New York Events Illuminate Russian Tactics in United States

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Well, if America isn't finally awake to the machinations of Communism it isn't the fault of a case which staged the amazing escape of the Russian school mistress from Soviet diplomats in the heart of New York City.

Conan Doyle never dreamed up anything more startling than the case of Mrs. Oksana S. Kosenkina. And maybe we had to learn the realities of life by seeing her hurl herself to grave injury from the second story window of the Soviet consulate where she says she was imprisoned. Perhaps we also had to witness the drama of Michael I. Samarine, another Russian teacher, who fled to asylum with his family, rather than be returned to the Soviet Union.

If we needed anything to cross the T's and dot the I's for us, it was Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's brusque demand that both these teachers be surrendered immediately to Soviet authorities. This was before the consulate had taken Mrs. Kosenkia away from the White Russians by whom she had been given refuge near New York. She now is in hospital, closely guarded by city police.

The most shocking aspect of these cases is that Soviet officials should dare to exhibit such brazen effrontery in a foreign country. Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Moscow for less than this back in the early days of the Soviet Union. And America withheld recognition of the Moscow government until 1933 for smaller sins.

Advantage Taken

However, the Bolshevists have been taking advantage of their allies' tolerance since the war. They even have gone to the extent of carrying out wholesale spying in Britain, Canada and the United States, as was brought out by Canada's exposure of the great Red spy-ring.

The Communists also have received much encouragement from the lenient attitude of self-styled "liberals" who have maintained that anything done in the name of a political ideology must be okay. These free-thinkers have shrugged-off the fact that Communism has been over-throwing governments by force right and left in Eastern Europe ever since the war.

The drama of the Russian school teachers is likely to hammer home the stark truth about Bolshevism as nothing else could do.

US Petroleum Supply Said 'More Favorable'

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — The House Interstate Commerce Committee reports that the petroleum outlook for this winter is "somewhat more favorable" than last year.

The committee expressed "deep concern" however, over long-range oil supplies, especially in view of "continued uncertainty" in world affairs. It also questioned the ability of the transportation industry to meet an emergency.

Does Anyone Want To Buy Tanner's Falls

BONESDALE, Pa.— (AP) —R. C. Perkins is looking for someone in the market for a nice little town. Perkins, who owns the hamlet of Tanners Falls in Wayne County, is the town — complete with a factory, store, houses and stable — in the auction block Sunday.

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Candidates Carried Unto Platform

CONWAY, Ark. —(AP)— They had to carry several "graduates" across the stage here to receive their degrees from Arkansas State Teachers College.

And for a few more a last minute swig from the bottle was necessary before the old sheepskin could be firmly grasped.

You see, the "graduates" were receiving the "Baby of Arts," a semi-honorary degree given by the college to children whose parents received regular degrees at commencement services.

The 39 candidates for degrees ranged in ages from six months to 14 years.

Ohio Youngster Derby Champ

AKRON, O.—(U.P.)—A 103-pound 13-year-old boy held the 1948 national soap box derby championships Monday.

Donald Strub, of Warren, O., who says he will use the four-year scholarship he won to become a mechanical engineer, guided his home-built soap box on wheels, down the 975-foot official course in 27.09 seconds Sunday. He barely nosed out two other finalists from a field of 148.

A crowd of 70,000 roared as young Strub coasted across the finish line ahead of Gary Turley, of Charleston, W. Va., who was second, and William Brown, 15, of Atherton, Cal., third.

Fourth place went to Richard T. Martter, 15, of Los Angeles.

Industry Profit Increases Told

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — The Federal Trade Commission released a survey Monday which showed that the rate of profit of many industries has increased considerably since pre-war 1940.

The survey compared the rate of return on investment, after taxes had been paid, of 25 key industries in 1940 with 1947.

The rates of return were higher in 1947 for all three of the industries, the FTC reported.

Those showing a decline were cigaret manufacturing; miscellaneous tobacco products manufacturing (chewing, pipe, snuff) and the engines and turbines industry.

Tobacco prices have risen, the FTC explained, while the prices of the products have remained stable.

Some of the biggest gains were made by the manufacturers of paper, equipment, rugs and rayons.

Board Snips Red Tape Out of Own Pockets

SUPERIOR, Wis. —(U.P.)— It was a cool, sunny day and Douglas County supervisors had no stomach for any kind of red tape.

But there was that annoying little detail of an $8 coal bill that had to be taken care of. The coal was delivered last winter to a relief client who since had died. Now the county had the bill.

It was a legal puzzle over what funds should be used to take care of it.

One look out of the window at the clear blue sky settled the matter for the eight supervisors. Each pulled out a dollar bill and clipped it to the relief voucher.

One by one they walked out of doors to enjoy their peculiar triumph over the red tape of government.

A pearl oyster reaches maturity during its fourth year of life.

When his mother was run down by a truck in Schenectady, N. Y., this infant squirrel was in a bad way. But his troubles were short-lived, for he was taken in and bottle-fed. Seems to be thriving on it.

Mother Agrees To Take Chance

CHICAGO — (U.P.)—Mrs. Irene Lamphere, 21, agreed Monday to let her 22-month-old daughter, Pamela, undergo an operation even though the child might not survive.

But Mrs. Lamphere refused to make up with her husband, Fred, 24, although her decision eliminated the cause for their separation.

Pamela was born with her bladder inverted outside her body.

Slight Chance

Doctors had told the Lampheres that the child would not live beyond the age of five. They said the condition could be corrected by surgery but there was only one chance in 1,000 that Pamela would survive the operation.

The doctors' information caused the Lampheres to quarrel bitterly. Lamphere wanted to risk the operation on the chance that the child might be able to lead a normal, comfortable life even though she might die under the knife.

Dreaded Action

Mrs. Lamphere preferred not to risk the operation. She wanted Pamela with her as long as possible.

As a result of constant quarreling over the question, the Lampheres wound up in the divorce courts.

When superior judge Walter R. O'Mallery heard their case, he faced the difficult task of deciding Pamela's fate because he had to award her custody to either the mother or father.

Board Called In

The judge called in a board of medical experts Saturday to help him decide what to do. He asked the board to examine Pamela and determine what was best for her. The board is expected to examine her next Sunday.

Meanwhile, however, Mrs. Lamphere took matters into her own hands. She read in the newspapers of many children who had survived similar operations. Reporters brought one such child to visit her.

That convinced her. On Sunday she decided to let the child undergo surgery.

Shenandoah Cherries Credited to Robin

LURAY, Va.—(U.P.)—According to legend, the birds in the Shenandoah Valley will never starve and its fruit growers will prosper because of a robin.

The robin, according to the old tale, flew over Massanutten Mountain with a cherry stone in its beak. In a lonely gorge of the mountain, the bird dropped the stone.

From that stone, the legend goes, a cherry tree grew. It was the first of all the many orchards of cherry trees in the valley.

The tree is still bearing fruit. A massive and grotesque tree, it has been picked nearly clean this summer by the birds and curio-seeking tourists.

Eagles Gather For Convention

SEATTLE — (AP)—The nation's Eagles return to their "nest" this week.

Fifty years ago in Seattle the Fraternal Order of Eagles was founded. For four days starting Thursday, Seattle aerie No. 1, first of the present 1700 lodges, will act as host to the order's national convention.

More than 2,000 delegates and an additional 1,000 observers are expected from lodges throughout the United States, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines. meeting will be grand worthy

Presiding over the jubilee president Raymond P. McElroy of Providence, R. I.

Key addresses for the convention will be given by Governor Mon Wallgren of Washington and Gov. Earl Warren of Calif. Wallgren will speak Thursday, Warren Saturday.

'Bedside Manners' Urged On Animal Doctors

CHICAGO —(U.P.)— Future veterinarians should have the proper "bedside manner" in dealing with their "patients," the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association says.

Understanding "the proper relationship between the practitioner and the patients and clients" is just as important in animal medicine as in human treatment, the journal says.

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Centennial Fete Events Ended

OREGON CITY, Ore., —(UP)— Windup events in Oregon's territorial centennial observance matched whiskers, speedboats and old fashioned costumes, not to mention feet in a 75-mile walking match. Activities were scattered from Oregon City to Banks.

A field of 29 men set out in the 75-mile walk extending over Saturday and Sunday and routed south from Portland and north to Banks. Robert Lynn, 23, Battleground, Wash., won first place and $1000. Second came Clifford Burton, Portland, for $500 and third, Joe Oliviera, Multnomah.

Whiskers were judged at Oregon City with William Elliott's beard tagged "the fullest;" Vernon Eaden's, "reddest;" Neal McDonald's, "straggliest," and Tom Bloye's "the most attractive caper cut."

Speed boats zipped up and down the Willamette near Oregon City. Bob Munson, Sacramento, Cal., won the class "A" hydro title; Elmer Knight, Oswego, won among sea service runabouts; Ted Stone, Willamina, won in sea racing hydro circles and again in the sea racing runabouts division.

In the costume parade, also at Oregon Cty, Janet Foster, Oregon City, won the wedding dress class ribbon and Mrs. William E. Lithowler, West Linn, won first in the oldest dress category.

Saturday, Ralph Raling of the Oregon City Territorial Riders came in first on the Salem-Oregon city pony express ride and won a $400 purse for the team. Western riders of Portland galloped up second for $150.

Moderation Gets Credit For Hippo's Longevity

NEW YORK —(U.P.)—Pete, a hippopotamus at the Bronx Zoo, at 45 is believed to be the second oldest hippo on record. One zoo official attributes his longevity to moderation.

"He moves about sedately and doesn't gallivant like the hippos still in their teens. And at no time in his life has Peter ever eaten like a pig," the official said.

Zoo officials believe that a hippo in a zoo in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, lived to be 46 years old.

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Coast Guard Busy in Pacific

SEATTLE —(U.P.)— The Coast Guard had a busy weekend in North Pacific waters with rescue crews going to the aid of at least 10 vessels in distress, Coast Guard headquarters here reported Monday.

Coast Guardsmen put out a fire in the engine room of a 42-foot fishing boat near Port Orford, Ore., Saturday. The flames were extinguished before anyone was injured or much damage was caused.

The Tillamook, Ore., station went into action late Saturday when a fishing boat struck a channel bouy in Tillamook Bay. The boat swamped but guardsmen managed to haul her onto the beach.

Medical Cases

Two medical cases were reported to the Coast Guard and crews still were attempting to complete one of the missions early Monday.

At Cape Ugat, Alaska, Oscar Nelson, 54-year-old cannery worker who was seriously ill, was picked up by a PBY Monday morning and taken to a hospital at Kodiak. It took three landing attempts before the plane's crew was able to land in rough seas.

Injured Man

At Port Moller, Alaska, another man suffering from a spine injury was due to be picked up by a Coast Guard plane sometime Monday. The injured man, not identified, was aboard the trawler Deep Sea.

Sunday, two fishing boats were pulled off rocks near the north jetty at Quillayute River, Wash., by a coast guard motor search boat. They were the troller M.J.C. and the Silver C.

The Coast Guard said four other vessels were towed into port when they were disabled by engine trouble at sea.

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