

U. S. Production Of Oil Exceeds That of Russia

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New York, Nov. 21 (UP)—The American Geographic society of statistics today indicated that the United States produced nearly seven times as much crude oil as the Soviet Union during the first half of 1950.

American oil production, as important as bullets in modern warfare, totaled 927,300,000 barrels. The Russians, according to the society, produced 132,700,000.

The society's figures were published in Focus, official magazine of the organization.

It was pointed out that the Soviets increased their 1950 production over the same period of 1949 by 19,000,000 barrels, but that U. S. production for 1950 was, "because of falling market conditions, somewhat less than in the corresponding six months of 1949."

Russia Third

The society said Russia is the third largest oil producer, exceeded only by the United States and Venezuela, but is second only to the United States in amounts consumed.

"The gap between the two giants is still enormous, but the U.S.S.R., if it chooses the way of peace, has every likelihood of being able to close the gap," the society said.

The Soviet union, like the United States, is remarkable for the

POWER DISRUPTED

Redmond, Nov. 21 — Electric power was disrupted in Redmond for 40 minutes Saturday evening when a power pole on the corner of 7th and C streets was snapped after being hit by a car driven by Angus Jimmy James. James, an Indian, was booked by local police for drunken driving and placed in the city jail. His companion, Susie Diago, was held for being drunk on a public highway and she was taken to the Deschutes county jail in Bend after receiving medical attention for slight injuries.

extent of its sedimentary basins; that is, the vast areas made up of layer on layer of clay or sandstone, limestone or other material deposited on the floors of long-vanished seas, the society pointed out.

"With these sediments there sank to the sea floor billions of tons of the partly decomposed remains of minute marine plants and animals," it said. "Meanwhile, these sea floors were themselves sinking as the result of profound movements in the earth's crust, and thus sediments were able to accumulate to the thickness—as much as 10 miles—that are found in the most prolific oil basins."

"The society said that the Russians, in addition to their own supply, may draw an annual oil revenue of some 12 to 15 million barrels from other countries within the iron curtain.

NOT HIS FAULT

Brockton, Mass. (UP)—District Judge Francis J. Murphy listened to Harry C. J. Rost thump across the court room on his wooden leg, then denied his landlady's petition to have Rost evicted from his third floor apartment.

Rescue of Sailor Seen by Matthews

Aboard U. S. Missouri, off Korea, Nov. 21 (UP)—Navy Secretary Francis P. Matthews saw the navy rescue one of its men yesterday. The sailor fell overboard and a helicopter picked him up in three minutes.

Matthews said he was "greatly impressed."

The secretary, who joined the fleet to "learn something first hand" about the way it operates, got an unscheduled demonstration in his first few minutes aboard this historic flagship.

Boatswain's mate, first class Peter G. Mills, of Homestead, Fla., lost his hold while rigging in the accommodation ladder. Two motor whaleboats were launched seconds after the cry of "man overboard."

But a helicopter from the Missouri's deck windmilled over the side and plucked Mills from the water.

Personal To Women With Nagging Backache

As we get older, stress and strain, over-exertion, excessive smoking or exposure to cold sometimes slows down kidney function. This may lead many folks to complain of nagging backache, loss of pep and energy, headaches and dizziness. Getting up nights or frequent passages may result from minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or dietary indiscretions.

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LEGAL LOCK PICKING

Louisville, Ky. (UP)—Someone picked the lock on a door in the circuit court room here as a jury and judge sat nearby.

It was all legal, however. It happened because somebody had lost the key to the door which led to the court clerk's office.

The judge delayed court proceedings 30 minutes while a locksmith, Willis Klein, picked the lock.

PERIL EVERYWHERE

Pawtucket, R.I. (UP)—A 65-year-old pedestrian, injured in a hit-run accident, told police he was hit while walking on the right side of the sidewalk observing all traffic regulations. He identified the driver as a 4-year-old boy on a tricycle.

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