

Russia Believed Still Eager To Be World Rulers

(Editor's note: Dr. Luis W. Alvarez, one of the top nuclear scientists in the United States, visited Russia last May at the invitation of the Soviet Academy of Science. He kept a diary of his trip. The following dispatch, the first of a series of five, is an excerpt from that document, obtained by courtesy of the publication "Physics Today.")

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I thought you would be interested in my impression of Russia as I kept this detailed diary.

I remembered the story of the American Army officer whose diary was photographed and reproduced in Russia, so I never wrote anything critical of the country when I was there. Anything that may be critical was put in after I arrived in Stockholm. It is very easy to be critical so it is perhaps better this way—I have forgotten many of the critical things I planned to insert.

Visit Failed To Change Impression of Country

My impressions of Russia are not very different (at the end of my visit) from the views I carried in with me. This just means that our American reporters have done a good job in keeping us informed about the situation there. I don't for a minute believe that the Russian leaders have changed their intentions to dominate the world. But I do believe they know they can't do it by a World War III. They will have to do it by beating us as an industrial power.

This is the kind of race we should welcome. We can beat them at it—or rather stay ahead of them—and in the process the standard of living of their people will rise to the point where they aren't interested in dominating other people any more than we are.

Lack of Hostility By Man on Street Noted

I was most surprised by the complete lack of hostility toward us as Americans. I expected the scientists to be friendly, but I was prepared to find the man in the street unfriendly.

Several of our party were stopped in the street by English-speaking strangers who expressed the view that things weren't good yet, but they were getting better.

Everyone we talked to—embassy officials, newsmen, Russian scientists, interpreters and Russian-speaking visitors from the satellites—was in agreement that a big change has come over the people since the death of Stalin and, more particularly, since the debunking of the Stalin myth.

People Learning About Outside World

People are beginning to find more about what really goes on in the outside world and they are realizing that they have been fed a huge dose of lies for many years.

They can blame all this on Stalin and still keep faith that the Communist system is better than ours.

One of our interpreters told me of seeing a newsreel short on San Francisco. She was most impressed by the homes, the way the people dressed, and by the number of automobiles and their elegance.

After people have seen such a movie you can't go back to telling them that they are better off than everyone else and that the people in the Western world are exploited and in a semi-starving condition.

The Iron Curtain, in my opinion, was erected largely to keep the Russians out of the Western world, and not vice versa.

Rulers Had Been Lying, New Leaders Find

I am most encouraged by the fact that the Russian leaders are traveling to various parts of the Western world. Most of them have grown up on the lies told in the Russian press about our way of life. I can hardly imagine the shock it must be to a Russian to land in Stockholm for his first visit outside Russia.

After hearing all his life how much better off he was than anyone else, he would see at a glance that his rulers had been lying to him all the time.

Formerly there was nothing to be done, but now with Stalin as the scapegoat the situation can be improved.

The Russian leaders have said that in view of the existence of hydrogen bombs, wars are no longer possible. I believe that they mean this; I believe it and I think it is an unescapable conclusion. This means to me that they can now devote a real effort to improving the living conditions of their people.

I didn't see any children working, but I never quite got used to seeing the women doing hard manual labor. They repair the streets, dig ditches, and tighten the bolts on railroad rails. On the collective farms you see them walking down the road carrying a pair of buckets of water from the ends of a beam on their shoulders. The street sweepers are all women and they sweep all the time. The streets are kept very clean. The standards of sanitation appear to be good.

Money for Equipment Said of No Concern

In Russia, married women don't wear any visible sign to indicate their status. A marriage ceremony consists of a visit to the registry office . . . and nothing else.

My general impressions of high energy physics are these: The Russians are making a crash program in this area. Money is the last thing they think about so far as equipment is concerned. Of course, we used this same method in developing radar and the atomic bombs during the war.

The training of scientists is also on a crash basis and the rewards for being a scientist are very substantial. According to . . . some information, the following monthly wages are paid in the Soviet Union (1 rouble has the purchasing power of 10 cents): Unskilled worker, 400-600 rubles; skilled worker, 800-1,200; bachelor of arts, 1,300; graduate student, 2,000; professor (junior) 4,000, and professor (senior) up to 30,000.

The conference on physics was a great success and I think our visit did a lot of good for both sides. We all certainly have a much better idea of what goes on behind the Iron Curtain and I believe that we were good ambassadors of good will from the Western world.

(In tomorrow's article Dr. Alvarez describes Moscow, the capital city of Russia, and tells of his amazement in not finding a fringe of industrial activity.)

Ike To Present 'Farm Facts' in Peoria Talk

Washington — (UP) — President Eisenhower will "present the facts of the farm situation" in his Peoria, Ill., farm speech Tuesday night, the White House said today.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty so described the president's speech when asked by newsmen to comment on Democratic presidential candidate Adlai E. Stevenson's charge that there is a "farm depression."

Hagerty agrees he agreed with the comment of Sen. George D. Aiken (R-Vt.), Aiken accused Stevenson of trying to create a farm depression "for his own selfish political benefit."

Hagerty was asked whether the President would reply to Stevenson in his Peoria speech. "I think the President in his speech Tuesday will present the facts of the farm situation."

Shortly after Hagerty talked with newsmen, a group of 22 Republican candidates for public offices left the President's office.

For Little Farmer

One of them, George H. Miller, Sedalia, Mo., said the President told them he is "definitely for the little farmer . . . while the opposition has only talked about the little farmer."

Miller, a House candidate in the 11th Missouri District, also said the President told them his administration had done things to help the little farmer and would continue to do so.

Flood Control Meet Scheduled in Medford

The Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources Association will hold an open meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. in the county court chambers in the Jackson county courthouse.

Bob Church, head of the weather bureau in this area, will discuss the bureau's plans for flood warning for the coming winter. A telephone campaign is being conducted in this area to notify residents of the meeting so that all people, especially those who are subject to flood damage, may know and hear the official flood warning.

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White House Denies President Agreed To Farmer Remark

Realization of Work Necessity Reported

Washington — (UP) — A Republican congressional candidate from Tennessee said he told President Eisenhower today that small farmers in his area are "finally realizing that to make a living they have to go to work like everybody else."

The candidate, George S. Spence of the Fifth Tennessee District, said that, furthermore, the President agreed with his sentiments. But the White House promptly denied it.

Spence was one of 22 GOP candidates for public offices who were photographed with Mr. Eisenhower.

It was after the picture taking that Spence described his conversation with the President.

President Denies It

When reporters asked White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty about the reported exchange, Hagerty went direct to the President. Hagerty later held a special conference with newsmen. He said the President told him he "didn't recall hearing such a remark."

Hagerty said the report conveyed by Spence certainly did not reflect the President's "opinion and oft expressed feelings" about small farmers.

"We have proposed many things during our administration to help small farmers specifically," Hagerty said.

To Be Included in Speech

He said Mr. Eisenhower will deal with the problem of small farmers in a section of his farm speech at Peoria, Ill., Tuesday night.

"So the quote as reported certainly does not in any way, shape or manner reflect the President's thinking," Hagerty said.

George H. Miller, who is running for Congress in the 11th Missouri District, had sought to ease Spence's remarks. He said the President made the point that he is "definitely for the little farmer" and that the "opposition has only talked about the little farmer."

Consultant Attends Meeting of City Planners Tonight

A representative of Hahn, Wise and Associates, planning consultants, will be present at the city planning commission meeting tonight when eight items will be brought before the commission.

The regular monthly meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers in the city hall.

To be considered this evening will be a committee report by Mrs. O. A. Eden and E. N. McKinstry on the proposed vacation of a portion of Ruhl Way.

Petitions for annexation of Kenwood and Grandview and of Berrydale districts will be considered as well as the request for change of zoning on South Grape st.

Other items on the agenda include the request of the Church of the Nazarene to vacate First st. between Holly st. and Grape st.; clarification of Ordinance 5135, section 1, regarding officially approved places; request for placing playground equipment at Lemon park on corner of Court st. and Central ave.; and the final plat of Mont Crest unit 1.

Medford Woman New Democratic Secretary

Miss Margaret McGee, who has been active in Jackson county Democratic party activities for the past nine months, has been appointed permanent staff secretary for the Oregon Democratic party headquarters in Portland.

She was appointed by Robert Boyer, chairman of the Oregon Democratic party. Her appointment was recently confirmed by the state central committee.

Miss McGee will leave Medford Sept. 27 and begin her duties on Oct. 4 in Portland. She has been a resident of Medford for nine months and is employed as a stenographer for COPCO. She is a member of the Jackson County Democratic social club, a deputy precinct committee woman and Democratic party co-chairman for registrations.

Atomic Conference Hears Pleas for Strong Safeguards

Cornerstone for Peace Program Seen

United Nations, N.Y. — (UP) — The United States said today the proposed International Atomic Energy Agency can become the cornerstone of its global atoms for peace program if it is established with strong safeguards against diversion of uses.

Ambassador James J. Wadsworth told an 81-nation conference meeting here to approve a statute to govern the agency that the agency within a year should be "a going concern, actually at work making its vital contribution toward a peaceful and stable world."

Wadsworth, keynoting the conference with the first of a series of policy speeches from the major powers, carried the fight for strong safeguards directly to India, whose announced position is that a strict code of controls might act as a "straight-jacket" and hamper atomic development for peaceful purposes.

Dangerous Material

"In addition to the requirement that the statute empower the agency to promote peaceful uses of atomic energy," Wadsworth said, "it is indispensable that there be real assurance that the agency's activities will not further the use of atomic energy for military purposes and will not jeopardize health or safety. Atomic energy is uniquely dangerous as well as uniquely promising. The fuel for a reactor can be made into the explosive of a bomb; the radiation which cures can also kill . . ."

"We recall that the Soviet Union originally took the view that to encourage peaceful development of atomic energy throughout the world would increase world insecurity by increasing the supply of materials from which nuclear weapons could be made. We are glad that they now hold, as we do, that the right solution is to apply adequate safeguards, not to curtail peaceful development."

Russia Wants Ban

Russia differed with the United States on controls, declaring that it should be sufficient to insist that countries receiving fissionable materials from the agency should not use them to make nuclear weapons.

Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin renewed the Kremlin's appeal for a complete ban on atomic hydrogen weapons.

Young Czechs Ask Asylum in Germany

Nuernberg, Germany — (UP) — U.S. intelligence officials today questioned two young Czechs who flew to freedom in a Communist training plane using 20 gallons of stolen gas.

Czech Air Force Lt. Vladimir Vrzal and electrician Ludovic Sebelka landed Sunday at Peintele, a Danube river town 10 miles from the Vyskov Air Base near Brno.

They asked for political asylum and were brought here by U.S. Air Force officials for questioning.

The two told Passau police they crept around the Czech air base before dawn and siphoned gas from planes parked on the landing strip.

Beatings Follow Portland Grid Games; Several Held

Portland — (UP) — Portland school district investigators today probed incidents following Friday night's high school football jamboree which resulted in the arrest of several juveniles.

School Supt. J. W. Edwards said that school investigators would report to him today but expressed doubt that any drastic action would be taken.

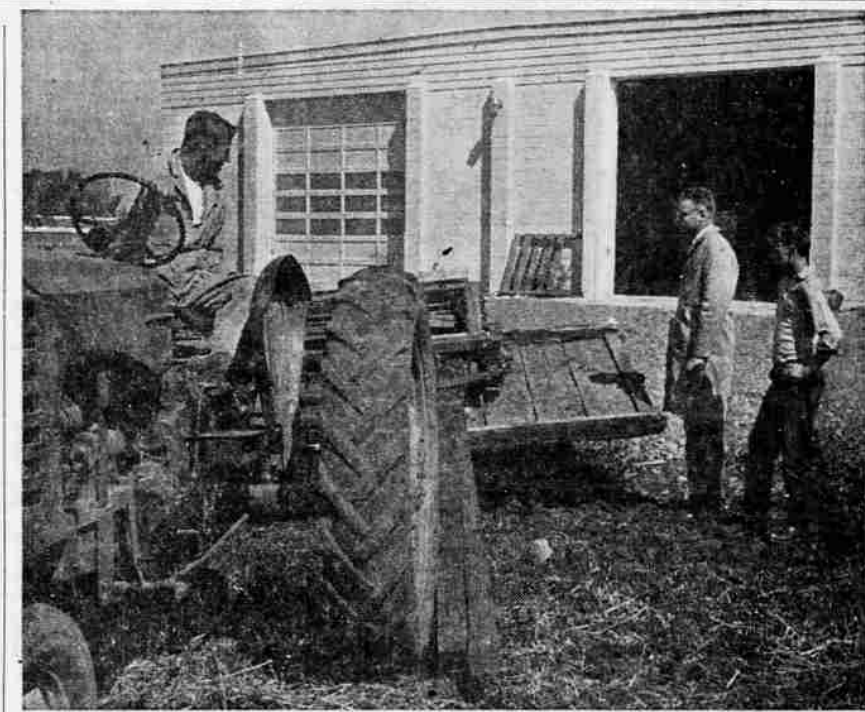
More incidents Saturday night. The Friday night incidents were followed Saturday night by further teenage violence after a Portland high school football game. Several high school boys were beaten in the wake of the Jefferson-Washington game.

Police said they located a group of five teen-age boys dressing wounds suffered when a group of larger boys attacked them on the Jefferson high school grounds.

Identify Undetermined

Officers said that the identity of the assailants could not immediately be determined. The injured youths told police that they saw at least four other boys being beaten by the gang.

Six teenage youths were arrested as a result of the Friday night violence, three of them girls. Two police officers suffered minor injuries while attempting to quell the disturbance following the Friday night football jamboree.



FALL PLANTING — Eagle Point FFA students, taking advantage of last Friday's sunshine, seeded a 4½ acre plot of ground adjacent to their new building (in background) with granger lotus, a forage crop, which they hope to sell at a profit next spring. Here they

unload a seeder, borrowed from a local farmer. Driving the tractor is Bob Drebb, a junior at Eagle Point High school, while instructor Nat Etzel and Melvin Arent, a junior, give him instructions.

Oregon Politicians in Full Swing; Kefauver Can't Recall Sarena Aid

By UNITED PRESS

Barely six weeks remained today before the November general election and Oregon political asplints, whether with the ins or the outs, laid schedules they hoped would get their cases before the largest number of voters possible before the electorate makes its final decision.

The week end offered little in the way of relaxation for the

office seekers. Statewide and national candidates continued their barrage of verbal attacks on the opposite party, highlighted by the appearance of Sen. Estes Kefauver in the Northwest once again.

Kefauver, who flew in and out of Portland yesterday, was asked about a statement made by Charles McDonald, one of the owners of the Al Sarena mines

in southern Oregon. McDonald had given valuable advice about the mines at a 1951 meeting in New Orleans. Kefauver said he had been introduced to the McDonalds but "I don't recall having told them anything . . ."

Democrats have been critical of the granting of patents on the claims in the timber rich area.

Douglas McKay, GOP nominee for U. S. Senator, scheduled two days of campaigning in Portland this week with four full day trips in upstate counties.

He is slated to be in Yamhill county today, Marion county tomorrow, Columbia county on Friday and Clatsop county on Saturday.

'Can't Defend Sorry Record'

Sen. Wayne Morse, seeking reelection to the senate on the Democratic ticket, yesterday asserted that "Republican politicians in the campaign would like to soft pedal the issues because they cannot defend their sorry record on agriculture, natural resources, taxes, small business and other vital subjects."

Speaking at Condon, Morse said that he was shocked at the remark made last week by McKay that "issues are not important, and only votes count." He said the statement "sums up the 1956 attitude and strategy of the GOP."

Democratic candidates Al Ullman, for congressman, and Robert Holmes, for governor, accompanied Morse on the eastern Oregon campaign swing.

Gov. Elmo Smith is slated to kick-off his campaign for reelection to the office tonight when he addresses a meeting at Sweet Home.

Vancouver Resident To Face Charges Here

C. M. Northrup, Vancouver, Wash., was returned to Medford Saturday by sheriff's deputies after being arrested by Vancouver police on a charge of larceny by bailor.

Northrup is accused of selling a range and refrigerator to O. J. Brenner of the B and B Auction company, 1155 North Central ave., without the written consent of the owners of the property, according to the sheriff's office. Deputies said the property was valued at about \$222.50.

Sheriff's deputies took to the state penitentiary Saturday three men who were sentenced in circuit court last week. They were Ray Reinheimer, Springfield, Ore., charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, Roy B. Armstrong, of the 12th Street Trailer court, and John Olson, 423 Plum st., both charged with assault and robbery.

TEMPORARY JUDGE

Barnett H. Goldstein, Portland, has been appointed temporary judge in circuit court here to preside until Sept. 30. Goldstein was assigned here by the supreme court because of the large number of cases being tried here this month.

Alabama-Florida Area Braces for Winds of 100 MPH

Shipping Battered; Two Persons Drown

New Orleans — (UP) — Hurricane Flossy left two dead and a trail of foundered ships in the Gulf of Mexico today and thundered across open water in the direction of the Alabama-Florida coast with winds of 100 miles an hour.

At least 47 persons were clinging to ships or oil drilling rigs in the storm-torn waters of the gulf. Flossy sideswiped New Orleans, 65 miles northwest of her middle, without causing major damage.

Moving 12 Miles an Hour

The latest advisory on the hurricane, issued by the New Orleans Weather Bureau at 9 a.m. (PST), placed Flossy's center 80 miles southwest of Pensacola, Fla. The howler was moving to the east-northeast at 12 miles an hour.

The year's sixth tropical hurricane drove thousands from their homes in Plaquemines Parish, the low finger pointed to the southeast on the Louisiana coast, and in Mississippi.

One crew member drowned and another died trying to save him when Flossy raked the motor vessel Carport. Eighteen men and two women rode out the storm on the ship 40 miles off the southern tip of Plaquemines.

Main Force Waited

The Weather Bureau predicted the main force of the blow would smack the coast between Pensacola and Apalachicola, Fla., this afternoon or tonight.

Five Coast Guard cutters toiled through the stormy night and three Navy and two Coast Guard helicopters were in the air at dawn to resume rescue efforts.

Gulf coast residents from Mobile, Ala., to Pensacola, Fla., stepped up preparations for Flossy this morning after she hit the coast east of New Orleans with but a glancing blow and headed out over open water again.

A weather bulletin said the hurricane had winds estimated around 100 miles an hour near the center. At that hour Flossy was about 100 miles southwest of the Mobile-Pensacola area and was expected to hit the coast again during the afternoon.

Local Health Educator Resigns From Position

Mrs. Dorothy Huskey, health educator in the Jackson county health department, will leave Medford soon to resume her studies at the University of Michigan. Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician, reported today.

Miss Dorothy Huskey, health with the department for the past four years, resigned effective Sept. 1. At the University of Michigan, she will complete her doctor of philosophy requirements in health education.

Dr. Merkel said no immediate replacement is planned, though it is hoped a new health educator will eventually be secured.

'The Mean Old Federal Courts Are Trying To Impose Their Will On Others'

