

Russia as it Is Today

Uncensored Revelations in Stalin's Blood Purge

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MOSCOW, via London (uncensored), Sept. 2.—(UP)—Never in the 20 years' history of the bolshevik regime has there been such a bitter and determined drive against foreigners living in the Soviet Union as during the present purge.

The campaign, ostensibly based on the spy mania, is directed primarily against citizens of countries which are covertly hostile to the soviet, particularly Germans and Japanese, but appears generally to be aimed at clearing the country of all foreigners except legitimate tourists, diplomatic missions, newspaper correspondents, and a few specialists. Residence permits of some of the foreign correspondents are issued for only three months at a time.

Few Engineers Remain.
Of the hundreds of foreign engineers who aided in the industrialization of the country, only a few remain. Most of them who have worked here for years are being sent away as fast as their contracts expire. Only a handful of American specialists remain, including those who are installing aircraft factories and advising on television and radio work, notably representatives of the Vultee and Consolidated Aircraft companies and the Radio Corporation of America.

The few remaining British residents, except diplomats and correspondents, are under instructions to leave.

The "foreign purge" has resulted in the arrest of hundreds, principally German specialists. The German embassy has just made a protest to the soviet foreign office, and believes that more than 200 German citizens are under arrest. Many have been expelled, while a number, arrested last autumn, have been in prison nine months without trial on charges of espionage. German officials have not been permitted to communicate with them.

The latest wave of arrests included 14 in Moscow, nine in Leningrad, 25 in Khar'kov, and a few in other cities. The recent arrests are said to include 140 Hungarians.

Press Warns of Spies.
Almost daily the official press thunders about the danger of foreign spies. These blasts have frightened the average soviet citizen so that foreign residents are avoided and at present are isolated from soviet contacts to an unprecedented extent. I heard of an instance in which a Russian doctor refused to continue to treat his foreign patients.

One of my friends was trying to negotiate with a leading soviet dramatist for the American rights to his latest play. The dramatist required first a letter setting forth in detail the reasons for the projected meeting. His own reply was unsigned. He offered to send his chauffeur and automobile to bring the American to his country house to continue the negotiations verbally, but refused to send the car to the American embassy building, which had been suggested as a meeting place. Instead he specified that the chauffeur meet the American in the lobby of the National hotel, belgian town, who have been instructing Americans in the Russian language refuse nowadays to go to American houses. Such instances are indicative of the state of mind engendered by the anti-foreign campaign.

Tourists Untroubled.
The foregoing does not mean that legitimate tourists, thousands of whom, principally Americans, visited the Soviet Union this summer, and who go under the auspices of the Intourist State Tourist company, have the slightest difficulty once they have entered the country. But extraordinary precautions were taken to discourage scores of Americans from entering, even after they were granted visas. The reasons were obscure.

Several dozen tourists aboard cruise ships from America were refused entry at Leningrad. They included a woman named Dorothy Thompson, apparently barred because it was mistakenly thought that she was Dorothy Thompson, columnist wife of Sinclair Lewis. Another was William White, barred apparently because of the resemblance of his name to that of the Kansas editor who published a book to which the government objected. One of a pair of twins was barred, but the other admitted.

Once inside the country tourists noticeably improving each year. But in the provinces waved hair, lipstick, and painted fingernails are rare. More attention is given to dress styles as portrayed in the new fashion magazines. Choice fabrics continue scarce, but many girls manage to make themselves attractive in gaily-colored gingham.

Men, too, are showing an increasing consciousness about their clothes. Creased trousers and shined shoes are less rare than on my last trip.

Social Error.
In a hotel at Stalingrad I saw the doorman bar a worker from the dining room where a jazz band played and the diners danced in their shirt sleeves. The worker had committed the social error of coming dressed in a bathing suit. He loudly protested against this restriction of his freedom.

In the principal cities the Intourist agency has built excellent modern hotels. Most of the rooms have baths. I stayed in a new 10-story Moscow hotel where every room had a bath, free telephone and radio equipment, full-length mirrors, divans, and writing desks with stationery. The hotel now provides soap and toilet paper. The rate was 36 rubles a day or about \$7 at the present rate of exchange. That would be expensive for the taxi man who drove me. His salary was 350 rubles a month, and he paid 80 rubles rent for 40 square yards of living space.

In the provinces the people are less wary of contacts with foreigners than in Moscow. Tourists encounter everywhere a friendliness and good-natured curiosity, especially about one's salary and how much one paid for his suit and shoes. A surprisingly large number of young engineers and technicians are smattering of English, which they learned in their schools, and are eager to practice it. Their usual comment is: "Things are better than they used to be and are getting better all the time."

(Tomorrow: Creeping paralysis hits soviet industry.)
Mrs. Willitts South — Mrs. Ethel Willitts left this morning for California to take up a new teaching position. She has been a member of the Medford school faculty for several years.
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ASHLAND PLANS CELEBRATION FOR HIGHWAY OPENING

ASHLAND, Sept. 2.—(Sp.)—Plans for celebration of the opening of the new Siskiyou highway route in October were started Wednesday at a meeting of the board of directors of Ashland chamber of commerce, with a committee to be named in the near future to work out definite arrangements.

Discussion of the plan for a joint exhibit of counties in the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association at the San Francisco exhibition resulted in a decision by the board to leave the matter in the hands of the county court.

County Judge Earl B. Day, who was present at the meeting, told the directors the court was heartily in favor of the plan, which provides for the use of Medford and Ashland advertising funds for the next three years in connection with the exhibit. The two cities annually share \$15,000 allotted by the county for advertising purposes, and this fund would be used for exhibit.

It was announced at the meeting that the Ashland chamber of commerce is sending a mineral display to the state fair at Salem, taken from the Ashland mine, the Blair granite quarry, and other samples furnished by E. C. Hurd.

Other business included the appointment of Ralph Billings, county commissioner, to represent the chamber at the convention of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association at Shasta Springs on September 11; a decision to send the chamber pep band to the Yreka Gold Rush; and arrangements for a meeting honoring Leonard Reed, western division manager of the U. S. chamber of commerce when he visits here October 11.

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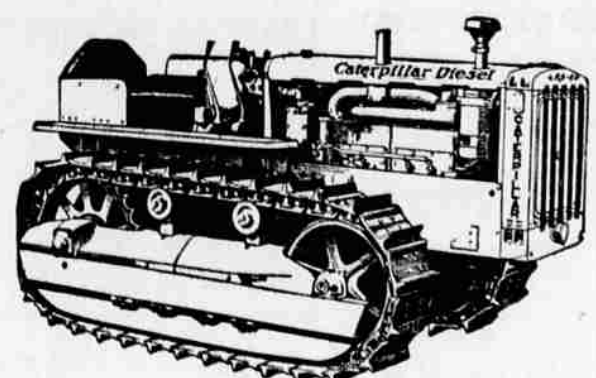
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