

Russian Explanation Of Scientific Claims Is Major Invention Of All

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Soviet propagandists, who have laid claim to all those inventions on behalf of their countrymen, have at last invented something themselves. It is an explanation of why so many discoveries have credited to non-Russians like Edison and the Wright brothers. The Navy publication Red Fleet explains it thus:

"The struggle for priority in capitalist countries merges into a struggle to ascribe as many scientific discoveries as possible to the scholars of one's own nationality and race at the expense of other nationalities and races. The more rapacious and piratical the imperialism of the given country, the more insolent and crude is the 'spiritual expansion' of its historians of science."

There you have it, neat as a mathematical formula. False claims of achievement for a country's scientists are in direct proportion to the imperialistic ambitions of a country's government. Silly as that sounds, the propagandists must have thought it necessary to come up with some story. For a lot of Russians probably have wondered how it was, even if their propagandists spoke the truth, that this wrong impression about electric lights and airplanes and such had been so persistent for so many years.

Now it's all clear. The discrepancy fits right in with the west's pattern of "imperialism." Further, the western countries had been telling these imperialistic lies for a couple of hundred years.

But it may be that a few of the more logical-minded Russians are still wondering why they read the honor roll of their unsung inventors. There was the remarkable Lomonosov, for instance. According to Soviet propaganda, he discovered the secrets of atomic energy and cosmic rays and also made a clockwork model of a helicopter back in the 1750s.

It was Ivan Polzunov, not James Watt, who invented the steam engine. Russians gave the world the caterpillar tractor before 1850, and several types of tractor motors in the second half of the 19th century. One Ladygin beat Edison on the electric light by six years. A. S. Popov

was sending and receiving radio messages before Marconi. And so on.

Some Pointed Questions
Reading these claims and perhaps believing them, the logical-minded Russian must wonder why it was that other countries not only took these discoveries but also developed them. Czarist Russia, he knows, was bad. But how could this scientific progress have flourished in the monarchomony capitalist countries, which he knows were just as bad?

And why is it that none of these wonderful Russian achievements were made after the revolution? Assuming the genius of Russian scientists, our logical-minded friend may ask why this genius, growing in the ideal soil of communism, has not produced a bumper crop of inventions. Why didn't some of his Soviet comrades come forth with such things as radar, synthetic rubber, nylon, the jet plane and the atomic bomb?

Even after all the propagandists' explanations, our Russian might be forgiven for wondering if there was some flaw in their picture of his best of all possible governments surrounded by the worst of all possible imperialistic aggression.

Olympia, Beaten Derby Favorite, Quits Preakness

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 9.—(AP)—Olympia will not start in the Preakness at Baltimore Saturday.

His trainer, Ivan Parke, said the favorite that finished sixth in last Saturday's Kentucky Derby will be flown to New York instead.

Meantime, crafty old Ben Jones, the Missourian who trained Ponder, the surprise Derby winner, got ready to take his latest pride and joy to Baltimore for a crack at the \$75,000 added Preakness.

The Calumet farm colt trimmed 13 rivals in the diamond jubilee derby including the heavily favored Olympia.

Ponder paid \$34,000 in winning the 75th running of the \$100,000 added derby event. Capot was second and Palestinian third.

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Suspect Arson in Hollywood Race Track Blaze



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Baby Orphaned by Bomb-Blast



Nurse comforts 10-month-old baby of Russell Martin, 21, of Mineral City, Ohio, who killed himself and his estranged wife, Gladys, 16, when he set off a homemade bomb while talking to his wife at his home. The baby, being fed just inside the doorway, suffered lacerations and powder burns.

Daniels Declines Navy Secretary Job, Report

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—Friends of Jonathan Daniels said today he has declined the post of Secretary of the Navy.

They said Daniels, editor of the Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer, reached that decision after a weekend conference with Secretary of Defense Truman.

President Truman previously had said Daniels was under consideration to succeed John L. Sullivan, who resigned in a huff after Johnson ordered work halted on the Navy's projected super-carrier.

Daniels had been mentioned for the Navy spot even before Sullivan quit. His father, the late Josephus Daniels, was Secretary of the Navy during World War I.

Cheaper Or Costlier?
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Curtain Remedy
When curtains are narrow as well as short, they can sometimes be adjusted by adding a ruffle.

Beating Foiled At Picketed Plant

PORTLAND, May 9.—(AP)—Two men were sought today in the attempted beating of the manager of a lithographing plant which has been picketed for the last five weeks.

Police said George W. Evans, production manager of the Buskirk Company plant, was dragged from the doorway of his home Saturday night, and set upon by two men.

Arthur J. Markewitz, general manager of the company, who was visiting Evans at the time, came to the rescue and drove off the two assailants.

Markewitz told police he recognized one of the men as a member of the CIO Lithographers Union, which has been picketing the plant. The union president, James Lowman, however, said that he doubted that the attackers were members of his union.

Lowman, emphasizing that all union members had been warned against any violence, launched an investigation of his own. "We are checking on the activities of each of our members at the time of the alleged attack," he said. "So far, like the police, we have not found any evidence of foul play."

Boy Honors Law Despite Death Of His Accuser

PULLMAN, Wash., May 9.—It's the spirit of the law that counts with Carl A. Jacky Jr. Jacky, a Washington State College student, was cited for speeding on the Friday before Easter by Deputy Sheriff Gilbert Gallagher.

On Easter, Gallagher was killed in a gun battle that took four lives.

When Jacky appeared in police court later, he said his lawyer had advised him that since the complaining witness was no longer alive, he could not be charged. That is the letter of the law.

But before Jacky left, he wrote a check for \$10 to the Easter tragedy fund. In the corner, he noted, "For the Gallagher family."

Stair Climbing
Walking upstairs requires energy exceeding by 150 per cent the energy required to saw wood. Stair climbing also makes swimming and running seem almost effortless.

For Future Historians
Scientists have sealed up eight "time vaults" since 1931. The vaults contain documents of modern times to be used by future civilizations thousands of years from now.

Conservative Baptist Group Names Pastor



Dr. E. B. Luther, above, is to serve as the first full-time pastor of the Conservative Baptist Church of Roseburg.

Dr. Luther, who has been pastor of the Baptist Church at Albany for the past 10 years, will take over the Roseburg pulpit July 1. Prior to his work at Albany, he served the Baptist Church at The Dalles for a number of years.

A graduate of University of Oregon, he had prior studies at Whittier College, Whittier, Calif., and added theological education at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

The father of two sons and two daughters, he will be accompanied to Roseburg by Mrs. Luther and daughter, Mabel. A son, Larry, now resides in Roseburg, being employed in the nursing department at the Veterans Hospital. One son resides in Florida and a daughter is employed in Portland, but may move to Roseburg later.

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WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—President Truman was reported today to have told a group of veterans that there are too many Byrds in Congress.

Gilbert A. Harrison, national chairman of the American Veterans Committee and one of those who called on Mr. Truman, told reporters:

"He told us there were too many Byrds in the Congress. He wants us to see that congressmen are elected who are able to see things in the terms of national interest, rather than local interest and make large plans, rather than small plans."

Senator Harry F. Byrd, Virginia Democrat, is the only man of that name in Congress. Byrd has opposed many of President Truman's proposals. He joined with Republicans on the Senate Armed Services Committee several weeks ago to bottle up Mr. Truman's nomination of former Gov. Mon C. Wallgren of Washington State to be chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

Wallgren has long been a close friend and fishing crony of the President.

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