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Expansion in Soviet Asia

The current Saturday Evening Post has an article on "Stalin's Mystery Cities of Siberia" by Victor A. Kravchenko, an apostate from communism, who formerly held responsible positions in the soviet administration. The article relates the rapid expansion taking place in Siberia of heavy industries—steel making, coal mining, railroad construction, petroleum development. Forced labor gathered in great concentration camps does the work, according to the author. He also quotes soviet instructions issued in 1943 calling for converting "our Soviet East" into a "powerful steel fist, abundantly supplied with oil and prepared to strike, if necessary, like a universal joint, toward either the east or the west."

It will occasion no surprise to learn of this development east of the Urals. In the first place it is a vast and in places rich storehouse of metals, minerals, forests; thinly populated, ready for exploitation. Again Russia found in two wars the risk of having its industries exposed close to its western frontier. The invasion of the Ukraine forced the relocation of heavy industry far in the interior, in or behind the Ural mountains. She wants to be better protected in the future.

Kravchenko's concluding paragraph is: "Under the impetus of the second World War, and with the invaluable help rendered by American Lend-Lease, the productive might of the Soviet East has already reached a point which exceeds the Politburo's wildest prewar dreams. According to a recent official announcement, the rate of annual production attained by the end of the war in the Soviet East alone was 30,000 airplanes, 40,000 tanks and 120,000 artillery units of all types and sizes. The completion of the current Five-Year Plan will vastly augment the war-making potential of the Soviet East at the certain cost of reducing Soviet living standards still further, and at the possible cost of plunging the world into another war that the Russian people want no more than any other. But the Politburo's actions in the east, not its propaganda in the west, are the key to its real intentions."

Undoubtedly this industrial development has a dual purpose—production for internal use and for defense. The news of this expansion is hardly news, except as to details of place and extent, for Russia has announced the goals of its five-year plans. It would be surprising indeed if the USSR did not resume its march toward industrialization.

Nor should we be alarmed if these new plants have military values. After all, is not the United States still pouring considerable money into Alaska for perfecting its defenses; and doing military exploratory work in Arctic regions of Canada? Our country will insist that its purpose in all this is purely defensive, and Russia may easily declare the same intention. So long, though, as mutterings of war between these two powers continue we must expect the military command of both to be alert to possibilities.

Yet it may prove to be true that in its industrial development Russia may find outlet for energies and means of satisfying the needs of her people so that military aggression will never materialize. Certainly such aggression would not be prompted by lack of resources within the country, for Russia is well supplied with natural resources unless it be petroleum.

Soviet Asia has great potentialities, not only as a base for warfare, but also as a base for world trade. Huge quantities of goods went under lend-lease from northwest ports to Vladivostok. If our countries become sensible there can be substantial volume of trade between them on a permanent basis, growing as relations become closer.

Rubble in German Cities

Royce Brier, one of the editors of the San Francisco Chronicle, who made the recent trip to Europe with other American newsmen, comments in his column on the enormous problem facing Germany in disposition of the rubble in cities that suffered from bombing and artillery fire, as most of them did. The German buildings were of sturdy masonry and steel. Now they lie in ruins, either razed into heaps that spill over into streets or tottering with unsafe walls.

The German people haven't the physical energy to handle this accumulation of stone and brick and twisted steel. They haven't the mechanical equipment to take care of it, and there is adjacent to the cities not enough wasteland for the hundreds of millions of cubic yards of debris to be piled on. In consequence, little or nothing is being done, save to clear the streets for traffic.

Brier doesn't suggest an answer, but engineers surely can find a way. Unsafe walls may be pushed in; steam shovels and trucks may be used to haul away the stuff; and big as the piles look in the cities pockets of the hills would surely contain them. Or it might be that, as in ancient times, the new buildings would be built over the ruins of the old, letting the former basements remain filled.

The magnitude of the task will prolong it into the indefinite future. After all, Europe, including Germany took centuries for the building, and it will take decades for reconstruction. Germany is prostrate now, but when its political future is cleared, capital should become available for the rebuilding job. Then the Germans can set about the task in earnest. We only wish that disposing of the ruins of cities were the chief problem for the new Germany.

Senator Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls claims to have lined up the necessary votes to make him president of the senate in 1947. Of Marshall it may be said he will make a good-looking presiding officer.

Grant high of Portland won the high school football championship for the state for another time on Thanksgiving day, defeating Hood River. The city dudes seem able to put it over the upstate farm boys.

Pravda scolds a soviet tractor works for producing only 446 axes against a quarter's quota of 2000. Maybe the Russians are imitating American postwar production.

Editorial Comment

INCOMPETENT REPORTING
To describe Walter Winchell's Sunday night reporting of the C-53 plane crash in the Alps as "incompetent" is arbitrarily to give him the better of the two possible alternative adjectives. If it wasn't incompetent it was deliberately misleading.

Winchell, viewing the event from a distance of 3000 miles, declared with the utmost conviction that the occupants of the stricken plane were "joyriding" at government expense—"taxpayers' expense he took pains to point out. Leaving this assertion to stand by itself, he easily accomplished the implication that the inexorable workings of fate had overtaken this group which was playing fast and loose with Uncle Sam's largess.

The fact is—just as a small amount of research would have established—that the dependents of military personnel in the occupation zones are transported to the zone at government expense by time-honored and perfectly legal custom; once there, they are transported about the zone, and in and out of it, necessarily by the same means. They land at the government port of Bremen and whether they proceed to their destination by car, train or plane they go by government conveyance—there is no other way. When they move from one city or one area to another they go the same way—or walk.

Whatever small amount of "sensation" extracted from this bit of radio journalism was accomplished at the expense of a little group of Americans who have just survived a desperately unpleasant ordeal and who are innocent of any wrongdoing.

It sometimes happens that good reporters lose a "scoop" by investigating the facts, and learning there is nothing to report. It may not be as fascinating as the other form of journalism—but it is the only good journalism!—(San Francisco Chronicle.)

Secret Society Activity Draws Note to Parents

(Story also on page 1)
Following is a copy of a letter sent Friday to parents of Salem high school students in regard to membership in the long-outlawed secret societies:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. _____: Your son _____ has come to the attention of the local School Board as a member of one of the illegal club organizations in the local high school. I am writing you by the school board to advise you that since these organizations are illegal under the laws of the state of Oregon, that some definite action must be taken immediately in connection with your son and his membership. Under the laws of the state of Oregon: "Secret societies prohibited—Secret societies of every kind and character, including fraternities and societies, so called, which may now or hereafter exist among the pupils of any of the public schools of this state, are hereby prohibited, either local or county, are hereby declared unlawful."

The suppression of societies by boards of education is hereby made the duty of each school board within the state to examine, from time to time, into the condition of all schools under its charge and to suppress all secret societies therein, and for this purpose such board is hereby authorized to suspend or expel from school, in their discretion, all pupils who are members of such societies. To Discourage Organizations—It is hereby made the duty of each school board within the state to discourage and suppress such organizations. Since such organizations are illegal, and to the end that such organizations shall not be supplied in accordance with our directive from law, the school board directs me to advise you that your boy cannot continue to be a member of the Salem public schools and at the same time a member of such organizations. The board therefore is providing three alternatives: (1) the boy with membership in such organization dissolve their organization; (2) any member of such organization may withdraw from such organization and give acceptable evidence of permanent withdrawal. (The alternative is not open to any boy already in violation of his written agreement relative to membership in such organization.) or (3) exclude himself from the Salem schools as of Dec. 7, 1946.

There is no desire on the part of the board to work a hardship upon any child, and whether there shall be a hardship must rest upon the choice of the student himself. We earnestly urge that you as parents use your good influence with other parents of boys of the same organization to cause such organization to be summarily and permanently dissolved and thereby protect the interests of your own child and the harmony and good standing of our own city schools. Failing in this, your son may, unless he is a new visitor of a previous written agreement relative to membership in such organization and has drawn from such organization and be continued in school upon acceptable evidence of withdrawal.

Asks Students, Parents Confer—"Students or parents wishing to confer with the school board on matters which will discuss the conditions with the high school principal, Mr. E. A. Carleton, no argument can be arrived at which is acceptable to Mr. Carleton, such proposal will then be submitted to the school board for consideration."

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National DAV Day Sunday

Salem Chapter No. 6, Disabled American Veterans, will join in the observation of the first Disabled American Veteran's Day Sunday in commemoration of the first Sunday in December, 1941, on which the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Commending the DAV for its service to disabled veterans and calling attention to the fact that more than 3,000,000 Americans have been wounded or disabled in war, Mayor M. Doughton has issued an official statement proclaiming December 1 as DAV day in Salem.

Charles Peterson, county commissioner, will attend church, visit hospitals and he committee will work on plans for the Disabled American Veterans Memorial building.

Four to Appear in Circuit Court

Marion county circuit court motion day will be held Monday in the circuit court chambers. Coming up for arraignment and plea on that day will be four men indicted by the county grand jury Tuesday.

Those indicted are John Kwitkowski, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon; Ed Sink, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor; S. Malone charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, and Lavern Van Buren, charged with non-support.

Silverton Man Dies While Installing Burner

SILVERTON, Nov. 29—(Special) William D. Billips, about 52, collapsed and died today while installing an oil burner for a neighbor. He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Billips, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Mangrum of San Pedro, Calif. The family moved to Silverton a few months ago. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Ekman Memorial chapel, with the Rev. E. B. Browning officiating. Interment will be at Miller cemetery.

Guard Officer Appointed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29—(AP)—The war department announced today assignment of senior ground instructors for the national guard in 15 states. Included was, Sixth Army, Col. John M. Hamilton, Oregon.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Mrs. Snodgrass, will you sign this petition the neighbors are getting up, asking my mother to stop my piano lessons?"

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1)

Communists and partisans of the national government always leave a gap open for resumption of negotiations. Conceivably, unity may evolve though the more likely prospect is for continued dissension, with civil war pulsing its ebb and flow as it has for centuries.

The United States is in a tough spot in China. It is accused of aiding the regime, as undoubtedly it has since the latter was established government. Yet the United States does not want to be a partner in any civil war.

We still have marines in China, though what their assignment is we hardly know. General Marshall remains there, evidently thinking his mission though frustrated may yet mature successfully. Is our purpose in China to foil Russia or to help China? Clearly our government has some hard questions to answer.

In my opinion our government has been trying principally to aid China in its period of reconstruction. Our representatives have worked to avert civil war. As pointedly as they can they have urged governmental reforms, long overdue. In the end, however, Chinese must run their own country.

Retired Baptist Minister Dies

The Rev. Charles Wesley Buell, 79, died in his home at 2140 Maple ave. Friday. He was born in Ohio Aug. 18, 1867, and was a retired Baptist minister.

Surviving are his wife, Mary E. Buell, Salem; a son, Homer Buell, Caldwell, Idaho; three daughters, Carl Swanson, Council, Idaho; Mrs. Raymond Lamm, Winstow, Ore.; and Hazel Haight, Winslow, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Alton Streeter and Mrs. Cora Aumiller, both of Kansas, and five brothers, D. O. Buell, Okla.; Frank Buell, Sherwood, Edwin, Mark and George Buell, all of Salem.

Bates Urges Building Freed From Controls

Private enterprise can do the job of providing housing for the nation better than government-controlled public housing measures, in the opinion of Arthur E. Bates, secretary of the Salem Federal Savings and Loan association, who addressed the Salem Board of Realtors Friday. Bates attended a recent national savings and loan association convention in the east.

Speaking at the board's weekly luncheon meeting at the Marion hotel, Bates said that opinion at the convention indicated that producers of building materials would be able to produce more materials if present governmental controls were loosened.

The savings and loans industry has handled 70 per cent of all GI loans negotiated. Bates declared. The American Legion headquarters in Washington, D. C., is expected to soon launch a program intended to solve or ease the veterans' housing and loan problems, he added.

Oregon Industrial Safety Conference Slated Here

The third annual Oregon industrial safety conference conducted by the accident prevention division of the state industrial accident commission will be held here December 5.

Robert Evenden, director of the safety division, will be in charge.

Now Naval Aviator

Ens, Robert E. Carey of Halsey recently received the gold wings of a naval aviator upon completion of his training at the naval school at Pensacola, Fla.

Babies Skip Thanksgiving

SILVERTON—No Thanksgiving babies were born this year at the Silverton hospital. However, three were born the night previous and one early Friday morning.

Recent births are a daughter, November 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Riggs; daughters, November 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conroy and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Coleman; a son November 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Orval E. Olson, and a daughter November 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Millard Campbell.

High School Debaters Win Speech Contest

Thomas Bartlett and Cornelius Bateson, Salem high school debaters, won first place in high school division debating at the recent speech tournament in San Jose, Calif., in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Western Association of Teachers of Speech.

In extemporaneous speaking competition on the subject "The United Nations and World Peace," Bartlett won second prize and Bateson third place. Both speakers are coached by Amanda Anderson of the Salem high faculty.

The Salem debate team won all five preliminary rounds of debate, making it unnecessary for scheduled final competition. The debate question was, Resolved, that the federal government should provide a system of complete medical care available to all citizens at public expense.

Among numerous schools represented were Eugene and McMinnville high schools. It was the first time high school as well as college competition was held at the meeting.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT
Helen Elizabeth Ambrose vs Alfred Marion Ambrose: Application to set for trial December 2.
Lena Mason vs Hazel G. Allen and Robert M. Struan: 447 S. Commercial st., driving while intoxicated and no operator's license, fined \$10 and costs.
Donald L. Kelley, 1144 Center st., charged with drunk and disorderly conduct, fined \$25 and costs.
W. S. Frederick, 1178 Hines st., charged with failure to give right of way pedestrian, case ordered for trial.
JUSTICE COURT
Robert Wallace Blackburn, Portland, violation of basic rule, fined \$10 and costs.
Marvel Lewis Smith, Turner, voided foreign license, fined \$25 and costs.
Henry Jefferson Maret, 559 Water st., failure to stop at a stop sign, fined \$10 and costs.
Donald Lionel Rogoway, Corvallis, license by examination, continued for 90 days.
Morris Osborne, Portland, charged with assault with intent to rape, preliminary examination set for December 6, commitment issued, bail \$500.
Glen Charles Moody, 3786 Monroe st., failure to stop at stop sign, fined \$10 and costs.
Thomas August Grimm, 1725 Madison st., violation of operator's license, fined \$25 and costs.
PROBATE COURT
Christopher Paulus estate: Final report received from Fred B. Paulus and Otto K. Paulus executors, filed.
Lydia Amelia Christiansen estate: heirs, Fred and Mrs. M. J. Benson, administratrix filed by Inga T. Benson, Corvallis. Order fixed January 4 as time for hearing on final account.
Helen L. Frazier estate: Administratrix Genevieve F. Anderson and Ethel F. Coleman allowed until December 10 to file inventory.
MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Michael Bakalar, Jr., 30, cabinet maker, 225 S. 2nd, and Aileen Stanton, 28, comptometer operator, Salem.
Donald L. Jacobson, 24, carpenter, and Zelma Gene Lober, 22, dressmaker, both of Canas, Wash.
Fred W. Martin, 22, logger, and Evelyn DeVots Lady, 16, both of Idanha.
Donald F. Adams, 27, chemist, Pullman, Wash., and Joyce Beades, 25, executive secretary, Forest

CHAMBER TO ELECT

Salem Chamber of Commerce will elect directors for the new year during the weekly chamber luncheon on December 18. Directors subsequently will elect officers. Nominations are to be brought in by a committee including Carl W. Hogg, chairman, William H. Baillie, W. W. McKinney, Charles A. Sprague, William L. Phillips and Loyd Warner.

Colotype for everlasting washable beauty in kitchen and bath. Prompt application. R. L. Elfstrom Co.

MOTHERS LEAVE DEACONESSES
Mrs. Pete Skansie, 2073 Fairgrounds rd., was discharged from the Salem Deaconess hospital Friday with her infant son, as was Mrs. Melvin Nichol, Aumsville, with her baby boy.

Beginning Monday, December 2, Holland Bakery and Fountain open for business. Grand opening later.

BENSON AT SEA
Leonard M. Benson, S 2/c, of 1645 Davidson st., is now serving aboard the destroyer USS Bordelon in China waters, according to word from the navy press headquarters. The Bordelon recently completed fleet maneuvers.

HEAR BOARDMAN
Members of the Salem Credit association heard a talk on athletics presented yesterday noon at their weekly luncheon by Bob Boardman, cartoonist and former Salem USO director.

3 State Ocean Fishing Pact To be Sought

A three-state agreement, involving regulation of so-called offshore fisheries, will be recommended to the 1947 legislature by the Oregon interstate cooperation commission, members announced following their return Thursday from San Francisco where they attended a meeting of the council of state governments for the 11 western states.

States which will join in the agreement are Oregon, Washington and California with British Columbia operating under a separate pact. Any agreement reached by the three states will have to receive consideration by the federal government before becoming effective. Members of the Oregon interstate commission said this state had lost a large amount of poundage fees due to lack of regulation of offshore fishing operations.

Attorney General George Neuner accompanied the commission to San Francisco and sat in at the meeting.

Vote Canvass Confirms State Ballot Results

The official canvass of Oregon votes cast November 5 confirmed yesterday the re-election of Gov. Earl Snell, secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey and the state's four U. S. representatives, as well as the passage of the six state measures.

The secretary of state's office announced that the canvass showed a total of 351,502 votes cast, representing 59.22 per cent of the registered voters. No serious errors were found in the tabulations of county clerks, it was reported.

The six measures became operative yesterday when, after the canvass of votes confirmed their passage, Acting Gov. Howard Belmont and the secretary of state signed their names to them. The measures are: Creation of basin school support fund, regulation of commercial fishing in coastal streams, establishment of succession to the governor, permission for legislative bills to be read by title only, establishment of rural school districts and boards and permission for Chinese to hold real estate and mining claims.

Health Office Slates Clinics

Marion county health department will conduct an infant and pre-school clinic at Valley View school Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. according to department schedule released Friday.

The schedule for the week of the school shows for Wednesday physical examinations and immunizations at Grant elementary school from 9 to noon; Thursday, school clinic at Keizer school from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; well-child conference from 9 a.m. to noon in health department office room 206, Masonic building for physical examinations, conferences with the doctor and immunization; Friday, University of Oregon medical school state child guidance clinic from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the department office for referred cases only; Saturday, adult clinic, milkhandlers' and foodhandlers' examinations at the health office.

BURGLARY REPORTED

City police Friday investigated a burglary at the E. L. Fortune home at 1888 Berry st. The Fortune were gone for the holiday, but Henry Pade, who is building a house next door, noticed an open window and reported it to the police. Police found clothing and articles strewn about the house but a check of missing articles could not be made until the return of the Fortune family, the police report stated.

Dance tonight—Crystal Gardens. *
Discharge service lapel buttons now available at Brown's Jewellers and Opticians. Bring discharge certificates.

HOUSING SURVEY FINISHED
The bureau of census survey of Salem housing conditions, made at the request of the national housing administration, was completed this week. Supervisors returned to the LaGrande census office. It was expected that results of the survey will be made public in about a month.

Dance tonight—Crystal Gardens. *
Aiken leaves on trip. State Budget Director George Aiken left Salem Friday night for Miami, Fla., where he will attend a national convention of the council of state governments. En route east Aiken will spend a day at Tulsa, Okla., where he has a daughter.

MOTHERS DISCHARGED
Two mothers and their infant daughters were discharged from Salem General hospital Friday. The mothers are Mrs. Victor Hotchkiss, Fall City, and Mrs. J. E. O'Malley, Rickreall.

WAGE RULING GIVEN
Wages of an employe become due when he is discharged or laid off by mutual consent, Attorney General George Neuner held here Friday. The opinion was asked by W. B. Kimsey, state labor commissioner.

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Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul;
Thank you, Lord, for making me whole.
Thank you, Lord, for giving to me Thy great salvation so full and free.
"In everything give thanks."
I Thess. 5:18
MARION COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Four Corners Baptist Church
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Hear Arthur M. Collins Bible Teacher—Missionary to Japan Evangelist
Sunday, Dec. 1st, thru Dec. 15th 7:30 P. M.
Special Music Each Evening

Young People of college and high school age with the desire for wholesome lives and Christian personalities are invited to fellowship with other young people here.

MORNING WORSHIP, 10:55
The Sermon: WHEN WE ARE WEAK Dr. W. Irwin Williams of First Presbyterian Church, Long Beach, California
Family Vesper Service, 5:00 The Children's Chorus Sing
The Sermon: THE WELL AND THE STAR Chester W. Hamblin, Pastor
Church School at 9:45 a. m. Classes for all ages
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Chemeketa at Winter

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Science of Progressive Life
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New York and Portland Speaker
Special Music - - All Are Welcome
A. M. McDermott, Chairman

MINISTERS RETURN
Rev. Wilmer N. Brown and his associate, Rev. George K. Millen, have just returned from a 10,000-mile concert tour of the United States with the Gospel Gleemen. They also attended the Merger Session of the Evangelical United Brethren church at Johnstown, Pa. The Message Sunday will be

"The Way of the Cross"
11:00 A. M.
Presentation of Church Loyalty Certificates
7:45 P. M.
First Evangelical United Brethren Church
Where Marion Crosses Summer Street
George K. Millen, Associate

Wilmer N. Brown, Minister