

Overcoats Return To Prominence in Menswear Styling

Fall 1963 will probably mark the season that overcoats made their big comeback amidst the best styled overcoats of the last two decades.

With the advent of the fall equinox, says the American Institute of Men's and Boys' Wear, men will cast an appraising eye at the new autumn topcoats. With the memory of last year's bone-chilling winter still fresh in mind, they will also show great interest in the new cold-weather overcoats that have been handsomely styled to provide welcome warmth.

Viewed from a purely rational position, there is no single overcoat that can meet the needs for protection in merely chilly weather, ordinarily cold weather and those many blastingly bitter days of winter.

FOR THOSE first chilly days, an ordinary topcoat—weight is fine. It can be given an added modicum of warmth via a zip-in liner as the thermometer drops. But, when it gets really cold, nothing can take the place of a good, "new-fashioned" warm overcoat.

The overcoat, once thought of as being confined to the wardrobes of mature men, has been restyled to become a favorite of young men, too.

Styling that reaches from dressy semi-chesterfield models to sporty pile-lined and pile-trimmed coats includes both single- and double-breasted incorporating streamlined features of classic ulsters, smart British-type Short Warrants and above-the-knee-length casuals.

THE LININGS of many of the new overcoats provide as much interest as their handsome exteriors. Colorful wool plaids, "fancy-backs" with bold tartans woven to the backs of sedately colored blues, blacks and grays, lightweight but warm pile fabrics, real shearlings and furs all add to both eye appeal and comfort.

In the early season topcoatings, look for an upswing in medium tones led by the burgeoning camel hairs and camel tones.

Bold checks and plaids, distinct herringbones and muted but colorful tweeds, chevrons and shetlands are among the handsomest of the new cloths.

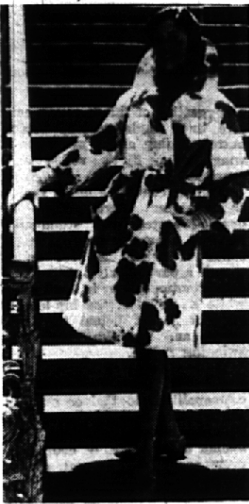
DOUBLE-BREADED polo coats, traditional fly-fronts, casual balmacaans, comfortable split-

raglans and fitted town coats are but some of the new topcoat styles.

Natural-shoulder fans will show added interest in the updated covert cloths. Wearers of contemporary styles will go for the light gray sharkskin topcoats in suiting weight fabrics, glistening mohair blends and fancy silweaves.



GENTLEMAN'S STYLING for town wear is this medium gray herringbone topcoat. Its tailored shoulder line is accented by the button-through closure, sleeve cuff detailing and flap pockets.



Best in Show

Pony girl—wearing wrap coat in plush pony print. A separate lining of orlon pile adds more styling and extra warmth. You can belt it or no, as the mood strikes you. Colors are black and white or palomino and white, in junior sizes 5-15.

Sportswear Variety

In this day and age of the great popularity of sportswear, it is possible to buy a knitted shirt in any one of almost 50 distinct and different shades. Until recently, you had to take almost "pot luck" if you wanted to match up sport socks with your shirts. But now the hosiery manufacturers, and those sport shirt firms making socks, have also widened their color range—and, if you, take a bit of time and care, you can own matching shirts-and-socks in almost any color of the rainbow.

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Italian Knit

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Sport Coats

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