

Love of Country Accounts for Russians' Willingness To Work, Mrs. FDR Believes

By ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
St. Louis, Mo.—As I look back on all my experiences in the weeks spent in the Soviet Union, I want to say first that I understand well the love of the Russian people for their own country.

It is a vast country, with many climates, many resources, many possibilities yet undeveloped in soil, in coal and oil and metals of all kinds. Above everything else, it has vast resources in human beings.

Like all people who have lived close to the soil, there is a devotion for the particular area in which they live. I can see this even in people who left Russia years ago. A taxi driver in New York asked me the other day about his old country and said wistfully: "The village I came from near Minsk was wiped out in the war but I would love to go back and just see that country again. I love it still."

Love of Country
This love of country accounts partly for the Russians' willingness to work and sacrifice when they are told it is necessary for the preservation of their native land. A totalitarian regime which regulates all news makes it impossible for anyone in Russia to understand that there are different interpretations of events from those they have been given.

The fact that none but a Communist newspaper can be bought within the Soviet Union, even though there may be libraries with some magazines giving a fair opinion of the world scene, means that the mass of people have very little concept of what is going on in the world outside of their own.

The continuing political struggle at the top for power modifies only minor situations. The fear of secret police may be assented, certain arbitrary rules may change somewhat. But all the Soviet Union's leaders have believed in the Socialist doctrine, so the promotion of this idea goes on by different methods, perhaps, but the basic idea does not change. And I doubt if it will change.

Idea May Be Modified
This basic Socialist idea may be modified as time goes on, but that will largely depend, I think, on what the free world is able to prove. The free world will have to believe as firmly that the wave of the future is democracy, freedom and justice and show how good this can be for human beings.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS
New York—Queen Elizabeth, preparing to leave for home after visiting America's largest city. "At the end of a wonderful journey I am very glad that I have been able this time to see New York."

Maebashi, Japan—Army Specialist William S. Girard, when asked by Judge Yuso Kawachi if he didn't feel sorry for shooting and killing metal scavenger Mrs. Naka Sakai on an Army firing range last January: "I feel very sorry, sir."

Aboard the USS Bon Homme Richard—Vice Adm. Wallace M. Beakley, on the readiness of his U.S. Pacific Seventh Fleet in the event of a war between Syria and Turkey: "We haven't been sitting on our ditty-box. Readiness is our mission out here."

Atlanta—DeKalb County Solicitor Richard Bell, on why he obtained a court injunction against the showing of the movie "Island in the Sun," which features interracial romance and which was picketed by segregationists Sunday night: "Because it is a controversial movie we thought it best to act before riots result."

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Jill D.—I won't turn my back on my friend.
Mrs. R.D.—What will people think of Jill?
Jill D.—I am a girl of 17 and I've known the facts of life for a long time, so I don't see why my mother should try to treat me like an infant.
A certain very good friend at high school was going with a boy for a long time and they were planning to marry, but their parents wanted them to wait. Well, Cecile became pregnant and finally she had to get married. Everybody knew and there was a big fuss in the neighborhood. A lot of girls were very nasty about it and wouldn't even talk to Cecile, but I just don't think that's right. I talk to her the same as ever and went up to visit her and her cute baby. I realize that she did wrong, but she is my friend and I'm not going to turn my back on her the way my mother wants me to.

Mrs. R.D.—I couldn't have been more horrified about this scandal if it concerned my own daughter. I thought Cecile was one of the nicest girls in the neighborhood. I was always very happy when she and Jill went out on double dates together. Now that I look back on it, I almost turn sick . . . to think that my Jill was with that other couple. Jill swears nothing improper ever took place while she was around, but I don't know what to believe any more. I could have sworn that Cecile was a mere baby.

Aside from that fact that I don't want Jill to have such friends, I am very much upset about her reputation in the community. Everyone knows they went around together a great deal. What will people think of Jill if she continues to see Cecile?

The Council: Mrs. R. D. appears to be rushing to lock the stable door after the horse has been stolen. The period during which Cecile's influence may have been dangerous is at an end.

Jill has had a very close and probably somewhat frightening glimpse of serious trouble. She probably wants to reassure herself of the happy ending in this case. Cecile is now a respectable married woman and is most unlikely to influence young girls to follow the treacherous road she traveled.

As for Jill's reputation, anyone malicious enough to cast slurs on her because of Cecile's wrongdoing is unlikely to be influenced by Jill's present attitude toward Cecile.

Jill shows that moral standards are important to her when she refuses to turn her back on a friend. Now that Cecile must settle into the humdrum problems of daily life, Jill will very likely soon lose interest in her—unless her mother continues to make this friendship an important issue.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A DIVORCE COURT judge had a tough case with a stubborn, unyielding man and wife who refused even to look at each other. "O.K.," conceded the judge. "Go through with the divorce, but understand that everything you possess will have to be divided equally."

"What about our three children?" demanded the wife. "That's something you'll have to figure out for yourselves," said His Honor.

The wife made a sudden decision. She seized her spouse by the collar and ordered, "Come on home, you lug!" To the judge, she threw over her shoulder, "We'll be back next year—with four children."

It was humiliating enough when Cleopatra personally kicked her erstwhile favorite, Marc Anthony, down a whole flight of Egyptian stairs, but I am assured by an old Roman who was present that she added insult to injury by cheerfully explaining, "I'm just being the King."

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Boxcar Loaded With Shells Catches Fire

Piedmont, Ala. — A boxcar loaded with artillery shells caught fire early today on the outskirts of this small Northeast Alabama town and an estimated 200 to 300 persons were evacuated from their homes to escape exploding fragments.

The fire severed a power line, cutting off electricity to Piedmont and surrounding areas. No one was injured. Police and firemen plus a small detachment of troops from nearby Ft. McClellan moved in to evacuate about 50 homes in the danger area, about a half mile from the center of town.

Authorities cleared out an area about a mile square. Mayor J. O. Chaffin said the boxcar containing the shells had by mid-morning burned down a "smoldering hulk but the shells were still popping off although not as frequently as before."

Potato Freight Rate Boost Draws Protest
Salem — Increased freight rates on potatoes shipped to eastern points from Malheur county in Oregon and Boise valley in Idaho were protested to the Interstate Commerce Commission Monday by Oregon Agriculture Director Robert J. Steward. The increases, recently filed by the railroads, are to become effective Oct. 25.

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