

RUSSIA PLANS TO EXILE FREE THINKERS NOW

(By Associated Press.)
MOSCOW, Sept. 16. (By Mail).—The Soviet government's recent action in exiling abroad or to Northern Russia many educators, publicists and professional men who were unable to reconcile themselves to the Soviet regime, came like a bolt out of the blue and has left thousands of others of the "intelligentsia" wondering if their turn will come next.

For many months, since the development of free trade and recreation of a class of rich speculators, it has been evident both to opponents of the government and to the communists themselves, that thousands of Russians were beginning to forget they were in the hands of a proletarian dictatorship, and were beginning to become a "bourgeoisie" as ever.

Thinking that the new freedom of trade might mean freedom of politics also, scores of college professors and some organizations, as professional men began to talk and think freely again. The more timid did this secretly, while some plucked up enough courage to lampoon the government's activities openly in pamphlets and to the class room. One group of college professors even dared to strike—and strikes usually bring prompt punishment in Russia.

Premier Lenin recently announced last spring, that the retreat toward capitalism had reached its limits, and both the Gens and Hugs conference established that the Soviet government was standing on the main principles of the proletarian dictatorship, even if it was inclined to make individual concessions to capitalists or foreign governments here and there.

Within Russia, however, such a way continued to be allowed to speculators. Gambling casinos were opened, racing flourished, and so many commercial undertakings were launched that very few Russians realized that the communist party had determined absolutely that the pendulum, having swung so far to the right, now had to be swung back to the left until the Soviet clock kept proper Bolshevik time.

Communists explain that so long as efforts of individuals, however profitable to themselves, continue to be immediately or potentially advantageous to the government in its scheme of reconstructing Russia, these individuals are to be given wide scope in freedom from interference. But when the work of the individual does not fit into this general scheme, or when an individual works against the government, then his activities are to be cut short and the offender punished.

The recent decree of exile, says the newspaper Pravda, are only the first warnings to the intellectuals who remain. The Soviet government will, as in the past, value highly the support of those representatives of the old "intelligentsia" who will loyally work with the government, as the better part of the specialists do now, but it will, as before, root out every attempt to utilize the legal possibilities for an open or secret struggle against the government and for the restoration of a "bourgeoisie regime."

"There is no hope for a return to the past," The Pravda warns.

CRIPPLES AND CRIME DO MIX

(By the Associated Press.)
DRESDEN, Oct. 1. (By Mail).—Criminal inclinations are so highly developed in cripples that these members of society should be the objects of special attention on the part of the authorities, in the opinion of Dr. Erich Wulff, of the Saxon ministry of justice.

Doctor Wulff declared in the course of an address before a congress for the care of cripples, that the only favor which the forthcoming criminal code of the republic would show these unfortunate would be a slight elasticity in applying "extenuating circumstances" to them.

Because of his handicap, a cripple easily becomes at odds with society and drifts to crime, the speaker said. Cripples are said to be

the victims of illusions, and to incline toward domination, power, and barbarity. Their offenses, he stated, usually are assault, murder, extortion, bodily injury, or property damage.

Doctor Wulff urged the importance of justice and prosecuting attorneys studying the cases of cripples with particular care, to determine their psychological background.

VOLSTEAD CUTS GERMAN EXPORTS

Prohibition Cuts Heavily In-
to Export of German Beer to
Various Countries.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Sept. 22.—(By Mail).—The world outside is drinking fairly about half the German beer it consumed before the war, and for this condition American prohibition is held to be largely responsible.

During the first half of the present year only 27,000 hectoliters were exported, making an estimated export of 55,000 hectoliters for 1922, as compared with 1,125,000 hectoliters in pre-war days. The latter amount was valued at 25,000,000 gold marks, while the value of beer sent abroad during this year's first semester is said at nearly 500,000,000 paper marks.

The principal pre-war customers for Germany's beer, which made the word "beige" a synonym in beer circles the world over, were Belgium, Switzerland, France, the United States, Great Britain, and Austria-Hungary. The war paralyzed Germany's beer export almost completely. With the return of peace the industry's difficulties were not so much the recovery of lost markets, as the securing of raw materials, particularly barley. Even today the shortage of barley for domestic consumption is such that the breweries are not permitted to use the home-grown product for export beer. In securing the supply abroad they have turned mainly to countries where the currency was relatively weak, but barley scarcity there has forced them to buy a good deal from American and Denmark.

Today the leading drinkers of German beer are the residents of the British and Dutch East Indies and the inhabitants of the Near East. Of late there has been an increasing demand from China. Egypt has proved a good customer because of the beer maintained on British products. Other buyers include West and South Africa, the Congo, and Morocco. Recently there have been several commitments to Paris.

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