



GROWING INDEPENDENCE movements in satellite nations provide king-size headaches for Soviet Russia's leaders. Poland is launched on road independent of Moscow and similar defections are expected in Hungary and East Germany. Only Czechoslovakia so far has given no outward signs of restlessness. (International Soundphoto)

Poem With 50,000 Verses Took 38 Years To Finish

Rome—(U.P.)—The noise forced 14-year-old Renzo Colombini away from his books. He was pale and thin from not enough sun and too much reading and studying.

He knew already he was a poet, and on that day of the noise, Nov. 4, 1918, Renzo saw enthusiastic persons embracing in the streets, and tri-color flags fluttering from every window, and women with tears in their eyes. It was the end of the war against Austria and Renzo Colombini felt a burning desire to write a poem that would exalt the victory and history of his country.

Today, after nearly 38 years, he considers the poem finished. And Renzo Colombini, at 52 a teacher at the little school of Sorga, near Verona, married with four children, perhaps has written the longest poem in the world.

For two years Colombini searched for an idea and then, between 1920 and 1925, the poem emerged in design. In 1926, at Rovigo, he began to construct the verses, working for 22 years from noon until night. At the end of 1948 the long poem was complete with 50,000 verses.

Two characters, Sardobbio, a conspirator, and Silva, a romantic girl, move through an intricate pattern of the past, the future, of pleasure and work, of love and philosophy, from the earth to an "ultramundane."

The story covers a mystic world of theology, cosmogony, Stark.

Adirondack Black Bear Getting New Paint Job

Albany, N.Y. — (U.P.) — The Adirondack black bear has something in common with automobiles in New York state. He's being tagged and part of him is getting a new paint job. The Conservation Department is out to determine the migratory habits of the animals and also to keep them away from north country dumps where they congregate. The men trap and tag the bears and haul them off to distant parts of the woods, believing the burly bruins are getting too close to civilization for comfort.

\$100 Bills Returned

Springfield, Calif. — (U.P.) — In April, 1955, Carlos Gregg reported the theft of five \$100 bills from his home here. Police could find no trace of money or thief, but 15 months later Gregg looked in his mailbox and found the same five \$100 bills—along with two pieces of jewelry he hadn't even realized were missing.

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PROSPECT 60 Attend Church Party

By GENZIL SPRUILL
Prospect — About sixty people attended the halloween party Tuesday at the community hall, which was sponsored by the Cascade gorge Christian church. A prize for the best costume was awarded to Eldonna Bean, who came as a Spanish princess. A prize for the funniest costume was awarded to Nadene Blaine who came as a tramp, in over-sized clothes. After games and singing, cider and donuts were served.

The November meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship of the Cascade Gorge Christian church will be held Tuesday, November 6, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dorlan Woods.

Mrs. Dorlan Woods and children returned recently from a 10-day trip to Stockton, Calif., where they visited relatives. Accompanying her were Mrs. Tom Brown, of Cornelius, Ore., and Miss Ruth Coy, of Aberdeen, Wash. On returning to Prospect Mrs. Brown and Miss Coy were overnight guests at the Woods home.

Walter Andresen has returned home from South Dakota, where he was called due to the death of his mother, Mrs. Lena Andresen.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crenshaw left Saturday for Umatilla, Ore., on an elk hunting trip. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burrill will join them after they have voted Tuesday.

Mrs. Mike Snider has returned to her home here from Coquille, Ore., where she attended the funeral services of her niece.

Verlyn (Bud) Struck not only got a big buck during the hunting season, but also got the prize of \$100 from Lamports Sporting Goods. The deer he killed was a black-tail and weighed 210 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Artmaier and daughter, Frances, made a business trip to Yreka, Calif., Friday. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simmenton.

Frank Artmaier, a student at Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls, spent the week end in Prospect.

A stork shower was held on Tuesday at the Red Blazek Club house for Mrs. Kenneth Edwards. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Q. Simmons. About 15 friends attended the shower and, following the opening of gifts, refreshments were served.

It has been reported that the variety talent show, held Nov. 2 and sponsored by the junior class was a big success. The

Frustration Puts Tunnel Designer Among Best Known

New Orleans — (U.P.) — Frustration by highway — a fairly common malady among motorists—was the factor that has placed Wayne F. Palmer among the well-known designers of tunnels.

Palmer, of Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans, got the spark that started him on his career specialty one day in 1938 when he was driving to Mobile. He arrived in sight of the city not more than a mile across the Mobile River, then found he had to detour eight miles to get into town.

This led Palmer to decide that an underwater tunnel might be the answer to Mobile's need for a river crossing.

Palmer worked out an idea on paper calling for a vehicular tunnel to be built under the river. He estimated the job would cost about \$4,000,000. Fourteen months later, the Bankhead Tunnel was completed at a cost of \$4,080,000. It still is in service and tolls have paid its cost several times over.

"We believe we perfected the trench-type tunnel, which was relatively new at the time of the Bankhead Tunnel," Palmer said.

"On such tunnels we don't have to use high-paid sandhogs," he explained. "We don't have to go to the depth of air-driven tunnels. We can build a tunnel for the smaller community which just can't afford the expensive jobs of the big city."

In a built-up area, he said, a tunnel is superior to a bridge because construction involves less property damage and does away with long approaches.

Workmen Find Concrete Vault Tough To Break

Honolulu — (U.P.) — Stern-faced vice presidents at the downtown branch of the Bank of Hawaii wish they'd never heard of the adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

The "ounce" in their case came shortly after the Japanese bombed nearby Pearl Harbor in 1941. Officials decided then to fashion a 15-foot thick, reinforced concrete top on the bank that could withstand a direct bomb hit.

The concrete was reinforced with steel railroad tracks, steel ties, and odd ends of metal, like nuts in a fruit cake. But now bank officials wish the bomb-proof topping wasn't so thick because it's being removed to make way for a customers' driveway. Workmen, to put it mildly, are finding it a "rough go."

Wrecking crews began tackling the back-breaking job last Aug. 1, optimistically setting the finishing date for the middle of September. In November workers were still hammering away at the stubborn roof.

They tried dynamite, but that shook the daylight out of neighboring buildings and residents in the area. So they gave it up by popular demand. Now they're using jack hammers which is like trying to crack a Hawaiian coconut with a toothpick.

But the workmen are making headway. They've managed to shave off four feet in almost three months, and need to clear off six more feet before they reach street level.

"When will the driveway be ready?" a reporter asked bank vice president C. T. Littlejohn, Jr.

"It's hard to say," Littlejohn said ruefully. "It looks to me like it will take an H-bomb to get that top off."

Police Afoul of Law In Recruitment Drive

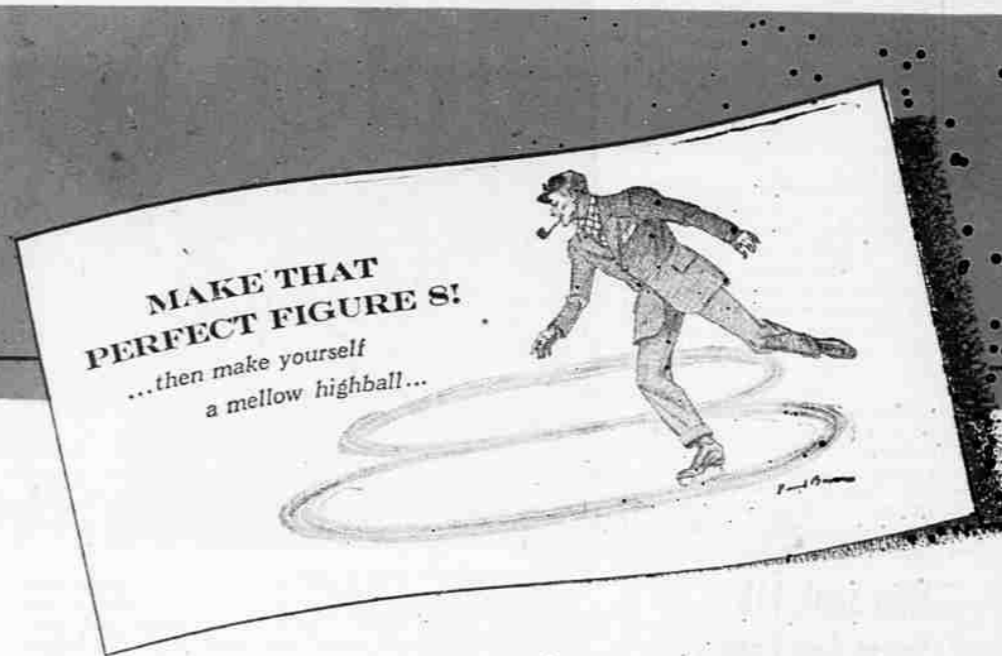
Columbus, O. — (U.P.) — Police here recently ran afoul of the law in a recruitment drive for new patrolmen.

Signs reading "Wanted, Policemen" were put in the rear windows of police cruisers.

Red-faced officials were told that a city ordinance prohibits any obstruction of vision in an automobile.

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