

# Planners in Russia Find Decentralization Of Economy Difficult

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Moscow — The resettlement of thousands of officials in new jobs . . . New responsibilities for men accustomed only to fulfilling orders from Moscow . . .

How to cut bureaucracy . . . Soviet planners are finding it a Herculean task to decentralize the Soviet economy. They have, in fact, modified their original design in such a way that it may be difficult to achieve the primary goal of the reform approved by the Supreme Soviet in May.

**Bigger Production Sought**  
The goal was to raise Soviet production by reducing the army of office workers and cutting red tape in Soviet industry. It now appears that the bureaucracy will still be large.

The reorganization program calls for establishment of "sovnarkhoz" — or economic councils — throughout the country to replace 25 central industrial and construction ministries, now abolished.

The sovnarkhoz will supervise the most important of the Soviet's 200,000 plants and factories.

The planners apparently



**NO FOUL HERE** — Sonja Landsem, Miss Oregon, rides float in Miss Universe Beauty Parade in Long Beach, Calif. Her selection to represent Oregon caused the first dispute of the contest when another contestant from the Beaver State claimed a foul.

thought in terms of 40 to 50 councils. Now the total stands at 105—double the initial estimate and four times as many councils as there were industrial and construction ministries.

**More Employees Needed**  
Most of these councils will have 2,000 to 3,000 or more staff members. The upper echelons will be staffed largely with former top officials of the abolished ministries.

Each economic council will draw up production and supply plans for its factories, trying to utilize the manufactured goods and resources within its own area, instead of shopping for its needs far afield.

It is too early to detect effects of the reorganization on Soviet industrial output. They should begin to show at the end of the year.

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# Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington—Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D-Okla.)— in response to Sen. Homer E. Capehart's (R-Ind.) statement that Kerr didn't frighten him:  
"Them that know nothing, fear nothing."

Klemme, Iowa—Local resident Mrs. Gerald Koener, on the fuss raised by the presence of a nearby nudist camp:  
"They don't bother us, but I've noticed a lot of traffic by here lately."

Washington—Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson, on farewell parties:  
"I never give farewell parties, I expect people to give them for me."

New York—Marine Major John Glenn Jr., after a record-breaking three hour, 23 minute coast-to-coast flight:  
"With any break in the weather and with tailwinds, we could break three hours with no strain in this airplane."

Washington—Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah) on the relative hazards of cigarette smoking and atomic radiation:  
"Perhaps we should be devoting more of our efforts to producing a 'clear' cigarette rather than a 'clean' bomb."

## Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY  
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Hollywood — The current light in Marlon Brando's eye is a 22-year-old beautiful Indian actress named Anna Kashfi who's as offbeat as he is.

Anna, under contract to MGM, finally is getting into top gear in her career in Columbia's "Cowboy" after a long illness. But although her films during her one and a half years here have been few, she achieved local fame as the girl most likely to permanently snare the heart of Hollywood's No. 1 bachelor.

Brando, now in Europe working in "The Young Lions," also dates Rita Moreno and other assorted beauties, but one close friend insists he is more serious about Anna and "he's talked of marrying her."

Native of India  
The black-haired Miss Kashfi, born in Darjeeling, India, refuses to discuss Brando. But she does confess she is not one of those starlets who concentrates

night and day on a full-time career.  
In fact, she became an actress by accident. She was visiting London with her engineer father when a Paramount executive she once had met asked her to portray an Indian girl in Spencer Tracy's "The Mountain," then being filmed in Europe.

"I accepted the role because the film had to be finished in Hollywood and I'd get a trip to America," she said in her soft, hesitant voice.

**Offered Contract**  
After that film, the sloe-eyed actress was packing her bags to return to India when she was offered an MGM contract.

She portrayed a Korean girl in "Battle Hymn." MGM set her for two more pictures but a virus sent her to bed for six months. Now recovered, she's a star in her third picture, "Cowboy," with Glenn Ford and Jack Lemmon. This time she plays a Mexican.

"I'm taken for many nationalities, depending on the country I'm in," she laughed. "People have thought I was French, Italian, Burmese. I fit into the surroundings — something like a chameleon."

Like Brando, Anna prefers a quiet life away from nightclubs, big parties and the limelight.

## Son of Medford Man To Fly in Blast Area

Lt. Col. Thomas M. Gerbing, son of Herman Gerbing, 2154 Kings highway, Medford, is scheduled to fly an Air Force plane through the first nuclear burst of an air-to-air atomic guided missile Friday morning.

The test is scheduled Friday morning at the Nevada Atomic Test site. The aircraft piloted by Col. Gerbing will fly through the area after the blast, which will be the first ever fired from a manned jet fighter-interceptor, according to the Air Force.

The 36-year-old pilot has visited his father in Medford several times. He was raised near The Dalles, and lived in Klamath Falls last year when he was personnel officer at the Air Force base there. He enlisted in the Signal Corps in 1938, received officers training in 1941, and pilots training in 1943. He saw action during World War II in Europe, and was an instructor for several years.

Accompanying Col. Gerbing on the Nevada Atomic test flight will be First Lt. Arthur R. Sakaye, Grants Falls, Mont., who will be radar observer.

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

**Nimble Thimbells**  
The Nimble Thimbells Sewing and Knitting club met July 13 at the home of our leader, Mrs. Frink.

Mrs. Frink helped the girls with their sewing and knitting. Some of the sewing girls are going to take their work to the Central Point fair.

Refreshments were served by Judy Frink and Evelyn Niedermeyer. The next meeting will be July 30 at Frink's.

Evelyn Niedermeyer, Reporter.  
Portland—A family of 11 was left homeless Monday when fire caused some \$6000 damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adams in northeast Portland.

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## Skelton May Take Son to Holy Land

Copenhagen, Denmark — Comedian Red Skelton said today he might take his dying nine-year-old son to a tour of the Holy Land on invitation of the Israeli government.  
Skelton and his son, Richard, who is suffering from leukemia, are on an extensive European tour, a last vacation for the boy who is not expected to live more than a year.

Monday night, the Israeli government sent a message inviting the Skelton family for a tour of the holy places in Jerusalem and elsewhere in Israel.  
Skelton told United Press today he would be most happy to go, provided there were no obstacles such as inoculations or passport difficulties.  
Skelton, his wife, ailing Richard and daughter, Valentina, left Copenhagen by air today for Zurich. They will spend a few days in Switzerland then proceed to Rome where they hope to be received in audience by Pope Pius XII.

**OFF AND HUNTING**  
Ida Grove, Iowa—Harold Hughes, 35, Ida Grove, has a running start in his campaign for a seat on the Iowa Commerce commission. Hughes filed nomination papers for the Democratic primary Monday. The election isn't until next June.

**FIRST 50 EASIEST?**  
Central City, Iowa—Mrs. Stella Sawyer, who celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary last April, filed for divorce on grounds her husband, Clyde, made her "nervous and impaired her health." Mrs. Sawyer said her husband struck her, threatened to take her life and used profane language.

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