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Strawberries Beckon Pickers; Peas Soon Due

Cool weather slowed the demand for strawberry pickers during the past week, but a little sunshine will bring calls from 2,000 to 5,000 additional workers in Northwestern Oregon, according to reports received by the State Employment Service.

Offices in the berry area list the following requirements: Gresham—2,000 more pickers; Oregon City—200 pickers nearby and 250 in Estacada district; Hillsboro—500 by June 10; McMinnville—about 50; Salem—1,000 needed for three weeks.

Cabins still are available for family groups at the Salem and Dayton farm camps near Hillsboro and on many farms. Bedding, dishes and utensils must be furnished by the pickers.

In Eastern Oregon also the early harvests will be gaining headway during the coming week. Freewater can use at least 250 more cherry pickers, while pea harvesting and processing also has started. Pendleton is asking for 250 single men for work in pea fields.

Ontario's demands have dropped to 100 workers, but both family groups and single men are needed. Strawberry and pea picking have started, while beet and lettuce fields need attention.

In the Willamette Valley, harvesting of peas will start soon. The Salem office calls attention to hop training, snap bean stringing, onion weeding, spinach cutting and gooseberry picking as other current farm activities. A strong demand for extra farm workers throughout the valley probably will continue for many weeks, but in some areas the local supply of labor will be sufficient.

Political Purge Reported Taking Place In Russia

NEW YORK, June 7.—(AP)—The New York Times said a political purge is taking place in Russia.

A Paris dispatch from C. L. Sulzberger said evidence can be assembled showing at least 300,000 members have been expelled from the Communist party and that membership in the Kom-somol—Communist Youth League—has fallen.

The Times listed several important party leaders as having disappeared quietly. These included:

N. A. Voznesensky, former Politburo member.

A. A. Kuznetsov, central committee secretary.

P. S. Popkov, member of the Presidium of the supreme Soviet.

Yuri A. Zhdanov, son of the late Politburo chief.

I. T. Golyakov, former chief of the Soviet Supreme Court.

Sulzberger said it appeared those now suffering were members of the so-called "Zhdanov faction," persons who were close to or followed the line of Andrei Zhdanov who died Aug. 31, 1948, at 52.

The cause of his death was listed officially as heart failure, but there were world-wide rumors that he had been "liquidated." He had been Stalin's favorite and regarded as the generalissimo's most likely successor.

However, the Times said, he had fallen from favor before his death and had been replaced by his reputed rival Georgi M. Malenkov.

Judge Halts Welfare Aid To Crime Culpit

SEATTLE, June 7.—(AP)—Federal Judge John C. Bowen criticized the payment of state welfare benefits to persons guilty of crimes in an order signed yesterday.

In granting probation to Julian H. English, 47, who had pleaded guilty to mail theft, Judge Bowen ordered that English should not "seek or accept" any welfare assistance during the time of his probation.

English, father of nine children, was placed on probation for three years.



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Lone English Word Useless To Alien Who Handcuffed Himself On Airplane

KANSAS CITY, June 7.—(AP)—Gomez Almodovar Faustino knows only one word of English—"gimme."

The pea picker from Gurabo, Puerto Rico, used it frequently after he got himself handcuffed accidentally to the seat of a plane.

Faustino, with other pea pickers, was en route on the plane to Walla Walla, Wash. On Faustino's seat was fastened one end of the cuffs—used on a passenger in a

previous flight. Faustino began playing with the other end of the cuffs and promptly closed it on his wrist.

His friends tugged. The pilot tried to help. So when the plane landed here police were called. They tried a big bunch of keys, but none worked. The pilot said he couldn't fly on, saying something that there was a law against having passengers fastened to public carriers.

All the time Faustino was using the only English word he knew. Between strings of Spanish, he would insert the word "gimme."

Police finally freed Faustino with a pair of bolt cutters and took him to the police garage. Here mechanics tried more keys, pliers, bobby pins. No luck.

Faustino now was down to one word: "Gimme."

Finally a locksmith was routed out of bed. He fashioned a special key and the lock flew open. Faustino smiled, rubbed his wrist and with a string of "gimmes" joined his companions on the plane three hours later.

Agreement Of Big Four On Unified Germany Appears All But Hopeless

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Barring the unforeseen, an agreement at Paris between Russia and the West on German unity and peace terms is apparently impossible.

Russia has rejected the western powers' plan for a Germany united under the Bonn constitution adopted by the western zones of the country.

France, Britain and the United States have turned down the Soviet Union's proposal for an all-German state council to handle economic and "government" matters subject to veto by a revived four-power control agency. One nation could dictate a veto.

There is no surprise in these developments. In her self-imposed isolation, Russia sometimes misjudges the likely western response to her moves. But she must have had no illusion that the West would accept German unity of the sort she might propose. The plan she actually offered at Paris was not even taken seriously as a program for unity.

Russia Needs Trade

By the same token, the western nations must have had no genuine hope that Russia would accept the Bonn constitution as a basis for cementing all Germany. It would mean un-Russian freedoms in the eastern zone, plus a merciless spotlight on Soviet activities there.

If these things are so, why did Russia seek the Paris conference? Western spokesmen believe the continuing sessions will show her true goals to be much more limited than the basic German issues. They think she wants better East-West economic arrangements in Germany. The Soviet zone suffered badly from the western counter-blockade; it needs western trade.

Other relatively minor gains may come out of the conference. And Russia is of course not blind to its value as a propaganda springboard.

No Will to Agree

We have learned from the discussion thus far that the lifting of the Berlin blockade marked no drastic shift in Russia's policy or attitude toward the West. Foreign Minister Vishinskiy may smile and clown, but his words are no more conciliatory than were Molotov's at London 18 months ago.

To reach an accord among nations, as among individuals, you must first have a will to agree on the part of all. There is no sign whatsoever that Russia desires agreement on fundamentals in Germany.

Even if she did, there could be little confidence of major progress under present circumstances. For this is a clash between two systems of thought—communist and democratic. The two seem as repellent to each other as oil and water.

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