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Astronomy and "Dialectic Materialism"

Having duly brought biologists to book, forcing them to accept the gospel according to Lysenko, soviet commissars of science are now going after the astronomers. One would think that astronomy was a science quite immune from capitalist manipulation and free of bourgeois decadence; but it seems not. According to Russian astronomers the study of the stars as done by western scientists is guilty of "formalism" so they have adopted resolutions against "western bourgeois astronomy."

We wonder how Dr. Harlow Shapley, distinguished professor of astronomy at Harvard university, famed also as a communist sympathizer, will accept this condemnation of the science of which he is an eminent spokesman. Dr. Julian Huxley, another pro-red, gagged over the Lysenko version of genetics. But what will Shapley do?

The error of western astronomers, according to their Russian contemporaries, is that they use a theory in their search for facts. For example physicists, mathematicians and astronomers have been baffled over the antics of the universe. Once they thought the universe was in process of "running down" and freezing. But they discovered facts which pointed in the opposite direction. So some have proposed the theory of the exploding or expanding universe, and scientists are making speculations and computations on that theory.

But, say the resolutions of the Russian astronomers:

"This theory unfortunately has penetrated onto pages of our press, which must be considered a manifestation of syncretism before the reactionary science of the bourgeois west. It is necessary incessantly to expose this astronomical idealism, which directly assists clericalism."

The resolutions take a crack at "relativistic cosmology" (Einstein's theory of relativity), but go on to assert that "in capitalist countries cosmogony is living through a deep crisis" which will be news to Dr. Shapley and others. Berating the "formalism" of western science the savants at their Leningrad meeting declared that soviet cosmogony must develop fruitfully on the basis of dialectic materialism,—which simply means to make astronomy, and if necessary the universe, over in the terms of Karl Marx.

All of this will sound like gibberish to the man in the street, as in truth it is, communist jargon used to discipline their scientists, like their artists, writers and musicians.

It will not disturb western scientists however who have shown a marked fidelity to truth in their research. They have thrown off the shackles of benighted creeds and outworn philosophies and probed by every tool at their command, including logic and imagination to discover the secrets of the universe. Theories are contrived, studied, tested, perhaps rejected.

For example the mystery of the origin of the solar system is still being attacked. And one of the scientists who has contributed a new aspect of an old theory of its origin is Otto Schmidt, a Russian mathematician and astronomer. He advances the idea that planets were formed when a star moved through a dust cloud in space. Western astronomers are reviewing his reasoning, but his Russian colleagues at Leningrad, who discussed Schmidt's theory criticized the inductive reasoning which he employed in developing it and said more work should be done on it.

It is unfortunate for Russia and for the world that scientists there, who might otherwise have great freedom of exploration and research, are now tied to the wheel of communist ideology

If there could be an interchange of ideas and association of scientists free of restraint some community of thought and interest might develop between east and west. That apparently is what the Russians fear.

"New Look" for Bankers' Hours

Bankers' hours, so we thought, were like women's bathing suits, getting shorter and shorter. At the last session of the legislature bank representatives appeared and asked for a law giving each bank the option of closing all day on Saturday. The assembly complied, so it was anticipated that after July 18th no banks, unless it be a few in country districts, would be open for business on Saturday.

But now comes a "new look" in bank styles. Instead of getting shorter, the hours of work per week are getting longer. . . . that is for the First National bank's main office and branches in Portland. They will be open Saturday afternoons. A forty-hour week for employees, with working days staggered to cover the full six-day operations.

Saturday afternoon closing has been the custom for so many years that only the veterans will remember when Saturday was just another working day. But banking is business and business is competitive; and if enough more customers can be served by keeping open to make it pay, why that's the ticket. On the income side it should be noted that interest runs full-time, with no time out for Sundays or holidays; but interest income is not so important a factor in bank profits as it used to be. Service charges help to meet the expense.

First Portland has set a pace in Portland. Upstate bankers, long accustomed to Saturday afternoons for golf, gardening or just loafing, are no doubt wondering if the "infection" will spread.

Another "Pipeline" Filled

Like soap, nails and bathtubs teachers are coming into supply again. Our state department reports an abundance of applicants for high school positions. Dr. William H. Burton, head of Harvard's graduate school of education, told a Portland audience that fear of a depression is turning more young people toward teaching as a career. Unless the economic cyclone is too severe teachers have a pretty safe storm cellar in bad times.

Teachers should be able to retain many of their "economic" gains. They are compactly organized; they touch home life intimately and so attract a large degree of popular support. But as the number of applicants for positions increases school boards and administrators can be more strict in their requirements for good performance in teaching.

The Eugene city council voted to continue the one-way street grid system, but on a temporary basis pending further study and experience. The chamber of commerce recommended that final action be delayed. This would indicate that the scheme is still experimental for Eugene. Here the planning commission and the city council have given approval for one-way traffic only on certain streets used for state highway traffic. The Statesman still advocates making Ferry street one-way to High to reduce congestion.

A \$5,000 judgment was rendered in a Clatsop county court against the proprietor of the Temple Salon of Beauty at Seaside for permanent injuries caused a patron. If he had only called his place a "shoppe" instead of a "salon" he might have got off for half that figure.

Burma Admits Mess Made of Politics

By Stewart Alsop
RANGOON, Burma, July 27— "Anybody, when asked about the political situation in our country," remarked Burmese Premier Thakin Nu recently, "will answer that it is an awful mess. There can be no other answer." This ranks as about the frankest statement on record by any chief of state—



Stewart Alsop

and also the most accurate. The situation in Burma is the messiest in Asia, which is saying a great deal. Yet the mess is not, essentially, a hopeless mess.

It looks hopeless enough on the surface. What is going on in Burma is not so much a civil war as a kind of nation-wide riot. No less than five major groups — and countless minor groups — are taking part in the riot. To give some notion of just how messy the mess here is, the major groups may be briefly listed and described.

One: The government, or what is left of it. The higher officials of this government can be found crouching in a comfortable concentration camp, surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards, in the suburbs of Rangoon. Even inside this concentration camp, as Thakin Nu has also plaintively remarked, the government officials sleep with revolvers under their pillows. Such precautions are necessary simply because most of their predecessors have already been assassinated.

These officials are not, by nature, violent men. Like Thakin Nu himself (who has a strong and not unnatural desire to retire to a Buddhist monastery) they are bookish left-

wing intellectuals whose knowledge of government, before they inherited power from the British, was derived wholly from the printed word. They are now learning certain lessons which were not spelled out in the socialist tracts they read in their university days. In the process of learning, however, they have completely lost control over the country they are supposed to govern.

Two: The White Flag communists. The communists were the first to take up arms against the government. This they did in the late spring of last year, at about the same time that the communists in India, Malaya and Indonesia also resorted to "direct action," obviously as part of Moscow's over-all strategy for Asia. The White Flag communists are the orthodox Stalinists and their leader is Thakin Than Tun, a former friend of Thakin Nu.

Three: The Red Flag communists. These are led by another former friend, Thakin So. Thakin So is called a Trotskyite, but he is actually merely a proud fellow who refuses to take orders from Thakin Than Tun. The communists have also split into warring camps in Indonesia and India and for much the same reason. This tendency of Asiatic communist movements to split apart is interesting, and may be significant.

Four: The war-time resistance movement, called the Peoples' Volunteer association. The PVA, like everything else in Burma, has come apart, splitting into the Yellow Band, unreligiously loyal to the government, and the White Band, unreligiously allied to the White Flag communists. The White Band — and this again is a phenomenon common to all Southeast Asia — consists largely of young men who discovered during the war that it is pleasanter to call yourself a hero and to rob villages than to work.

Five, and most important, the Karens, Burma is a jumbled patchwork of races, and the three million or so Karens constitute one of the biggest patches. The Karens are the best fighting men in Burma. Recently they came within an ace of capturing Rangoon itself. The Karens want a semi-autonomous state within Burma, which the government is willing to concede in principle. The trouble is that the size of the state the Karens want grows with their military successes. The Karens are far more powerful than the other groups fighting the government, and thus a settlement with the Karens is an absolute prerequisite to re-establishing the government's authority.

All these groups are intermittently fighting not only the government but each other. While this nation-wide free-for-all is in progress, the Chinese communists are edging nearer the long, undefended Burma-Chinese border. Chinese communist chief Mao Tse Tung is reliably believed to have offered Thakin Than Tun a secret mutual assistance pact last February. The pact envisages material aid from the Chinese "Peoples' Liberation Army" in "liberating" Burma. Thus it would seem reasonable to assume that the new communist imperialism in Asia will swallow Burma as easily as a box constrictor swallows a crippled lamb.

Yet, given certain conditions, this need not necessarily be so. The first and wholly essential condition is time, time to begin to clean up the "awful mess." Everywhere in Southeast Asia, but especially here, it is blindingly obvious that any measures which may slow the advance south of the Chinese communist armies are in the hard, practical interest of the United States and the whole western world.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT



"We have this cleaning job . . . a dollar an hour if you like the race on while working . . . 35 cents less if you stop to watch the television."

Teetotalers Unpopular In Portugal

By Henry McLemore
LISBON, Portugal, July 27— (Special)—I wish I had money enough to take someone like Lucius Beebe with me whenever I travel in countries where wine is the staff of life, and every one leans on it all the time.

Mr. Beebe, by his own admission, is an authority on wines. I have heard it said of him that given, say, 100 unlabeled bottles, he can, first by sniffing them

an dthen by tasting them, give their Christian names and those of their parents, their glove and hat sizes, their social security numbers, their golf handicaps and their favorite colors. Also, given a second sniff and a second taste, he can accurately provide information as to which side of the hill the grapes were grown on, whether they were gathered by a man with an aquiline or snub nose, and their birthdays.

I could use Mr. Beebe here in Lisbon, because a man who says he wants water with his meals, not wine, is looked upon as someone who should be thrown to the nearest and meanest lion. The Portuguese don't even like to use water for bathing. They look upon it as a fluid which never should have been invented, being scarcely fit for watering weeds.

Not wanting to be mistaken for a gauche American, with taste buds of pure granite, I have been ordering wine with every meal, including breakfast. I would much rather have coffee with my morning meal, but the wine steward at the hotel where we are stopping is such an imperious fellow that I do not dare send him away.

You would be surprised at some of the wines I have come up with. I got a green-colored number the other day which tasted exactly as if it had been made of a combination of felt hats (1923) and old "Keep Off the Grass" signs (1874). To say that it went well with the veal cutlet would be to tell a lie.

The day before that I had ordered a bottle which cost \$8 and which gave my mouth the impression that I was spraying it with DDT to rid it of mosquitoes. I should, of course, have told the wine steward right at the start that I didn't know A from Adam about wines, and allowed him to select for me. But you know what false pride is. If you don't, you're lucky.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

Happily, during my wine gamble I did hit on several wines which pleased me, ones which tasted mighty good. I couldn't remember their names, or years, but I was smart enough to remember the pictures they had on their labels. My favorite has a little animal on top of the label. It isn't a bear, but it looks like a bear, so now when the wine steward comes around I say, with all the assurance of a Beebe, "Give me a bottle of that wine with the bear on it."

Until he got around to understanding what I meant he brought me beer, not wine.

Another wine I like has on its label a design that looks like a Phi Beta Kappa key.

I'll never forget when I first told the steward that I would like some Phi Beta Kappa Key wine. He looked at me as if I were SOC PAGE

Population of area served by Salem hospitals..... 100,000
Beds normally needed for such a population..... 350
Normal bed capacity of hospitals in Salem..... 145
Beds jammed into hospitals as of last night..... 176
Serious cases awaiting beds in hospitals..... 125
Who might need hospitalization suddenly..... ANYONE
Present margin to care for emergencies..... NONE

By Lighty

OSC Physicist Tells Rotary Of Cyclotron

Place of the cyclotron in the study of atomic energy was described to Salem Rotary club Wednesday noon by Dr. James J. Brady, professor of physics at Oregon State college.

The college is now erecting a building to house a cyclotron. The Rotary club has just completed reorganization for the coming year, under new president, L. O. Arens.

Heading the major club projects for the year are the following committee chairmen:

Coburn Grabenhorst, club service; Forrest Donkin, vocational service; Roy Harland, community service; Tinkham Gilbert, international service; Joe Dodd, program; Ellis Von Eschen, classification; Gregory Lancaster, attendance; Harold Robertson, fellowship; Harry Johnson, Rotary information; Ernest Crockatt, public information; Elmer Berglund, Rotary magazine; O. H. Lipps, sick committee; Lester F. Barr, finance; Melvin Geist, music; Maynard Shiffer, youth service; G. A. Arbuckle, child welfare; Chester Luther and Lloyd Lee, Boy Scouts; and song leader, Harris Scous; Thomas McNeill, Cub Litz, rural-urban affairs; R. L. Elfstrom; Willamette scholarship.

Public Records

DISTRICT COURT
George Herbert Christofferson and Wilson James Dowdick, both of Eugene, charged jointly with larceny, each fined \$75 and costs.
Edward Henry Linder, 607 N. Commercial st., charged with driving while intoxicated, fined \$250 and costs, 30-day jail sentence suspended and placed on one year probation.

PROBATE COURT
Adolph Hansen estate: Final account hearing set for August 30.
Ralph E. Sturgis estate: Order approves sale of personal property.

CIRCUIT COURT
Blaine Brown vs John B. Car-



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the cities might be combined without disturbing the county boundaries — Willamina for instance is situated in two counties. Representative W. W. Chadwick, former mayor of Salem, got a report from the League of Oregon Cities on the laws covering annexations, etc. He introduced a bill in the 1947 session to permit cities separated by a river to consolidate by vote of each municipality. The bill passed, but it was found that where West Salem bordered the Willamette river was not opposite Salem's border, so they were not contiguous. Then the Kingwood water district which had been formed comprising territory from the Polk county end of the bridge and up Kingwood heights voted to become annexed to Salem. Thus a physical connection was formed which solved the legal impediment. Mayor Elfstrom and the city officials of Salem have been very cooperative with West Salem, and this proved helpful!

Now Salem will vote on the question of consolidation. The vote here should be equally decisive in favor of a merger. The question is primarily one of unification of government and administration, putting the whole urban area under one municipal organization. The matter of increasing Salem's size is incidental. In effect both are part of a single community. Hundreds of people live on one side and work on the other. Salem has consistently worked to attract industries to settle on whichever side of the river seemed most advantageous. Good feeling has prevailed between the two communities. Salem, having in effect extended a hand to West Salem must now follow through with a cordial handshake by voting for consolidation at such time as the city council calls an election.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It is just like I thought it would be."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "comatose"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Marital, pedestal, instal, oriental.
4. What does the word "roseate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ex that means "state of requiring immediate action"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "It is just as I thought it would be." 2. Pronounce komatose, first e as in ea, an unstressed, second e as in ee, accent first syllable. 3. Install. 4. Tinged with rose color. "The roseate glow of fame inspired him." 5. Exigency.

SOC PAGE

kin: Suit seeks judgment of \$15,000 for injuries allegedly received in auto-pedestrian accident in May, 1948, in downtown Salem.

Ervin John Hardy vs Dorcas Jeanette Hardy: Order dismisses suit without costs.

Rose Ditchen and others vs Frank Ditchen, Jr., and Laura Ditchen: Decree confirms real property partition and parcels property.

Francis S. Martin vs Fern C. Martin: Complaint seeking divorce charges cruel and inhuman treatment asks that custody of a minor child and \$20 per month support money be awarded to defendant. Married Nov. 20, 1943, at Pasco, Wash.

Fred J. Fery and Luella M. Fery vs Gardner Bennett and Willamette Valley Water company: Motion for new trial by plaintiffs denied.

Joseph and Bertha Hendricks vs Gardner Bennett and Willamette Valley Water company: Plaintiffs' motion for new trial denied.

Herbert Toland and Grace Toland vs Gardner Bennett and Willamette Valley Water company: Plaintiffs' motion for new trial denied.

Charlie M. and Catherine Fery vs Gardner Bennett and Willamette Valley Water company: Plaintiffs' motion for new trial denied.

Dorothy Patapoff vs Abe Patapoff: Default order entered.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Raymond C. Williams, 23 truck driver, Lynnwood, Calif., and Paulene Krein, 19, waitress, 1070 Broadway st., Salem.
R. F. Dunks, 49, trucker, Albany, and Monzelle Lethis, 52, housekeeper, Scio.

O & C LAND SALE SLATED
PORTLAND, July 27—(P)—Four parcels of O & C timber valued at \$8,968 will be placed on sale August 16, the bureau of land management said today. Three of the tracts are in Lane county and the fourth in Josephine county.

REV. HOWELL ELECTED

PORTLAND, July 27—(P)—The Rev. E. J. Howell of Willamina was re-elected secretary of the Free Methodist conference today at the annual camp meeting near here.

ROTHS RETURN HOME

CENTRAL HOWELL—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roth and children arrived home recently after a 30-day trip to Kansas and Oklahoma.

Vets Borrow \$1 1/2 Million in Two Months

Oregon veterans during May and June borrowed \$1,496,200 from the state department of veterans affairs to purchase farms and homes. This brings the total of loans up to \$3,986,550 for the first six months of this year, the department reported.

While this was 24 per cent higher than the corresponding period in 1948 it was 17 per cent below the all-time high of \$4,826,520 which ex-servicemen borrowed in the last six months of 1948.

At the end of June, this year, 3,678 loans had been approved aggregating \$14,436,229. The record month was last September when 218 veterans obtained loans totaling \$939,470.

The act permits an applicant to borrow up to 75 per cent of the appraised value of the home or farm he is purchasing with a \$6,000 maximum, provided he was an Oregon resident at the time he entered military service.

The average loan has been \$3,930.

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