

### Change in Soviet Censorship Hinted For Western Papers

Moscow — (U.P.) — A top spokesman for the Soviet Foreign Ministry hinted broadly yesterday there soon may be a dramatic change in Soviet censorship regulations for Western newspaper correspondents.

The possibility was not excluded that censorship would be dropped entirely, the spokesman implied.

**Cable Underlined**  
United Press Correspondent Kenneth Brodney filed the dispatch from Moscow yesterday reporting a possible easing of censorship but the cable was not delivered to its London destination until today. It is assumed it was held in censorship although dispatches filed by other correspondents on the same subject were delivered more promptly.

Leonid F. Ilyichev, Soviet briefing officer for the press at the Geneva Big Four conference and previous international meetings, met a group of correspondents today. He now is chief of the Foreign Ministry Press Department.

Asked whether and when censorship would be lifted, the press spokesman said: "We will live and we will see."

**Reports Denied**  
He smiled broadly as he made this comment, and denied reports abroad that Communist correspondents no longer had to submit news copy to censorship.

"Rules are the same for all," he said and asked "what obstructions" correspondents in Moscow had met while trying to file dispatches.  
The United Press reporter replied that the most important stories were still killed in whole or in part by censorship. Also valuable time and energy was lost in having to type dispatches that otherwise could be dictated immediately by telephone to foreign bureaus, although some dispatches concerning official stories were exempt from this control.

### Tourist Site Opened At Mountain Cavern

Cody, Wyo. — (U.P.) — Wyoming's newest tourist attraction, Spirit Mountain Cavern, opened officially this spring.

The cavern, discovered in 1908 by Ned Frost while he was hunting on the slopes of Cedar Mountain, has been favorably compared to the famed Carlsbad Caverns in southern New Mexico.

The name derives from a local Indian legend. The Indians called the cavern "Spirit Mountain" because of the mists that rose from the numerous hot geysers, now long extinct, that once flowed here.

The city of Cody has awarded a 20-year lease to Claud Brown and his associates to develop the site as a tourist attraction.

The property originally was held by the National Park Service but was turned over to the city of Cody last year.

### New Type Drain Inlet Saves Street Costs

Urban, Ill. — (U.P.) — Two University of Illinois engineers have designed a new type of drain inlet that can save up to \$1,000 per mile on the construction cost of city streets.

The conventional type of drain costs from \$100 to \$125 and about 10 of them are required per mile of city street to take water from gutters for storm sewers.

Prof. John C. Guillou of the University's civil engineering department and Norman W. Nester, civil engineer of the physical plant department, say their new "funnel type" pre-cast inlets cost half as much as the old ones.

Furthermore, they said, the new inlets, which have been tested on the university campus for three years, are more efficient than the old style rectangular drains.

The new type drain inlets streamline the flow of water into the sewers and trap less debris in catch-basins, thus reducing the cost of cleaning the basins, the designers say.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday, other days 3-30 previous day.

### Some Experts Say Leaning Tower of Pisa Will Collapse Before End of Century

Pisa, Italy — (U.P.) — Some pessimistic experts are predicting that the Leaning Tower of Pisa, about to celebrate its 781st birthday, won't live out the 20th century. One of these years it will lean all the way over, they say, and that will be that.

But if you plan to camp nearby with a camera to catch the tower's spectacular finish, there are the optimistic experts to contend with. They say the tower has at least 300 years of

healthy leaning still ahead. The fate of the 179-foot white marble tower was a subject of general scientific concern on the anniversary today of the laying of its cornerstone.

**Began Tilting**  
It was on Aug. 10, 1174, that construction of the tower began. An honor guard of crossbowmen stood straight as ramrods at the site, and the architect, Bonnaus of Pisa, proudly gave directions.

The tower was one-third up when it began to tilt. Bonnaus washed his hands of the affair and the tower stood uncompleted for 90 years. Then Pisans decided to finish it anyhow, building the upper portion heavier on one side to allow for the lean. The bells, weighing 22,000 pounds, were placed in a spot where they wouldn't aggravate the lean.

Since then the tower has stood off hurricanes, earthquakes and wartime bombing raids. It has survived the proings of scientists and the footfalls of panting tourists.

What bothers engineers is that the tower leans a little more every year. How long can this go on?

**Lean Increasing**  
The lean from the perpendicular is now 17 feet, two and a half inches, and it is increasing at the rate of about .027 inch a year. This is perceptible only to members of the "Ministerial Commission of Vigilance for the Stability of the Bell Tower of Pisa, who measure it faithfully once a year.

But Prof. Silvio Ballarin, director of the Geodetic Institute of the University of Pisa, has noted that over the past 34 years the lean has actually increased an average of 0.46 inch a year.

In 1907, the tower leaned over a whole 2.75 inches further, and the Ministerial Commission shot thousands of tons of concrete into its base to forestall what seemed to be an imminent collapse. Similar injections of concrete continued through 1949.

**Sub-Soil Shift Blamed**  
Although some historians claim the architect Bonnaus devilishly plotted the tower's caprice to confound future generations, it is generally believed the tower leans because of shifts sub-soil and underground streams feeding the Arno river.

Eight persons have dived to their deaths from the upper reaches of the tower, and one woman charged with a local murder contended the daily sight of the tower had driven her mind off center.



**SUMMER SPORTS, TOO**—Starlet Kathryn Grant's aff has some summer fun at Sun Valley, Idaho, a place noted for its winter sports. Left she lets fly an arrow during archery practice. Center she proudly shows off her trout catch, while at right she limbers up with a game of tennis.

### Clues Revive Search For Missing Woman

Ponca City, Okla. — (U.P.) — Two meager clues in the disappearance of wealthy Mrs. Lydie Marland, widow of former Gov. E. W. Marland, revived a three-year search today.

State Crime Bureau Agent Sid Wilson sought to identify a partial dental plate and a Bulova wrist watch found on an unidentified body in an Oregon river.

Description of the body matches that of Mrs. Marland, 56-year-old oil millionaire. Wilson said Mrs. Marland, who formerly lived in Ponca City, has been missing since March, 1953.

"A reporter on the Portland Oregonian give us the first tip about the Oregon body," Wilson said. "It was pretty badly decomposed and apparently Oregon officers did not make much of an investigation. They just buried it."

Wilson said the Oregon body had a partial upper plate and a Bulova wristwatch.

"We are calling all dentists here to see if any did Mrs. Marland's dental work," he said. "We are also asking jewelers if they sold her a wristwatch."

### Personal, Corporate Tax Collections Up

Salem — (U.P.) — The State Tax commission said today that nearly \$500,000 more was collected in state personal and corporate income taxes during the fiscal year ending June 30 than in the previous year.

Of the \$56,822,219 collected, personal income taxes accounted for \$42,795,359 paid by 422,727 persons and families. Total for the 1953-54 fiscal year was \$56,334,163.

Improvement was due to a 3.1 per cent increase in personal tax collections which was aided by cuts in federal rates which brought greater disposable income to Oregon families, the commission said.

### Grasshoppers Worry Union County Farmers

La Grande — (U.P.) — Union county farmers were worried about grasshoppers today.

According to County Agent Ray Wendel, the insects are coming down from dry upland hills and eating into greener farm-lands.

The pests cut a 150-yard swath into an alfalfa field near Cove and have been eating leaves off cherry trees, Wendel said. Spraying is being conducted by ground and air to relieve the situation.

### BATHING SUITS VETOED

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Tokyo police today ordered coffee shop owners to stop dressing their waitresses in bathing suits. The police said scanty costumes are not for coffee shops even though the tea cake shops have been packing customers in since the innovation.

### New Facts, Figures Folder Prepared

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce soon will have available a new "facts and figures" folder about Jackson county and Medford.

The brochure, which is folded to envelope size, contains information on 39 different subjects, and is designed to provide complete information to those making general inquiry about the area. It will take the place of several bulkier, mimeographed information sheets, and will save mailing time at the office and postage and will present the information in more attractive form, according to the chamber.

Among the subjects covered are climate, water supplies, population growth, housing, land, wages, employment, trade area, transportation, business and industrial information, libraries, schools, parks, playgrounds, airport, medical facilities, cultural activities, and so on.



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