

Lenin Still Diety in Russia But Everyone Wants To Forget Stalin

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I don't remember hearing Stalin mentioned more than once or twice in my stay (in Russia). Lenin is still a diety but everyone wants to forget Stalin.

I heard someone say they are thinking of taking Stalin out of the tomb... and putting Khrushchev in.

Other political jokes I heard are these: Five years ago a man was found in Red Square shouting, "Stalin is an idiot." He was sent to Siberia for 30 years for defaming the head of state. Last month a man was arrested for shouting, "Khrushchev is an idiot." He was sent to Siberia for a year for giving away a state secret!

The physicists say that the Iron Curtain has been taken down because the iron was all needed to make the betatron at the Volga Lab.

My guide, Nick, is a very nice young man who is taking his doctor's degree in foreign languages at the university. He has been to Italy as the interpreter for the Russian scientists at last year's Pisa conference and was in London this year for a couple of weeks.

Read Daily Worker

We had a lot of interesting conversation about many things including politics and public opinion. Until recently his only American reading, besides books, was the Daily Worker. He wanted to know how influential it is in the United States, and I told him it was treated as a joke by

the "oppressed workers" it tries to protect.

Nick knows a great deal about the outside world now as he reads American magazines such as Newsweek and so gets his news without the official filter which isolates the average Russian from foreign opinions.

He tells me that in the last year Pravda and the other official publications have been very friendly to us. This seems reflected in the complete lack of unfriendliness shown by the people as we walk around.

One day an interpreter read several articles in Pravda to us in English. The most impressive thing was that the reporting was straight. He read the stories of American reactions to the Russian statement that in the next few months they will reduce their armed forces by 1.2 million men.

Our interpreter asked us why the United States was suspicious of the proposals as the U.S. papers had indicated. We then had a long and interesting discussion with our Russian friend about the openness of data about the U. S. armed forces.

He could hardly believe that so much detailed information was available. He asked why the figures couldn't be falsified... I said the opposition would complain about such things in public. Perhaps he got this point, as he said, "I guess that's what an opposition is for."

Official Reaction

One can easily understand why Russians feel the way they do about us—they read we are suspicious of their proposals to reduce arms. They naturally assume we operate the same way they do, so far as secrecy is concerned, and also in that opinions

in newspapers are official government reactions.

Lyle Smith (one of our group) told me of a conversation he had with his interpreter. He was

telling about his family and mentioned that his 11-year-old boy had a paper route to earn money. The interpreter said, "Don't you earn enough money to support

your family?" He (Smith) had to spend quite a lot of time explaining that the money the boy earned didn't go for groceries or clothes for the rest of the family.

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Back Stairs: Press Coverage Different

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Washington—(U.P.)—Back stairs at the White House:

Press, radio and picture coverage of President Eisenhower the candidate, is much different from the 1952 coverage of General Eisenhower, the candidate. When Mr. Eisenhower was traveling in the 1952 campaign and set up temporary headquarters in a hotel, reporters were free to congregate outside his quarters and keep close track of the politicians with whom he conferred.

Newsman Kept Away

Not today, however. In Peoria, Ill., earlier this week, for example, newsman were not permitted anywhere near the entrance to the drawing room of the hotel suite where Mr. Eisenhower was preaching the GOP gospel to groups of state candidates, farmers and campaign workers.

Secret service agents, acting on instructions from the Eisenhower staff, saw to it that the reporters kept their distance—preferably on some other floor

of the hotel.

This may satisfy the White House sense of decorum and orderliness, but it certainly doesn't ring a bell with local Republican candidates. They like nothing better than to be photographed with the President, or to be interviewed just after an audience with him.

The wall of security around any President always inhibits his activities as a candidate to some degree.

This is necessary and required to a certain extent by law.

There have been cases in the past, however, when the staff around a President who was seeking reelection forgot at times that their man was out asking for support, not telling people what to do.

In any campaign it is frequently difficult to draw the line between the dual roles of a President.

Mr. Eisenhower coughed several times noticeably as he rode through the streets of Peoria last Tuesday, standing up in the back

of his White House car.

He must have been absorbing some of the dust swirling along the side of the highway.

On his railroad trip to Cleveland next week, Mr. Eisenhower will not use the private car constructed during the war by the railroads of the nation for the use of the chief executive.

Instead, Mr. Eisenhower will travel aboard a business car of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, a luxurious private car usually assigned to one of the line's executives.

For some reason, on the infrequent occasions when Mr. Eisenhower travels by train, he prefers not to use the car once known as the Ferdinand Magellan. Possibly the memories of Messrs. Truman and Roosevelt cling to the car.

Driving into Peoria from the airport this week, Mr. Eisenhower passed a fruit stand which displayed this sign: "A free melon for Ike and Mamie." The proprietor had one qualification, however—"If they stop." They didn't.

And he was never sure that he got his point across.

There are about eight or 10 young men and four girls in the interpreter corps. All are graduates of the Institute of Foreign Languages and all speak very well. This is surprising in view of their almost complete isolation from English-speaking people since the war. None of the amazing "simultaneous interpreters" were raised bilingually, which I always thought was a prerequisite for such an occupation. They all learned English in school.

Enjoyed Company

We have certainly been enjoying each other's company a lot. They have done so much to make our visit pleasant, and they have had a lot of fun with us.

I had drinks with several Americans in the apartment of the London Express correspondent. We talked of many things,

particularly the fact that the Moscow correspondent of the New York Times had the "lead, the off lead" and another story on the front page yesterday (late May). Moscow is supplying much of the foreign news these days, and the correspondents are run ragged.

Another time we found several hundred of the townspeople (at the Volga Lab) waiting to see us. After all, it would have been more probable last year to find a bunch of Martians in that spot than a group of Americans. As we started to drive off, everyone waved at us and we waved back. It was quite a touching affair.

Oregon State Leads Oregon in Students

By United Press

Oregon State college is nearly 1,400 students ahead of the University of Oregon in registration for fall term with both schools above last year's figures.

The Corvallis institution reported 6,449 students at the end of the fourth day of registration, topping the total 1955 enrollment of 6,160.

Oregon had 5,063 students enrolled on the fifth day, above its 1955 mark of 5,010.

Other schools also showed increases with Oregon College of Education having 768 students compared to 703 at the same time a year ago; Southern Oregon, 798 students, up 12 per cent; Eastern Oregon, 370 students, up 7 per cent, and Portland State, 2,439 students, up 3 per cent.

Figures are not final.

After our stay in Russia it was wonderful to see a bit of the Western World again in the shape of an airplane that was spick and span inside with good service and well dressed people. The plane was full of copies of Time, Life, Look and English and American papers. We devoured the literature like starving men.

As we flew in over Stockholm, it was quite apparent that we were in a different civilization. Everything looked so clean and neat and there were so many cars on the roads and on the streets.

And then we drove through the streets—the women! Sweden is famous for its beautiful and well-dressed women, but I am sure they never had such an appreciative audience as they found in a planeload of Westerners fresh from the Soviet Union.

Singer Martha Raye Collapses on Stage

Philadelphia—(U.P.)—Comedienne Martha Raye collapsed Thursday night during her first show at a center city night club.

Miss Raye had to be carried to her dressing room after slumping to the stage while she was singing toward the end of the show. She recovered in time to appear at her second show.

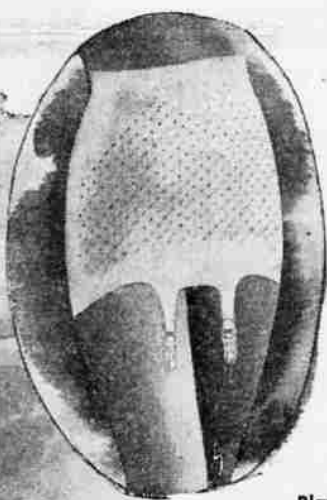
A spokesman for the night club said the comedienne "snapped right out it" in her dressing room. Dr. Joseph A. Reale was summoned and administered a sedative.

Reale said the collapse was brought on by "physical strain and exhaustion."



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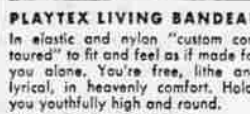
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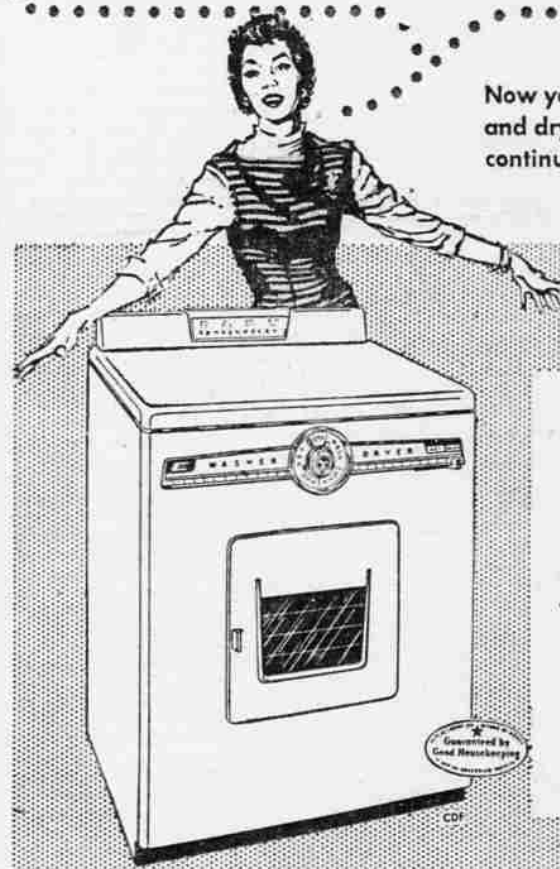
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