

### Russia Making Strides in Base In Wastelands of Antarctic

Sydney—U.P.—Russia has almost completed an ambitious base in the Antarctic less than five hours jet flying distance from the Australian mainland, as part of the Soviet Union's participation in the International Geophysical Year 1957-58.

Australian Antarctic explorers who were guests at the Russian base at Mirny in that portion of territory claimed by Australia in Queen Mary Land, said the Russians made great progress in the seven months after their arrival on the frozen continent. They added that Soviet base is well on the way to rivaling Australia's base at Mawson, the first permanent station on the Antarctic mainland.

Although Mirny, 2,500 miles south of Perth, Western Australia, is located in the Australian sector of the continent, the Soviet Union did not seek Australian permission to establish its base. Like the United States, Russia does not recognize any claims by other nations on Antarctic territory and makes no claims on its own behalf.

When Russia announced its intention of establishing a base

in a part of the Australian sector of the Antarctic, Australian Foreign Affairs Minister R. G. Casey made an offer of "facilities" for nations participating in the IGY investigations. Australian diplomatic sources regard this offer as a clever piece of diplomacy by Casey, designed to avoid international embarrassment when it was learned the Russians planned their base along the Knox Coast.

**Large Group**

The Mirny venture was organized by the Soviet Academy of Sciences last year. The academy assembled an expeditionary force of 226 with the apparent intention of dwarfing the expeditions of other nations designed to lay the groundwork for IGY research.

The Russian expedition used two of the Soviet Union's most modern icebreakers, the Ob and Lena, two high-decked sister-ships of 12,600 tons built in the Netherlands. The icebreakers were supplemented by a vessel known simply as Refrigerator Ship No. 7.

Using charts drawn by an Australian pioneer Antarctic explorer, Sir Douglas Mawson, the Russian expedition arrived off the desolate coast of Queen Mary Land late in January.

Seamen trained as riggers and builders set to work erecting the base before the 24-hour nights of the Antarctic winter set in. The first project was the construction of five houses containing two three-room flats each, for senior scientists, and six big dormitories for the others. In addition, foundations were drilled in rock and ice a polar observatory, a 600-kilowatt generating station and a 2,500-ton fuel dump.

The Soviet flag was hoisted over the base Feb. 13 after preliminary steps in establishing Mirny were completed.

### Fresno Doctor Faces Deportation To Korea

Fresno, Calif.—U.P.—Dr. Yong Ja Chai, a Japanese-born doctor of medicine, faces the grim probability of deportation to a nation she has never seen as the result of a legal technicality.

Immigration officials are expected to send Dr. Chai to Korea late in September. She knows no one there and cannot speak the language. Ironically, her parents are citizens of Japan, where she was born and lived most of her life.

The legal technicality that threatens Dr. Chai results from a ruling by Japanese immigration officials. Upon application for a temporary visa to the United States, it was decided she was Korean because her father was born in that country, and her passport had to be obtained through the Korean embassy.

Dr. Chai came to this country on a fellowship to study as a resident doctor at Fresno County Tuberculosis Hospital. She is a

graduate of Tokyo Women's Medical College and holds both Japanese and California medical licenses.

**Sept. 28 Deadline**

Although Dr. Chai's passport status was changed from a temporary status to that of an exchange visitor, no further extension is available and the visa expires Sept. 28. Deportation seems almost a certainty.

About her only hope of remaining in this country would

involve her marriage, and that possibility is unlikely. She had talked of marriage with a young American doctor she met while taking advanced studies at the University of Illinois several months ago, but he has said he must complete some special studies before marriage. That is several months away and would be too late to prevent Dr. Chai's deportation.

"I don't want to leave Ameri-

ca," Dr. Chai said, "least of all to go to Korea."

She pointed out there is a hatred of Japanese by Koreans, and it will be very difficult for her to start over in a strange country.

If she were married, Dr. Chia could go to Canada or Mexico and return to the United States under Japanese quotas and probably remain in the country as the wife of an American citizen. Japanese officials will allow Dr. Chai to visit her parents in Tokyo for three months. After that, she must leave for Korea.

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Oklahoma City—U.P.—Racing isn't the only way to get thrills from riding a motorcycle. In fact it's sissy stuff compared to cross-country endurance runs, according to Jim Doughty.

The 26-year-old Oklahoma City iron worker makes a hobby of spurring a high-powered mechanical steed across some of the roughest strips of country in the nation. Some of the courses would be rough going for a wild horse, said Doughty.

Take the Palo Duro Canyon run, which Jim won last February. It's a 163-mile run which took the riders through the canyon bottom where it's difficult enough just to walk. Jim took the first prize trophy in that run with 899 points out of a possible 1,000.

Doughty has been pursuing the hobby for about two and a half years. His present cycle is a one-cylinder English brand which is smaller than American makes. It is the 29th one he has owned since he got the cycling bug while jerking sodas eight years ago.

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