

Russia, by Trade Pacts, Not Putting Straight-Jacket on Middle Europe, Experts Say

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WASHINGTON—Russian trade treaties with her five western neighbors—Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria—look on the surface like a Soviet drive to shut Middle Europe's gates to trade with the west.

In general the five nations have agreed to ship to Russia so much goods that little if any is left to sell to other nations.

But government trade experts say worry is premature, that Russia is not forcing Middle Europe into a straight-jacket and that even if she were attempting to it wouldn't stick.

And, say the experts, if freer world trade is to be achieved, there are two other trouble spots to watch: The British dollar pool and South America. U. S. experts are keeping an eye on all areas because this nation has taken the lead in forming a world trade organization that would cut all trade restrictions.

Here's what's known—but only unofficially—of the Russian treaties:

Romania and Hungary are shipping Russia goods on three accounts—reparations, payment for damage done in Russia, and payment for goods they're now buying from Russia. They also supply Russian occupation troops. Bulgaria is in the same boat except her reparations are scheduled for Greece and Yugoslavia.

Poland and Czechoslovakia, who were on the Allied side in the war, are merely shipping to Russia enough goods to pay for what they get in return. Russia has left both surpluses that can be sold elsewhere. Poland is now shipping coal, the only thing she has to sell, to Western European nations. Czechoslovakia has been active in the U. S. market all year.

Even the ex-Axis states are planning business deals here. Bulgaria has a trade mission here now, and shortly a Romanian delegation will arrive, presumably with Russian consent.

The Goods Involved
Here are the commodities being swapped:

Russia is shipping iron, coke, copper and cotton to Romania and Hungary, and raw rubber, trucks and tractors, as well, to Hungary. She is meeting U. S. prices on trucks and selling under the U. S. price on cotton.

In return Russia is getting oil, cement and textiles from Romania; oil and cement from Hungary; farm products from Bulgaria; coal from Poland, and manufactured goods from Czechoslovakia.

There's no certainty, but trade experts here figure the business

may amount to about \$200 millions a year.

Russia seems to be driving toward taking over the machinery business Germany lost in Middle Europe. But right here, experts say, Russia would fail to keep her neighbors in a trade straight-jacket if that were her objective. She can't possibly produce machines fast enough for the whole area, these men say, and will have to OK says to the West so Middle Europe can buy machines elsewhere.

The Latin Problem

In South America trade worries are different. The nations have plenty of American dollars to spend here, but every South American government controls the manner in which they're spent. Importers have to get government approval to buy American dollars. That control can be, and has been, used for political purposes.

For example, an Argentinian importer wants to buy American trucks. But he may be given only Russian rubles and British pounds so that he would have to buy Russian and British trucks. The U. S. is driving for a world trade policy that would leave buyers anywhere free to purchase the best product at the lowest price.

Some South American countries, in addition, are considering a series of new tariffs to protect their war-born industries against manufactured goods from other nations—a move that could cut American sales markedly.

The British dollar pool has cut American sales abroad in this manner—Nations in the Commonwealth now turn over all the American dollars they get to a common British pool, leaving them often with plenty of British pounds to buy British products but too few American dollars to buy here. If the U. S. loan to Britain is okayed, that war-time device will be stopped.

There is further worry about the nations which are nationalizing some of their industries—Great Britain, France, Poland, Czechoslovakia and the rest.

When the government owns an industry, it does the selling and the buying. State Department experts point out that in such cases the governments could stop trade suddenly with some nation for political reasons. That trend the U. S. wants to stop.

Unbeaten Monarch Club to Face Vets Facility Team

Softball fans will have a chance to see a highly rated team from the Veterans Hospital make its first appearance in the City League tonight when the Vets meet the undefeated Monarch Club. The second game will be between the Elks and the Pastime Tavern of Sutherlin.

Led by Moundsman Duke Denison, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the majority of the lineup have had considerable diamond experience and the batting average for the team has been exceptionally high in practice games, 1st Lt. Timmerman, coach and manager, said today. Denison was named on the University of Oregon All-Star inter-mural softball team while enrolled there in May.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Elks, fresh from a victory over the Rainbow Grill, vie with the Pastime Tavern of Sutherlin. Sutherlin held second place in the City League at the end of the first-half of summer play. Both of these teams have made several shifts in lineups and boast all-around improvements.

The new game time for the second-half of the tournament is 7:00 P. M. Ed Wyatt, league manager said, at the Roseburg high school, next to the Senior High School. There will be no game next Friday evening due to July 4th and weekend festivities.

Vital Statistics

BORN

VAN ALLEN—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Van Allen, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Saturday, June 29, a daughter, Pamela Jane; weight seven pounds eight ounces.

HULT—To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hult, Oakland, at Mercy hospital, Sunday, June 30, a daughter, Melody Ann; weight seven pounds one ounce.

FINCHEM—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Finchem, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Saturday, June 29, a son, Thomas Franklin III; weight seven pounds twelve ounces.

MOHR—To Mr. and Mrs. William Mohr, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Saturday, June 29, a son, William Michael; weight eight pounds seven ounces.

BROADWATER—To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Broadwater, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Friday, June 21, a daughter, Mary Lou; weight seven pounds thirteen ounces.

SMITH—To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith, Sutherlin, at Mercy hospital, Sunday, June 23, a daughter, Vicki Lynn; weight seven pounds four ounces.

DE GROOT—To Mr. and Mrs.

John ReGroot, Glendale, at Mercy hospital, Thursday, June 20, a son, John; weight eight pounds nine ounces.

MC GINTY—To Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McGinty, Sutherlin, at Mercy hospital, Wednesday, June 19, a daughter, Patricia Anita; weight six pounds seven ounces.

WILEY—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lawrence Wiley, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Saturday, June 22, a son, Ralph Lawrence, Jr.; weight nine pounds eight ounces.

LARSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Larson Riddle, at Mercy hospital, Saturday, June 22, a son, Earl Michael; weight eight pounds.

THOMAS—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas, Sutherlin, at Mercy hospital, Sunday, June 23, a daughter, Marta Lu; weight six pounds.

WHITE—To Mr. and Mrs. Leon White, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Friday, May 31, a daughter, Patricia Lorraine; weight eight pounds.

RUDZIK—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Rudzik, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Tuesday, May 27, a daughter, Penny Bell; weight six pounds eight ounces.

LEE—To Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lee, Roseburg, at Mercy hospital, Thursday, June 27, a daughter, Susan Hae; weight five pounds six ounces.

Divorce Complaint
NEIS—Walter F. from Goldie Lee Neis; married at Olathe, Kas., Sept. 26, 1937; cruelty.

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Week's Recreation Program Listed

The Roseburg Recreation program has scheduled the following activities for the week of July 1 to 7, to be held at the Armory unless otherwise designated:

Tuesday—5:30, Roseburg baseball practice, Senior High; 10:00 baseball school for small boys at Rose School; 7:15, men's softball doubleheader.

Thursday—Baseball game at Klamath Falls; 10:00 water pageant and events at swimming beach; selection of Mermaid Queen and Nymphs; Junior Legion baseball.

Friday—Baseball game at Klamath Falls; 7:15 men's softball doubleheader. Sunday—Umpqua Chiefs vs. Grants Pass at Finley Field. Playground at Rose School open.

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