

Hurricane Flossy Blamed for 11 Fatalities

Visitor to Moscow Not Being Trained; Living Area Small

Editor's note: The following dispatch, the second of a series of five, is an excerpt from the diary of Dr. Luis Alvarez, noted American physicist who visited the Soviet Union last May. It was obtained by courtesy of the publication "Physics Today."

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Joe Harsch from The Christian Science Monitor, whom I met in Moscow, said he was going to write a series of stories on Russia and the punch line was going to be "All the time I was there, I had the queer feeling that I wasn't being followed."

We were all quite sure we weren't being followed and, in fact, no one even looked through our baggage when we were out.

My hotel suite is 901 and has two rooms and a large bathroom. The sitting room has a table with a settee and several chairs and bottles on the table. There is a large desk, with marble desk set, a television set, radio and piano. No doubt I was the first to play Davey Crockett on the piano.

There is one TV station. It was showing a play that was incomprehensible to me.

Moscow Found To Be Much Like Mexico City

Moscow is much like Mexico City in that the very new and magnificent buildings are close to the very old and sometimes decrepit... the average apartment has three rooms... Gorky st. is the Fifth ave. of Moscow, with the finest stores.

The most surprising thing is the very small radius of the city. I was surprised to find that the city stops rather abruptly and one immediately finds himself in the farming area. There is no fringe of industrial activity as there is around every large American city.

Moscow is not an industrial city but is more like Washington—the center of government. I haven't seen anything that could be called a factory and only a few places that could be classed as small manufacturing plants.

Small Floor Space Available To Each Family

My guide said there were six million people in the city, but this is hard to believe at first. Later, when you see the small floor area available to each family, you begin to believe it. The "standard apartment" is almost 15 feet wide and the usual length was almost 30 feet. Each family has about 500 square feet of floor space.

A typical rent would be 60 rubles per month. At the official exchange rate this is \$15 and at the more actual rate (in terms of purchasing power) it is about \$6. They told me that at the embassy later that the average person is limited to 100 square feet, maximum. This checks well with the observations we made as we drove past rows of typical apartment buildings.

A most interesting thing is that the typical small log cabin of the farmer has almost the same size and shape. We looked at hundreds of these cabins and they come in a fairly standard pattern. They are about 15 x 30 feet. One of the most apparent characteristics is that they are usually badly out of plumb. Either the ground shifts or the builders didn't have levels available.

The prosperity of the individual log cabins reflects the prosperity of that particular collective farm. The farmers have no basic wage "floor." The money they get all comes from the sale of goods produced on their community farm, and also from their individual farm plots.

We saw whole families working hard on their individual plots of land in the late evening. They can sell the things they grow themselves at the farmers' market. The government makes this small concession to private enterprise, as it pleases both the farmers and the city people, who can get more food this way.

Some Farms Display Television Antennas

About 20 per cent of the cabins in the prosperous collective farm villages had television antennas on the roofs and sometimes we could see several on one house.

We saw long queues in front of shops which reminded me of England after the war.

I went on a tour through Gum, the largest department store in Moscow. I walked down each aisle on both floors; it took... two hours. We found very little which we were tempted to buy.

Everything that appealed to us was far too expensive and all the reasonably priced things were unattractive as souvenirs of Moscow.

Every clerk has an abacus and she knows how to use it efficiently as an adding machine. One sees an abacus at all business counters—they must teach its use in the elementary schools. The most expensive thing we saw was a fur coat at 30,000 rubles (about \$3,000).

The Moscow subway has four radial lines (eight spokes to a wheel) and a circular transfer line, a ring, about halfway out to the end of the radial lines. We saw some of the famous stations with their marble statues and mosaics.

Bob Wilson (a member of our group) was almost cut in two the other day when he was riding the subway. He was the last person to enter the car and the doors started to come together. Bob naturally assumed that, like American subway doors, they would automatically stop as soon as they touched his body.

No Power Cut-Off Circuit for Car Door

But they have no such power cut-off circuit, and so Bob was pinned between the doors. He was afraid that the doors would crush his skull if he turned sideways, but with a great deal of effort he extricated himself.

The people who ride the subway are in general better dressed than those seen in the street. The subway appears to be the rich man's mode of travel if he doesn't have a car.

The subway system and the Bolshoi theater are two islands of elegance in an otherwise fairly drab city.

We had tickets to the Bolshoi theater several times. The audience was extremely well dressed and prosperous looking. If you came through Moscow blindfolded and found yourself in our box, you would think Moscow was like any other city in the Western world.

The ballet tonight was Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet. The production was unbelievably magnificent. There must have been about 30 different sets, all beautifully done. There were often more than 100 people on the stage in very splendid costumes. The lighting was spectacular and the dancing was up to the standards we have always associated with the Moscow stage theater. As far as all of us were concerned, the whole thing was out of this world.

I have seen some Broadway musicals that cost a good fraction of a million dollars to stage and they looked shabby compared to the production I saw. It just has to be seen to be believed.

(In Wednesday's article Dr. Alvarez tells of making a visit inside the Kremlin and of going into the buildings where Lenin lived and worked.)

Fourteen Cases Scheduled For Trials During October

Fourteen cases will be tried continuously in circuit court during October beginning Oct. 2, according to the county clerk's office.

Defendant to be tried Oct. 2 is Paul L. Jacks, 21, Ashland, charged with rape.

Other cases include trials for Frank Close, 44, Grants Pass, charged with grand larceny; Paul L. Jacks, burglary not in a dwelling; Bill Forester Humphrey, 36, Gold Hill, assault with a dangerous weapon; Lester Price, 30, Ashland, non support; Wes White, 42, route 2, box 29, Central Point, possession

of stolen property; Lawrence R. Stanton, 35, Portland, burglary not in a dwelling; James Vernon, 35, Hill City, Minn., uttering and publishing a false check; Scott L. Atkinson, 22, Ashland, burglary not in a dwelling; Edward Fogel, 42, 826 West 12th st., not sufficient funds; Theodore Crosby, 21, Nairobi, British East Africa, attempted grand larceny; Jerry L. Stewart, 19, Stockton, Calif., possession of stolen property; Bergan H. Scott, 34, transient, entering a motor vehicle with intent to steal; and Bert Rostel, 34, 628 Cedar st., non support.

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Group Suggests 2 Annexations

The Medford planning commission last night recommended to the city council that Kenwood-Grandview and Berrydale districts north and northeast of Medford be annexed.

The commission discussed petitions submitted from the areas to the city council. The Kenwood-Grandview petition contained about 385 signatures and represented about 72 per cent of the residents, according to City Manager Robert Duff. About 337 signatures were on the Berrydale district petition.

Elections Needed

The commission indicated favorable action by the council should be made so the annexations may be included on the Nov. 6 ballot. City officials indicated that elections would be held in both the Berrydale and the Kenwood-Grandview districts. The Kenwood-Grandview areas were included in petitions submitted at the same time.

Duff pointed out that the city, after annexation, assumes assets and liabilities of the area annexed. He said there is about \$160,000 in outstanding bonds in the Kenwood-Grandview district and about \$90,000 in the Berrydale district. He added that city water rates probably would have to be increased \$1.63 annually to cover the debts.

A petition proposing vacating a portion of Ruhl Way was denied after a committee reported that R. W. Ruhl had expressed a willingness to deed necessary property for the street right of way. The petition had asked that the street be closed.

Request Denied

A request by the Church of the Nazarene to vacate First st. between Holly and Grape sts. was referred to a committee. The church asked the street be closed because it presented a hazard to children. The church owns property on both sides of the street.

County Employee Fatally Injured On Dead Indian Rd.

Jesse Groves Jr., 36, of box 92, Jacksonville, a Jackson county road department employee, was killed at approximately 10 a.m. today in an accident at Deadwood on the Dead Indian rd.

According to radio reports received at the county engineer's office, Groves jumped from the running board of a truck, slipped and struck his head on a blunt object. He was a truck driver for the county and was working with road crews in the Deadwood area.

Notified of Accident

Groves was first hired by the county in 1951, then re-hired in May of 1954.

Employees at the engineer's office said they were notified of the accident by officials at the weighing station on the Dead Indian rd., near Deadwood creek. Secretaries were advised to summon Littlefield's Ambulance service. The coroner was called to the scene a short time later and a deputy sheriff was also dispatched.

Plans Made for Visit By Harris Ellsworth

Plans were made yesterday for Congressman Harris Ellsworth to meet with local residents in a series of meetings the first week in October, according to C. L. Hopkins, general chairman.

Congressman Ellsworth, who is seeking reelection as representative from the fourth district, will be in Medford Oct. 3 through 6. Time and locations of meetings will be announced later, Hopkins said.

Jane Buffington, member of the committee, said neighborhood meetings at residential homes will be held in several county areas Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5 and 6 for residents to meet Congressman Ellsworth.

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Chamber of Commerce officials from throughout Oregon will attend the annual fall meeting of the Oregon Chamber Executives Association at Timberline Lodge Oct. 5-7.

CP Council Sets Date For Zoning Hearing

Central Point — A hearing will be held Oct. 18 by the Central Point city council on rezoning the southwest section of town, including parts of the Yokum subdivision and Cooksey section, according to Recorder Arden Pinkham.

A petition recently submitted to the council by families in the area would change the zoning of about 40 houses and lots in the area from heavy industrial to residential.

The council also accepted an offer by the Central Point Lions club to install five trash cans along Pine st. to aid in controlling street litter.

Installation of street lights on Taylor rd. also was approved by the council.

Five Persons Perish In Tenement Blaze

Chicago — (U.P.) — Five persons were killed and 11 others injured in a fast spreading fire that ravaged a North Side tenement dwelling early today.

Deputy Fire Marshal Raymond Daly estimated the damage at \$15,000 and termed the cause "very suspicious."

TROPICAL HOWLER—High winds and tides lash seawall of Lake Ponchartrain near New Orleans, La., glancing blow of hurricane Flossy. The tropical howler missed New Orleans by 65 miles and veered toward the Alabama and Florida coasts. The storm has killed two persons and forced the evacuation of thousands from their lowland homes.

Kefauver To Get Secret Briefings On World Situation

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today granted the request of Sen. Estes Kefauver, Democratic vice presidential candidate, for periodic secret briefings on the world situation.

The briefings will be given to Kefauver, as they already are being supplied to Democratic presidential candidate Adlai E. Stevenson, by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Disadvantage Protested

Kefauver protested recently that he was placed at a disadvantage since he was the only major candidate who was not being given access to inside information about U. S. foreign relations. He pointed out that Vice President Richard M. Nixon received the CIO reports.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said at the time that Kefauver had made his request only through the newspapers and this was an "odd" way to go about gaining access to classified material.

Sent Formal Request

Monday, however, Kefauver telegraphed a formal request to the President from Ephrata, Wash., where he was campaigning.

Kefauver told Mr. Eisenhower he found it "increasingly difficult in the course of my campaign activities to comment upon matters involving foreign affairs and the nation."

Purpose of the briefing is to prevent a candidate from inadvertently saying anything in the heat of an election campaign that might embarrass the United States in its foreign relations or jeopardize a secret negotiation.

Egypt Hopes for Vote On Censure in U. N.

United Nations, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Egypt hopes to outmaneuver Britain and France in Security Council debate on the Suez canal and win a formal vote of censure against the two nations, Egyptian sources said today.

The Security Council meets at 3 p.m. Wednesday to hear complaints brought by Britain and France and by Egypt. Egypt already has set the stage for a procedural debate that could help turn the tables on Britain and France.

Farm Labor Office Changes Location

The farm labor office at 1100 South Riverside ave., which has been in operation since Aug. 9, will close Friday, Sept. 28 and will move back to the main office at 110 North Oakdale ave. Effective Oct. 1, all farm labor will be handled through the main office on North Oakdale ave., officials of the state employment service office said today.

Portland — (U.P.) — Workmen at the Consolidated Freightways' Portland terminal returned to their jobs yesterday afternoon after a three hour walkout over the firing of a company driver.

Weather

FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight and scattered light showers Wednesday. Temp. Highest Yesterday — 83 Lowest this Morning — 49

Our Skies Tonight

Sunrise — 6:52 a.m.
Sunset — 6:51 p.m.
The Moon rises — 9:43 p.m. and rises high between Alderbaran and Elmin in the constellation, Taurus.
Last Quarter — Sept. 27
VISIBLE PLANETS
Saturn, in the south-west — 8:52 p.m.
Mars, in the southeast — 8:29 p.m.
Venus, in the east — 4:22 a.m.
Jupiter, rises — 3:04 a.m.



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Work on Realignment Of Crater Highway May Start This Fall

Preliminary work on realignment of the Crater Lake highway between Trail and Cascade Gorge may get under way this fall, according to State Rep. E. A. (Al) Littrell.

Littrell had a conference yesterday with W. C. (Dutch) Williams, the state highway engineer, during which Williams said \$550,000 in federal road money has been allocated to the project. He said only a shortage of engineers is holding up the work.

Only an aerial survey of the work has been completed, but Williams told Littrell that detailed surveying work should start this fall, with construction following early next year. The highway section has drawn many complaints, and the highway commission has long planned to straighten the alignment.

Yearly Basis

The job would proceed on a yearly basis after the initial work is done, Williams said.

Williams also told Littrell that public hearings in Medford on the route of the proposed four-lane freeway in the Medford area will probably be held late in October. Construction of the route is tentatively scheduled for the 1958-59 program, he said, but after the route is selected, purchase of rights of way can begin.

The freeway project, from Seven Oaks corner north of Central Point to just south of Ashland will cost an estimated \$15,000,000.

Littrell also reported that Williams had told him the resurfacing of the Diamond lake highway north of the Crater Lake junction has a high priority with the commission. The project, to be completed with forest service highway funds, is scheduled for next year, Littrell said.

The Medford state representative is a member of the legislature's highway interim committee.

Work to Resume on Irrigation Project

Irrigation water for users of the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district east of the Upton lateral will be cut off after Thursday, District Manager Harold Sexton said today.

Need for water in the area has declined to the vanishing point, Sexton said, and the action is being taken to permit resumption of work on the canal siphon across the south fork of Little Butte creek. Work was started last spring by Copenhagen Construction Co., of Portland but was halted during the irrigation season.

The new concrete siphon will replace a wood flume. Irrigation water will be furnished to west side users for a few weeks longer, Sexton said. It will be picked up from Bear creek for distribution to that area.

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower took off today for Peoria, Ill., where he will deliver his first major farm policy speech of the campaign.

Valletta, Malta — (U.P.) — A powerful British naval squadron including two aircraft carriers, left this Mediterranean base today for an undisclosed destination.



CRASH—A car operated by Donald L. Ward, Butte Falls, crashed into the above residence, occupied by Charles P. Johnson, 19 Barneburg rd., Saturday afternoon, when Ward swerved to avoid an oncoming car, according to Medford police. Police said there were no injuries. Ward was cited for failure to carry an operator's permit.

Weather Bureau Warns of Possible Flood Conditions

Georgia, Carolinas May Get High Water

Albany, Ga. — (U.P.) — Hurricane Flossy slogged through South Georgia today with diminishing wind after causing at least 11 deaths in Louisiana, Alabama and Florida.

An expectant mother and her three children were among victims of the storm. They were killed when a falling jet plane, fleeing from Flossy, crashed into their home and set it on fire.

Flood Conditions Seen

The Weather Bureau cautioned that the sopping storm, now accompanied by winds of no more than 50 miles per hour, may cause local flood conditions in Georgia and the Carolinas tonight. Some areas reported as much as five inches of rain during the past 12 hours.

As the storm swept into Southwest Georgia, a big lumber planing mill in Albany was ignited by short circuited wires and burned to the ground from the wind-driven flames.

Storm Moves Slowly

An advisory placed the storm center near Albany and it was moving toward the northeast at 10 miles an hour.

The Weather Bureau maintained storm warnings east of St. Marks, Fla., to Tampa, and from Wilmington, N.C., to Brunswick, Ga.

The latest discovered victim was Melvina Stewart, 90, whose body was found 14 miles south of Live Oak, Fla., early today, apparently the victim of wind and rains accompanying the hurricane.

Other late casualties reported from the storm were an unidentified Negro construction worker who was electrocuted by a live wire in Mobile and a 15-year-old Negro boy, run over by a motorist at Slomuch, Ala., who said hurricane-whipped rain blinded him.

A search still was in progress for eight persons isolated in boats or on an island in the choppy gulf waters off Louisiana.

Roads Blocked

Highways east of New Orleans were impassable this morning but the Highway Patrol expected high waters to subside by afternoon.

The Coast Guard said all personnel trapped on offshore oil rigs by Flossy apparently were reached Monday and oil companies expected to resume operations today.

The motor vessel Carport was located about 4:30 a.m. 40 miles south of Grand Isle and 15 persons were reported safe aboard.

Demo Registrations Exceed GOP Last Week

Democratic registrations exceeded Republican registrations nearly two-to-one between Sept. 17 and 21, the county clerk's office reported today.

A total of 224 Democrats registered in the four-day period as compared with 114 Republicans. Miscellaneous registrations in the same period totaled 34.

Total Republican registrations exceed Democrats by 2,355. Total registrations now stand at 16,596 Republicans, 14,241 Democrats and 622 miscellaneous, or a grand total of 31,459 in the county.

Officials in the clerk's office reminded voters only 10 days remain to register for voting in the Nov. 6 general election. Deadline for registration is Oct. 6.