

### Six College Editors Report All Is Not Drab In Russia

By CHARLES LANE  
 PARIS (AP)—Six American college editors homeward bound from a 23-day tour of Russia said Wednesday any conception of the Russians as a drab people with no sense of humor was wrong.  
 David Barney, 27, of Eugene, Ore., editor of the school paper at Reed College, Portland, said the group often joked with their guides about capitalism and communism.  
 "One day when a guide showed up late," Barney said, "he cracked 'my cave was drafted last night so I overslept this morning.' Actually the guide had very good living quarters. He was kidding us about some conceptions of the standard of living under communism."  
 All six of the editors—and they

spoke in this case for a seventh man who was to arrive later—said the Russian people were friendly during their 5,000-mile tour. But they said there are plenty of anti-U. S. government propaganda posters throughout the country.  
 Ward was delayed in Frankfurt, Germany, and was due to join his fellow editors here later today.  
 The group was scheduled to spend the day sightseeing in Paris before flying back to New York Wednesday night.  
 When the editors got off the train Lovitt's first words were: "Where can we get some real breakfast. We didn't see any bacon and eggs in Russia. Seems like we haven't had any fruit juice for a month."  
 Asked what they thought of the Russian girls, Ives said they looked poorly dressed to him and pretty drab with no make up. Barney, who speaks Russian, said "they look very busy, and rose checked. Maybe their heavy wool socks and winter clothing take some of their glamor away. Some of them were very attractive. The prettiest girls were at Kharkov University."  
 The editors said the Russian students get together informally for their "dates" in the cultural houses of the universities. Moscow University has two dance halls. The students dance to everything from Soviet folk music to the "St. Louis Blues," the editors said.  
 Except for certain restricted military areas such as Sevastopol, the editors said they were permitted to travel freely, singly or in a group, with only an interpreter if they wished. Usually they asked for an aid, a guide from the Russian Tourist Service.



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### Girl Who Suffered Burns Gets \$110,000 Verdict

SEATTLE (AP)—A 12-year-old girl burned seriously when her plastic-coated raincoat was ignited by a Halloween pumpkin was awarded a \$110,000 verdict this day in a trial against a department store.  
 The jury which awarded the sum to Michele Ann Casey also held her father, Melvin E. Casey, Seattle fireman, should get \$10,000 for medical and other expenses.  
 The Halloween accident occurred in 1947. The verdict was against Rhodes Department Store, where the Caseys said the garment was purchased. The Caseys' attorney told the jury Michele's injuries virtually would prevent her following any full occupation when she becomes an adult.

### General Motors Billion-Dollar Expansion Slated

NEW YORK (AP)—General Motors today announced another billion-dollar expansion program.  
 Sixty percent of the funds will be spent this year and the remainder by the fall of 1953. The program is designed mainly to provide additional capacity for GM's automotive division.  
 Harlow H. Cutler, GM president, disclosed the undertaking along with an optimistic outlook on business prospects in an address to 500 business and industrial leaders at a luncheon preliminary to the opening Thursday of GM's Motorama of 1954.  
 He said GM has spent two billion dollars on expansion since World War II.  
 He predicted a gross national product this year "approximately equal to the 365 billion estimated for 1953."  
 "No depression is in my vision," he said. "It is my belief the national economy will be strong and healthy throughout the year."  
 He said he looked for little change in the over-all level of employment. "Consumer expenditures should continue substantially at present high levels as a result of well-sustained income and lower taxes," he said.

### SEX QUIZZER—Gisa Terraciano, a Sicilian student, is the Italian counterpart of U. S.'s Dr. Kinsey, as she surveys Rome's citizens in quest of Italian sex-life patterns. She questions both men and women and her only complaint is that many of the men try to turn the scientific interviews into a "romantic relationship."

### Travel Conditions Generally Good

SALEM (AP)—Travel conditions on Oregon highways were generally good Wednesday despite low temperatures, the Oregon Highway Commission said.  
 The only place chains are required is between Crater Lake Junction and Union Creek in Jackson County.  
 The commission said no new snow fell on the highway routes in the 24 hours to Wednesday morning, except at Warm Springs Junction, which reported three inches.  
 Motorists were advised to carry chains to Timberline Lodge, and at Sunset Summit and Warm Springs Summit.  
 Spots of ice were reported at Astoria, Tillamook, Lakeview, Bly, Prospect, Siskiyou, Green Springs, Pendleton, La Grande and Snoonie. All other highways had either bare pavement or sanded packed snow.  
 The Oregon Coast Highway, blocked by a slide near Brighton in Tillamook County for three days probably will be reopened late Wednesday. Traffic is detouring over a secondary highway.

### Minor Highway Delays Reported Over State

SALEM (AP)—Construction on the Columbia River Highway between The Dalles and Celilo is causing minor traffic delays, the Oregon Highway Commission said in its weekly maintenance report.  
 There also are minor delays on the Coast Highway because of construction from 2 to 14 miles south of Port Orford, and from 3 to 8 miles north of Gardiner.  
 The only routes closed by snow for the winter are the McKenzie, Mt. Hood Loop, and East and West Diamond Lake Highways.  
 The commission warned of five short sections of gravel surface on the Willamette Highway's Lowell-Odell Lake section.

### Public Officials Become 'Slaves' For One Day Only

VISTA, Calif. (AP)—More than 125 businessmen, public officials and civic leaders were "slaves" here this week in a unique fund raising project for the March of Dimes.  
 The "Slave Day" was the second phase of the polio fund-raising drive in this northern San Diego County community. Last month the men were auctioned off as "slaves" by Howard D. Cunneen, newspaper distributor. That project brought in more than \$1,200. An additional \$1,000 was collected yesterday.  
 The weekly Vista Press published a special edition yesterday and sold each copy for 25 cents. Publisher Everett Rensbury donated all the proceeds, approximately \$300, to the March of Dimes.  
 Businessmen offered themselves to work in other stores from 1 to 5 p.m. A percentage of their sales went to the polio fund. Other "slaves" included a hardware store owner acting as a judge and a pastor as the sheriff.

### Macomber Says He Was Denied Medical Care

MEDFORD (AP)—Gerald T. Macomber, 30, seeking freedom from state prison where he is under life sentence, testified before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg here this week that he was denied medical attention for a long time while jailed here in 1950.  
 He has filed for a writ of habeas corpus, alleging his rights were fouled and it was in support of this that he testified.  
 He was wounded in an exchange of shots with a state patrolman here the night of July 13-14, 1950, and was jailed. After the first day or so, the bandage was not changed. He asked for doctor but none came. By the time he got to the state prison July 31, his wound was infected, he required a blood transfusion and he had lost 30 pounds.  
 Prison hospital records were flown here and were to be introduced at the afternoon session of the hearing.  
 Macomber said, too, he had entered a guilty plea to the charge of assault with intent to kill in the hope it would bring him a chance to ask for counsel. Instead, he said, he was promptly sentenced to life.

### Harry S. Truman Is Not Homesick

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Harry S. Truman looked back Wednesday on a year out of the White House and said he wasn't a bit homesick for the place.  
 A year ago Wednesday he shared attention with President-elect Eisenhower at the inauguration ceremonies in Washington.  
 This Wednesday he drove his own car from his Independence, Mo. home to his Federal Reserve Bank building office here. Stepping in at his usual reporting hour of 9 a. m. despite slick streets and snow.  
 There he was met by one newsman.  
 The former President said with a smile that he still was making his "adjustment to civil life," that his memoirs were taking up most of his time, and as for being homesick for Washington, he didn't miss it a bit, but did miss his friends there.  
 "The only place I've ever been homesick for is Missouri," he added.

### Employe Death Benefits Tax Minimum May Go Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee agreed Tuesday that all employe death benefits of up to \$5,000 should be free of income taxes.  
 The committee also approved taxing the interest received in installment payments of life insurance policies of \$50,000 or more. All life insurance proceeds are tax-free now.  
 Present law permits a \$5,000 employe death benefit exemption only where the benefit is paid as part of a contract. The new proposal extends the exemption to outright, spontaneous gifts which are not part of a contract.  
 Staff authorities said the new provision would be particularly helpful in cases where an employer wants to help a distressed family, or reward a particularly faithful deceased employe, but has not contracted to pay the same death benefit to all employes.

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**Unemployment Figure May Exceed 2,000,000**  
 WASHINGTON (AP)—Labor Department figures just out indicate that unemployment may be well over the two million mark.  
 The department's bureau of employment security reported Tuesday that 467,500 workers filed jobless pay claims during the week that ended Jan. 9. This is the largest weekly total recorded since August 1945.  
 The bureau said 1,816,000 workers were claiming unemployment compensation benefits during the week ended Jan. 2. It added that the new batch of claims could not be added to this total because some of the claimants usually find new jobs.

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