

Touring American Describes Visit To Rooms Once Occupied by Lenin

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Editor's Note: The following dispatch, the third in 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".

We had a most amazing tour of the Kremlin.

None of our interpreters had ever been inside the Kremlin walls before although it is possible to get tickets which allow Russians to go inside. But such tickets do not permit anyone into the buildings and rooms we visited.

We were taken to the large buildings where Lenin lived and worked. Lenin's office was arranged exactly as it was when he left. He was sick for several months in 1923, and died in the spring of 1924.

The room is one of the sacred shrines of Communism and our interpreters were absolutely bug-eyed to find themselves there.

Lenin worked at a small desk sitting in a straight chair. The room was roughly square and about 20 or 25 feet on a side. The wall behind Lenin's chair was covered with bookshelves which were filled with books in Russian, French, German and English. Lenin read all these languages, and was apparently a rather scholarly man.

His private apartment just down the hall also was filled with books—the guide said there were 20,000 books in Lenin's private study, and 2,000 in his office.

We walked around the room and examined the various objects on the tables. I had the feeling that Lenin might show up at any minute—the room was in such a natural state. There was a large oil painting of Karl Marx on the wall. The calendars on the desk and on the wall were opened to a day in 1923.

A Lenin Reminder
The door next to Marx's picture opened into a large conference room where the Russian Council of Ministers still meets.

The man who presides at the meetings there these days is Bulgarian. The chair Lenin used when he presided is against the wall, covered with a glass case. This is to remind the present ministers that Lenin is there in spirit.

Beyond this room, and on the same corridor, are the private quarters where Lenin and his family lived. We went into his library and his kitchen, where he often prepared his meals when he came back late from his office. The family ate in the small kitchen, at a table covered with oilcloth.

The guide opened the cabinets where the dishes and table utensils were kept. It wasn't like going through Mount Vernon where there are velvet ropes to keep the crowds from touching things. We wandered all around in what appeared to be the home of a family which was away for the week end. Then we went into Mrs. Lenin's room where she lived after Lenin's death.

There were family photographs of Lenin and the relatives on her dresser and a box of darning materials on her desk. There were earphones for her radio set on the desk.

We walked back to the part of the Kremlin where the regular visitors were. In one of the many churches, we went into a

room where we saw the tombs of Ivan the Terrible and his eldest son whom he killed with his own hands in a fit of rage.

Ahead of Russians
We walked diagonally across the Kremlin grounds for our visit to the tomb of Lenin and Stalin. As we approached the line of Russian citizens, they were stopped and we cut in ahead of them.

These people had been standing in line for several hours. I can imagine what a bunch of Americans would have to say if, after standing in line for five hours, a group of visiting Russians were allowed to cut in ahead of them. But the Russians took our intrusion quite calmly.

Lenin and Stalin are lying inside glass-walled cases with only their heads and hands showing. They are exceedingly life-like.

It seems pretty near that Stalin will have to be taken out of the tomb in the near future. When the details of Khrushchev's talk of Feb. 25 comes out. After that, you can't have Stalin alongside Lenin anymore than you could have Benedict Arnold alongside George Washington in our principal national shrine.

Splendor of Czars
In Leningrad, at the winter palace of the Czars, we saw the same unbelievable splendor we had seen in the palace in the Kremlin. We saw Peter The Great's throne room and the private apartment of the Czars.

The hermitage (The Leningrad Art Gallery) takes up more than half of the Czars' "Winter Palace." This is one of the best art museums in the world. It is considered to have a much finer collection than the Louvre or the Florence Gallery. The art treasures were collected over

Stevenson Charges Loose Administration Of Soil Bank Program

Jacksonville, Fla. — U.P. — Adlai E. Stevenson fired back at President Eisenhower on the farm issue today charging there has been "loose administration" on the soil bank.

The Democratic presidential nominee questioned whether the Republicans are "playing politics" with the soil bank plan, in a speech prepared for delivery in Jacksonville.

Stevenson's reply to Eisenhower followed his attack on the administration Tuesday night in Miami on the ground that it "chose to appease" Juan Peron, former dictator of Argentina.

He charged that a member of the President's family "assumed special, if informal, responsibility for our relationships with Argentina" and the United States kept an ambassador in Buenos Aires because Peron "liked him."

Gives No Names
Stevenson did not give names, but personal assistant Roger Tubby identified the family member as Dr. Milton Eisenhower, the President's brother, and the ambassador as Albert Nufer.

Replying to Mr. Eisenhower's farm policy speech at Peoria, Ill., Tuesday night, Stevenson said it was "noteworthy" for some of its "omissions."

"He proposed no new program for agriculture," Stevenson said. "He didn't even mention his secretary of agriculture. Does he really think he can keep Ezra Benson secret till November?"

Stevenson noted that the President accused Democrats of "playing politics" with the soil bank plan. The Democratic candidate said he would "remind" the President that Benson had "opposed the whole idea—until this election year."

His Soil Bank
"And is it possible that the President has not heard about the loose administration of the soil bank to pour money into the farm belt before election?" Stevenson asked.

"Or does the President deny that this is playing politics, and with huge sums of the taxpayers' money?" he said. "It is no secret that the management of local agricultural stabilization and conservation committees have been taken away from local farmer committees and in some cases handed over to Republican politicians," Stevenson said.

Stevenson was scheduled to go from Jacksonville to Kansas City, Mo., where he will be introduced at a rally tonight by former President Truman.

Restaurant Employees Get Annual X-Rays

Employees of Kim's restaurant have had chest x-rays recently, according to the Jackson County Public Health association which operates the clinic at Sacred Heart hospital.

Kim's is one of several businesses which have adopted the policy of annual chest X-rays for the protection of customers, the association said.

X-rays detect tuberculosis before there are symptoms of the disease, the association pointed out. Films also are read for lung cancer and other chest and heart conditions.

The chest X-ray clinic at the Sacred Heart hospital is open each Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and the first Wednesday evening of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.

the centuries by the Czars for their personal pleasure. The galleries were only opened to the public after the revolution.

In one room the catalogue noted one painting by Leonardo Da Vinci, but I found two by him. I can't think of any other museum which would neglect to mention a Da Vinci painting in its catalogue.

Hundreds of Art Works
We went into one room which had 45 Rubens paintings. The next room had 35 Van Dykes. The collection of 20 Rembrandts was in Holland on loan but there were a couple on the wall in one room. In the modern department they had a room full of each of the following painters: Van Gogh, Degas, Picasso. It was a most impressive tour.

In the fourth installment, to appear tomorrow, Dr. Alvarez says that work done by Russian high energy physicists appears to be very well done, with good accuracy, on excellent equipment.

4-H Club News

Antelope Sewing Club
The Antelope 4-H Sewing club had a meeting Sept. 22, 1956, at the Mallory home. We elected officers for the year. They are, president, Jo Anna Malloy; vice president, Nila Murry; secretary, Karen Jossy; reporter, Phyllis Jaffrey; and treasurer, Carol Jaffrey.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 13, 1956, at Georgia Hubbard's. Every one should bring a sack lunch.

Phyllis Jaffrey, Reporter.

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