

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Two Years Ago Russian Official Said Reds Will Win in Classroom

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Washington — Two years ago, a high Soviet official told an American educator who was visiting Russia:

"We're not going to fight a hot war with you. We're going to lick you in the classroom."

Few Americans were prepared in 1955 to take this Soviet boast seriously. The U.S. school system, despite its "temporary" shortages of space and faculty, was widely regarded then as the best in the world. Russia was credited with a few good technical schools but its overall educational system was considered rather primitive.

Complacency Rudely Shaken
Three recent developments have shaken rudely such American complacency:

1. Disclosure that Russia is training far more scientists and

engineers than the United States. Russian schools graduate 60,000 engineers a year to our 34,000; 8,000 Ph. D.'s in science to our 6,000.

2. Sputniks I and II blasted any notion that Russia is sacrificing quality for quantity in technical education.

3. A U.S. Office of Education report showed that Russian students work much longer and harder, and receive far more intensive training in science, mathematics and languages than American students.

President Eisenhower had all of these facts in mind when he said in his Nov. 14 broadcast that strengthening U.S. schools is "the most critical problem" confronting the nation in its race with Russia for scientific and military supremacy.

Scientists Echo President
The President's warning since has been echoed by leading scientists and educators and by millions of parents who were concerned about the state of our schools long before Sputnik I and II.

While everyone seems to agree that America needs better schools, a United Press survey disclosed a wide range of views on the kind of improvements most urgently needed.

Some critics are calling for drastic reforms in the content and philosophy of American education. They say high school and college curriculums must be

overhauled from top to bottom. They would restore emphasis to solid intellectual achievement and the teaching of basic subjects — not only math and science, but also history, geography, foreign languages, English grammar and literature.

Rear Adm. H. G. Rickover, a noted atomic scientist, said "scholastic standards" must be raised sharply at every level of U.S. education. He contends they have become so lax that the average American college graduate has less read education than a graduate of European high schools.

Teachers Turn Deaf Ear
Mortimer Smith, executive secretary of the Council for Basic Education, said U.S. schools are dominated by professional educators who turn a deaf ear to all outside criticism. These professors he said, are so bemused by their "life-adjustment" theories of education that they have "lost sight of the real functions of a school — to present an organized body of knowledge and teach children to use their minds effectively."

Millions of American youths, says Smith, are being taught to "drive cars, weave baskets, choose mates, and behave gracefully at a 'party' when they should be learning to solve quadratic equations, conduct experiments in organic chemistry, or parse a sentence."

Professional educators say these criticisms are intemperate and unfair. Most acknowledge a need for some curriculum "adjustments" to increase emphasis on science, mathematics, and other basic studies. But they oppose sweeping changes which would upset the "balance" of American education or deprive students of freedom to choose courses which meet their individual "life needs."

Greater Solidarity Asked By Adenauer

Amsterdam, The Netherlands — West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer called Saturday for greater "solidarity" between western Europe and the United States to meet the threat of Communist missile-age aggression.

Adenauer told the first meeting of the "European cultural foundation" that the "common support of freedom" was bringing Europe together against "those forces which deny the rights of free self-determination to individuals and peoples."

But he reminded his listeners "with gratitude" that Europe did not stand alone.

"If feelings of solidarity with Europe had not been so lively in America," he said, "free Europe would also have become a victim of eastern forces, and would by now have been an historical idea."

"We should clearly recognize that it will be our task to deepen the profound relations... existing between our continents," he said.

The foundation opened its two-day meeting under the presidency of Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands. Adenauer shared Saturday's speakers' platform with NATO secretary-general Paul Henri Spaak.

Spaak stressed the progress made by the European unity movement in the past five years.

Indianapolis — An inmate of the Marion county jail has been returned after a prize-winning journey outside prison walls. Pete, a gray and black striped cat, won \$2 Saturday in the Hoosier Cat Fanciers Show.

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Vegetarian Menu Set For Thanksgiving Day

By DOC QUIGG
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New York—Tasty tidbits
The Vegetarian Society of New York will hold its 26th annual Thanksgiving day dinner for more than 200 of the faithful with the following menu:

Vegetable soup, large green salad, lentil nut roast with two vegetables, baked potatoes, raw apple pie with uncooked whole wheat dough and ground almond butter, fresh fruits, coffee substitute or peppermint tea, fruit candies.

Why do vegetarians make a point of holding a Thanksgiving day dinner. The answer is provided by Mrs. Meta Ferreira, secretary of the society.

"We vegetarians don't want to go to our families and make them feel uncomfortable ourselves, so we get together as one big family, young and old, and partake of nature's vegetable gifts."

What is a lentil roast? Well, says Mrs. Ferreira, you put the lentils through a liquefier and they come out in a consistency similar to that of baby food and then through some process

known to the chef they are molded into a roast that can be cut when cooked.

Word has oozed back east that a peppermint-striped toothpaste is being test-marketed in a middle western area.

The report is the striping is accomplished with tiny plastic containers built into the neck of the tube. They stripe the paste with a red, mint-flavored dye as you squeeze.

If this stuff tastes as good as it sounds, there could be a tendency among small fry not only to brush after every meal but to make a meal out of every brush.

Paul Gilbert, the filthy capitalist who used Communist satellite radio waves to trigger the apparatus that lighted up a big new electric billboard advertising liquor in Manhattan, hears that a Soviet publication has called his action unfair.

What Gilbert did was hitch the first Russian Sputnik to some old-fashioned American publicity ingenuity. He used the short wave gadgets of the RCA communications receiving station at Riverhead, N.Y., to pick

up the beep-beep signals of Sputnik I and let them activate the splash of light that was the sign's debut.

A public relations man, Gilbert was seeking to call attention to a new brand of Scotch whisky. Numerous newspaper editorials later applauded his ingenuity but now he hears that Pravda, the organ of the Communist party, disapproves. He says that if it'll make them any happier, he'll be glad to use any future Sputnik signals to light a vodka sign.

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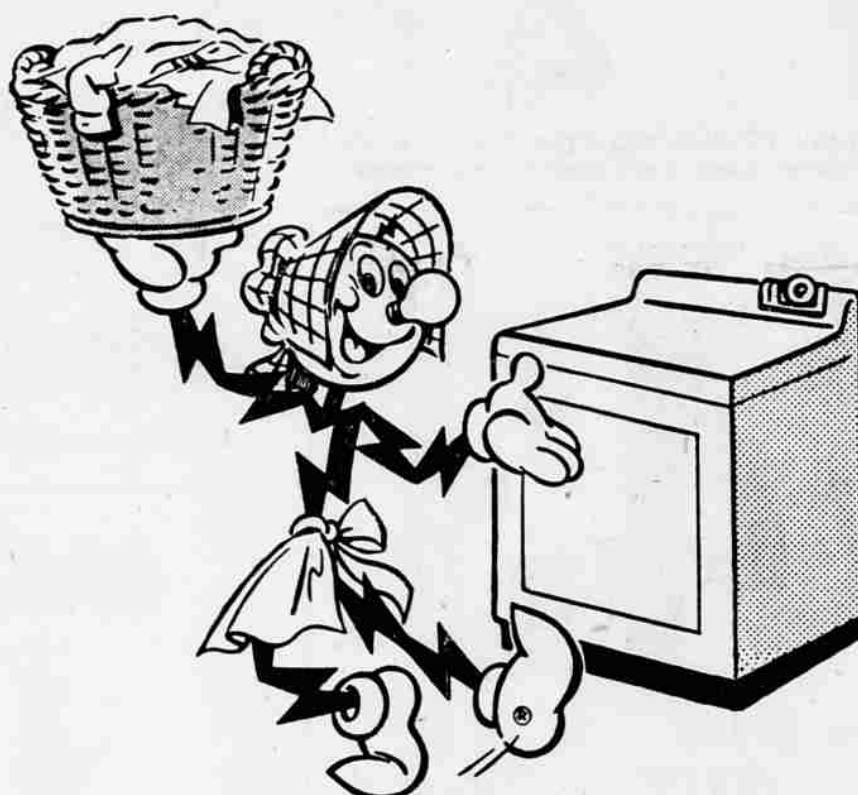
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