



Scientist Gives His Impressions Of Trip to Russia Earlier in '56

Editor's note: Dr. Luis W. Alvarez, one of the top nuclear scientists in the United States, visited Russia last May at the invitation of the Soviet Academy of Science. He kept a diary of his trip. The following dispatch, the first of a series of five, is an excerpt from that document, obtained by courtesy of the publication "Physics Today."

By DR. LUIS W. ALVAREZ
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I thought you would be interested in my impressions of Russia so I kept this detailed diary.

I remembered the story of the American Army officer whose diary was photographed and reproduced in Russia, so I never wrote anything critical of the country when I was there. Anything that may be critical was put in after I arrived in Stockholm. It is very easy to be critical so it is perhaps better this way — I have forgotten many of the critical things I planned to insert.

My impressions of Russia are not very different (at the end of my visit) from the views I carried in with me. This just means that our American reporters have done a good job in keeping us informed about the situation there.

I don't for a minute believe that the Russian leaders have changed their intentions to dominate the world. But I do believe they know they can't do it by a World War III. They will have to do it by beating us as an industrial power.

This is the kind of race we should welcome. We can beat them at it — or rather stay ahead of them — and in the process the standard of living of their people will rise to the point where they aren't interested in dominating other people any more than we are.

Lack of Hostility

I was most surprised by the complete lack of hostility toward us as Americans. I expected the scientists to be friendly, but I was prepared to find the man in the street unfriendly.

Several of our party were stopped in the street by English-speaking strangers who expressed the view that things weren't good yet, but they were getting better. Everyone we talked to — embassy officials, newsmen, Russian scientists, interpreters and Russian-speaking visitors from the satellites — was in agreement that a big change has come over the people since the death of Stalin and, more particularly, since the debunking of the Stalin myth.

People are beginning to find more about what really goes on in the outside world and they are realizing that they have been fed a huge dose of lies for many years.

They can blame all this on Stalin and still keep faith that the Communist system is better than ours.

One of our interpreters told me of seeing a newsreel short on San Francisco. She was most impressed by the homestead, the way the people dressed, and by the number of automobiles and their elegance.

After people have seen such a movie you can't go back to telling them that they are better off than everyone else and that the people in the Western world are exploited and in a semi-starving condition.

The Iron Curtain, in my opinion, was erected largely to keep the Russians out of the Western world, and not vice versa.

Rulers Had Been Lying

I am most encouraged by the fact that the Russian leaders are traveling to various parts of the Western world. Most of them have grown up on the lies told in the Russian press about our way of life. I can hardly imagine the shock it must be to a Russian to land in Stockholm for his first visit outside Russia.

After hearing all his life how much better off he was than anyone else, he would see at a glance that his rulers had been lying to him all the time.

Formerly there was nothing to be done, but now with Stalin as the scapegoat the situation can be improved.

The Russian leaders have said that in view of the existence of hydrogen bombs, wars are no longer possible. I believe that they mean this; I believe it and I think it is an unescapable conclusion. This means to me that they can now devote a real effort to improving the living conditions of their people.

I didn't see any children working, but I never quite got used to seeing the women doing hard manual labor. They repair the streets, dig ditches, and tighten the bolts on railroad rails. On the collective farms you see them

walking down the road carrying a pair of buckets of water from the ends of a beam on their shoulders. The street sweepers are all women and they sweep all the time. The streets are kept very clean. The standards of sanitation appear to be good.

Crash Program

In Russia, married women don't wear any visible sign to indicate their status. A marriage ceremony consists of a visit to the registry office, . . . and nothing else.

My general impressions of high energy physics are these: The Russians are making a crash program in this area. Money is the last thing they think about so far as equipment is concerned. (Of course, we used this same method in developing radar and the atomic bombs during the war.)

Talent Program Set at Redmond

Special to The Bulletin

REDMOND — A talent show for the benefit of Redmond Jaycees shoe fund will be sponsored here by that group Thursday, September 27 at 8 p.m. in Redmond Union high school auditorium.

The show is part of "Mr. Talent's" state wide search for talent, backed by a Portland television dealer and a fashion shop.

Local entrants are asked to register at Redmond Radio and Music Center and secure a local merchant sponsor. There is no entrance fee.

Winners will be chosen by audience ballot with prizes for winners and an opportunity in a regional contest in Bend September 29. These successful participants will receive paid engagements in Portland, with the grand winner going to Hollywood.

Jaycees maintain a fund to provide new shoes for school children where needed.

The training of scientists is also on a crash basis and the rewards for being a scientist are very substantial. According to . . . (some) information, the following monthly wages are paid in the Soviet Union: (1) ruble has the purchasing power of 10 cents.)

Unskilled worker, 400-600 rubles; skilled worker, 800-1,200; bachelor of arts, 1,300; graduate student, 2,000; professor (junior), 4,000 and professor (research) up to 30,000.

The conference (on physics) was a great success and I think our visit did a lot of good for both sides. We all certainly have a much better idea of what goes on behind the Iron Curtain and I believe that we were good ambassadors of good will from the Western world.

Family Home, Learns of Death

Special to The Bulletin

TUMALO — Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Christopher returned Thursday from a three months trip to visit friends and relatives in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.

On returning home, they received news of the death of Christopher's brother, Arch, in Denver. Christopher, accompanied by his niece and nephew drove to Denver to attend the funeral. Mrs. Christopher was in Portland for a few days to attend the National Home Economics Grange conference, where she was appointed district chairman for eight Central Oregon counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson returned home Monday from a ten day trip to Ohio where they visited friends and relatives. They picked up a new school bus in Lima, O., and drove it back for the Tumalo Grade school. While there they toured a factory which makes school bus bodies.

Parents Tell Of Engagement

Special to The Bulletin

REDMOND — The engagement of Miss Charlotte Jane Elliott to Larry Craig Worthington is told by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elliott of Redmond. Her fiancé is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Worthington of Bend. He is a 1954 graduate of Bend high school and is employed at Brown Furnace Co. in Bend.

The bride-elect graduated this spring from Redmond Union high school and has entered Oregon State College.

No date is set for their wedding.

WORKING AGREEMENT SET

CHICAGO (UP) — The Chicago White Sox have signed a working agreement with the Indianapolis Indians, a former Cleveland farm club, of the Class AAA American Association. It marks the White Sox' first hookup with a Triple A club. Earlier the Memphis Chicks of the Class AA Southern Association announced they were severing their relations with the Sox because of a "difference of opinion on player personnel."

NAVY SAILS IN

Now it's "the girl in the navy flannel separates." Navy, surprise color for fall, appears importantly in new sportswear.

Famed Architect Describes Plans for Giant Building

By ALFRED LEECH

United Press Staff Correspondent
SPRING GREEN, Wis. (UP)—Architect Frank Lloyd Wright today disclosed details of his proposed mile-high skyscraper, which would "rise like a rapier in the sky" above Chicago's lakefront.

"It would be the eighth wonder of the world," he said. "But it would be as simple as ABC."

The controversial, 87-year-old architect was interviewed at Taliesin, his rambling, weather-beaten home on a wooded hill in the Wisconsin countryside.

Wright said his skyscraper

would be built of stainless steel and glass. Elevators would have their own individual motors powered by nuclear energy. They would rise on cogged tracks at a mile a minute.

The building would be a cantilever structure with a "taproot" foundation extending 1,000 feet beneath the surface. The floors would extend outward from a central steel and concrete core, like limbs from a tree trunk.

Thus, Wright said, the building would be extremely light in weight and low in cost, for there would be no ponderous, rectangular steel skeleton.

All this might sound visionary to the layman, and some people think Wright is indulging in an intellectual prank and pulling the public's leg.

But it seems real and logical when the white-haired Wright leans over a drafting table and points out the details with a slender, steady forefinger.

Wright launched his mile-high project after a group of Chicagoans came to him with a proposal to build a skyscraper a half-mile high.

"Why a half mile?" he asked. "Why not a mile?"

He said the challenging concept of a skyscraper built like a Christmas tree on the cantilever principle is "nothing new."

Legal Notice

POUND NOTICE

Under Ordinance No. 403, the following dog will be offered for sale at the city pound at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 27, 1956.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Estate of
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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Deschutes County.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, Executrix of the last will and testament of FRED A. LIEUALLEN, deceased, has filed her final account in the above entitled court, and that October 1, 1956, at 2 o'clock p.m. in the Court Room of the above entitled court as the time and place for the hearing of objections, there to, if any, and the settlement thereof.

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SIGN FOR FIGHT

NEW YORK (UP)—Joey Giambra of Buffalo, N.Y., and Gil Turner of Philadelphia have been signed to meet in a 10-round middleweight bout at Madison Square Garden, Oct. 19 and Tony Gonzalez of East Orange, N.J., and Yama Bahama of Bimini have signed for a 10-rounder at the same arena, Oct. 26.

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