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Production in the USSR

The quality of Russian-made tanks used in Korea has given a rude jolt to those accustomed to scoffing at production of Russian industry. Wishful thinking for years has induced western reporters to apply heavy discounts to Russian claims, but the fact remains that Russia is making a success in its industrial development.

According to an article in the New York Times an analysis of official Soviet economic reports for the first half of 1950 shows that heavy industry in Russia is producing at an all-time high, and that the final year of the fourth five-year plan will see overfulfillment of goals. The output of major consumer goods is still below that of prewar years. This indicates that Russia is still putting emphasis on armament and on development of its production plant.

Here are statistics indicating the expansion of primary and heavy industry based on estimated production in 1950:

Coal: 264 million metric tons compared with 166 million tons in 1940.

Pig iron: 20.1 million metric tons, against 15 million tons in 1940.

Steel: 25.1 million metric tons in 1950; 18.3 tons in 1940.

Petroleum: 39 m.m. tons in 1950; 31 m.m. tons in 1940.

Tractors: 99,000 against 31,100 in 1940.

The USSR will turn out only 400,000 motor vehicles this year, but that is two and one-half times the number in 1940. Items such as cotton cloth and shoes however are below the comparable production in 1940.

The non-agricultural labor force is estimated at 37 million this year, while in 1945 it was only 27 million. Thus Russia is providing the labor for its mines and factories.

It is not safe to depend on figures of comparative production of steel and coal and iron. Rather we need to know just how much productive capacity is going into military preparations. Our hundred million tons of steel for example has been going chiefly into goods for civilians or for peacetime uses.

Korea offers the warning that we can't live in a dream world of our own superiority in industry and in fighting. We have competition now.

Another Jailbreak

A second jailbreak at the county jail, occurring at the same place and in the same manner as the one a few weeks ago calls for an explanation from the county sheriff's office. How is it that hacksaws get inside? And how is it that stronger security was not provided at jail windows? Soft iron bars do not a prison make.

The initial announcement is that these escapes are dangerous criminals. If they are, and the records would so indicate, then they should be kept locked up and not allowed to get hacksaws and quickly cut their way to freedom.

We'll have a new jail in the new courthouse. Meantime we have to make the old one do; and that means closer guarding and inspection and stiffer bars at windows. The sheriff's explanation should be followed with action.

No Borah Mantle

Idaho democrats surely had a beggarly choice among candidates for the six-year term as United States senator. Competing were the guitar-playing entertainer Glen H. Taylor, erstwhile candidate for vice president on the progressive party ticket; Compton White, north Idaho congressman, and D. Worth Clark, one-time U. S. senator, a rank isolationist. Disgust at Taylor proved slightly greater than contempt for Clark

and the latter won the nomination by a narrow margin. State Senator Herman Welker won the republican nomination. He doesn't need to be much good to be a whole lot better than D. Worth Clark.

Incumbent Sen. Henry Dworshak, republican, was nominated for the short term and a college professor, Claude J. Burtenshaw as named as his democratic opponent. Dworshak is pretty much of a hardshell though not as cantankerous as Washington's irrepressible Harry Cain.

Senator Borah took his mantle with him.

Associated Services

All will remember the invaluable work done by the USO for service men and women during the last war. It maintained centers adjacent to military installations for the comfort and convenience of those in the armed forces. It supplied camp shows for their entertainment.

The enlargement of our armed forces renews the need for such service. To meet it the Associated Services has been formed as the successor to USO. It operates on the same lines. Funds for its work will be raised by donations as was done for USO. The Oregon Chest has undertaken the fund-raising chore in Oregon and quotas will be assigned to the various county chests.

So remember, when the collectors come for the local chest to increase your contribution to cover this added and urgent cause.

There've Been Some Changes Made

Troops of the 13th armored division arriving for two weeks of training at Camp Cooke, California, were surprised at some of the indoctrination posters tacked up on barracks walls.

At least one eye-catching poster entitled "This is Russia—one of the United Nations" applauds the Russian people, their work, their country. It pictures Russian workers, Russian soldiers, Russian children in classrooms, Russian industry, cities and churches—all in a way designed to make Americans happy to be on Russia's side in the war.

If that seems puzzling, here's the explanation. The posters extolling the Soviet Union are referring to another war, not this one. Someone forgot to take them down when Camp Cooke was abandoned to the coastal fog and wind-blown sands. They are leftovers from World War II—when Russia was our great ally.

Officers of the law turned back to the chapter of the 1920's down in Coos county. They raided a place in the country and found a still and seven gallons of mash. The proprietor was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in jail. Liquor taxes being what they are the temptation to make moonshine is strong. The infrequency of raids however indicates that such operations in Oregon are not on any large scale. When people can buy liquor in state stores they aren't disposed to do much business with bootleggers.

The U.S. navy's rule of the island of Guam ended officially on August 1 and the people of that Pacific island are now citizens of the United States with a bill of rights, representative government and an independent judiciary. Considering the island's strategic importance, however, we suppose that the navy, which has governed it since 1898, is not going to pull out altogether.

An exchange last week ran for a top banner, "Detroit Wins, Yanks Lose." Now that's the kind of headline we like to read, remembering of course it's the New York Yankees.

Truman to Face Policy Problem of What to Do About Prospects of New Space Satellite

By Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 — There is one fact that makes an interesting commentary on the times in which we live. This is that a former Missouri farm boy will soon have to decide whether or not to create a new heavenly body.

Like so many things these days, this sounds like so much nonsense. Yet it is quite soberly true. Research on the creation of an artificial satellite, which would circle the earth like a much nearer and smaller moon, was started by order of former Secretary of State James Forrestal. It has for some time been established that the project was entirely feasible. While "economy" ruled the day, there was no chance of moving beyond the research stage.

Yet now that a great rearmament program is under way, a perfectly serious question has arisen as to whether or not to move ahead into the actual engineering phase. The expense, initially at least, would not be very great. The best estimate is that it would cost no more than \$250,000,000, or about 1 per cent of current defense expenditures, to establish the first, experimental satellite in space.

What is envisaged is a multi-staged rocket, probably designed in three stages, and chemically fueled. The experts estimate that the middle rocket would be about the size of the German V-1 with the first rocket far larger, and the third rocket, destined to become the new satellite, of course much smaller.

This monstrous missile would roar out into space, each rocket

gaining speed from the other, until the third and smallest rocket was traveling at about 17,000 miles an hour at a height of about 300 miles above the surface of the earth. It would then become a true satellite, defying the gravitational pull of the earth, provided it were properly aimed. This matter of aiming is exceedingly important. If the satellite failed to maintain an approximately constant height above the earth, it would encounter the heavy friction in the lower atmosphere, which would cause it to plunge to the earth.

But given the right altitude, the right speed and the right aim, the satellite would then circle the earth at about the rate of sixteen complete circumnavigations every 24 hours, or once around the earth in about an hour and a half. Again, provided the rocket were properly aimed, it would not maintain a constant course in relation to the earth, but would cover all sections of the globe, as the earth turned more slowly below it.

After perhaps two years, according to the experts, the friction of the very thing atmosphere at a 300-mile altitude would cause the satellite to fall to the ground. This could be avoided almost indefinitely at, say, a 400-mile altitude, since at this height there is almost no atmospheric friction. But this would present a far more difficult engineering problem, and moreover, the usefulness of the satellite would be reduced by the greater distance from the earth's surface.

This is because the main function of the satellite would be to operate as a kind of giant eye, spying on the earth below. What it saw through its telescopic and other instruments would be televised or communicated in other ways down to a control center on the earth. The instruments would almost certainly be operated by an atomic storage battery. This

would be an easier project than the atomic submarine engine now being developed, because, at least during the experimental period, the satellite would not be occupied by humans. Thus radioactivity, which kills humans, would not present a problem.

The satellite would be exceedingly useful for mapping (no accurate maps of the Soviet Union are in the possession of the Western powers), for weather prediction, and even, although this is hard to believe, for spotting major installations and even military movement on the earth below. Eventually the satellite could be used to guide intercontinental guided missiles.

All this is no mere fantasy. The scientists who have been studying the project warn that it is not to be treated as "science fiction," but as a perfectly practical matter, given the necessary time and money. The navy and the air force have even taken the matter so seriously that they have been engaging in the usual jurisdictional battle (the navy claiming that the satellite would operate in space, not air, and thus the air force has no special claim) with the result that both services have been conducting research on the satellite concept independently.

In the end, President Truman will inevitably order work started on this fantastic project, if only for an old familiar reason — if we don't, the Russians will. Especially since the hydrogen bomb decision, the president is said to feel that the scientists are going entirely too far. It is difficult not to sympathize with this point of view. For there is something oddly horrible about the idea of a heavenly body created and installed in space by man, in order to increase his war-making efficiency.

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Comes the Dawn

Chuck Barclay, chief prop spinner and aileron adjuster at airport, suddenly noticed two suspicious-looking bottles hanging from stakes near landing strips other day. Charles, who is also Salem's civilian defense program director, immediately began lookout siege on bottles. . . . finally spied someone giving attention to them . . . turned out to be state agricultural man prepared to nab any feared Japanese beetles or Oriental fruit fly which might sneak in to Salem via plane.

Barclay says he'd bet a slip stream against a prop wash that the fellow was probably REALLY looking for Russian beetles, the Red nosed ichneumon fly, East German potato bug or the Bulgarian blue-eyed bottle fly.

Theft of six woman's "blousers" from clothesline reported to police by lady—according to news item Saturday morning . . . wonder if blousers are combination blouse-and-bloomers—if so, women's fashions have changed more than shows on the surface . . . or did item mean "six woman's blue trousers?" . . . anyway, not only are blousers confusing to the layman but it's difficult to understand what any woman would want with six of them.

Al Lightner, who frequently comes to work wearing shirts resembling his wife's pajama tops, decided to brighten up his life not long ago . . . so he painted his house a lovely baby-cheek pink trimmed in sort of a policeman's blue . . . Al's neighbors, in self defense, painted their houses in a riot of colors—red, green, yellow, pink . . . (hard to tell now whether sun is rising or setting on that street) . . . not to be outdone by next door Rembrandts Al sneaked out of his house other day and (oh, peachy!) painted large lemon-yellow polka-dots all over his blue shutters—which is what his neighbors do whenever they walk past now . . . if they try to outdo Al's latest color spree he still has a few secrets weapons up his paint brush . . . such as painting his chimney purple, spraying his shrubbery gold and his lawn silver, running red, white and blue stripes around his house —vertically, and/or painting his wife and children black and orange.

At Englewood playground Parade day contest David DeLapp won third place on a vehicle which judges labeled "DeLappidated bicycle" . . . man who welds shut county jail windows after breaks noted, while patching up after Friday's getaway, "when things get slack around the shop there's always this."

Clowns, Indians Win Prizes at Playgrounds

Cowboys, Indians, clowns and teddy bears showed up at Salem playgrounds for Parade day as scores of the city's youngsters competed for prizes awarded the best-decorated floats, bicycles and wheel toys.

Even Pegasus the flying horse was on hand. A "Miss Salem" was there, too, sharing honors with "Miss America" of 1952 who waved to the crowds from a scooter.

Following are the winners of Friday's judging in one-two-three order:

Englewood
Float—Steven Baker, Tomina and Carl Slentz, Becky and Joy Minty; bicycle—Joyce Hansen, Beth Needham, Carolyn Smith; tricycle—Tommy Needham, David Wiseley, Kay Holscher; doll buggy—Carol and Carolyn Langdon; most unusual—Alma Lea and Roberta Kunowsky, Ronny and Joan Wichman, David DeLapp; funniest—Lois Melhoff and Kay Minty, Jacky Bennett and Mary Ann Remppert.

Bush
Bicycle—Jerry Stine, Janet Franklin, Lawrence Britton; tricycle—Art Case, Mickey Britton, Chuck Miller; doll buggy—Molly Ann Prime, Barbara Case; scooter—Joyce Franklin, Susan Hill; most unusual—Mary Ellen Prime, Susy Miller.

Olinger
Bicycle—Mike Tompkins, Carol Ream, Francis Ferder; flower-decorated bicycle—Peggy Jewel, Janet Chapel, Joan Picha; tricycle—Jimmy Stinnette, Charles Garvin, Charles Rastefter; doll buggy—Judy Scott, Beverly Jean Kenyon, Valerie Irene Jessop; float—Billy Gile, Mike and Pat Gallagher, Robert Crist; most unusual—Mary Catharin Garvin, Marylin Ripp, Ricky Prime.

Richmond
Float—Beverly Holwager, Diane Garison, Richard Hagner; bicycle—Roberta Thrush, Leonard Hagner, Jacky Graber; tricycle—Sandra Peters, Robert Thrush, Anne Holwager; doll buggy—Pat Stivers, Linda Hagner, Mary Harklin; scooter—Judy Peters, George Harklin, Roena Peters; most unusual—Sharon Hill, "Janie Remington, Sharon Hill.

Highland
Float—Mike and Marjorie Prange, David Olson, Davy Gregory and Jennie Ernst; bicycle—Sharon Wright, Donald Reed, Jimmy Chesley; tricycle—Sandra McRea, Diana Maver, Allen Wright; doll buggy—Sharon Panger, Helen Rose Prange, Mary Ann Easter; scooter—Mike Simmons, Bill Annings, Allen Mead; most unusual—Lynn Schwegler, Pamela Rennals, Shelley Surgeon.

Grant
Float—Billy and Carol Buck, Marlys and Corby Hann, Robin Gale; bicycle—Dottie Robertson, Marilyn Reamy, Connie Reamy; tricycle—Marilyn and Jerry Gooley, Sandra Trot, John Allen Schukart; doll buggy—Nancy Waite, Judy Franz, Ella Conley; scooter—Paulette Talbot, Mary Smith; most unusual—Roger Mulkey, Rebecca and Cheryl Singer, Darold Klinge.

McKinley
Float—Mary Jane Mofford, Linda Barry, David Aifson; bicycle—Jimmie Prentice, Lorna Elm, Jennie DeCamp, Judson Bressler; doll buggy—Marilyn Miller, Carol DeCamp, Sally Semster; most unusual—Carol Boers and Georgie Burton, Judy Daggett.

Archie Bair, Warehouse Foreman, Dies

Archie Bair, 59, a warehouse foreman for the West Coast Beet Seed company of Salem, died Saturday at his home at 1048 E. Miller st.

Born April 27, 1891, in Woodland, Wash., Bair moved to Oregon with his family while still a youngster and had lived in Salem since 1936. He was married Nov. 15, 1917, in Salem, to Ruth Thompson who survives here.

During World War I, Bair served in France with the 111th infantry regiment. He was a member of Marion post 661, VFW.

Survivors, besides his widow, include a son, George Bair, Salem; three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Olemann, Dallas, and Mrs. Lucille Eilert and Emmaline Joan Bair, both of Salem; his mother, Mrs. Maggie Bair, Salem; a brother, Edward Bair, Salem; four sisters, Mrs. Pearl Moodenbaugh, Mrs. Helen Crissel and Mrs. Leuzetta Askew, and Mrs. Alice Hanson, all in Washington; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday from the Howell-Edwards chapel with the Rev. Walter E. Brown and the Rev. Wilmer S. Frederick officiating. Concluding services will be in Lincoln Memorial park in Portland.

Vagrants Jailed In Police Search For 3 Escapees

Salem police officers searching for three escapees from the Marion county jail failed to uncover the prisoners but did return to headquarters with four transients under arrest for vagrancy.

The four men were found at 2:45 a.m. Saturday sleeping in a field near 13th and Fairview road. About four hours later five more vagrants were jailed after they were found sleeping in a clover field just north of the Marion-Polk bridge in West Salem.

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New Red Cross Manager to Arrive

Douglas Simms, new Red Cross chapter manager for Marion county, is expected to arrive in Salem Monday in time to attend the monthly meeting of the chapter board.

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