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Damage occurred as a result of the occupation of the Federal Republic of Germany and of West Berlin.

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Applications for compensation must be submitted, *before the 3rd June, 1956,* direct to the appropriate German authorities (" Amt für Verteidigungslasten — ehemals Besatzungskostenamt ") of the locality where the damage occurred.

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If this has not already been done, the damage will have to be notified *before the 1st July, 1956,* to the appropriate Belgian authorities ("Direction provinciale des dommages de guerre") of the locality where it occurred. This notification, which must be in writing, need only indicate the date and the nature of the damage. The Belgian authorities will then send the necessary forms to the applicant, with instructions how to complete them. This obligation to notify war damage applies also to all those who have already completed forms at the request of the Federal Political Department, since these latter forms were intended only for internal Swiss administrative purposes and cannot be passed on to the Belgian authorities.

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The addresses of the different Belgian provincial offices to whom applications for compensation should be submitted are (enquiries may also be addressed to them): *Anvers*: Frankrijklei, 71, Anvers. *Brabant*: rue de la Loi, 35, Brussels. *Flandre occidentale*: Reynaertstraat, 2, Kortrijk. *Flandre orientale*: Sint-Pietersaalststraat, 60, Gand. *Hainaut*: rue des Déportés, 18, Mons. *Liège*: rue Beeckmans, 53, Liège. *Limbourg*: Witte Nonnenstraat, 6, Hasselt. *Luxembourg*: "Clos des Seigneurs" à Neufchâteau. *Namur*: av. de Stassart, 10, Namur.

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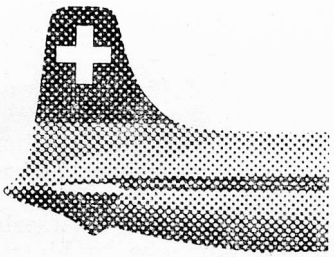

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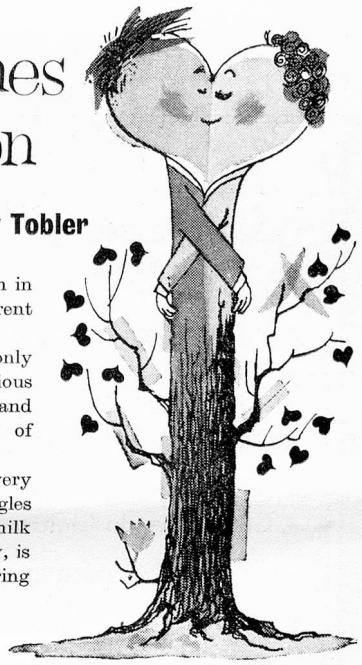

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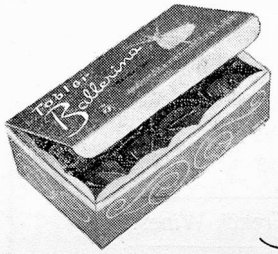

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