



'REVOLUTION CRUSHERS'—Armed workers from the Communist Militia crouch behind armored car and fire blank cartridges during demonstration in East Berlin, staged by the Reds to show their design for quelling "Hungarian-type uprisings." They went thorough war-like maneuvers in the theory they were trying to overcome "an armed counter-revolutionary group that had undertaken a provocation."

Pope Pius Warns Newsmen Against Big Temptations

Vatican City—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII warned newsmen in an address made public yesterday against the temptation of the "one-inch headline" based on "Calumny and slander."

The Pope made his remarks on journalistic ethics during an audience Monday to a group of 21 American newsmen traveling through Europe on a tourist flight. He addressed them as "gentlemen of the press and of the skies."

Held Close To Earth
 "But your profession holds you very close to this earth with its restless, often enough bewildered, blinded masses and the day by day uncertain promises and hopes and menaces," the Pope said.

"You understand the grave responsibility resting on you. Be conscious of it when you write. You have your ethical principles worthy of a noble art. Yet you will agree there is an evil press abroad that scorns these norms. Bring the weight of your honorable loyalty and fearless examples to thwart the harm it can do."

"Calumny and scandal, how quick-footed they are!"

Whisper Blown Up
 "A whisper, harmless perhaps, though unwarranted, is blown up to a one-inch headline, and what havoc it can wreak in family life, in the lives of individuals and nations. A scoop is not worth the deep sense of shame that should come to one guilty of such conduct."

The Pope said "one may well shudder at the flood of error... let loose by the communications media today."

He urged newsmen to think of the "thousands and millions of people who may be affected by what you write," and "give them at all times the truth, as far as your serious research can ascertain it."

HANGOVER CAUGHT UP
 Minneapolis, Minn.—(U.P.)—Harry Gellman began serving a 30-year sentence Monday on a 1927 bootlegging conviction. Gellman was arrested Sunday as a fugitive from a conviction obtained during prohibition days.

Russia Said in Grip of Great Economic Turmoil

New York—Soviet Russia is in the midst of one of the greatest economic crises of all time which has been brought about by its overwhelming ambition to overtake and surpass the West, according to a special report in Fortune magazine.

"Never in modern history," asserts Fortune, "has a big economy vouchsafed so few crumbs to so many consumers." The forced and unnatural growth of the Soviet economy, the report says, has reached "the cracking point."

Fortune editors Gilbert Burck and Sanford S. Parker prepared the article as part of a special section in the magazine's February issue entitled "Communism's Crisis." It represents the first analysis yet made of the developing economic dilemma in the Kremlin.

Fortune says excessive emphasis on heavy industry and a huge military establishment have retarded investment in agriculture and its productivity. Low agricultural productivity has retarded the movement of manpower from the farms to the factories and insufficient manpower and incentive have in turn retarded industrial productivity.

"The new crisis boils down to this dilemma," according to the report. "Because popular resentment is actually beginning to affect production, the Kremlin must now make real concessions to consumers. But if the Kremlin makes such concessions, it cannot keep pace with, much less surpass, the military and economic progress of the U.S."

In what the editors describe as one of the "most colossal ironies of all history," Stalin converted his country into what is, in the worst (Marxian) sense, "one of the most capitalistic states of all time."

"Under the capitalism of the USSR, 'primitive accumulation of capital' has been pursued by dedicated, single-minded tyrants who made the caricatures of U.S. capitalists in the New Masses look like benign socialists."

"In the name of the people, the Kremlin has denied almost everything to its people," Fortune says. But now, the magazine adds, cruel exploitation of the worker, command economy and terror are beginning to tell within Russia, and have backfired on the Soviets in the form of an economic crisis.

"The Kremlin, of course, can make a disarmament deal with the U.S., or subject and harness the economy of western Europe. But barring these, it is confronted with only two clear choices: it must either stick with its heavy industry policy, or it must relax that policy far beyond anything yet suggested either by Malenkov or anybody else in the Communist Party's Central committee. The former course would probably end in violent revolution and the destruction of the dictatorship; while the latter would end the myth of the necessity of absolutism, and pave the way for the destruction of the Communist party."

Fortune recalls Khrushchev's statement made last year that anyone expecting the Soviets to abandon Communism—and its emphasis on the primacy of investment in heavy industry—would have to wait "until shrimps learn to whistle. And yet the time may soon come," says Fortune, "when Soviet shrimps try to learn to whistle."

"The Kremlin is up against the agonizing possibility that its old obsession with catching up with the West is precisely what will prevent Soviet Russia from ever catching up with the West, and the fact that the Kremlin's power has depended on a 'high rate of non-consumption' is precisely what will destroy that power."

Although the crisis could degenerate into World War III, Fortune says, it seems more likely to degenerate into a "twilight period of stop-gap measures, ad hoc policy changes, accompanied even by coup d'etat and uprisings."

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Conference Set on Damage Suits Over Salk Vaccine Use

Oakland, Calif.—(U.P.)—A group of 11 damage cases brought by parents in Hawaii, Idaho and California against the Cutter Laboratories, Berkeley, resulting from fatal use of Salk vaccine is scheduled for a pre-trial conference here April 28.

The conference will be held at the Alameda County Superior Court and may set the pattern of settlement in approximately 60 cases, including the 11, in which death resulted to the victims in 1955 following use of the vaccine.

Parents seek \$150,375

One of the cases was brought by Mr. and Mrs. John Verbiske Sr., Hilo, Hawaii, whose son, Steven, 7, died May 5, 1955, about 10 days after being inoculated. The parents seek \$150,000 damages.

"We feel that ours is one of the best cases to come up at the pre-trial conference," said Henry Robinson, San Francisco attorney representing the Verbiskes. "It comes from an island where polio was not prevalent and the victim's infection could have come from no other source than the vaccine."

Settlements Possible

Robinson indicated that out-of-court settlements might be sought before the pre-trial.

Cutter Laboratories were protected by liability insurance under-written with three companies and totaling approximately \$2 million. A spokesman for Keith, Creede and Sedgwick, San Francisco attorneys representing the insurance companies, said no out-of-court settlements in any of the cases involving use of vaccine have been made.

Nugget Confectionery In Jacksonville Sold

Mr. and Mrs. William Kayser, 1905 Westerland drive, Medford, have reported their recent sale of the Nugget Confectionery at Jacksonville.

Rose L. Zimmerman and Joyce J. Fields of Jacksonville are the new owners. Mr. and Mrs. Kayser operated the establishment for about three years. They plan a brief vacation in California before returning to their home in Medford.

Holland has 200 miles of sand dunes which serve well as natural dikes.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
 Ranger-Naturalist

Day in and day out the natural processes of evaporation and precipitation take place—and in hundreds of places right now it is raining heavily. However, in Canada and the U.S., this is the month least likely to establish a heavy record rainfall. Many of the world's records, however, have been established in July. The world average, by the way, is right around 28½ inches a year.



In discussing world records, remember of course that the likelihood of having a rain gauge handy at the rainiest spot during a cloudburst is highly unlikely.

Officially speaking, the most intense rainfall for the world for one minute fell right here in the U.S. at Jefferson, Iowa, July 10, 1911, with a 0.69 inch precipitation.

For a 24-hour period, Baguio, on Luzon Island, The Philippines, had a slight hemorrhage of rain which measured 43.99 inches on July 14-15, 1911. This figure is right around 3,000,000 tons of water for every square mile. Texas gets the highest rating in the U.S. (unfortunately it is unofficial): a day-long rainfall of 38.2 inches fell at Thrall on Sept. 9-10, 1951.

For a month, the highest figure in the world was recorded in Cherrapunji, in northeast India, with 366.14 inches—averaging almost a foot a day. The same station has recorded the highest ever for a year, namely 1,041.78 inches between Aug. 1, 1860 and July 31, the following year. And the same spot captures the record for a calendar year with 905.12 inches for 1861.

But times have changed. Since 1882, this station has averaged a mere 450 inches a year and is thus surpassed by an American record: at the top of Mt. Waialeale, Kauai, Hawaii, the average has run 471 inches since 1912. Curiously enough the place where this occurs on the mountain top is boggy—you'd think the rain would wash everything away.

For the North American continent, the highest calendar month is 71.54 inches at Helen Mine, Calif., during Jan. 1909; and for the calendar year, 167.97 inches at Glenora, Ore., in 1896. Although the average rainfall for the U.S. runs 29 inches, Louisiana places first for wetness with an average almost twice that much with 55.6 inches a year.

Noah, you'll remember, starting fussing when he had 40 days and 40 nights of rain. He certainly would have blown a fuse had he lived on Tatoosh Island, Wash., because it rained continuously there for 58 days. The same island has gone completely sunless for a week at a time—and one occasion had only 2 per cent of sunshine of that possible for a month.

However other places are much rainier. The rainiest weather station reporting is Bahia Felix in southern Chile with a 325-days-of-rain-a-year average. In 1916, there were only 17 dry days.

And now hear this. In this same land is the driest spot on earth. Climatologists assert that there has been no significant rainfall in parts of the Atacama desert for the last 400 years. In nearby Africa, the annual average during the past 43 years has been 0.02 inches, the lowest recorded. This means it would take 50 years to produce an inch of rain.

As for the lowest annual rainfall recorded in the U.S. that was 1.66 inches for the past 46 years at Greenland ranch, Death Valley, Calif., where you can look up at Mt. Whitney which is snow-covered the year round.

The driest state, speaking rainwise, is Nevada which has average 8.61 inches during the past 50 years although in 1928 it went down to 4.87 inches. As for the longest drought, that is without a measurable amount falling, that occurred at Bagdad, Calif., and lasted from Oct. 3, 1912, to Nov. 3, 1914—767 days.

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Arrest of Judgment For Langley Held Up

Portland—(U.P.)—Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan has held in abeyance action on a motion by District Attorney William M. Langley for an arrest of judgment on his neglect of duty conviction last Saturday.

Defense attorneys also asked that the judge set aside the conviction and order a new trial.

Judge Lonergan said that he would take the matter up again Wednesday after the attorney general's office had filed a counter affidavit to Langley's arrest of judgment motion.

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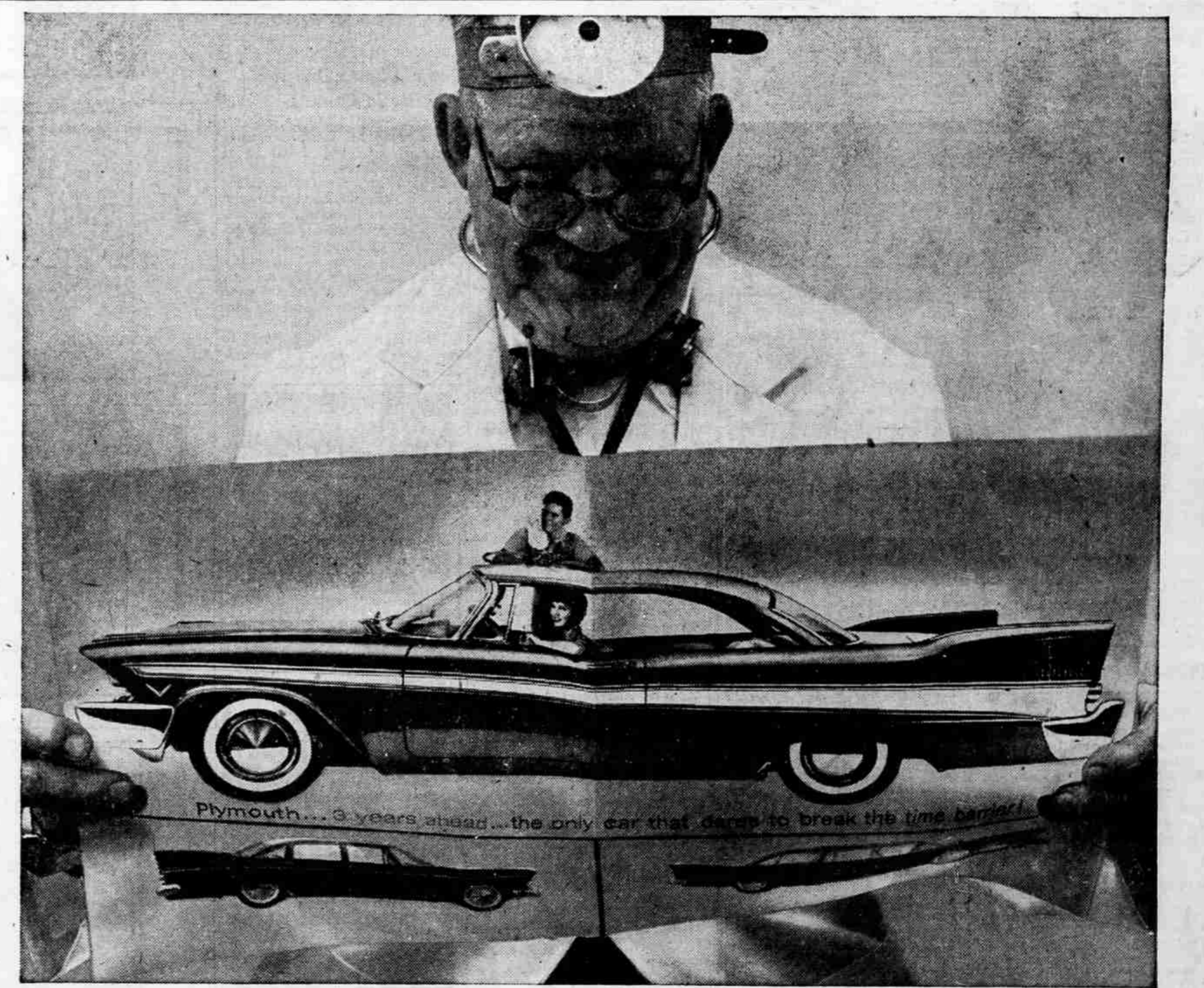
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