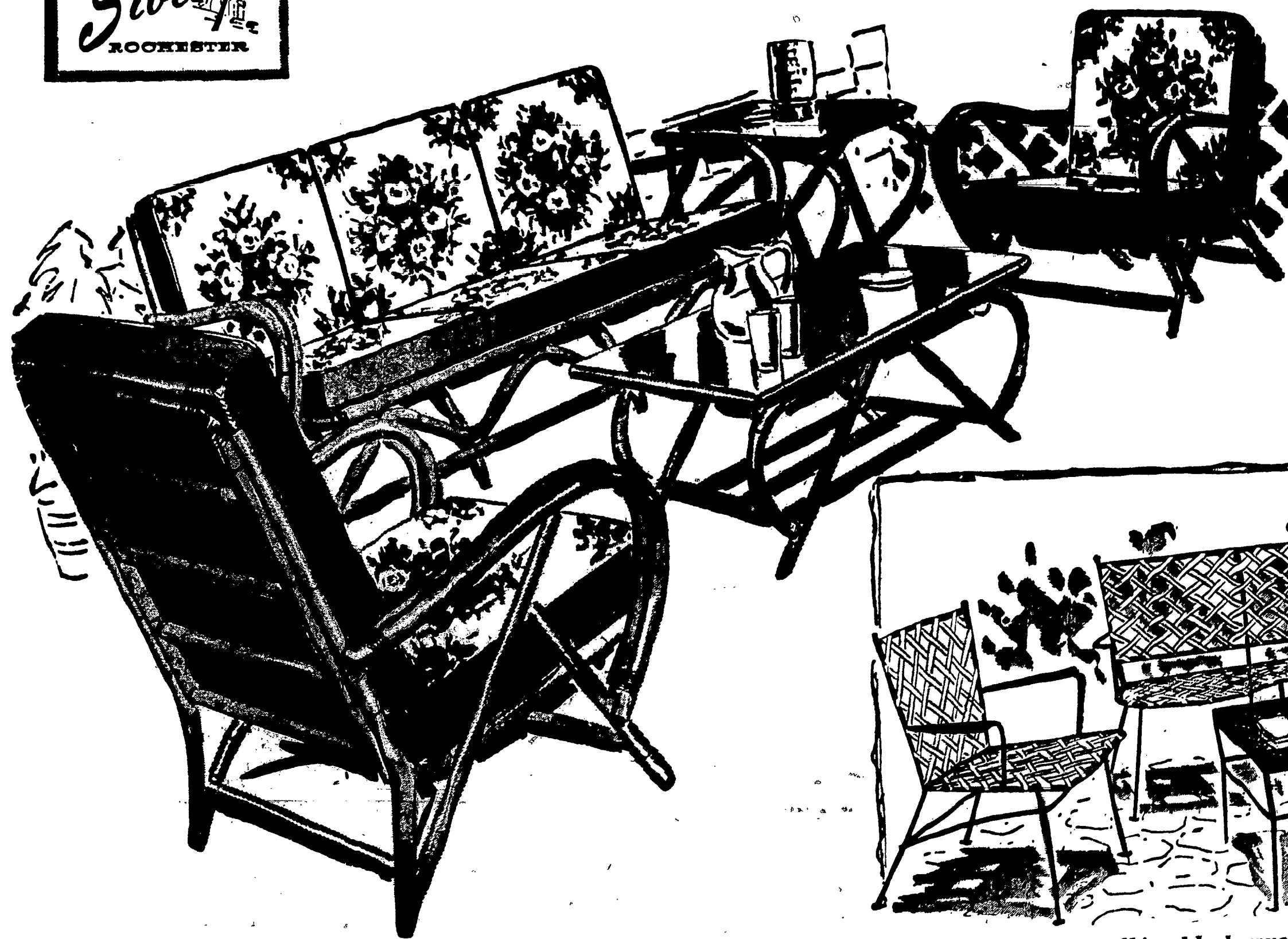
However, the Popular Democrats won the election on this nominally Catholic island. The party is unrelated to mainland Democrats.

Claverites To Meet

New Orleans — (NC) — The 48th annual convention of the Knights of Peter Claver will be held in Washington, D.C., from August 5 to 9, it was announced at the organization's headquarters here.

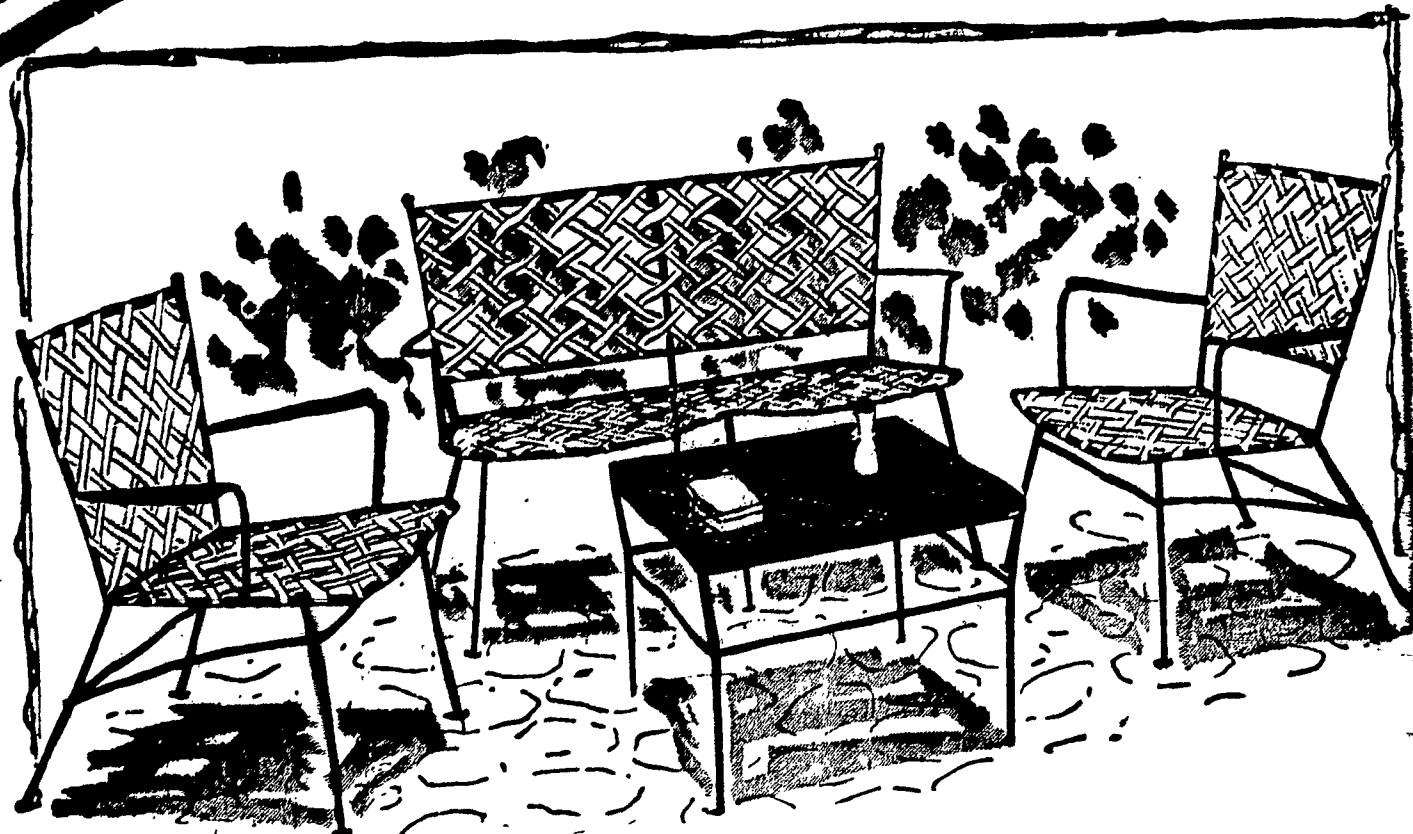


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