

New Crop of Cotton Fashions Blooms in Fall

This was when Labor Day brought an end to the cotton fashion season—but not any more! Instead of writing "finis" to the cotton fashion story, September opens a bright new chapter. At this time, a beautiful new crop of cold-weather cottons is blossoming out for the fall and winter season.

Cotton, thanks to the skill of textile finishers and fashion designers, has developed a new side to its personality in the past few years. First, it changed from a "wallflower" housedress material into a glamorous fabric that travels in the best fashion circles any hour of the day.

Now, cotton has become a four-season gadabout. It is no longer a summer fabric which must go into a period of "hibernation" when cooler weather arrives. Instead, it has developed into a hardy perennial that goes around-the-calendar,

as well as around-the-clock. This year, winter cottons offer a wide variety of textures, colors, and styling. Prominently featured in many designer collections are cotton knits, washable and treated for shrinkage control. Especially popular for sportswear, the knits are made in tweed and novelty weaves, stripes and plaids in colors ranging from smart charcoal to fire engine red.

Cotton tweeds in rich textures and fashionable colors are seen in both suits and dresses. Dark toned tweeds mingle blacks and browns, greys and white, reds and black, blues and black, deep-tan greens and black, and many other interesting combinations. These are cottons with a wintry look, but fabrics which are comfortable in steam-heated offices, classrooms, or theatres.

Cotton suitings in delicate

stripes paisleya in rich, glowing colors; cashmere-like cottons; jacquards; printed and plain corduroys, luxurious velveteens—these are among the cottons that leading designers have picked for their winter collections.

In addition to their good looks, most of these winter cottons have an added asset—wrinkle resistance. Certain chemical finishes applied to the textiles enable them to shed wrinkles and make them easy to care for.

These universally popular winter cottons are being adapted to styles for coed, career girl, sophisticate, and matron. Their range encompasses fashions for many occasions—trim Bermuda shorts, loose jacketed sports ensembles, versatile town or travel suits, and sleek cocktail sheaths.

trance into that body, are in for a disappointment.

The United States will not change its recognition and sponsorship for nationalist China in the U. S. As was the case last year,

the United States will move that the U. N. recognize the Nationalist Chinese Government as the legitimate government of China.

That motion carried last year with only Communist-block nations opposing it. What the Chinese Reds might have accomplished, or might accomplish with conciliatory tactics, is a gain of support from nations which have backed the U.S. position.

But it will take more than this short period of good conduct, on the part of Red China to make the United States and many other nations forget that country's role in the Korean war and its imprisonment of prisoners who were to have been repatriated under terms of the 1953 truce.

The Communists did not live up to the terms of that truce, and their agreement to release military prisoners (which came several months ago) was an admission of a broken pledge. Their agreement to release civilian prisoners is an admission of dictatorial police methods. If Red Chinese leaders thought these releases would temper U. S. opposition to the Communist regime, they were misinformed.

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PLEASANT PAN—Skillet-size mirror reflects Karin Ostman, 22, as the Swedish beauty from the forest province of Haezjedalen basks on the beach at Falsterbo. Some movie scout could cook up a mess of interest over the farm-grown charmer.

Vets' Question Box

Q—I am taking Korean GI farm training, and my monthly GI allowances so far have been reduced twice. Under the new law calling for top allowance rates for the first year, will VA make a retroactive adjustment, paying me the difference between what I received so far and what I would have received under the new system?

A—Under the law, retroactive adjustments will not be made. But, beginning in October, your monthly allowances will be refigured under the new system. You will receive the maximum allowance rate for the rest of your first year in training, after which your checks

will be reduced at four-month intervals.
Q—I am getting a VA pension, and I recently inherited enough money to push my yearly income above the limit set for pensions. Am I supposed to report this fact to the VA?
A—Yes. You should promptly report your additional income, so that VA can discontinue your pension payments. If you do not report it, you may find yourself hard put, later on, to repay a sizeable sum of money to the VA.

Cottonseed Oil Use Hits Record High

Consumption of cottonseed oil reached an all-time high last year, the National Cotton Council reports in a new study of cottonseed and competing vegetable oils.

Total consumption of cottonseed oil in 1954 reached 1.8 billion pounds, an increase of 49 per cent over 1953, the Council figures reveal. Food products accounted for more than 95 per cent of total cottonseed oil used in 1954.

Consumption in each of the three principal outlets for vegetable oils was at peak levels last year. Cot-

tonseed oil made significant gains over 1953 usage in each of these major markets. In shortening and in wintering for salad oils, mayonnaise and related products, cottonseed oil use was the highest on record. In margarine, 1954 cottonseed oil consumption was only five per cent below the record quantity used in 1950.

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One of the reasons the outlook is so rosy is that world conditions are highly favorable to a fast-moving business pace. In both England and Germany the inflation danger is also being faced as demand for goods threatens to exceed the supply.

The situation in the United States has not reached that stage and it is estimated that, except for isolated spots in the economy where demand gets ahead of supply, goods will be available even though demand will be great. But the heavy demand and overseas prosperity could bring about inflation.

Tax cuts next year—now viewed as certain—will hike buying power, and defense cuts are expected to balance the budget. With a balanced budget and general prosperity, a new farm program might put the Eisenhower Administration in an unusually strong election position. And some new approach to the farm program is reported ready for the next session of Congress.

Cuts in the Defense Department's monies in the current fiscal year are now expected to hit the Air Force hardest. It is estimated that the aircraft procurement program may be affected, as a result.

Democrats in Congress, who have annually voiced doubts over the emphasis being placed on air power by the Republican Administration, are sure to seize upon this issue when Congress meets in January.

But the idea in official Washington now is to balance the budget so that fiscal 1956, which ends June 30th, will show the U. S. in the black. Tax cuts are likely to reduce revenues during the whole of fiscal 1956, if they are voted effective as of January 1st by Congress.

The Chinese Communists who hoped that freeing over forty U. S. civilians held in Red China would pry open the door to the United Nations, and perhaps end U. S. opposition to Communist China's en-

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