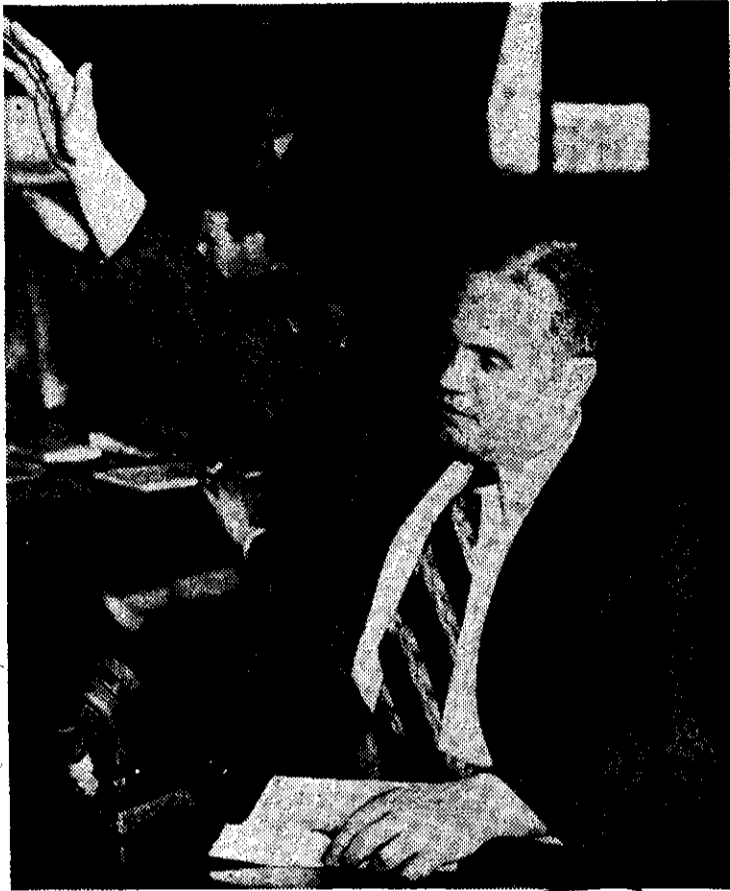


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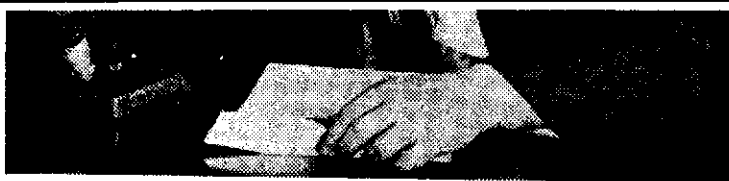
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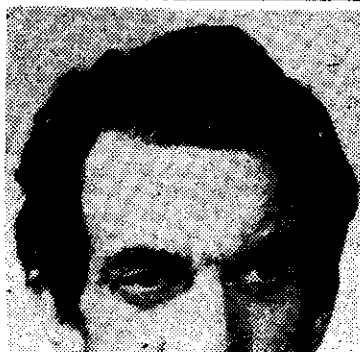
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## Kennedy Twits English Tailors On Long Shirrtails, High Waists

From the Herald Tribune Bureau

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LONDON, May 22.—Joseph P. Kennedy, American Ambassador to the Court of St. James's, stirred up a sartorial hornets' nest by advising the English, in a speech here today, that if they wanted to sell more men's apparel in the United States they should cut several inches off the tails of their shirts and change the waist line on their trousers from the general vicinity of the shoulder blades to the place "where God made it on a man."

The London afternoon newspapers featured on page 1 Mr. Kennedy's sartorial advice to the English on capturing the American market, and the morning press detailed reporters' gleeful reactions from leading London tailors and the like.

"The Daily Mail" will reply by taunting the American Ambassador about the design of his own costumes, writing: "Mr. Kennedy, our experts say your clothes are very English, so we don't take too seriously the criticism you made about our clothes, even though you were speaking as American Ambassador."

Mr. Kennedy's venture into the sartorial field was made in a speech at a luncheon of the American Chamber of Commerce in London. Disclaiming any desire to deliver a

lecture on "what the well dressed Englishman should wear," the Ambassador said:

"I am not attempting to criticize English taste, sartorial or otherwise. Undoubtedly, our friends have a very good reason for making things the way they do. I am merely pointing out some of the features which prevent them from selling more than they do sell in the American market."

"I have a feeling that American men would like these fine English socks if they could get some that didn't come up to their knees. They could also use some shirts if they didn't come down to the same place, not to mention trousers which have the waistline where God made it on a man and not in the general vicinity of the shoulder blades."

A. Holloway, head cutter for one of the largest shirt firms in England, when questioned by a reporter, insisted on interpreting Mr. Kennedy's remarks as applying to English clothes for Englishmen.

"Englishmen," he said, "like something to tuck into their trousers, something to sit on. Mr. Kennedy seems to forget that it is generally much hotter in the States than here. Some American shirts are five inches shorter than ours."

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