

Speeches Mark Opening of Big 4 Conference

Iowa Farmers Find Russian Food Good; Photographers Bother Traveling Soviets

Editor's Note: A group of 12 American farmers is touring Russia. The farmers have talked with Russians, seen Moscow sights and attended an agricultural exhibition so far. One of the Americans, Ralph Olson of Ellsworth, Iowa, gives his impressions in the following dispatch.

By RALPH OLSON
Written for United Press

Moscow — (U.P.) — So far our food has been good and plentiful, but of course not what we'd eat at home. We've had lots of fish, but not one of us has found a steak.

Why, this bunch of 12 farm people out for dinner anywhere else would all have had steaks for dinner. The fish was good though — breaded whitehead chicken filet. And a novelty for us was the tea, the best I have ever drunk.

At the mammoth agricultural fair, we were given lots of fresh fruit, including apricots, apples, plums, grapes and some of the best peaches I ever ate.

In the Hotel National Restaurant, however, we were offered only preserved fruits, canned apples in juice and cherries and plums.

I hear from people who live here that oranges cost between 80 and 90 cents apiece in American money, and eggs 40 cents each.

I paid \$9.50 for a bottle of wine that wasn't the best. I bought the wine because Americans here worry about tap water, although some drink it. Most Russians seem to drink bottled soda water, when they want water.

People don't seem to smile much, at least the people you see on the streets. They seem very sober faced, but maybe that's their nature. They've had a pretty serious existence and some hard struggles.

In my opinion, the materials don't seem to be the best quality, although I guess they are adequate.

White Murder Trial Nearing Conclusion; Physician Testifies

The trial of Bernice Hampton (Teex) White, accused of the first degree murder of a fellow mill worker March 2, was expected to go to the jury this afternoon. Only closing arguments remained after the defense rested its case at 11:30 a.m.

White is charged with first degree murder in the March 2 killing of Eugene Raymond Birk, Phoenix, during an altercation at a Talent mill. White has not denied killing Birk, but has based his defense on temporary insanity.

This morning the defense called a final witness, Dr. John Waterman, Portland psychiatrist. The court session was delayed one hour due to the inability of Dr. Waterman to be present until 10:30 a.m.

Examined Defendant

Dr. Waterman is director of the mental health section of the Oregon state board of health. He examined White on June 23 at Defense Attorney Robert Duncan's request. He testified that the information he obtained from examination of White left no doubt in his mind that the defendant was an epileptic.

Duncan then described White's medical history. Based on this, and on his examination of White, Duncan asked the doctor what the medical probabilities were that White was in a "psycho-motor seizure" at the time of the attack on Birk. Dr. Waterman answered, "There is no absolute proof that he was in a seizure. There is a probability that he was, but it is not too great."

District Attorney Walter Nunley, during cross-examination, told Dr. Waterman White had remembered and related in detail events leading to, during, and following the attack. Dr. Waterman testified that the ability of the defendant to remember the events so clearly "would indicate that he didn't have a seizure." He added information he had received, plus his examination findings, made it his belief that the "medical probabilities are that he (White) does not have a psycho-motor type of epilepsy."

The doctor stated that only two things—the defendant's denial of having repeated "I'll kill him, I'll kill him" at the time of the incident, and his inability to

remember striking Birk the second time—allowed the probability of a psycho-motor seizure. Note Rejected

Duncan offered in evidence a note Dr. Waterman had written to him shortly after examining White on June 23, but Nunley objected. After a conference between Presiding Judge H. K. Hanna, the two attorneys, the witness and the defendant in the court's chamber, Judge Hanna ruled against the admission of the note.

In the closing minutes of the morning session Duncan read the defense's exhibit C, a U.S. Marine Corps medical report on White, who was discharged in 1939, a few months after he enlisted, on the basis of the report which diagnosed him as an epileptic.

Oregon Students To Attend Boys' Nation

Washington — (U.P.) — Two Oregon high school students are scheduled to attend the American Legion's 10th annual Boys' Nation program here July 22-29, along with about 90 other youths from other states.

Oregon's delegation will consist of Robert Wesley Smith of Salem, and Gary Lee Sanders of Vancouver, Wash., a student at a Portland high school.

The Boys' Nation group will hold mock congressional sessions, guided by members of the U. S. House and Senate.

Sanders was governor of the recent Oregon Boys' State session, while Smith was appointed to the state patrol.

Funeral Set Wednesday For Girl Killed by Car

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Conger-Morris funeral home for Eileen Loretha Purkett, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Perkett, Tiller, who was killed when hit by an automobile Saturday.

The Douglas county coroner's office said she was killed at Tiller when she ran in front of a car driven by Leroy Eugene Nogle, 19, Medford. The accident occurred about a mile west of Tiller.

Cools Bay — (U.P.) — The Cools Bay Electric Cooperative has disclosed plans to go ahead with preliminary studies for a \$25,000,000 hydroelectric plant on the Illinois river near Agness despite an adverse ruling last week by the State Hydroelectric Commission.

Des Moines, Ia. — (U.P.) — Twelve Russian farmers kept smiling today but made it plain they were more than a little upset by the flock of newsmen and photographers tagging along on their tour of Iowa's tall-corn country.

"Because of the lenses, we can't see the cows," complained delegation leader Vladimir Matskevich, although he kept smiling when he said it.

The Russians, accompanied by three Soviet newsmen and some 100 American newsmen and photographers, toured the 160-acre farm of Richard Allemen near Slater, Ia., north of here.

Their main purpose was to learn how America builds up huge food surpluses while Soviet production lags.

The Russians expressed keen interest in Allemen's farm and jotted down copious notes. But Matskevich kept firing a series of barbed comments in the direction of newsmen and photographers.

The Soviet farmers went to the Allemen farm after an enthusiastic welcome by Iowa residents and officials upon their arrival last night.

A crowd estimated at 2,700 persons waved and applauded the Russians as they arrived here by plane in ill-fitting suits but wearing broad smiles.

A sign with "Welcome" spelled out in Russian drew the biggest laughter from the Soviet delegation. The sign-bearer was Charlotte Graves, Des Moines, a young pretty Russian major at Bryn Mawr (Pa.) college.

Vladimir Matskevich, balding chief of the delegation and first deputy minister of Russian agriculture, beamed and waved.

In a five-minute speech, he said he was "happy" to be making the trip.

Washington — (U.P.) — A group of Democratic senators today denounced President Eisenhower's decision to hold up funds for unbudgeted navigation, flood control and power projects.

The president announced last week after signing a public works appropriation bill that he would not allow a start on 107 projects added by Congress to his budget recommendations until adequate engineering and cost studies have been made on them.

Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) said the effect of the president's decision would be to "transfer to the bureau of the budget and its anonymous assistants the legislative power that exists in the Congress of the United States."

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) said the decision was "uncalled for and inexcusable." He challenged the president to go out to the Pacific Northwest and "explain his statement to the people there."

Joining in floor debate on the issue, Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) compared the "impounding order with a Defense Department decision to impound extra funds voted by Congress for the Marine Corps. He said the "executive branch is saying it will hold up any funds it wants to."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) called the decision a denial of the right of the people of the Northwest to be represented by their senators and congressmen. He said the president "will regret indeed such a course of action."

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Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregon Public Utilities Commission has the power to order railroads to cancel plans for abandonment of service, Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel said today.

A request from State Senators Gene Brown, Grants Pass; Paul Geddes, Roseburg, and Phillip Lowry, Medford, that Heltzel order Southern Pacific to continue passenger train service on the Portland-Ashland run had not reached Heltzel's office this morning. Heltzel declined to comment on the complaint until he had had time to study it.

However, he declared that he has authority to call a hearing in such cases and to order service continued. He said railroads have recognized that right in the past.

SP has announced plans to discontinue passenger service on the line August 7.

Beer Bottle Thrown At Car; Two Injured

Milwaukie — (U.P.) — A beer bottle was thrown against a car windshield Saturday night resulting in severe facial cuts to Mrs. Dorothy M. Vuoti, 29, Portland, and her five-year-old daughter, Sharon Diane.

The bottle was thrown from another automobile as the Vuoti family was driving on lake road, one mile east of here.

'Suspect' in Disappearance of Berkeley Girl Will Submit To Lie Detector Test

Alameda, Calif. — (U.P.) — Burton W. Abbott, 27, a University of California accounting student, prepared today to submit to lie detector and psychiatric tests in an attempt to clear himself of suspicion in the mysterious disappearance of Stephanie Bryan.

Seven 'Hot' Clues Found

Stephanie, 14, disappeared April 28 while on her way home from school. After an intensive investigation, police had to admit they were baffled — until last week end, when seven "hot" clues turned up.

The clues were articles belonging to the missing girl, her purse, two library books, two notebooks, a book on the care of parakeets and her eye glasses.

Officers began digging in the basement and turned up the other articles the next day.

Abbott, submitted to voluntary questioning, denied all knowledge of how the articles came to be in his house. He told authorities that the house was used as a polling place about a

month after Stephanie disappeared and was visited by 150 persons.

On April 28, the day the girl disappeared, Abbott said he was driving to Trinity county in far Northern California to go fishing.

Suspect Field Open

He placed himself in Sacramento about the time she was last seen. Authorities checked his cabin, but found nothing of interest.

Capt. A. H. Fording of the Berkeley police said "Abbott is definitely a suspect, but everyone who had access to that property is a suspect."

"As a matter of fact, our field of suspects is wide open," he added.

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