Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Little Rock—James T. Karam, close friend of Gov. Orval E. Faubus, in buying TV time to answer charges he was a principal agitator of anti-Negro violence at Central High school:

"I'm not going to be a patsy for anybody. They (President Eisenhower and Little Rock Mayor Woodrow W. Mann) are desperate. They are picking on me because I know Faubus."

San Francisco — Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams, in saying that U.S. space scientists were working to serve science, not to compete with Russia in the satellite race:

"The serving of science, not high score in an outer space basketball game has been and still is our country's goal."

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Sen. William F. Knowland, in proposing an investigation into the satellite situation:

"All of this work on the satellite and missiles didn't start when Mr. Eisenhower took office. We have to go back further than that in any investigation."

Chicago—Thomas J. Haggerty, defeated by James Hoffa for the Teamsters Union presidency, on his chances of eventually taking over union leadership:

"... We are confident we still will win the war to establish the honesty and integrity of the great teamsters movement."

Hollywood—Immigration agent Richard Hoy, in reporting that Marlon Brando's wife Anna (Joanne O'Callaghan) Kashfi, has applied for permission to remain in the United States as a permanent resident:

"She is eligible for permanent residence and I have no doubt the request will be acted upon favorably very soon."

Washington—Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, in proposing that the nation's capital move to Colorado because Washington is no place to run a government:

"Because of that sentimental feeling we should beautify it and preserve it. But it is not appropriate as a place to do the nation's business."

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Russians in Lower Echelons Said Afraid To Make Moves on Own

New York — Everywhere in the Soviet Union, one pattern remains the same: If you want to see everything, you go to the top. Those in the lower echelons are afraid to make a move on their own.

And so it was when Dr. David Gurewitsch, who was traveling with me, asked to see the Institute for Prosthesis. In Tashkent he had seen an artificial hand that impressed him greatly and had talked to the young engineer who had invented it. He was told there was one like it in Moscow and was most anxious to see it.

When Dr. Gurewitsch called the head of the institute in Moscow, he was told he would have to get permission to visit the institute from the head of the Ministry of Welfare. The minute he told the Minister of Welfare, a woman, what he wanted she picked up a telephone and arranged it immediately.

Affects Lives of People

The Ministry of Welfare vitally affects the lives of the Russian people. On my first visit to the ministry the Minister of Welfare was away, but on my last visit I met the minister, Madame Muravjeva. I was impressed by the beauty of her face. I was impressed, too, by her administrative capacity and would like to see her visit this country.

On my first visit to the ministry, the deputy explained that every district in the Soviet Union has its own Social Welfare Department, although the localities are allowed to adjust to any particuar need that arises.

The Moscow ministry employs 380 persons and throughout the country there are 70,000 on the social welfare staff. There is a chief for medical and labor matters and one to look after the invalids and aged. And one department concerns itself with women with large families and another with personal attention for individuals needing help.

Division of Budget

The ministry's budget in 1957 was 34 billion rubles, with a principal expenditure of 32 billions for pensions and help for large families. Five hundred million rubles are used for the aged and invalids in institutions, 100 million rubles are used for prosthesis, limbs, etc. The balance goes for health resorts and materials needed by families.

The Soviet Union's social welfare program deals to a great extent with the health of the people. It carries on psychiatric work, but to me this seemed to be the least developed side of medicine. The Soviets make light of mental health problems and insist there is no juvenile delinquency worth mentioning and not much need for studying the mental health of young people.

Schools For Handicapped

In the Social Welfare department are 51 technical schools for re-education of the handicapped, the blind and the deaf, and these schools find jobs for persons they train. Home services include visiting care for old and sick persons living alone.

The visiting nurse service is under Social Welfare, and in Tashkent Dr. Gurewitsch and I were anxious to make the rounds with a visiting nurse, but this somehow proved impossible to arrange. I have a feeling this was because they are aware of their backwardness in housing and do not want visitors to see the crowded conditions under which people live.

Everyday living conditions for a worker, or even for a professional person with a very good salary, do not come up to US standards. Many fairly recently built apartments look as though they are several years old and their entrances and hallways resemble those in some of our slum-clearance projects.

Plush entrances are not essential, but somehow the entrances to many of the Russian apartments seemed unnecessarily unattractive. I hope, for the sake of the people, that the overcrowding soon will be overcome.

Subject of Tipping

I saw an amusing little letter on the subject of tipping in the Soviet Union in the New York Times last week. In an article from Russia, that newspaper's correspondent, James Reston, had given a boost to the theory that there is no tipping in the USSR. But the letter writer, Clifton Daniel, in reply said there are many who do not mind accepting a tip from a capitalist if they think they are not being watched.

I think Mr. Daniel is right. In the Soviet Union I was told to take presents for people, since they would not accept money. And I found that when people were under the eye of the Intourist authority, that was entirely true.

Small gifts are quite acceptable, of course, but I felt that money would mean more. When the Intourist official knew that I had given money, it was promptly returned. But at other times the money was accepted and nothing was said. This was true everywhere I traveled in the Soviet Union.

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Many Feared Dead as Floods Sweep Spain

Valencia, Spain —(AP)— An estimated 25 to 50 persons were feared dead today in what were described as the worst floods to sweep Spain in this century. More rain was forecast for today.

Flood waters began receeding slightly from Valencia leaving a heavy blanket of mud, rich top soil washed down from the farming area surrounding the seacoast provincial capital. Officials said the death toll would not be known until the mud has been removed.

Dozen of inland hamlets were cut off by the floods, triggered by more than two days of torrential rains. Authorities said it might be some time before communications could be restored and casualties reported.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco ordered help rushed to the flood-stricken areas.

An estimated average of 9.78 ounces of dirt are removed from an average home every week of the year.

Frenchmen Finding Life Without Whiskey Difficult Situation

By ROBERT AHIER
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Paris —(AP)— Frenchmen have a lot of political and economic problems, but most of them consider having to live without whiskey among the most annoying.

American detective stores and a general snobbish trend made whiskey, one of the rare alcoholic beverages not produced in this country, the fashion after World War II.

One could not give a cocktail party, a reception or a dinner without whiskey. Hosts were severely judged by their guests if they produced 50 different drinks but failed to serve whiskey.

But the good old days were ended when young French Finance Minister Felix Gaillard added whiskey to the list of what he calls "non-essential" imports that France must do without.

Whisky Rebellion?

Some people reported the downfall of the government 10 days ago was partly because the whiskey problem, since National Assembly deputies allegedly could not do without it.

The first thing guests do now at any French party is to go to the bar and look for a bottle of whiskey.

If by chance there is one, the contents have evaporated before the host even knows it has been found.

Of course, some people are happy about this. Cognac producers immediately announced that their new brand called "dry pale," to be drunk with water —"fine a l'eau,"—as the French call it, was much better for the health than whiskey.

Cognac growers report their sales already have increased by some 12 per cent in France in the last four months and predict it will be still bigger next year.

Cognac Limited

The only trouble is that the quantity of cognac available is limited and the Ministry of Finance is asking producers to export Cognac to bring in needed foreign currencies.

But the suppression of whiskey has been really a catastrophe for the numerous "whiskey clubs" that have spread all over the country and are especially popular in Paris.

One of these clubs, the "Scottish Club," where everything is in the true tradition of old Scotland, is finishing the few bottles it has managed to hide for the old timers.

Those who are not well-known are given anything from Cognac to Coca-cola and mineral water.

Portland — (AP) — Gov. Robert D. Holmes said Monday that radio and television stations should not operate in a political vacuum, but should editorialize on local, state and national issues.

Nixon To Address Development Parley

San Francisco — (AP) — Vice President Richard Nixon makes a one-day round trip flight from Washington today to address the International Industrial Development conference.

Nixon is the featured speaker of a dinner session to be attended by about 500 leading business men, industrialists and government officials from 60 free nations. The meeting is co-sponsored by Time-Life International and the Stanford Research institute.

Stockholm — (AP) — Stockholm police reported today the Russian satellite violated Swedish law when its strong "beep-beep-beep" jammed the police radio frenquency Sunday. Interfering with the police radio network is a punishable offense here.

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