

SOVIET TO RECALL TRADE MISSIONS AS EXPORTS RISE

Favorable Trade Balance Basis for Planning Aggressive Policy — Deals to Be Handled at Home

MOSEOW. — (UP) — Foreign trade organizations of the Soviet Union abroad, such as Amtorg in America, soon may be abolished. F. Rabinovitch, head of the export department of the commissariat for foreign trade, indicated in a statement here.

Although he did not officially and specifically sound the death-knell of the Russian trade missions abroad, he strongly hinted that they were no longer necessary for a nation with a large favorable balance of trade which is beginning to feel aggressively independent on the world economic stage. He said:

"We have been faced during the last six months by a very important problem—that is to transfer our foreign trade operations, in many branches, into the U. S. S. R."

During the first nine months of 1935, the Soviet Union had a favorable trade balance of 130,150,000 gold roubles. Exports totaled 301,270,000 roubles, imports 171,000,000.

Trade Debt Reduced

Gone are the days when Soviet Russia goes begging for credits at any price and importunes foreign countries to buy its goods on virtually their own terms. Increase of production and reduction of the foreign trade debt—though they may have been bought at a staggering price in human suffering—have made Soviet leaders feel like a young boy who, winning his first fist-fight, feels proud and confident of his strength.

Rabinovitch indicated that hereafter all foreign trade transactions would be handled from the Soviet Union, also that delivery of goods would not be made abroad but in Soviet ports. Having an insignificant merchant marine, the Soviet Union during recent years has paid large shipping tolls to vessels of other countries to transport its goods abroad.

Preparations for the "new deal" in Soviet foreign trade will include the construction of new warehouses in Soviet cities and the training of the commissariat's workers in foreign languages, so they may handle business correspondence with firms abroad.

Basic Change Advised "Heretofore," Rabinovitch said, "a great number of our export trust workers understood that their duty was only to prepare goods and that the sale of these goods would be handled by representatives abroad. Hence workers in the Soviet Union knew little of foreign markets or their languages. Now a basic change is necessary."

"We must raise the technical knowledge of our workers in the Soviet Union and carry out all trade operations here, not only without losing a penny but, further, we must profit by the transfer of trade operations to our country."

Women seem destined to play an important part in this new program. Recent statistics revealed that four out of every ten workers are women. More than 500,000 women are engaged in Soviet building industry, while 64,000 work as engineers and technicians.

Women Do Heavy Work It is nothing unusual in Moscow to see heavy young girls carrying heavy timbers, digging a subway shaft or driving a truck. They, at least the younger ones, grin and seem to like their new role.

The Soviet government pays women exactly the same wages as men for the same classes of work. Everything is done to make them feel economically independent.

Rise of woman labor over the last eight years is shown by these figures: In 1926 the ratio of female labor in the oil industry was 3 per cent; in power stations 3.6 per cent; in the iron and steel industry, 7.7 per cent; machine building, 7.4 per cent. In 1934 the corresponding ratios were: oil, 11.4 per cent; machine building, 24.8 per cent.



MRS. W. J. KERR Mrs. William Jasper Kerr, wife of the chancellor-emeritus of Oregon's system of higher education, was the former Leonora Hamilton. The Kerrs were married in 1885.

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Thorndike Named Manager Medford Bank



Eugene Thorndike (left) who today becomes manager of the Medford branch of the First National Bank of Portland.



A. A. Schramm (center), who has been local institution with the Portland group. Schramm has been assigned to the head offices in Portland.



A. R. Puchner (right) has been transferred from assistant cashier of the bank in Portland to assistant manager-ship of the Medford branch.

THORNDIKE NAMED MANAGER BRANCH BANK IN MEDFORD

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years. He has been affiliated with the First National Bank since 1933, when the American National bank of which he was assistant cashier, became the Sixth and Morrison street branch of the Portland bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Puchner arrived in Medford Sunday, and will make their home here.

Orris Crawford, also assistant manager of the Medford branch of the First National, will continue his work as assistant manager.

Eugene Thorndike, who assumes active management of the bank today, has resided in this city for the past 12 years, during which time he has been identified with the First National bank. For a short period of time before coming to Medford, he was cashier of the Eagle Point bank and previous to that was connected with banking institutions of South Dakota and Montana. Among the positions he held in the mid-west was the office of assistant cashier of the large First National bank of Milbank, South Dakota.

During his residence here, Thorndike has been identified with many civic and business activities. Recently he was elected to serve his fourth year as president of the Jackson County Community Chest. He has served on the Medford city council and is now a member of both the Medford water commission and the Medford school board. Thorndike is also chairman of the Jackson county health board, and is treasurer of the Boy Scouts board in this section of Oregon and the Rogue Valley Golf association.

DOG TAX PENALTY AFTER MARCH 10

The county court Saturday issued an order extending the time for imposing of dog tax penalties until Tuesday, March 10. The additional period of grace is expected to increase the number of dog license purchasers. The license fee on male dogs and spayed female dogs is \$1 and upon female dogs \$1.50. After March 10, the penalty will be attached.

The county clerk's office reports

Trains Girls



LYNETTA QUINLAN Lynetta Quinlan, who got her B. A. from University of Oregon, is (1936) instructor in mathematics and director of girl's physical education at Grants Pass high school.

that up to last Saturday, 1451 dog licenses had been issued. This is about half of the number issued last year. Dog tax receipts Saturday exceeded \$400.

ENRIGHT HEARING ON HOTEL CHARGE TODAY

The justice court trial of T. J. Enright, attorney, charged with defrauding a luncheoner, is scheduled for this afternoon, after deferment from last Friday.

FIN E BOY ONE DOLLAR FOR LACK OF LICENSE

William Walter Brahs, high school student was assessed \$1 and cost of justice court Saturday, upon a plea of guilty to operating an auto without an operator's license. The original charge of reckless driving, was dismissed upon motion of the district attorney's office.

Brahs was charged with hitting the private auto of a state trooper, when the car he was driving skidded in the slush and snow a week ago.

SUPREME COURT REFUSES REVIEW IN TVA DECISION

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steamship companies was held constitutional. In a unanimous opinion by Justice Cardozo, the tribunal affirmed that Oregon was not taking more than its share of water from the Walla Walla river. Washington state had sought to restrict the amount taken. The right of a state agency to fix a depreciation rate on the property of an interstate utility company was upheld.

Another ruling was that federal taxes on gains resulting from sale of real estate purchased under option must be assessed on the basis that the property was acquired when paid for and the title transferred, and not when the option was given. The decision was in a California case. Also considered valid was the 1933 Washington occupation tax, assessed for the privilege of engaging in business activities within the state.

KARL A. JOHNSON, 65, BECKONED BY DEATH

Karl A. Johnson, 65, a resident of Spring street, Medford for the last six years, passed away at a local hospital at 8:00 a. m. today.

Mr. Johnson was a native of Sweden and came to the states about 30 years ago. He came here from Rockford, Ill. where he was a member of the Swedish Lutheran church. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Conger Funeral parlors.

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BRITAIN READY HALT SHIPMENT OF OIL TO ITALY

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later treaty on the basis of any to negotiate an Anglo-German hi-

agreement reached at the present conference. Delegates to the party appeared more optimistic tonight that a general treaty soon would be completed. By Associated Press. Fascist soldiers have driven a spearhead deep into the body of Ethiopia today and fascist diplomats in Geneva, sought to supplement Italy's armed successes with a victory at the conference table. Specifically, they sought to prevent the application of more sanctions against Italy by the League of Nations.

A spokesman for the little entente of Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania said he was informed the domestic situation in Italy was serious from an economic standpoint and that he believes Premier Mussolini would soon be willing to negotiate for peace in Ethiopia. A possible additional incentive to such negotiations was seen in the feat of Marshal Pietro Badoglio's northern columns which smashed through the resistance of the Ethiopian armies in the Tembien sector and at the rocky redoubt of Amba

Alaji with a reported loss of 10,000 men in the Ethiopian forces.

PORTLAND'S TRAFFIC RECORD SOON SOILED

PORTLAND, Ore., March 2.—(AP)—The blight of a traffic accident death descended on Portland yesterday, the first day of a six month contest with Seattle to see which could reduce traffic fatalities by the larger per cent. The Portland victim was William H. Allison, 56, who was struck by a street car Saturday night.

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