

Russian Workers Short of Overalls

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WASHINGTON (UP) — Home economists in the U. S. Department of Labor have been examining the lot of the trodden-down behind the Red curtain.

They have discovered a serious shortage of work clothing among the gallus, or overall, set in Russia. As a matter of fact, there is a frightful crisis in consumer goods in the Soviet and its occupied areas.

Some of the Russian editors must not have had the proper instructions from higher up. At least, the Soviet Trade Union Daily Trud, according to the Labor Department, printed a letter a few days ago from a housewife, one V. Svistunova. She wrote from the Soviet city of Kishinev, hard by the Russian-Romanian frontier.

The housewife wrote that she had a problem, she and her old man. They had done some major and necessary remodeling of their home. Mr. S. thought it was time to buy some new furniture.

Store Was Amazed
"I went to the central furniture store of the Kishinev City Con-

Air Base Work Rushed by Reds

TAIPEI, Formosa (UP) — Nationalist press reports said Wednesday the Chinese Communists were rushing work on four air bases across Formosa Strait and had moved in 800 warplanes along the southeast coast.

Part of these reports may be the cause of latest U.S. concern over Formosa. But it appears the Communists still are far from ready for any big operation because of supply problems along the mountainous coast.

sumer Goods Trade Organization," she said.

All she wanted for a start, she told the trade paper, was some cupboards and kitchen tables.

"The clerk looked at me in amazement," Mrs. S. said. "It was clear that the clerks in the store had forgotten the last time such and similar indispensable things for every family even sold."

Mrs. S. went from store to store, wearing thin the only pair of shoes she owned.

"The answer," she said, "always was the same."

The clerks told her that cupboards and kitchen tables were not for sale. One darkened an already dark afternoon by suggesting there was "nothing better than the kitchen floor for eating off of."

The woman said in her letter that she found the Ministry of Local Industrial Production in Molenko, headed by "Comrade Ate-menko, does not consider the need of consumers."

The U. S. Labor Department learned from other sources that the Kishinev woodworking factory received a lot of orders from the City Trade Organization during the last half-year. People desperately needed things like kitchen cabinets, cupboards, clothes hangers, shelves, and other household furniture.

The orders weren't answered. Other factories, the Labor Department found out, had orders to produce hatchet handles, clothespins, rolling pins, stools, bed stands, and other things. None of the orders were being filled.

Mrs. S. concluded in her letter to Trud that the Soviet doesn't want to bother with "trifles."

She quoted the Red leaders as saying that such was "inconvenient. It would prevent the fulfillment of the state plan."

'McLeod Gang' Said Wreck of Relief Project

WASHINGTON (UP) — Edward Corsi charged Wednesday a State Department "security gang" headed by Scott McLeod had wrecked the administration's refugee relief program.

He told a Senate judiciary subcommittee the program needs to be taken out of "the hands of the policemen" and administered under "new, competent and sympathetic leadership."

Corsi, a prominent New York Republican, said he was brought into the State Department as an expert last Jan. 9 to help get the program "rolling." Ninety days later Secretary of State Dulles fired him. "Shabby and un-Christian treatment," Corsi called it.

He testified that McLeod, State Department security chief and director of the program, believed most Americans and most Congressmen are "against immigration of any kind."

Increased immigration is one of the basic ideas of the Refugee Relief Act. Under it, the United States would admit 214,000 carefully screened refugees by the end of 1956. About 22,000 visas have been issued during the past 18 months of the program.

McLeod told the senators Wednesday he believed the aims of the program would be "substantially" achieved. He pictured Corsi as unwilling to settle down as his deputy.

Assessor Appointed Benton County Judge

CORVALLIS (UP) — Emilia E. Larkin, 60, who had been county assessor, Wednesday was appointed by Gov. Paul Patterson as Benton County judge. The position had been left vacant by the death of George McBee last week.

Dust Storm Warning



STRASBURG, Colo. — Roy Norris, a Colorado Highway Department driver, stands near a warning sign on U.S. Highway 36-40 during height of a dust storm ready to caution motorists about poor visibility in the plains area. The photo was made about 35 miles east of Denver. (AP Wirephoto)

Suit Against SP Dismissed

KLAMATH FALLS (UP) — A damage suit brought by a Portland heating engineer against Southern Pacific was dismissed by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Wednesday.

Judge Vandenberg said that John T. Quinn, plaintiff, had failed to prove his case.

Quinn sued for damages allegedly sustained when he was "roughed up" and "maliciously

ejected" from the Cascade Streamliner in July, 1951.

Quinn had boarded the streamliner without a ticket or reservation after the Shasta Daylight, on which he was en route from Oakland, Calif., to Portland, left him behind at the Klamath Falls station.

There are about 2,500 known species of lizard.

Mutual Accord Demonstrated By U.S., Bonn

BONN, Germany (UP) — The United States and West Germany joined Wednesday — the 66th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birth — in a diplomatic formality of the process that is soon to make them partners in defense.

They deposited in Bonn their treaties to end the occupation, now in its 10th year, and allow Allied troops to remain on German soil as a bulwark against aggression.

West Germany will not become sovereign and able to rearm, however, until Britain and France have taken the same action. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations also have to deposit treaties giving Bonn membership in NATO and the Western European Union (WEU) in Washington and Brussels.

This cannot be done until the Dutch Parliament completes ratification in early May. But German officials expressed confidence Wednesday that the whole process will be completed by May 7.

Wednesday's action was somewhat of a surprise. It had been assumed that all the Western Allies and West Germany would act together on an agreed date. The joint move by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and U. S. High Commissioner James B. Conant provoked speculation that it was a demonstration of Western determination to go ahead with the Paris treaties despite Soviet Russia's latest proposals to free Austria as a neutralized nation.

The U. S. intention to deposit the documents Wednesday was announced Tuesday. But not until the last minute was it known that West Germany was going to do it, too.

The treaty ending the occupation provides that the West German Federal Republic shall have the full authority of a sovereign state over its internal and external affairs.

Underwater Surgery Given To Bat Ray in Oceanarium

PALOS VERDES, Calif., (UP) — Charlie, a 50-pound myopic bat ray, swam languidly about the main tank of the Pacific Oceanarium Thursday convalescing from a delicate half hour eye operation, the first underwater surgery on record.

In his left eye, Charlie sported a new transplanted cornea deftly sewn in place with eight sutures by Dr. H. George Blasdel, eye surgeon at Los Angeles County General Hospital.

Youth Sits in Jail Cell as Dad Buried

PASCO, Wash. (UP) — P.H. Petersen, 52, was buried quietly Wednesday.

Family and friends were there to grieve — but not the 16-year-old son whose bullets struck him down April 1. Petersen's life ebbed slowly until he died last Sunday night.

The son, Richard, a pudgy 200-pounder, was not permitted to leave the Franklin County jail to attend the funeral.

However, the boy was allowed a few minutes alone with his father's body at a funeral home Tuesday. Sheriff Harvey Huston said he came out of the room tight-lipped but dry-eyed.

Prosecutor Roger Olson said an assault charge against young Petersen for wounding his father would be changed next week either to first or second degree murder.

The boy already has been charged with first degree murder for the death of Pasco Police Patrolman Alva Jackson, 38, who was mortally wounded in disarming the berserk youth. The shooting spree was touched off by a family quarrel over the boy's beer drinking.

Blasdel donned an aqua-lung and a grey-white rubber suit to perform the operation at Marineland yesterday. Acting as "nurse," was Fat Patterson, a diver at the Oceanarium, who was forced to chase Charlie all over the tank before the blind but unwilling bat ray could be put on the operating table.

A large crowd witnessed the operation and Dr. J. Willoughby Howe, another eye surgeon, gave a running account from outside the tank on how the operation was proceeding.

Charlie, a friendly black-winged ray that had become a pet at the Oceanarium, was nearly blind from bumping his protruding eyes on the glass walls of the tank. A healthy ray was caught in the ocean to act as an equally unwilling donor.

Patterson, after managing to catch up with the two fish, tied them to small operating tables loaded with weights. Dr. Blasdel gave each ray a hypodermic injection of anesthetic, and they went to sleep.

May Fix Other Eye
With Patterson holding a tray of delicate surgical tools, Dr. Blasdel neatly cut a circular cornea from the healthy ray and transplanted it in Charlie's left eye. For the operation, Blasdel wore a special lens on his face-plate to correct for underwater distortion.

He said the sutures would be removed in about a week, and if the operation proves successful, Charlie's right eye may be fixed also. Blasdel, who has performed similar surgery on dogs, said the operation went off very well and he had every hope it was a success.

Patterson said he postponed working on Charlie's right eye because the fish got "restless." After the operation, the patient was released from the operating table, revived and swam gracefully away.

Only sad note to the proceedings occurred when the donor ray failed to revive, apparently from an overdose of anesthetic.

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