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Science and Politics in The U.S. and U.S.R.

Remember Prof. T. D. S. Lysenko whose revival of the long discredited theory of the inheritance of acquired characters set off quite an uproar in scientific circles? Recently he contributed an article to the Soviet press in which he attributed that theory, which became the official Party-line doctrine for Communist science, to Stalin himself. Whether this was written to open an escape hatch for himself or to offer a posthumous tribute to Stalin isn't clear, but some think the former was his purpose. Perhaps now other scientists who acquiesced in the decision of Stalin (who dabbled also in philology) may feel it is safe to come out of hiding.

The Coos Bay Times relates that Russian challenge to accepted scientific opinion to the recent attack on the U.S. bureau of standards for its finding that the battery additive AD-X2 had no value. For that rejection the new Secretary of Commerce, Sinclair Weeks, fired Dr. Astin, the bureau director. Such a storm of protest arose from friends of honest research that Weeks restored Astin to his position and acknowledged his professional standing. In the Senate inquiry which followed, however, the "catskinner" who promoted the sale of the stuff produced letters from satisfied customers and recorders. And Sen. Thye, pointing to a stake of orders, said: "That means more to me than the technical talk of a bunch of chemists." Such talk shocked The Times which saw in it the ignorance or selfishness of the business world battling scientific truth.

The Times might draw some satisfaction from the comment of Julian Huxley on the Lysenko episode. Huxley, a grandson of the great writer and lecturer on the Darwinian theory and himself a biologist, was an extreme left-winger; and there was some doubt as to how he would respond to the Lysenko test. He stood by his science rather than his political sympathy. In his recent book on "Evolution in Action" he writes:

"To me, as an evolutionary biologist, the handling of the Lysenko controversy in the USSR has been inherently wrong. This is not merely because the Lysenkoist views are scientifically untenable, and yet are being shielded from the free scientific criticism they would receive elsewhere; not merely because the upshot has been that the promising unity of world science has been disrupted; but because a political party has imposed its own dogmatic view of what must be correct and incorrect, and so violated the essential spirit of science."

However, the attack on Dr. Astin and the bureau of standards in this country met with such prompt resistance from within and without the scientific world that a cabinet officer did the unprecedented thing of restoring Astin to his position and standing, even though

his tenure was not to be permanent. And fresh tests of the additive by responsible scientists were ordered. Attempt of the politicians to wreck the bureau, if such was their purpose, was foiled. Dr. Astin wasn't a Lysenko; and Weeks ate about the toughest crow any cabinet officer has eaten in decades.

Disaster Stalks New Tribes Mission

So much tragedy has dogged the members of the New Tribes Mission that if they were predestinarians they might conclude that the Lord's hand was against them. The death of 14 of their number in a fire in the Mendocino National Forest in California was just the latest in a series of calamities which have befallen the group. In June, 1950, their plane bearing ten missionaries and five children crashed in Venezuela and all were killed. In November of that same year another mission plane crashed in the Wyoming mountains, bringing death to 21, including the director of the Mission, Paul W. Fleming. In addition, five of their missionaries lost their lives in trying to make contact with jungle tribes in Bolivia.

The Mission was founded 11 years ago. It is a Protestant, non-sectarian group, whose purpose is to send Christian missionaries to "the uttermost parts of the earth," and particularly to the remote tribes. They are not required to be ordained ministers or to have special skills. The one standard set is "willingness to serve Christ."

Headquarters of the Mission have been in Chico, Cal. It has run a "boot camp" at Fouts Springs in the forest. Those in training were sent there and were supposed to earn their way with whatever employment was offered.

The faith of the Missionaries is stronger than their fears; and they will not accept this chain of disasters as a sign of Divine disapproval. What they may need to reconsider is the practical value of their methods, and whether it is not better to work with and through established missionary organizations, with long experience in carrying the Gospel to distant places and peoples.

Those Offshore Lands Again

The State of Arkansas has made a legal attack on the act of Congress vesting title to offshore lands in the states contiguous thereto; and attorney generals of three more states, Alabama, Montana and West Virginia, plan to file another suit challenging the divestiture. The theory on which they proceed is that Congress lacks power to transfer to states the jurisdiction over lands where its paramount rights have been confirmed by the courts.

Prospect of success for Arkansas and others in their lawsuits looks very dubious. The Supreme Court never said the federal government "owned" the lands but merely that its rights were paramount. It would seem that Congress has power to dispose of such rights in the same way it gave extensive land grants to states and to railroads.

Congress now is working on legislation to govern exploitation of resources of offshore lands beyond historic state boundaries to the edge of the continental shelf. The Hill amendment to the Senate bill, which like the states' rights bill is being piloted by Senator Cordon, would assign revenues from this source to education, though the language is quite vague. Friendly as we are to the cause of education we think the funds should go directly into the public treasury to be disbursed through the regular processes of appropriation.

After Several Compromises With McCarthy Eisenhower Appears Ready for Showdown

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON—The fall of Lavrenti Beria may be the case of American domestic politics are rather likely to be shaken by a quite different event. President Eisenhower has at last opened hostilities against Senator Joseph R. McCarthy.

The decisive engagement will be the case of William Bundy, the able official of the Central Intelligence Agency who is McCarthy's newest target. The President shows every sign of the firmest purpose to oppose McCarthy on Bundy, even refusing to permit Bundy to respond to McCarthy's subpoena.

If Eisenhower does not surrender in this Bundy case, McCarthy will have a hard choice. He will have to choose between accepting public defeat, or unmasking his real purposes by publicly attacking the President himself. This can be, and may well be, the final turning point.

The real opening of hostilities, however, was the President's incisive statement denouncing the slander of the Protestant clergy by McCarthy's pet investigator, J. B. Matthews. The real interest of this statement lies in a vital background fact. The White House actively sought the opportunity, indeed created the opportunity, to strike this hard blow at the Wisconsin Senator.

It is an old story, now. How Matthews charged that 7,000 Protestant clergymen were secret agents of Moscow, and how the members of McCarthy's committee therefore protested Matthews' appointment as head of the committee staff. But how the White House seized upon the Matthews issue is not an old story.

The President's chief of staff, former Governor Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, was the man who decided that Matthews offered the long-awaited "really good issue" on which the President could take his stand against McCarthy.

Inevitably, Adams was opposed by the President's amia-

ble but appeasement-minded legislative liaison officer, Maj. General William B. Parsons. But the President, who has followed the advice of Parsons, this time decided the matter in favor of Adams. It is understood that Vice-President Richard Nixon also gave his approval.

Rather cleverly, the White House took steps to stimulate a telegram denouncing Matthews from three leaders of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths, Monsignor John A. O'Brien, the Rev. John Sutherland Bonnell and Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath. This was to give the President a reason to speak. Before the planned answer to the invited telegram could be published, the Vice-President hurriedly warned that Matthews was about to be dropped by McCarthy. The only White House reaction was to give the press the President's fine statement without further delay. In short, the intention to strike at McCarthy was abundantly clear.

Meanwhile, the desire to create a diversion drove Senator McCarthy to his attack on William Bundy, who comes of a distinguished Massachusetts Republican family, is Dean Acheson's son-in-law. As an acquaintance of Alger Hiss, he gave \$400 to the Hiss defense fund, so that the wrong door might be fairly tried. The only crimes charged against Bundy are his marriage to one of the most beautiful women in Washington, and his adherence to the American tradition that every man has a right to a fair trial. To answer to these crimes, Bundy was subpoenaed by McCarthy.

The significance of the Bundy case again lies in the background. Some time ago, McCarthy arrogantly presented Allen Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, with a list of ten alleged "security risks," whom he "ordered" Dulles to dismiss from the CIA. Six of these men, as it turned out, were not in the CIA's employ. Of the other three, a typical representative was the almost excessively respectable Robert H. Thayer, son-in-law of former Representative Ruth B. Pratt of New York. Dulles ignored McCarthy's order and went to Eisenhower.

Dulles told Eisenhower that no intelligence agency could

possibly continue to operate effectively if its employees were subject to Congressional inquiry. He pointed out the impossibility of maintaining secrecy, of keeping "cover," of doing the intelligence job. He said that he would have to resign if the President could not protect the CIA from such investigators as McCarthy. Eisenhower then promised to support Dulles to the limit.

McCarthy was warned that the President had taken this position. Hence his attempt to subpoena Bundy—and is a frank and open challenge to the President. The matter was taken up in the National Security Council on Thursday. The decision was unanimously taken to order Bundy not to respond to the subpoena, under the doctrine of the separate powers of the Legislative and Executive branches.

McCarthy began his public attack on Bundy before Vice-President Nixon could inform him of the Security Council's decision—which might have made him draw back. He has since tried, without result, to blackmail and bully Allen Dulles into submission. There is no question that the Administration will yield on the Bundy subpoena. But the faint hearts of the White House are as usual urging "compromise"—in this case, the transfer of Bundy to a less sensitive job, which McCarthy would of course claim as a complete victory.

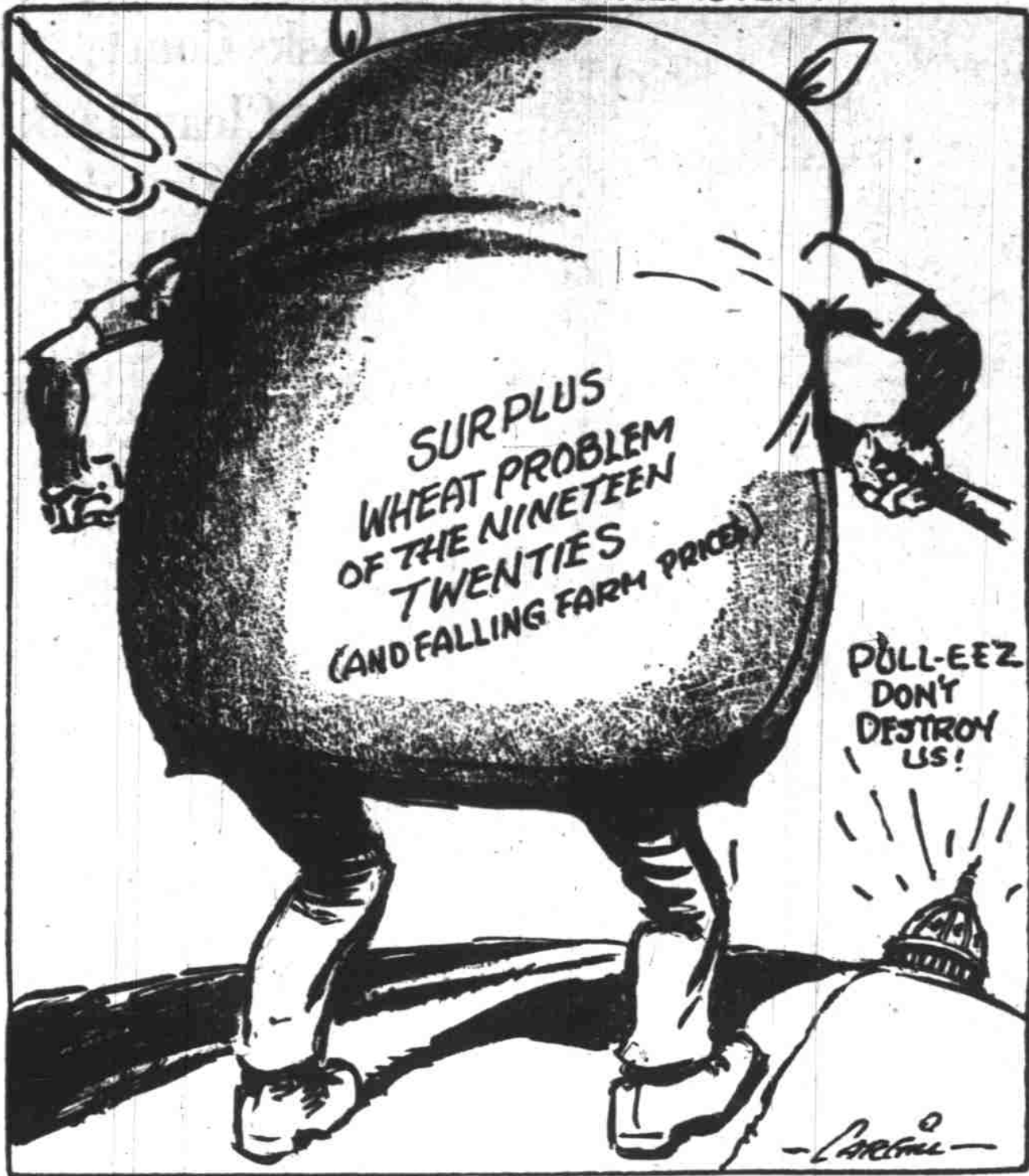
Yet it is hard to believe that the President will again appease the Wisconsin Senator. Even in the case of Paul H. Nitze, whose defense Department appointment McCarthy was allowed to veto, the President's approval of the veto seems to have been secured without a full explanation of the facts. At any rate, the President himself has now moved to offer Nitze another high appointment, also in the CIA.

In short, the real Eisenhower, the man of courage and high principle, who does not waver and will not yield to blackmail, at last seems to be taking charge. If this happens, it will be a very sad day for the junior Senator from Wisconsin.

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RETURN OF FRANKENSTEIN



Inside TV ...

Film Moguls May End Up Holding Bag

By EVE STARR

NEW YORK—The recent announcements by RCA-NBC of constant progress in 3-dimension and color TV research indicates that film producers who continue to sit tight on their hundreds of two-dimension black and white films may find them a permanent seat if they don't watch out. Several film executives have said it will be several years before they will release their backlogs to TV. One company set a figure of seven years. Meantime, very old films, mostly from small producers, continue to make the TV rounds time and again.

The TV audience is growing rapidly. The major film companies would be smart to study this trend and then determine if they want to wait "several years" to release their backlogs. Right now there is a big demand for TV entertainment of any and all types, including films. These film executives might just wait too long—until the television industry has developed its color processes and 3D, too, to the point where the average viewer won't accept anything else. Once an audience has been exposed to something new, it isn't easily satisfied with anything less.

INSIDE STUFF: It's being kept as quiet as possible, but a \$1,000,000 TV circulation measurement plan, the industry's equivalent to newspapers and magazines' Audit Bureau of Circulation, is almost ready for unveiling by the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters.

This project involves mail, phone and personal-interview surveys of every county in the nation which has TV. This plan will be submitted to network, agency and advertising executives late this month. The basis of the plan proves that this department's recent suggestion of television awards to performers based on the preferences of the TV audience is practical.

These awards, as noted previously, could be made on the results of surveys by phone and mail and, to a lesser extent, by interview.

STARR SPECIALS: Scott Brady of the films has been set to star in "Tangier Lady" for Ford Theatre. Joan Caulfield stars with Herbert Marshall on Ford Theatre's "Girl in the Park" July 16 on NBC. Ray Milland's TV film series, "Meet Mr. McNulty," has finally been given a starting date Sept. 17 and every Thursday thereafter on CBS. Jerry Colonna tells friends he's preparing a TV pilot film that is "Arthur Godfrey-ish" . . . 3,309,757 TV sets were produced during the first 21 weeks of 1953, according to the Radio-Television Manufacturers Assn., but there is still a potential market of 20,000,000 families. . . . The budget on the Groucho Marx show, "You Bet Your Life," has been upped to \$400,000 for the new season starting Aug. 19 (NBC). . . . Maureen O'Sullivan put her earnings from two TV shows into a house at Malibu Beach, Calif., where she's relaxing on the beach while her husband, John Farrow, directs the film, "Honda," in Mexico. . . . Dest Armat and Lucille Ball have an invitation to the 1954 Cannes Film Festival that includes their two children and the children's two grandmothers. . . . That wasn't President Eisenhower on the Hoagy Carmichael show; his double was Walter Nelson, a dock foreman of Long Beach, Calif. . . . Overheard in a Sunset Strip night spot: "This is the place mother told me to stay away from; I thought we'd never find it."

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10 Years Ago

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago
July 14, 1943

Production of Western Paper Converting company will be increased 20 per cent when the auxiliary to the Front Street plant goes into operation, Manager Lloyd Riches, says.

Once a unit in the coast defense at Fort Worden, which the five-inch siege gun which has been on Oregon's capital grounds since 1921, returns to active military service via the melting pot.

President Roosevelt stated that coal mines will be returned to private owners, although John L. Lewis stipulated that the existing strike truce will continue only as long as the government retains possession.

25 Years Ago

July 14, 1928

Bessie Love, famous screen star, is here in person at the Elsinore Theater with Fanchon and Marco show.

Capt. Emilio Carranza, Mexico's flying ace, was killed in plane crash.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Smith, old time Salem residents now of San Francisco, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Waters. Mr. Smith was born in Salem.

40 Years Ago

July 14, 1913

The U. S. Civil Service commission announced that a male clerk-carrier examination would be held to fill vacancies

Your Health

By Dr. Herman Sankel

Father's Role Is Important

When you stop to think about it, Father, as the head of the household, has a real and lasting influence on the physical, moral and mental health of his family.

Seeing that his children are brought up in a healthy manner is the father's responsibility—perhaps his greatest responsibility in the long run. A father, by his own family attitude, can encourage a healthy, intelligent attitude in his children.

As we all know, mental disorders or neurotic complaints are on the increase. Many children develop physical complaints due to frustration, worry or mental conflicts. Wise fatherhood that instills self-respect, confidence and wholesomeness in children, can avoid mental disorders of this type.

A child brought up in a home of constant strife between the mother and father, or one in which competition between the children is stressed and favoritism among children is prevalent, is in real danger of growing up with an abnormal mental attitude and is a good candidate for a nervous disorder.

Most fathers' duties go beyond merely providing an in-

come for their families. A father instills independence, clean thoughts and sportsmanship within his children. Healthily living and thinking begin in the home. Even the school, which is so important in forming a child's basic concepts, is surpassed by the home in its influence on clean and healthy thinking.

Then, too, it is Father's job to provide for the family in sickness. While Mother cares for the immediate health of the children, it is the father who usually insures adequate protection in case of serious illness, and sees to it that his family is provided with a healthy environment.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
Mrs. H. B.: My daughter, twenty-seven, had both her ovaries removed due to growth. Should she be taking female hormone?

Answer: It is probable that, due to early removal of the ovaries, your daughter may have bothersome symptoms such as hot flashes. The taking of female hormone, under the directions of a physician, would be advisable in such a case. However, if she has no symptoms, there is no need to take hormones.

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Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

THE FAIR BRIDE, by Bruce Marshall (Houghton Mifflin; \$3).

The finger of St. John of the Cross is credited with miraculous powers. As this novel opens, it is wanted by Franco followers, is actually in the hands of his followers, who however are actually in the hands of his enemies, who also want the relic.

Don Arturo has decided that truth, justice, sugar and spice and everything else nice, instead of being on the side of his church, lie with the Communists. . . . here arbitrarily identified, even at the very start of the Spanish civil war, as government forces. But his church, unaware of the priest's wavering faith, orders him to deliver the little bottled finger bone to a sympathetic Englishman who will turn it over to Franco, whose armies will then advance behind it to victory.

While other churchmen are hacked and bludgeoned to death, Don Arturo saves his skin by stringing along with disreputable Soledad and Mercedes. Put in the position where he can supposedly judge both sides, he is shown by the novelist making his ultimate choice.

A bishop has a special throne because of his piles, a canon stinks of garlic and sweat, a curate "gargles" the office for the dead, a cathedral resembles a joss house. . . . these are salient points in Marshall's description of the church, and the opposite side, whether democrat or Communist, fares no better.

A devout man if there ever was one, as he showed in "Father Malachi's Miracle," Marshall does not show it here. His criticisms aren't bitter, savage or ironic, they are just tawdry and vulgar. Don Arturo isn't torn between two dynamic forces, religious and political, divine and secular, he's just caught between a sort of a sty and a sort of a stewart, as it looks here. The author was right in suspecting some readers would find this book offensive.

Now, to put the food where the needy can almost smell it, but where they cannot reach it through the Iron Curtain, caps the climax.

There has been one fault in the American operation. It was too slow. It suggests that Washington is not set to jump at such opportunities as they develop. The internal situation in Russia, the increasing evidence of well-organized and disciplined undergrounds in the satellites, the level of power attained by the free world since it began to mobilize in 1948, are sure signs that the opportunities will be more and more frequent.

Washington needs to get its guns cocked.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I'll be through by five o'clock, and we'll try and solve your problem then."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "vague"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Emporium, calcium, millennium, helium.

4. What does the word "conjectural" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with fu that means "quality of being useless"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I'll have finished by five o'clock, and we'll try to solve your problem then." 2. Pronounce vag, as in may, not as in bag. 3. Calcium. 4. Pertaining to a surmise or guess. "It was a mere conjectural opinion." 5. Futility.

at Salem post-office. Salary was \$800 per annum.

Polk county men W. F. Fuller, president of Dallas Commercial Club, and H. L. Fenton were in the city to boost the new county fair for Polk County.

Pauline Crawford, world's woman motorcycle champion, is appearing at the Globe Theater. She holds all world's records from one to 100 miles.

Russian 'Slip' Showing After Food Refusal

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst

Communist guards at the Iron Curtain have been turned into a barrier between the people of East Germany and the food they need. Soviet Russia, whose bureaucracy usually moves to bumping in even the simplest of matters, took only a few hours to decide that she had rather risk the wrath of the subject people than to admit publicly that any area under Communist control needed help from the capitalist world.

When the subject of an American offer of food was broached in this column on July 1 it was suggested that the Communists would attempt to wriggle out of accepting it with the bald claim that it is not needed, and that is just what happened.

Russia now claims she has aided East Germany with food supplies and that she will send more if necessary. No testimony of that has come from any German source.

General knowledge of the bumbling Russian system raises the question of whether she could even if she would. All she can do is cry that the food problem was created by "Texas shirters" leading the Berlin riots. (Texas will undoubtedly add another medal to her expansive and beribboned chest.)

Russia looks from this distance as if her slip is showing again; that her weaknesses are so widespread she must try to save face at all costs, even to the point of refusing such a humanitarian gesture.

By the same token, her rapid and frantic reaction to the food offer is sufficient to indicate that the U. S. has struck one of the most telling blows since the Berlin blockade forced Russia badly out of position in 1948.

It is an example of initiative in the cold war.

It was a situation made to order. The East Germans were crying for food. The U. S. had plenty of it—enough in Europe to start the ball rolling, warehouses full of surplus at home to offer aid was a traditional American reaction, regardless of the cold war. To put Russia in the position of either admitting that Communism didn't work or of denying food to the hungry was a natural.

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Noted Expert on Soils To Give Portland Talk

Dr. William Albert Albrecht, well-known authority on minerals and chairman of the department of soils at the University of Missouri, will give a free public lecture at Portland Civic Auditorium Thursday at 8 p. m.

Subject of the illustrated lecture will be "Our Soils—Our Food—Ourselves."

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