



RED LEADERS HONOR MARX—Communist Party Chief Nikita Khrushchev (right) and Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin (left, partly hidden) struggle with huge wreath during visit to the tomb of Karl Marx at London's Highgate Cemetery. The 19th century German is recognized as the intellectual father of Communism.

Quigg Finds 'Non-Strategic' Usage By State Department a Mite Shocking

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New York — (U.P.) — You may have noticed that the secretary of commerce has eased trade restrictions on bust supporters and various other non-strategic items for export to the Soviet European bloc.

Did you say non-strategic, Mr. Secretary?
Well, I guess it depends on what kind of strategy you're talking about. But usage of the word seemed a mite shocking in view of the fine and indispensable products—more than 700 of them—listed by the Commerce Department.

No Export License
Exporters now may ship these items behind the European Iron Curtain without obtaining an export license for each shipment. A blow has been struck against the cold war. How the European Communist countries have done without these modern civilized delights for years is a subject for deep ponder. But they must have led empty lives.

Consider the following items culled from the secretary's list:
Edible molasses, bust supporters, ear pads, eye guards, hoof pads, masks and false faces, drays and trailers, motor scooters, Easter egg colors, castor oil, and corn plasters.
Hat finishing powder, silk stocking savers in tablet form, magic lantern parts, squeegees, cuspidors and cuspidor bowls, denture trimmers, cigar ribbons, baby pants, zippers, bar equipment, and coin-operated machines.

Cream of Culture
Obviously we're sending them the cream of our industrial culture. But the thought occurs that they really should get more than the curds of our whey of life. Let them get a sampling of the things—and people—that we would be happy to get rid of.

Let's ship them some of our villains. I'm thinking particularly of probably the most monstrous oaf abroad today: The guy who makes the TV and radio commercials with the sound so much louder than the entertainment part of the program that it wakens babies, sets dogs howling, and bounces neighbors out of bed.

This is one man who's got to go. Send him, and his pounding decibels, to Siberia. He has given the American public a defi-

nite decibellyache. We're tired of setting the volume dial just right so that the program is easy and smooth, and then the commercial comes on and—wham,

bang, boom—the sound is stepped up to boiler-factory level. **No Reason for Nuisance**

No matter how pleasant the commercial is — and some of them, as you well know, are extremely clever — there's no call for the

sound to be a public nuisance. After all, newspaper advertisements don't shout any louder than the news headlines, and they're doing okey. Also, they have more than one use. As Fred Allen once remarked, you can't line the bottom of a canary cage

with a radio. If all the excess, useless sound from these commercials could be collected, we'd have a fine stockpile from which to hurl back noise at Communist diplomats when they begin sounding off against us.

Longest Microwave System Being Built

Rochester, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Multiplexing equipment for what will be the longest private commercial microwave communication system in Canada—one extending more than 400 miles—is being built in Rochester.

The Stromberg-Carlson division of General Dynamics Corp. is turning out the special equipment for the Quebec Electric Commission for use in linking the commission's headquarters in Montreal to its huge power developments on the Bersimis River near the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Multiplexing is the process of "scrambling" a number of radio signals or messages, sending them simultaneously on the same channel, and "unscrambling" them at the receiving end. It can be applied to voice, teletype, telegraph or any other type or combination of radio signals.

The system, which will operate over a series of microwave radio relay towers, will provide more than 30 circuits for voice communication, teletyping and load frequency control, providing centralized control over nearly two million horsepower.

Pound Keeper Not On Town Ballot

Blandford, Mass. — (U.P.) — The pound keeper is a thing of the past as far as this western Massachusetts town is concerned.

For the first time since anyone can remember, the office wasn't listed during Blandford's most recent town election.

The office of pound keeper originally was started so "lost, strayed" or otherwise animals could be picked up and kept for the owners.

Blandford's first pound was a log-cabin affair, but they had their troubles there. An ox once corralled there went berserk after a mad dog bit him and made a shambles of the pound.

Recording Joined By Symphony Group

Boston — (U.P.) — A recording commemorating the 75th anniversary season of the Boston Symphony Orchestra features the group playing the same piece under the batons of three conductors.

Three recordings of Berlioz' "Hungarian March" made over a period of nearly half a century were dubbed together electronically to sound as one continuous performance.

Karl Muck, who became conductor in 1906, starts the march. The late Serge Koussevitzky "takes over" in the middle section and Charles Munch, the present director, concludes the piece.

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