

Inquiry Challenges Red Claims of Rising Standards of Living

NEW YORK (AP)—American research Saturday challenged with detailed facts one of the most carefully cultivated Soviet tenets—that Communist rule has brought sharply improved living standards to Russians.

A study at Columbia University has concluded that Soviet wage and salary earners receive for their labor no more an probably less than they got a quarter century ago before the highly-vaunted five year plans.

Ivan Ivanovich Ivanov, Russia's average man, in 1952 was taking home from his factory job a lot more paper rubles than he would have gotten in 1928—about nine times as many.

But meanwhile the prices were inflated in many cases far more than his wages.

For every ruble the Ivanovs spent on rye bread in state stores in 1928 they had to pay 19 in 1952.

For wheat bread, they paid 8 instead of 1; for buckwheat grits 31; pork 25, beef, 17, mutton 18, sugar 17, sunflower-seed cooking oil 40, milk 14, sour cream 13, eggs 19. In other words, the prices increased by 8 to 40 fold.

Measuring standards of living and its most important element—real wages—is never simple. One first has to devise a yardstick. The Columbia study uses two yardsticks, both based exclusively on Russian buying and consuming habits.

"Market Basket" The first is a "market basket" for the year 1928. This statistical device aims at summarizing what Russian workers and salary earners actually consumed in that year.

The second is a "market basket" for 1937. By that time, under the pressure of deprivations of the first and second five-year plans, Russian buying and consuming habits had changed radically.

The study gives this index of net wages (take-home pay) with 1928 as 100:

	1937	1948	1952
Based on 1928 market basket	57	40	63
Based on 1937 market basket	81	56	90

These figures mean that in 1952 the worker was getting in goods—leaves of bread, suits, housing, utilities and services—only 63 to 90 per cent as much as he got in 1928 (depending on which yardstick one uses).

This table shows among other things the disastrous effect of war and the first and second five year plans.

Belt-Tightening Russians lived poorly in 1928. But by 1937 they tightened their belts many notches, and in 1948 they were receiving only 40 to 56 per cent as much for their work as 20 years earlier.

The Columbia study has not been able to bring its data up to 1954, but its authors conclude the cuts of 1953 and 1954 reduced the official prices of consumer goods some 15 per cent and raised real wages by perhaps the same scale over 1952.

Research on the project was done by Mrs. Janet Chapman, a consultant for the Rand Corp. This is one part of a project being directed by Prof. Abram Bergson of Columbia's Russian Institute. The Rand Corp. is a private organization which does research on the Soviet Union.

Real Wages Drop This is the first time that precise, scientific analysis has been made on this scale in the Soviet standard of living. The study pins down what most Western students of the Soviet Union have long felt—was true—that real wages have not risen during the five year plans and during some periods fell off.

Nor do the dry figures of the report tell the human side of the story—undernourishment for millions, even at times famine, while enormous industrial and military power was built up by the Soviet leadership.

The author gives her conclusions: "According to our calculations

Candidate



LOS ANGELES — Joan Gentry, who's 17, blond and a senior at South Pasadena High School, is the candidate of Los Angeles press photographer for "Miss National Press Photographer" at the National convention of news cameramen in Atlantic City, N. J., June 9-12. She'll compete against girls picked by other regional organizations around the country. (AP WIREPHOTO)

the Soviet worker after the five year plans has never been as well off in terms of real wages as he was in 1928. One of our calculations perhaps theoretically the more defensible, shows he is still far worse off than in 1928.

"The results are striking, especially when contrasted with the familiar Soviet claims.

Give High Priority "That the Soviet rulers have always given high priority to basic and defense industries is well understood. The extent to which the welfare of the population has been neglected in carrying out this policy is made clear by the present study."

At the same time the author says: "Though Soviet real wages are still extremely low in terms even of their own history, the Soviet government's ability to provide a continuous and appreciable increase in real wages over the past five years during the cold war is a matter of prime domestic and international significance."

The study says further improvement in real wages in Russia will be difficult unless the regime can solve its agricultural problems.

The author assembled a wide array of data on wages, prices and other factors in real wages and standards of living. The Soviet government has suppressed much information on prices and wages.

The work relied for some of its information on data gathered by foreign visitors to the U. S. S. R., but the largest part of the material, particularly for prewar years, came from official Soviet publications.

France produced about 60 million tons of coal in 1953—about what U. S. mines produced in two months.

A-Pool Under Propaganda Attack by Reds

WASHINGTON (AP)—The deadlock between Russia and the United States over President Eisenhower's proposed atom-for-peace plan became publicly complete Saturday—to the discouragement of U. S. officials who had hoped for some progress.

Publication in the Moscow newspaper Pravda of the Soviet government's position on the atomic talks upset, these talks, not so much because of the familiar arguments used as because the Russians are now treating the atomic negotiations as simply another aspect of the wide open conflict between the Soviet Union and the West on many issues.

Secretary of State Dulles is known to have been favorably impressed by the fact that the Soviets had refrained from propaganda discussions of the atomic negotiations.

Like Asked Cooperation These talks resulted from Eisenhower's proposal to the United Nations last December for American-Russian cooperation in setting up an atomic pool for peaceful purposes.

Saturday's Pravda article did not rule out further negotiations. But it state the Russian position in take-it-or-leave-it terms that had not been publicly used since Dulles and Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov began direct exchanges of view on the Eisenhower plan.

Pravda said the talks would not have "any positive result unless the United States agrees to unconditional prohibition of atomic-hydrogen weapons."

The article argued that the Eisenhower plan would drain off only a small part of atomic stockpiles and that this would mislead the public.

The tone of the article indicated that the Soviets have finally decided to make a propaganda play of the American position on the Eisenhower plan.

The claim that this plan creates a "deceiving appearance" probably will now be used to fit in with the standard Soviet line that Russia is a peaceful nation and the United States is not.

President Eisenhower was asked at a news conference recently about the possibility of going ahead with an international atom-for-peace plan without Soviet cooperation. He indicated that all possibilities on the subject were being considered.

Worker Jailed For Taking Drugs To Prison Inmates

Joseph Monroe Branum, Dallas, a construction worker at the Oregon State Prison, was sentenced to six months in Marion County jail Saturday on a charge of bringing drugs into the state prison.

Branum, erroneously identified in original reports as a prison guard, pleaded guilty to a state police charge of illegally bringing benzedrine into the prison for inmate use.

Sentencing came Saturday from Marion County District Court Judge Val Sloper.

Fifty years ago 3 out of every 10 people could expect to live to be 70 years old; today the figure is 5 out of 10.

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World Peace Uneasy On Memorial Holiday

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The nation honors its heroic dead Sunday with prayers its sons never again will be called to war. But world peace remained uneasy.

Wade Carter, Pulp Workers' Leader, Dies

Wade C. Carter, 48, president of the Oregon Pulp and Sulphite Workers local for the past 12 years, died in a Salem hospital Saturday.

Cause of death has not been determined, the attending physician said.

Carter, an electrician at the Oregon Pulp and Sulphite Co., was overcome by gasoline fumes Thursday afternoon while working with a motor at the plant and had been under the doctor's care since.

He long had been active in civic affairs including the Community Chest and Red Cross and was also on the board of directors of the Salem General Hospital.

Born at Athens, Tenn., on April 29, 1906, Carter came to Salem with his parents at the age of 13. In 1929 he was married to Miss Elaine Schultz of Dallas.

Surviving are the widow, one son, Wade C. Carter Jr., Salem; sisters, Mrs. Gilbert Stallings, Salem, and Mrs. Myron Landau, Chicago; brothers, Reed and Lester Carter, both of Salem; Oel Carter, Chehalis, Wash., and Doyle Carter, in England with the U. S. Air Force.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Virgil T. Golden Chapel with the Rev. Thornton Jansma officiating. Interment will be at Belcrest Memorial Park.

James Franklin Of Silverton Dies
Statesman News Service
SILVERTON — James William Franklin, about 50, resident of this community for nearly 40 years, died at his home here Saturday night following a long illness. He is survived by the widow and 11 children.

Funeral services will be announced later by the Ekman Funeral Home.

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Portland Man Heads Alumni At Willamette

Nearly two hundred alumni attended the Willamette University Alumni Day banquet held last night in the Marion Hotel. The banquet climaxed a full day of activities on the local campus, with the afternoon ground breaking ceremonies for three new buildings highlighting the annual observance.

New officers of the Willamette alumni association, elected at the dinner meeting, are: Dr. Verne Bain, Portland, president; Dr. Robert F. Anderson, Salem, vice president; Mrs. Ralph Nohlgren, Salem, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Herbert Hardy, Portland, executive committee. All will serve two-year terms.

Two members named to the university board of trustees for three-year terms are Mrs. Francis L. DeHarport, Portland and Hugh McGilvra, Forest Grove. McGilvra was re-elected to the board.

Outgoing president, Herman Clark presided at the banquet. University president G. Herbert Smith spoke to alumni about the present program at Willamette and presented 25-year Matthew medallions to members of the 1929 class.

John Minto, outgoing president of the class of 1929, presented \$150 to the university for a loyalty share in the current building fund campaign. Members of the 25-year anniversary class participated in the gift.

Harry Swafford, Salem of the graduating class of 1903, was cited as oldest member present and Miss Thelma Mills, executive director of the New York City YWCA, was recognized as the alumnae from the greatest distance.

Entertainment was presented by music college students D'Anne Manor, Xenia, Ohio; Tom Larsen and Helen Piazza, both of Portland.

Father of Federal District Attorney Dies
EUGENE (AP)—Earl Luckey, 66, father of C. E. Luckey, federal district attorney for Oregon, died here Saturday.

The elder Luckey, who had been in the grocery business here most of his life, is survived by his widow, Ann, and their son.

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Portland Mill Sale Nears Completion

PORTLAND (AP)—Sale of the multi-million dollar Inman Poulsen Lumber Co. to Georgia-Pacific Plywood appeared near completion Saturday.

Dant & Russell, a major stockholder in the Inman Poulsen firm here, announced it has accepted a Georgia-Pacific offer, which is being extended to other stockholders with a June 25 deadline for acceptance.

The amount was not disclosed, but Owen R. Cheatham, president of Georgia-Pacific, said his company had put 11 million dollars in escrow in Seattle to cover the Dant & Russell part of the deal.

Inman Poulsen's extensive timber holdings in Western Oregon are part of the transaction. Inman Poulsen also has a big sawmill here.

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Teen-Age Vice Probe Scheduled In Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Francis Mathews, juvenile officer, said Saturday he will recommend a grand jury investigation of reported teen-age vice in Klamath County.

Mathews said statements have been taken from 22 youths who were reported to have had sexual relations with two 15-year-old girls.

The current investigation was touched off two weeks ago when state police reported they found a nude 15-year-old girl in a parked automobile with two boys.

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