

Soviet Proposal Shows Perfect Sense of Timing

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The natural German desire for the elimination of East and West Germany and a completely reunified nation.

The French preference toward a Germany which could serve primarily as a buffer state against Russia rather than a rearmed Germany which some time might pose another military threat to France.

On its face, the Russian proposal seems straight-forward enough—a unified Germany under a central government, a strictly defensive German army and freedom of religion, speech, press and thought.

However, in considering it, the Allies have both Russia's past record in dealing with its satellites and the fact that few, if any, of Russia's action in East Germany have suggested a short-term occupation.

Politically, East Germany has been set up in the pattern of Russia and her satellites, including the single system election state in which lip service only is paid to opposition parties.

Russia set up the East German democratic republic in 1949, and this government since has entered independently into treaties of friendship and trade with other satellite states; signed away some 45,000 square miles of German territory to Poland, and accepted

the expulsion of some 2,000,000 Germans from the Sudetenland by Czechoslovakia.

INDUSTRIALLY, also, East Germany has been integrated with Russia.

Included has been an over-all five-year plan to increase German production for the benefit of Russia and an attempt to build up in East Germany a "little Ruhr."

Despite Russian protest against formation of a West German army, the Reds themselves have set one up in the East. Some reports say the East Germans could put 25 divisions into the field in six months, as opposed to the 12 expected from West Germany for Eisenhower's army.

It is just that independence and cooperation with the West that Russia hopes to prevent. And it is that point which illustrates the perfection of the Russian timing because it hits two particularly sensitive chords:

JRC Summer Session Set

All adult leaders for Junior Red Cross activities in Lane County who are interested in attending a summer training session should contact the Lane County Red Cross office soon. Registration will be limited to 50.

Of the two courses to be offered on the coast, one will be at Silver Creek, Ore., Aug. 16 to 21. Men and women who may attend include Junior Red Cross chairman, teacher-sponsors, committee members, or school administrators. The staff will consist of area staff and outstanding educators from the schools of the Pacific area, Red Cross.

Purposes of the workshop will be to study and discuss the total Red Cross program in relation to modern education; evaluate the present Junior Red Cross projects as to their educational value; develop visual materials, study units, and plans that can be used to integrate Junior Red Cross into the school curriculum; secure advice from participants on how the Pacific area office can give better service to chapters on Junior Red Cross work.

Men and women interested in the course should contact the Lane County Red Cross office for details at once, as registration deadline is May 1.

Revised Bible Being Printed

NEW YORK—(AP)—The printing of one million copies of a revised standard version of the Bible began Wednesday.

Officials of the national council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America said it was one of the biggest projects in book publishing history.

The object is to present the Bible in clearer language than the King James version.

The rolling of the presses climaxed a 15-year task of 32 scholars in revising the Bible under the supervision of Dr. Luther A. Weigle of New Haven, dean emeritus of Yale divinity school.

Legion Sets District Meet

Springfield Post 40 of American Legion and its auxiliary will meet department officers and visiting Legionnaires at Legion Hall March 23 when the annual district conference will be held.

The conference will start at 2 p.m. for discussing Legion matters. Legion and auxiliary will hold separate meetings. Sessions will close with a banquet at 6:30 p.m.

Among those to attend are Hollis C. Hull, department commander, from Albany, and Mrs. Marie Wiggins, department president of auxiliary, of LaGrande. The banquet will be served by the local auxiliary. Tickets will be \$2 per person.

All interested Legionnaires are invited.

Some Bachelors Fall for Leap Year Gag

GUNTERVILLE, Ala.—(AP)—Guntersville Advertiser-Review, which announced it would provide a complete list of eligible leap year bachelors got a hearty response—from the males. The paper said hundreds of letters were sent in within a week and it was announced that the list, with data on finances, behavior, type and attitude of eligible males would be published. Many of the bachelors sent in their own names.



ACTRESS Barbara Britton, wife of Dr. Eugene Czukor, poses her four-month-old daughter, Christopher Eugenia, for the youngster's camera debut in their Hollywood home.

Japanese Stripper Show Closes Bring Disappointment to GI's

TOKYO—(AP)—Japan's most popular strip teasers have made their final bow as the Nissho troupe.

The management slyly admitted, however, that it may "squeeze in nude acts" again if the new music programs lost money.

Thousands of American GIs and Japanese office workers hope the proposed "music hall" will always need financial boosting.

When the Nissho manager announced closing of burlesque, GIs—sometimes 80 per cent of the former burlesque audience—pleaded for the show to go on forever.

They said it was a fine place to kill time in the afternoon. The act comprised 23 girls, headed by queenly Kyoko Azuma, and was considered a vast improvement on strip techniques in the United States.

Between acts they performed opera, a cut-down final act of Carmen.

Every day nearly 1500 customers kept the tills well-filled. The monthly gross take was about 4,000,000 yen (more than \$11,000).

An edict from quarters high in management level said burlesque must go no matter how much money it makes. The Nissho closed down January 31.

Other new officers are Josephine Hayes, vice-president; Nonda Stone, secretary; and Nellie Davis, treasurer.

Next meeting of the association's council will be April 9.

Rice Elected Head

Harry H. Rice, principal of River Road School, this week was elected president of the Eugene Teachers' Assn. He will represent the local unit at the National Education Assn.'s annual meeting in Detroit June 29 to July 4.

Rice succeeds Russel G. Hendricks.

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WINS PRIZE
Mrs. F. C. Strausen, B.B. Route, Cottage Grove, this week collected a check for \$25 as a prize in a recent "Cavalcade to Hollywood" contest sponsored by makers of Sunbeam bread. Davidson Bakery was a local sponsor in the national contest.

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Ah, spring! The birds, the flowers, the invigorating air. Dad gets an urge to doll up the old car. Mother feels a house-cleaning spree coming on. Junior figures school will not interfere with his activities much longer. And Mary, sweet teen-ager, dreams of The Boy who just moved in next door. Spring, the poets say, is the season of Nature's annual awakening. Let it be our awakening, too. Let's get the old car painted, the house done over . . . and the youngsters all set somewhere for a grand vacation. We salute Spring with all its newness . . . and hope your Spring will last forever . . . at least in your hearts!



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PMA Deadline Near

The deadline for Lane farmers who intend to sign up for PMA assistance in plowing under green manure cover crops is March 31.

E. E. Schrenk, chairman of the Lane PMA committee, reminded farmers this week. Application for prior approval of this practice must be made by that date, he said, for both croplands and orchards.

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