

Swedish Labor, Housing Shortage Brought on By Influx Into Cities

Editors note: A United Press correspondent flew to Sweden to return to the United States aboard the new Swedish American liner M. S. Gripsholm. Here are some of the things he found out about Sweden during a 5-day visit to Stockholm and Gothenburg.

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New York — There are more restaurants in New York where customers can help themselves to smorgasbord from groaning tables than there are in Stockholm. The custom stopped during wartime food shortages, was not revived, and now the lufisk, sillskat and other delicacies are served individually.

There is a labor shortage and a housing shortage in Sweden, brought on by the rapid industrialization of the country since the end of World War II. Workers are moving steadily from the farms into the cities, in a country whose entire population is less than that of New York City.

Industry Privately Owned
Sweden has had a Social Democratic government now for 25 years. The Social Democrats point out that 90 per cent of Swedish industry is privately owned but some industrialists feel there is little to choose between government ownership and the heavy taxes and government controls under which private industry operates.

Gothenburg is a cosmopolitan port sometimes called "Little London." The Royal Bachelors club founded there by the English in the 17th century still flourishes. . . . restaurants in Sweden are not permitted to make a profit on the sale of liquor so they will not encourage its consumption.

Largest department store in northern Europe is the "N. K." in Stockholm. Its children's bazaar shop has half-sized chairs which face a wall lined with built-in aquariums, illuminated and filled with tropical fish. The tots sit quietly under the barbers' shears, absorbed in watching the fish.

Small Car Market
Sweden entered the small-car market in the United States last year with the 4-passenger Volvo. They sold 5,000, mostly on the West Coast, and expect to sell 10,000 this year. . . . Sweden needs dollars and is very conscious of the American market. But some manufacturers are cautious about sending their goods here for fear they may create a demand in a big market which they are not yet equipped to fill. This is true of some of their new designs in furniture, rugs and tapestries.

King Gustaf VI Adolph is an ardent collector of porcelain and

Starlet Denies Plan To Wed Elvis Presley

Hollywood — Starlet Yvonne Lime insisted today that there was nothing to reports that she and rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley planned to be married in Mexico this week.

"We are friends but there is nothing to that story," the 20-year-old blonde actress said. Miss Lime said she has dated Presley since February but that she had not seen him for a week because both of them were working hard, she on a television show, and he on a movie.

The story also was denied earlier by a spokesman for Presley.

Dear Hit by Car On Portland Street

Portland — A deer was struck by a car on a Portland city street Sunday night.

Donald R. Wagner, 21, Vancouver, Wash., said he was traveling north when the deer suddenly came into the path of his car. The accident happened on Northwest Union ave. near Amphitheaters, Inc. County police shot the animal.



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pottery, and an authority on the subject. Occasionally tourists have been admitted to see his collections in the royal palace in Stockholm and a few times have been thrilled to have his majesty welcome them. He and Queen Louise often are seen window-shopping in Stockholm. Their people thoughtfully leave them to themselves during these outings.

Businessmen Urged To Aid Community

Portland — The Portland Chamber of Commerce was told today that businessmen should take a wide and more disinterested part in community affairs.

W. Homer Turner, executive director of the United States Steel Foundation, Inc., said business concerns do not operate independently of the community but rather they affect the community and are affected by it.

"Any business concern doing a sufficient volume to make it a primary economic unit in the neighborhood should make provision in its organization a structure for proper attention to community affairs and leadership," he said.

Turner said investments should be made in community activities with no thought of reaping an immediate return profit. Instead, he said, the policy should be one of "putting in for ultimate benefit to all."

A lively debate is going on in Sweden over whether they should make atomic bombs. A group of American correspondents asked Prime Minister Tage Erlander last week how he felt about it. He answered, "it is not yet necessary to take a decision" and suggested that next year would be time enough to raise the question. The division of opinion revolves about what action Russia might take if Sweden decided to add atomic weapons to her arsenal. . . . Stockholm is only about 30 seconds away by missile from the Soviet Baltic states. . . . those opposed to making atomic weapons say Sweden could not maintain her neutrality if she had them.

Adding Raid Shelters

Meanwhile Sweden is adding to what must be the strongest and most impressive system of deep-prock air raid shelters in any country. The land itself has a base of ice-age granite. Industries, hospitals and naval and military posts are now living and working in caverns with 60 feet or more of solid rock above them. Enough, it is said, to withstand anything but a direct hit from an atomic bomb. The subterranean shelters are air-conditioned, equipped with their own power supply. Their white-washed walls look spic and span under their fluorescent lighting.

Elvis Presley films are playing in Sweden. . . . he appears to be a bigger hit with the grown-ups than with the youngsters. . . . Elvis is billed as the "rock 'n roll king."



LIVING in Las Vegas, Mrs. Harriet Edwards, one of 15 subjected to heavy A-bomb fallout, complains of bad health. (International)

Two Men Slain In Labor Turmoil

Guntersville, Ala. — Two men were killed today and five other were wounded when gunfire erupted at a labor troubled construction project in this small Alabama city.

The two victims were identified by police as Johnny Leroy Ward, Parsons, Kan., who was hit in the chest by a .22 caliber bullet, and W. M. Clinton Harrison, Albertville, Ala., who was shot in the back.

Officers said the shooting broke out at a new feed mill under construction by the Cotton Producers association. The construction site had been picketed for the past several days.

Inauguration of Haitian President Ends Civil War

Port Au Prince, Haiti — The inauguration of Daniel Fignole as provisional president of Haiti Sunday ended the country's brief lived civil war. But the situation remained tense today and authorities were prepared for new outbreaks.

Airline service to Haiti still was suspended and hundreds of Americans were stranded. At least 80 persons were reported killed in fighting this week end, but there were no reports of American casualties.

A crowd of 10,000 persons snaked through the streets in joy when Fignole was sworn in.

Most of them were from the low-paid laborer and farm worker class where he draws his strength.

Four-Sided Race

Fignole, 42, set up an administration of three of the four major political parties in what appeared to be a political deal to squeeze out Louis DeJoie, DeJoie, Fignole, Clement Jumelle and Dr. Francois Duvalier have been fighting a four-sided race for the presidency.

Scattered rifle shots still could be heard through the city, but the situation generally was quiet. At the height of the fighting gun battles raged through the city and surged close to the U.S. Embassy which was hit by several bullets.

Police and roving mobs stopped automobiles and searched them for weapons, but the major disturbances eased off.

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