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CLOTHES FOR THOSE WITH COUPONS

Clothes, which harassed families seek and cannot buy provide Britain's talking point of the week. Cameras (probing reports of bulging warehouses and scarcity in shops) reveal that higher output has piled up clothing in the nation's stores. To the ever growing idle stocks is added much rejected by discriminating shoppers. And fashion, ever unsympathetic to the plans of men, has also had a hand in the glut. As housewives with coupon books the worse for wear, demand explanations, the Trade announces that between 50 to 60 million pounds of stock fills the warehouses. A check of retailers' coupon holdings shows that they have not the means to buy the warehouse stocks. Early in the battle a question is put to Secretary Cayes of the Wholesale Textile Association.....

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Meeting the outcry at the week's end, Board of Trade's Harold Wilson relents and grants a welcome summer clothing bonus.

Sheets and towels are said to remain scarce, but shoes and utility clothes are eased, and raincoats are downpointed in anticipation of an English summer.

There's just one more thing needed to clear the glut - coupons.

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INTERVIEW WITH MR. CAVES

John Parsons

"And what do you think is the answer to the glut Mr. Caves?"

Mr. Caves

"I think the answer to the glut is ~~might~~ either a) the Government should give a bonus issue of coupons to the public or b) they should take off the ration many items that could well be taken off and downpoint garments by at least one third."