

Red Parliament Goes in Session

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia's two-house parliament, convened for what may be a revealing session, voted Thursday to consider the Soviet Union's budget for 1949 in joint session.

The Council of the Union and then the Council of the Nationalities, equal houses in the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., took the action soon after assembling for a meeting closely watched by the Western nations for clues to Russia's intentions.

A. I. Mikoyan was present as a member of the Council of Nationalities. He recently stepped aside as minister of foreign trade at the same time V. M. Molotov relinquished his post of foreign minister to A. Y. Vishinsky. Both Molotov and Mikoyan still are deputy prime ministers.

The world—and its envoys to Russia—had an ear cocked for answers to many burning questions which may be heard in the sessions of the Supreme Soviet, the national parliamentary body.

What lies behind Russia's re-

cent shakeup of government leaders?

What military expenditures does Russia propose for the coming months?

How has Russian economy reacted to recent far-reaching government decrees?

Some—possibly all—of the answers are expected to be heard before this fifth convention of the second Supreme Soviet closes. Whether they will be full or partial answers remained to be seen.

From the far corners of Russia's broad reaches the nearly 2000 legislators came in colorful groups, speaking many languages and attired in the characteristic garb of their regions.

14 Visits to Dentist Makes Dog Champ

CHICAGO (AP)—Sammy, a 15-month-old dog, is happy. He does not have to go to the dentist any more.

Fourteen times Sammy, a thoroughbred cocker spaniel, went under ether to have braces fitted to misplaced teeth, reports his former owner, E. C. Wanger.

As a result, Wanger said, Sammy won the dog-show blue ribbon he was unwittingly working for and the ordeal is over.

Pampered Pet Barks Own Fire Alarm

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—Lots of dogs have been hailed as heroes for rousing the family out of bed when fire threatened.

But for Boots, a Labrador retriever, it was a strictly personal matter when she started barking frantically during the night.

Her owners, Mr. and Mrs. Karl K. Moore, discovered Boots' deluxe dog house was in flames.

Firemen said the blaze started from a short-circuit in Boots' electric heating pad.

Bicycle Safe at Pub But Not at Church

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—After a beer with the boys, Harry Graham forgot all about his bicycle parked outside and went home on a street car.

When the little woman reminded him of it, Graham thought sure it would be gone.

"If it's still there, I'll put ten shillings in the poorbox at church," he said.

The bicycle was still there.

Graham jumped aboard and pedaled off to church to contribute the ten shillings.

When he came out, the bicycle was gone.

Imprint of Shoe Solves Crime

SPRINGFIELD — An imprint from a pair of tennis shoes led to the arrest of a 16-year old youth here Wednesday and enabled police to solve a robbery of Steve's Fixit Shop which occurred Feb. 26.

Police said the juvenile entered the shop through a small window and took some small change. His shoes left a special-type imprint on the floor, they added, which led to the youth's eventual arrest.

The juvenile, a Springfield resident, at first denied all knowledge of the robbery, but later confessed and signed a statement admitting the crime, police said. He has been remanded to the juvenile office in Eugene.

U'Ren Services Set

PORTLAND (AP)—Funeral services for William S. U'Ren, 90, Oregon political reformer, will be held here Friday. Burial will be private.

The service will be conducted by the Rev. Thomas F. Hudson, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church at the Finley auditorium at 1 p.m.

Fires Keep Japanese Short of Houses

TOKYO (AP)—Two roaring fires which destroyed more than 2500 Japanese houses grimly illustrated the cold statistical fact that the Japanese are burning down their homes almost as fast as they can rebuild them.

When the Americans came to Japan in September, 1945, they estimated that 2,600,000 dwellings had been destroyed by bombing or been torn down by the Japanese themselves to make fire breaks. Added to that was a need for 2,450,000 more dwellings due to an influx of repatriates, a booming birth rate and the lack of normal housing construction during the war.

Occupation officials set a goal of 5,050,000 new homes as a minimum to relieve a congestion that was monumental even by Oriental standards. By January, 1949, the Japanese had built slightly less than one-fifth of that number. The new dwellings are flimsy, cheap and limited by law to not more than 25 feet square.

But as the Japanese built they also burned. The old homes were highly inflammable but the new dwellings were even more apt to go up in flames because of cheaper construction, faulty electric wiring and a dearth of fire-fighting equipment.

All this the well-taught Colin Kelly teen-agers knew, and more, too.

Rattlesnakes do not lay eggs.

Colin Kelly Kids Visit Legislature

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route on their way to final enactment; it provides countless opportunities for obstruction and delay; it makes easy the shifting of responsibility for unpopular legislation.

"Yeah, and bills are often passed by one chamber with intent that they'll be put on the spot in the other, by working in cahoots beforehand," said a student.

They climbed the generous stairs to the Senate gallery and took their seats with dignity. They looked up at the windows above the executive chambers and followed the rays of light down to the solons who looked busy at their desks in a casual sort of way.

The 153 students seemed to realize, however, that the powers of the state legislature are broader and more important than first appearances convey.

"Sure, they compromise every field of government activity not restricted by the federal constitution or by the constitution of the state itself."

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"Not all ideas and bills are good either," said one lad, adding:

"I read about a law that said 'No one shall carry and dangerous weapon upon the public highways except for the purpose of killing a noxious animal, or a police officer, in the discharge of his duty.'"

"And something else, mister, law-making is the only profession which a person can enter without possessing certain basic professional knowledge."

Preparations Made The ninth-graders had made many of the preparations for the trip themselves, said school principal Lester Beale.

Student Joe Lewis told the chief by long-distance, "We want everything to eat, too, hamburgers and milkshakes to a good dinner." The chef understood. There were 19 buses from throughout the state bearing students to the capitol that one day alone.

Side Trips While primarily out to see the capitol, a few side trips had been planned for these four Eugene busloads of democracy in action. They cruised by the state hospital, visited the school for the blind,

and were escorted to the state prison. It was a jaunt which left the kids playing second fiddle. Perhaps it was the idea of walking past the rows of down long rows of prisoners or other, had offended them.

No Conversation More likely, it was looks from prisoners, humans, looking out heavily-barricaded windows, that met for an instant. Afterward, Beale asked by a student, "any salary but here?" penitentiary) they get something here?"

Returning to Eugene, the visit again any one of the thoughts turned prison many "whys" they'd answered.

The cold silence of prison walls had held a moment.

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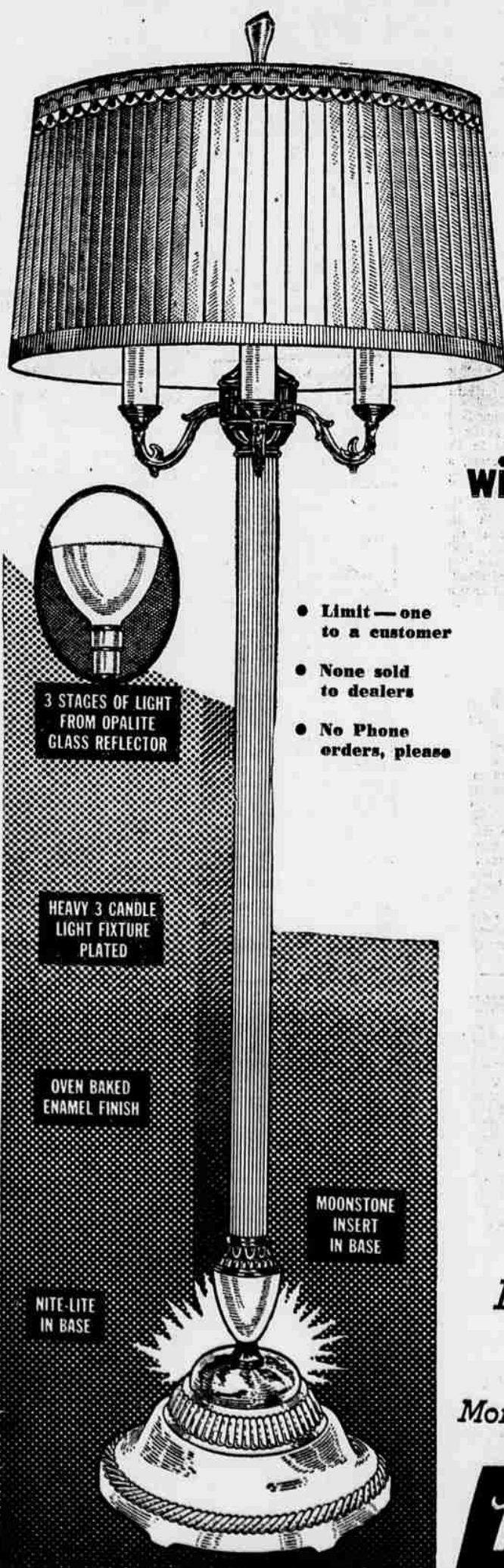
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