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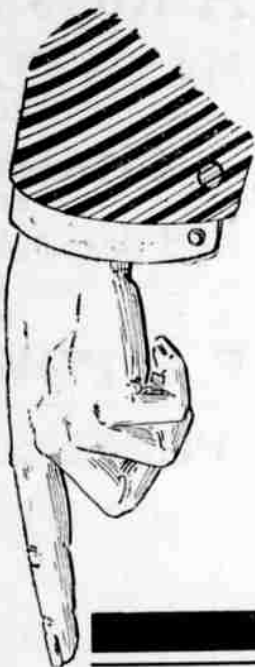
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Feeding Soviet Russia Is Problem

By PATRICK QUINLAN
NEW YORK, April 14.—The problem of feeding Russia has always been a complex one for several obvious reasons. First the vast expanse of Russia and Siberia forms the largest single territorial unit in the world; secondly, there are about 170 million people to provide for in this immense stretch of land, reaching from Vladivostok to Petrograd, and from the Arctic to the Caspian sea. Thus, there is an area of approximately six and one half million square miles to be supplied with food and foodstuffs. During the reign of the Czar, when industry and railroads were presumably in good condition, whole sections were frequently reduced to starvation and under-feeding proved almost as national as feeding became almost as universal as the national samovar.

It is no cause for wonder then, that with the breakdown of the industrial system and the distribution of the railways as a result of the revolution, the problem should be aggravated a thousandfold. Not to mention the Allied blockade and the foreign wars. The Soviet government has met this difficult problem in a sane and practical way. It created a central bureau for the equal distribution of the food supply on hand. This bureau is known as the Supreme Economic Council and is assisted by local councils all over the country. The Supreme Economic Council is directed by Professor Milutinov, the well known economist, and this body has first preference in the avenues and channels of distribution including transportation. Since peace has been declared with Poland, this department in the Soviet government is considered the most important and is given the right of way. In this way 170 million persons, with the exception of the small peasant farmer, who retains a sufficient amount of oats and wheat to feed himself, and his family, are fed each day.

Every ounce of food is distributed by card. The single ration or pike, as it is called, consists of a pound and a half of bread, a portion of fish or meat and tea. The system has now been perfected to such an extent that the most ignorant peasant, who in many instances might have doubted the efficiency of the Soviet system, has become convinced after recollecting the poverty stricken conditions under the Czar's regime that the new form of government is quite equitable.

The headquarters of the Supreme Economic Council is in Moscow and employs 25,000 persons in that city alone; the total number of employees all over the country being near the million mark. The Council has now adopted the simplest method of distribution possible. Surveys of the food on hand and made with the utmost exactness and then, when the fall harvest has been estimated, it is doled out on a basis of population all over the country. Making due allowances for the government's lack of experience, and the decentralization of the arteries of distribution, the Soviet government has succeeded admirably in feeding the people of Russia. What is notable about this is the astonishing fact that never before in the long history of Russia, has every element been fed. To be sure the feeding is inadequate and is far from meeting the needs of the people, but there is no actual starvation. Mothers with babies at the breast, receive a special allowance, as do all children, for the Soviet government holds that the future of Russia lies with the children. It is interesting to note that while the upper and lower classes in Germany are well fed, the laboring population is on the verge of starvation. But in Russia, there is absolutely no discrimination.

Certainly the system as I saw it at work is by no means free from minor abuses as well as the intricacies of Red tape. But, on the whole it does the necessary work admirably. In Moscow I watched the food distributing agency perform its offices with remarkable efficiency. Professor Milutinov showed me through the departmental offices and warehouses and outlined the machinery of distribution to me. In addition to a central warehouse there is a large number of small shops or smaller distributing points throughout the city. At these shops each day, I beheld long queues of people waiting in turn for their ration of food. The former aristocrats stood next to the industrial workers; the former lady of fashion gossiped familiarly with the laborer's wife or children about the quality of the meat or fish doled out that day.

At the shops, tea is served at stated hours and the government workers are often fed at their desks when the work is heavy or urgent. The government staffs eat in their hotels or at the Kremlin, if they happen to be employed there. Officials of the government are treated no better in this regard than the workmen. Lenin and Trotsky eat at the Kremlin, for example, but they partake of the same food as the remote peasant in the district of Samara. Some speculation flourished here and there but this is unavoidable and while the government of the whole does not wish to deal too severely with these offenders, it can be said that the government is doing its best to feed the people.

If the present form of government survives in Russia, no small part of its continuance, I believe, will be directly due to efficiency and organization of the Supreme Economic Council, which has undertaken, despite the discouraging blockade, the almost impossible task of rationing food to 170 million people.

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Chimneys lean toward the east. A little observation anywhere will prove this. Even the best-built affair of brick and mortar, acquiring age, often begins to lean. Various theories are advanced, but the explanation of alternate wetting and drying seems the best.

Chimney walls collect more or less moisture during the night, on all sides. Now, if the broad side of the chimney is toward the east, and if the sun strikes that part of the chimney first, that side dries out much quicker than the north or south side, or the western side. In time of rainfall, the east side ordinarily is dried the quickest. This general condition has the effect of pulling the chimney toward the east.

Explains Earth's Origin.

Astronomy teaches some strange things, and none more strange than that the origin of the earth, is itself but a speck in a system that in turn is but a speck in the whole. It is believed, and there seems to be abundant scientific proof of the theory, that the origin of a system such as ours is a mist of cosmic dust that is born of a nebula, the latter being what happens when enough of the dust is joined in a vast whirling mass. The young star contracts so rapidly that it is soon white hot and of dazzling light, such as Sirius. As it cools the vapors of calcium and iron appear, and it becomes yellow. Our sun is such a star, and another is Arcturus. Still later it turns red, such as Mira, and in time, billions of years, it will die altogether.

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