

Paper Seller

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however, Vladivostok fell to invading Japanese troops. In the days that followed, several of Ramp's new acquaintances — officers of the Far Eastern Workers' Forces — were shot and bayoneted in the streets. Ramp escaped and worked his way back to the U.S. aboard a troop ship, traveling part of the way in the ship's brig for his involvement in a shipboard fight.

During the summer of 1920, Ramp worked for the Communist Party, busy raising funds for the defense of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, two anarchists arrested that spring. Ramp was arrested in San Francisco, where he was raising defense money, for "trying to start a revolution." The charges against him were dismissed, however, when the judge learned that Ramp had only managed to collect about \$15.

Ramp returned to New York and, in 1922, boarded an ice-

breaker bound for Estonia with relief supplies for the Russians. With credentials issued by the Bolsheviks, Ramp inspected the conversion of former mansions into institutions for war orphans and children displaced by the recent war and revolution. He later directed the organization of the Kemerovo Collective Farm, near Novosibirsk.

During the Third International Communist Congress, Ramp was introduced to Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. Shaking Lenin's hand, Ramp says, was "the greatest thrill of my life."

In the spring of 1922, however, the Russians — already used to the sight of revolutionary leaders and busy with the task of rebuilding their country — seemed less dazzled than Ramp by the people and events around them.

After hearing him speak at the May Day ceremonies that spring, Ramp was stunned to see Leon

Trotsky pass by in an open car.

"Trotsky!" Ramp said aloud, awed by the sight of the man. A Russian woman, passing Ramp, overheard his exclamation.

"Da," she said matter-of-factly. "Trotsky."

In 1924, Ramp returned to the family farm in Roseburg with Vera, his wife of one year. Together, they led a quiet farm life through the Depression and war years, growing their own food and selling Communist papers on the streets of Roseburg. Ramp made some public appearances, wrote letters-to-the-editor and debated the merits of Communism on radio talk-shows.

Anti-Communist sentiment began to grow in the late '40s and early '50s, however, and a public appearance at a high school was cancelled "to avoid trouble." American Legion pressure on the district attorney and county sheriff failed to bring about Ramp's arrest

in the mid-'50s, but his farm was visited by the FBI. Agents took copies of the pro-Soviet paper Ramp sold in Roseburg, and told him he had been accused of being on "the Soviet payroll."

"Would I live like this if I was getting money from anywhere?" Ramp asked them. Apparently satisfied, the FBI agents left. Later, following the JFK assassination, the Ramps were hounded by anonymous teenaged callers.

"We just quit answering the phone after we went to bed at night," says Vera Ramp. "Things like that are not very pleasant."

With the sale of the Roseburg farm in 1963, the Ramps traveled, visiting Russia and Alaska before finally settling in Eugene in 1966. In 1970, Ramp began selling his papers in front of the EMU Fish-bowl on Monday mornings.

"Am I dangerous? I think I am because I'm encouraging students to think — about themselves, their lives, their interests,

their hopes," Ramp says. Such thinking undermines the capitalist system, he says, which has an interest in keeping things as they are.

"If I can influence them a little bit, that's all I hope to do," Ramp says. "If I can get them to read a little more widely, to be a little more thoughtful, to be more concerned with what's happening in society and how they're being robbed—"

"The friendly attitude present (from the students) convinces me that what I'm doing must be at least partially right," he says. "Otherwise, they'd be more antagonistic."

"Maybe it's because I'm an old, old, old man," he says, laughing. The hand that once shook the hand of Lenin and waved at Trotsky holds out a copy of People's World to a startled, passing student.

"This paper will encourage you to think," Ramp says cheerfully.

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Learning disabilities meeting planned

Parents and teachers of children with learning problems are invited to attend the annual winter conference presented by the Eugene Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (ACLD) and the Easter Seal School.

The conference will be held at Valley River Inn Friday and Saturday. The theme is "Teach Them

All: The Least Restrictive Alternative."

Eugene ACLD and Easter Seal School will provide parents and teachers who work with children who have learning disabilities with practical ideas and new outlooks.

Guest speakers will include Margaret Nicholm, director of

Educational Services for Eugene School Dist. 4J, and Barbara Bateman of the University who will discuss children's rights to education.

A dinner on Friday night and a film showing are also planned. It is necessary to reserve the dinner in advance. For more information, contact Shirley Coale, conference coordinator, 344-2247.

Reincarnation talk slated

"Reincarnation and Karma" will be the topic of a lecture presented tonight at 8 by Shirley Rabb-Winston, a follower of the late spiritualist Edgar Cayce.

Rabb-Winston is a staff member of the Association for Research and Enlightenment Inc., headquartered in Virginia Beach, Va. The speech will be held at Far West Federal Savings and Loan, 96 E. Broadway St. For more information phone 746-9810. The talk is free but donations will be accepted.

Address deadline nears

All aliens in Oregon who have not yet filled out alien address report forms, should do so before Monday, at the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service Office or local post office, according to Lyle Dahlin, district director.

Law requires all non-citizens, except persons in diplomatic status and foreign representatives to certain international organizations, such as the United Nations, to report their addresses to the government each January.

Minority workshop set

The City of Eugene's Commission on the Rights of Minorities will hold a workshop on Oregon's Set-Aside Program at 7:30 in the council chambers, 777 Pearl St.

Featured speakers will be Lee Moore, administrator of the Purchasing Division of the Department of General Services, and Greg Batiste, program coordinator.

The state has developed a new program which allocates a percentage of state contracts exclusively for women and minorities. The workshop is designed to inform local contractors of the program. The general public is encouraged to attend.

Year program in England to be exhibited

An exhibit on a full-year, University-sponsored, academic program in England will be displayed in the Dad's Room of the EMU as part of a Northwest music teachers conference on Friday and Saturday.

Randall Moore, University assistant professor of music, will be speaking about the program Saturday at 3 p.m. in the EMU Forum.

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MEETINGS

There will be a public hearing to discuss the proposed student conduct code today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 215, Allen. Interested persons are invited to attend.

A planning meeting for the 1977 Parents' Weekend will be held at 7 tonight in the EMU, room to be posted. All interested students are invited to attend.

A child care legislation meeting with Rep. Mary Burrows, R-Eugene, will be held at 7 tonight in the EMU, room to be posted. Child care will be provided.

The Baptist Student Union will meet at 7:30 tonight at 1930 Onyx, Apt. 6. Tonight's topic will be "Guilt."

LECTURES

Ted Coons from New York University will speak on "The Psychophysics of Gluttony," at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 142, Straub as part of the psychology department's colloquium.

Don Gest, a graduate student in geology, will speak on "The Northern Absarokas, Wyoming —

Some more (or the most?) unusual mid-continent alkaline volcanics," at 12:30 p.m. today in Room 307, Volcanology.

Paul Craig, director of the University of California Council on Energy and Resources, will speak on "Energy Growth: How Much is Necessary, How Much is Desirable?" at 3:30 p.m. today in Room 16, Science 1. Energy forecasts and the promise and prospects for energy conservation will be reviewed and placed in the context of depleting oil and gas resources.

Part of the physics department's colloquium, his lecture is free and open to the public.

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