

RUSSIANS GO FOR STRENUOUS FUN IN AMUSEMENT PARK

Imitation Parachute Jump Appeals to Muscovites—Modern Dancing Catching On—Cafes Expensive

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 MEDFORD, U. S. R. (UP)—As early as the Park of Culture and Amusement, Moscow's proletarian playground, you can see a long steel lever. The lever is mounted up in an archway of a crowd with a human figure suspended in a chair at the top end. The lever swings the human figure up and down in a half-circle circle as he hangs head down. When it swings back.

This is not an Asiatic form of torture. It's one of the most popular amusements in the park. The sudden elevation into the air and swinging downward gives Muscovites a great thrill and lots of laughs. There is no provision for keeping skirts down, and crowds are always largest around this stand.

At the other end of the park you see men and women hurtling down from a high tower. About halfway down a parachute opens and bears them gently to the ground. The parachute is attached to a sustaining rope so there is no danger. After buckling people into the harness an attendant shoves off the platform those who have lost their nerve at the last moment.

"Chute Jumping Popular

Real parachute jumping from airplanes is becoming a major sport in Russia. Tens of thousands have made jumps. I saw 50 men and girls make a mass jump at the Moscow air field.

But parachute jumping has other objects than sport. A military man told me undoubtedly there are military aspects in the government's encouragement of parachuting. "In case of war," he said, "think what a party of a hundred men, each with a portable machine gun, dropped at night on an enemy flank or on their lines of communication, could do. They could be re-supplied with ammunition and food by airplanes dropping it in parachutes. I think this new development in warfare may be very important in the next war."

Skill Hide Popular

Another unusual amusement in the park is called the "Crab." The fun-seeker straddles a small carriage at the bottom of a short, steep incline. On the incline are holes every foot or so. The rider is provided with an iron hook. The object is to pull yourself to the top by jerking successive holes before the carriage runs back down the incline. It requires fast, accurate hooking to drag oneself to the top. If you get near the top of the incline and miss a stab at the hole, you'll get a tremendous thump at the base of the spine as the car runs back and hits the bumper.

The "Jousting horses" game is also popular. Two wooden figures of horses are mounted on pivots. Where the horses' feet should be is a wooden upright peg. The players are provided with wooden poles with leather loops on the end. The general idea is to push your opponent's horse around so you can catch its tail-peg with the loop. In the efforts to prevent this the Muscovites have great fun.

Distorted Mirrors Also

Like Coney Island they have deforming mirrors, and strength tests where you ring the bell but don't get a cigar. Incidentally, I didn't see a single Russian smoking a cigar.

There is a movie and a dance hall where proletarians dance the fox trot. Modern dancing has started only recently. The Russians have the general idea of the fox-trot—they know the steps but not the rhythm.

There are a few night spots but they're too expensive for any except the highly paid Russians. On the night before "free night" like our Saturday night, the Metropole is full of Russians and foreigners. There is a 12-piece Czechoslovak jazz band—let's say they play an evening with some swing and a few drinks cost 100 roubles and the average wage of a laborer is 100 roubles monthly.

Young Parties Popular

The Grange, an all-night ice skating rink, is a favorite. The rink is open until 11:30 p. m. and is well lit. The ice is excellent and well kept. The rink is well lit and well kept. The rink is well lit and well kept.

THE GRANGE

Live Oak Grange met in regular session at the community hall Monday night with Master Perry Wait in the chair. Fifteen members were present with two visitors. District Deputy Brown and wife. A very interesting meeting was held. Plans were discussed for the fair which will be held at Gold Hill September 21.

also plans were completed for the observance of "booster" night, which is September 30. Mr. and Mrs. Brown each gave a very interesting talk. Next meeting will be Monday, September 16.

Honeymooners Hitch-Hike. MURPHYSBORO, Ill.—(UP)—Mr. and Mrs. Joel Webber of Pittsburgh, have had a hitch-hike honeymoon lasting seven months. Married in Pittsburgh, they started out to hitch-hike with 15 cents between them.

When they arrived here, they had been in 36 states and said they had walked only 100 miles.

Dogs Get Up-to-Date Names. SUPERIOR, Wis.—(UP)—The naming of dogs has reflected a modern influence. examination of license records at the city hall shows. Included among the old standbys are such innovations as Snootie, Nifty, Pusy, Sugar, Kayo, Dixie, Rinty, Cad, Punt, Rummy, Lindy. Music and Alaska.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—(UP)—China is mountain climbers' paradise. Mrs. Edith M. Clark, Vancouver importer of Oriental art objects, reports. The Chinese Alpinists recline comfortably in a hammock and are carried up the slopes by coolies, she says.

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