

DEEP LINES DIVIDE RUSS POPULATION

More Social Classes Under Soviet Rule Than in Capitalistic World — Mental Workers Get No Share in Red Dictatorship.

By Eugene Lyons, United Press Staff Correspondent. MOSCOW, Feb. 27.—(CP) The Communist ideal envisions a society without classes, all humankind working together on terms of equality.

For the present, however, the Soviet population is carefully divided and subdivided into more classes than the capitalist world outside. On the road toward the classless society its creators find it necessary to draw sharp frontier lines between as many different groups in the population as possible.

For the Marxist under a bourgeois system the rough division of people into capitalists and workers, exploiters and victims, generally suffices. Here where Marxism is not merely a philosophy but a basis for practical action, people are split into endless classes and categories according to which they are fed, taxed, given work, trusted or terrorized.

Sub-divisions Logical. Such divisions are thoroughly in line with the logic of Communist thought. Since the individual counts for nothing, is only a grain of his social group or collective, the multiplication of such groups is inevitable.

Let us begin with the farmers, and peasants, now we find kulaks (the better-to-do farmers), middle peasants, poor peasants and bankrupts, or landless farm hands. The last two classes are of course the favorites. Upon them the Soviet regime bases its plans and its hopes, upon them it lavishes its resources.

The middle peasants are a narrowed and driven lot, peevishly and bitterly because of the loss of their land and a meager kulak. Officially they are supposed to be reconciled and drawn into the Soviet schemes; in practice, especially if they are bankrupt, they are too often confounded with the hated kulaks. As to these, they are scarcely better than outlaws and formally doomed to extinction as a class by the end of this year, a process of ruthless expropriation already well started.

City Classes. In the cities we are confronted by even more subtle divisions. The "essential," or disfranchised class, has various categories, but the differences between them are only degrees of outcastry and not worth haggling over. This class includes the drops of the former ruling classes — ex-aristocrats, ex-merchant princes, priests, etc. — and the leavings of the Nepmen or private traders. Then come the intellectuals — professors, engineers, technicians, artists, actors, lawyers, etc.—who are constantly under suspicion with the benefit of doubt usually against them.

But even the so-called working class has its categories. The call "workers of the world unite" when used abroad, may apply to all who toil for wages. Here that simple test does not hold. Deep gulfs yawn between the real proletarians, the manual laborers, on one side and the office workers on the other. The former are "rabochni," that latter "sluzhshchi"; the former alone rate, even in theory, since the dictatorship of the proletariat does not include the office workers. Furthermore, the manual workers are divided into those who do the heavy work in basic industries and their brethren engaged in lighter, more skilled tasks.

These distinctions within the working class itself are not academic. They affect food rations, housing, the chance to obtain clothing, schooling, etc. In all these matters the manual worker receives priority. Aside from kulaks, priests and Nepmen, the largest class of malcontents here consists, I believe, of civil service employees, office workers and workers of the

LITTLE STORIES OF Little Stars



Anita Kerry

Anita Kerry comes of a decidedly non-theatrical family, but she has a love for the stage that will not be downed.

Her first appearance was in the musical "Three Musketeers," then went to England to be rid of that, as she wanted to be a dramatic actress.

She returned to these shores to play first in "Climax" and then she made an extraordinary impression as the leading woman in "The Criminal Code."

Now she has been elected a member of the casting company of the Theatre Guild. Her first role was in support of Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine in a play based on adventures of Queen Elizabeth and the Earl of Essex.

mind generally. They are in the working class but not of it, expected to yield a loyalty equal to any, but given no share in the proletarian dictatorship.

Political Reasons. The political reasons for such artificial and seemingly iniquitous splintering of the working class are not far to seek. The revolution needed one powerful group upon which it could rely 100 per cent and whose loyalty it could maintain at the boiling point always. The brain workers, offered no such rate reliance. They included large masses closely tied by their tastes and mental habits to the bankrupt past. With its resources limited, the Kremlin concentrated upon one small but basic element in the population. The proletarian dictatorship believes in quality rather than quantity in its leadership.

Yet the process of artificially splintering different portions of the class in whose name the Soviets govern holds serious dangers for the experiment in which they are plunged. It is a curious throwback to the guild ideas of the middle ages which seems out of place in a society presumably headed for socialism.

Labor Supply Unlimited. After all the supply of manual labor is almost boundless here, with a vast primitive peasant folk to draw upon. But the supply of educated trained workers of the mind is limited. What inducement is there for an ambitious boy to study when the best things that Soviet life has to offer can be more easily attained by becoming a foundryman or a bricklayer? I know of Moscow young men perfectly capable of obtaining an education who prefer to hide themselves among the favored manual workers, the aristocrats of the new era.

For centuries the hardest manual workers were lowest in the strata of society. Above them were those who worked somewhat less hard. Still further up were the pen-pushers and other toilers of the brain. The Soviet revolution has retained the same stratification—merely in reverse order.

Radio Program KMED (Mail Tribune-Virgin Station)

- Friday. P. M.— 5 to 6—People's Electric; Lewis Super Service; news and markets by Mail Tribune. 6 to 7—Farmers' Exchange; Office Boy; Bialto Pipe Organ. 7 to 8—Let's Get Associated; News Digest; Murray and Harris UBC. 8 to 9—KMED Presentation; Harrison Hagerman's Detective Stories; UBC. 9 to 10—Ad. Lib Review; UBC. Saturday. A. M.— 7:55 to 8—Breakfast broadcast of news by Mail Tribune. 8 to 9—Ward and Co.; Taste Teachers. 9 to 10—Friendship Circle; Domestic Science. 10 to 11—Schilling Co.; Alexander's Shop. 11 to 12—Sperry Flour; Gold Seal; White King. 12 to 1—Health's Drug Store; KMED Presentation; news flashes by Mail Tribune. 1 to 2—KMED Presentation; Scientific Laboratories. 2 to 3—Happiness train. P. M.— 4:30 to 5—KMED presentation. 5 to 6—Park Landscape Toy Scouts; Girl Scouts; News and Markets by Mail Tribune. 6 to 7—Bebe-Spudde; Jackson County Hide and Lean. 7 to 8—Let's Get Associated; News Digest; Waite Kines UBC. 8 to 9—Four Moons; UBC. 9 to 10—Brick British Orchestra; Tango Orchestra; UBC.

HIGHWAY ASSN. BOOSTERS GET LOCAL BACKING

Medford Chamber of Commerce Endorses Plan to Popularize Pacific Route for Tourist.

"The publicity director of the Seattle chamber of commerce calls the Pacific highway 'The Main Street of the Pacific Coast,' and that is what it really is, and it is to the interest of Medford to see that business is good along this 'Main street,'" said L. W. Hayes, manager of the Pacific Highway association, who is in Medford for the purpose of bringing to new life the now dormant Pacific Highway association and to build it up to be on a par with the Redwood Empire association.

Plan Endorsed. The board of directors of the Medford chamber of commerce at their meeting last week endorsed the plan as presented.

"The thing to do now is to establish the Pacific highway in the minds of the people as the great standard and most desirable route north and south on the Pacific coast, that travel cannot be diverted from it. This can only be done by the right sort of publicity. By the right sort I not only mean very high class and artistically attractive, but publicity of the whole route and not merely of individual attractions here and there," said Mr. Hayes.

"One who has not been accustomed to view the matter this way scarcely realizes that the Pacific highway is the longest, best and the most comfortable to travel in the world today, and is bordered all along its 1,800 miles with beauties and marvels of nature such as no other tourist automobile route possesses.

Must Sell to Tourists. "The work which the Pacific Highway association has undertaken is to sell to tourists and vacationists the whole highway, a complete trip such as they cannot find equalled anywhere. We are trying up the pulling power of Crater Lake, Lassen, Shasta, Castle Crags, Hood, Columbia river, Rainier, Puget Sound, Baker, and Vancouver Island into a single attraction and selling them as a whole.

"In 1925 this was successfully done but the people along the Pacific highway permitted the old organization to pass on. More than 500,000 booklets were issued and business was good during that period.

"There is now a keen desire of all business interests to build this association to a point that it will popularize this route that no tourist will cross the continent without including in his itinerary a trip over the Pacific highway.

Predicts Travel. "I predict a good travel this year especially from southern California, and it is up to the business interests along the Pacific highway to get their share and with the Olympiad coming in 1932 more than 1,000,000 tourists are expected west and we must be so organized that we can reach this great tourist crop and bring them to southern Oregon.

"Medford should do everything possible to build the highway to the Oregon Caves."

Mr. Hayes is accompanied by F. B. Love and L. W. Evans, field secretaries of the association.

Doll and Bicycle To Be Awarded At Craterian Matinee

A doll that actually talks, sings, says her prayers—that's what some little Medford girl will win in the merchandise voting contest, which ends Saturday afternoon. Not only will the lucky little Medford girl win this beautiful Hollywood doll, but some fortunate little boy will be presented with a bright and shiny bicycle, another presentation which will be made by some of Medford's merchants and the Fox theaters.

The doll and bicycle, together with other attractive prizes, will be awarded to the kiddies at the Saturday afternoon matinee at the Fox Craterian theatre.

CATALOGUE FLOOD FOR MEDFORD P. O.

A cascade of Bell-Hess mail order catalogues arrived here last night from Chicago for distribution under auspices of the local postoffice throughout the territory between Eugene and Redding, Cal. The car was being unloaded in the railroad yards this morning, the hundreds of catalogues for Medford and Jackson county being taken to the postoffice and most of the remainder to trains for delivery to points north and south.

The arrive unloading and handling was done under supervision of City Superintendent of Mails C. M. Houston by the Davis Transfer company, which has the contract with the mail order house for so doing.

Only recently two cartloads of Montgomery Ward & Company catalogues were received in Medford from Chicago for distribution throughout the same territory.

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CENTRAL POINT CENTRAL POINT, Ore., Feb. 27.—(Sp.)—Carl Hoover returned Tuesday from Corvallis where he spent several days with college friends.

The McPhoster's farm east of town has been sold to people from southern California. The McPhosters have returned to California.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Purkeyesse spent the week end in Corvallis visiting their son.

Central Point Grange initiated a class of 20 new members February 20. Those gaining membership were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrol; Dan Brenner, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stager, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lange, Mrs. Veronia Scholer, D. P. Amick, Arleta Tyrrol, Roy Love, John Eddy, Lorna Houselgrave, Ruth Haley, Janice Houselgrave, Cyril Sander, Katherine Lathrop, Geneva Brown, Hildred Lane, and Mrs. Ernestine Rostel.

Mrs. Burszer has returned from Los Angeles where she visited her daughter Mildred. She also visited at Corona with another daughter Mrs. McTune.

Mrs. Truman Brenner, Mrs. Rose Hodgson and Mrs. Martha Smith spent a day last week at the home of Mrs. Zella McBeath of Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hubbs, who have been living in Grants Pass for some time have traded their residence here for a home in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vincent returned from Hinton where they visited Mrs. Vincent's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster. They report Mrs. Foster as much improved in health.

A series of special conferences for Sunday school and young people's leaders are being held at the Federated church under the leadership of Dr. W. L. VanNoy. The meetings started February 24 and will continue each afternoon and evening of this week, closing Friday.

Friends of Harold Head, a senior at Oregon State College, will be glad to hear he has been appointed a member of the program committee for the senior ball to be given May 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildred and Jack Sanderson returned Sunday from Fort Klamath where they attended the ski tournament.

Mrs. Jesse Richardson, Sanford Richardson and little daughter, Charlotte returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives in Salem and Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Britton and daughter, Juanita of Williams Creek spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Milton.

Mrs. Carrie Jackson of Baker, worthy grand matron of Oregon Order of Eastern Star visited Nevada chapter Tuesday evening. The work was splendidly put on by the officers of the chapter. After the meeting luncheon was served in the dining room to about 80 guests.

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WORTHING, Ore.—(U.P.)—Britain's biggest and heaviest woman, Mrs. Alice May Beecher, (spelled) weighing 490 pounds, has been buried here. The coffin, seven feet long and three feet wide, needed eight men to carry it. Mrs. Beecher was 44.

MONEY TAKEN AS JOKE UNCLAIMED SAMS VALLEY, Ore., Feb. 27.—(Sp.)—Residents of Sams Valley are reluctant to believe that hard times are affecting this section very seriously, as Mrs. Jim Crawford is still unable to find the owner of 12 which she took from a purse at a club meeting recently. Mrs. Crawford took the money, thinking she was playing a joke on her sister. Several days later, however, she found out that the purse did not belong to her sister, and no one has as yet claimed the money. Mrs. Crawford placed the amount in the club treasury.

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