

Last, Best Hope of Peace Consists Of Odds Against Soviet Union

By JAMES THRASHER

The last, best hope of peace is the odds stacked against the Soviet Union. Its rulers must see them, though their increasingly menacing words and actions might indicate otherwise.

Even if they are bluffing they are still using an explosive policy that risks war. Since they continue to add explosives to that policy and to shorten the fuse, they are evidently willing to take the risk. If, on the other hand, the billions want another global conflict, they must be aware of the chances they are taking.

First, and probably least important, they risk ideological defeat. One foundation stone of Communism is the doctrine that capitalism is a decadent system that contains the seeds of its own destruction. Marxism, conversely, is advertised as the ultimate in equality, justice and happiness.

Why, then, would Communism have to launch a wholesale slaughter to prove its point, when it has had 30 years in which to show its superiority? And why particularly would it have to spend blood and treasure to destroy something which Communism says is doomed by its very nature to destruction?

War might bring the greater danger of an economic collapse in Russia. The Soviet Union is not on a productive par with the United States, and never has been. Apparently it is only now approaching its prewar level of

production after the serious setback of the Nazi invasion.

Perhaps the Russian leaders are counting on a blitz invasion and conquest of Europe. But they might be taking a long chance to bank on Europe's meeting the bulk of their needs in a large-scale, long-term war.

Europe today is not Europe of 1939. The western countries, of course, have also suffered economically. In the event of Russian occupation there would certainly be persistent sabotage. The unwelcome conquerors' task of arming and feeding themselves from a defeated, defiant Europe would probably take a policing job that would divert large forces from military operation.

People Don't Want War
The Kremlin must also have considered the possibility of disloyalty and desertion in its own armies. By all logic, and by all reports of Americans who have talked to them, the Russian people do not want war.

Finally, the Russian leaders must realize, after two world wars, that the bigger the war and the bigger the stake, the less chance there is of a clear-cut victory. Even if they conquered half the world, they would gain more trouble than power. Eventually the task of regimenting and intimidating those conquered and hostile lands would surely be too much for them.

But there is no assurance that Russia could conquer half the world, or even retain its present conquests. The Russian leaders must have thought of that, too. For all their twisted mentalities and their provincial backgrounds, they must have thought of it very seriously. They must know, unless their self-deception amounts to insanity, that the fruits of victory would be bitter and the consequences of defeat would be disastrous.

STEEL BRIDGE STOLEN

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Oct. 8. (AP)—A Livingston county 30-foot steel bridge has been stolen. John Slatery, county highway engineer, said the thieves ripped off the bridge flooring, tossed it into the stream, then used a cutting torch to dismantle the steel beams.

The steel was hauled away. The bridge was on a moderately-used road, but no one saw the thieves.

'Hasn't Had Time' to Raise His Prices



William Ray, who still charges 15 cents for a haircut, hasn't "had time to raise my prices—my business keeps me too busy." Ray, 80, runs this tiny one-chair shop in Lowell, O., and established the 15-cent haircut, 10-cent shave prices back in 1890.

Vishinsky Bites as Bevin Blasts



Soviet delegate to the United Nations General Assembly in Paris, Andrei Vishinsky (right), bites his nails as British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin (left) charges that Russia will be solely responsible if atomic war engulfs the world. A few moments later Vishinsky stalked from the Assembly chamber in apparent anger.

U. S., British Ships Held by Reds Until Italy Forks Over

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (AP)—Russia is holding up return of 12 warships to Britain and the United States until Italy hands over the Soviet share of the Italian fleet.

Government officials who said this added that Russia legally can continue using these vessels, loaned her in 1944, until Italy has complied with peace treaty provisions.

Eleven of the warships are British. The other is the 25-year-old U. S. cruiser Milwaukee. The British vessels include the battleship Royal Sovereign, seven destroyers and three submarines. Russia's right to keep these British-American warships was spelled out in a naval protocol signed in Paris February 10, 1947. This divided up the Italian fleet among the victorious allies.

ROME, Oct. 8. (AP)—An Italian foreign office spokesman said yesterday direct Russian-Italian

negotiations on naval war booty due the Soviet Union from Italy have broken down. He said the matter has been referred to the Allied Naval Commission in Rome.

The spokesman said the Soviet Union made a fresh demand this week for delivery of 33 ships due Russia. Under the peace treaty, 97 Italian ships were to go to Russia, France, Yugoslavia and Greece. The United States and Britain renounced their shares.

The spokesman said the Russians in direct talks have refused to take the label "war booty" off the Italian ships or to make their demands correspond to the damage inflicted by the Italian Navy on the Soviet Navy.

MAGNIFYING THE TRUTH
PITTSBURGH—(AP)—The stubble beard on a man's face 1 1/2 hours after shaving would stand out like tree stumps on a putting green when viewed with a new device. The device is a surface analyzer that magnifies surface roughness 40,000 times.

It's one of the instruments in a Westinghouse Electric Corp. laboratory to find better ways of electricity coating steel with other metals like nickel, silver, chromium or copper. Another gauge can check the thickness of plated coatings one-fiftieth the width of a human hair.

New Liquor Service Act Passes First Court Test

PORTLAND, Oct. 8. (AP)—Orval Eaton, Astoria, was named chairman of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission yesterday as Adm. Thomas L. Gatch, USN, (ret.), officially took office as a member.

The former chairman, Joseph Freck, Portland, was ousted by Gov. John H. Hall. The third member of the commission, Harry D. Bolvin, Klamath Falls, nominated Eaton for the chairmanship.

At the same time yesterday the state's liquor service law, passed by the 1945 legislature, survived what the district attorney's office said was its first test in court.

Mrs. Lee Smith, waitress at the Blackstone Club, Portland, was found guilty of serving alcoholic drinks in an unlicensed club. Arthur G. Higgs, deputy district attorney, said there had been similar cases in the past, but guilty pleas were entered before they went to the jury.

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New England Happy Hunting Area For Bachelor Looking for Wife

By HAL BOYLE

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP)—A chief industrial problem in this old New England textile capital is the refusal of men to do "women's work."

It is also a leading cause of male unemployment.

This is a happy hunting ground for a bachelor looking for a wife. He can pick and choose. For women outnumber men by a twelve-to-eleven margin, a ratio of the sexes opposite to that in western sections of the country.

One reason is the heavy concentration of women in garment industries here. A number of plant owners as well as union officials would like to break up this concentration. But so far they've met with little success.

"The owners originally brought in women because they worked for lower wages," said one man familiar with the industry's problems.

"But now they would like to get more men. They've found men are more stable workers. And the union leaders want the men, too, because they feel men make better union members."

But many men hereabouts just won't go to work at the machines which turn out large quantities of the nation's dresses, pajamas and lingerie. They feel it is "sissy work" and dislike jobs in factories where a majority of their co-workers are women.

This is largely a local prejudice, arising from local tradition, because most of the workers in other American garment centers—such as New York City—are men.

"We recently tried a test experiment with 50 veterans to get them to take up garment work," a prominent citizen told me. "It hasn't worked out too well, but we're going to keep trying."

Diversification Comes

Like many New England communities, Fall River is seeking to avoid the economic mistake it made in the past of putting all its eggs in one basket—the textile business.

At one time this area was the world's leading producer of textiles. It was as dependent on weaving cotton as the old South was on growing cotton.

But its markets, bolstered by the First World War, collapsed in 1927-28 in the face of ruinous competition from more cheaply produced cloth manufactured in the Southern States and Japan.

"We lost 50 per cent of our textile business over a ten-year period," one man said.

Now more and more of Fall River has gone in for diversification. New small industries manufacturing other products have moved into the great mills that long stood empty. The city now has a growing oil storage terminal, a rubber plant, and factories that turn out specialized and quality cloth goods.

What is true here is true in other Northeastern cities.

Even in the blackest period of the depression the population—115,000 to 120,000—remained fairly stable. The New Englander has learned—a century after his forebears rushed to California for the gold so few ever found—that prosperity begins at home, if you have the courage to try new ways.

Instruction School Set For Vets Hospital Aides

School of instruction for persons who wish to volunteer their services at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital.

ans Hospital will be held under auspices of the American Legion Oct. 19, 20, and 21, from 1 to 4 p. m., each day. It was reported by Mrs. Violet Hannon, Legion hospital worker.

Volunteers are asked to give an hour a week, or to serve at least twice a month. Mrs. Hannon said. They may call 731 for more information on the Legion's program at the hospital.

Assistance given to patients by such volunteer workers includes reading aloud to them, writing letters for them, playing games, shopping for them, and "any other activity to make their stay in the hospital more comfortable and cheerful."

Mrs. Hannon added that the American Legion and the patients will be "most grateful to any volunteers for any help they may render" in the program.

The American nickel is usually 75 per cent copper and 25 per cent nickel.

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