

Russian Interest Indicated in Oregon Trade Fair Due in 1959

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Washington—The commercial counselor of the Soviet embassy, M. Gribkev, and his assistant, Y. Gvosdev, were just about to arrive the other night at the party given by the Oregon Centennial Commission for members of the foreign diplomatic corps stationed here in the capital.

They were friendly and inquisitive about the big trade fair to be held in Portland in 1959, but they wouldn't commit themselves on whether Russia will send an exhibit. But informed sources here say it is a virtual certainty.

The Soviets enjoyed tremendous success with their exhibit at the Oklahoma trade fair. It was the one which drew the most attention from the crowds, probably out of simple curiosity.

After all, it is something of a novelty for Americans to think of Russians making hand carved television sets. But they had them on display in Oklahoma, along with such practical things for that oil-conscious state as oil drilling equipment. They also had a dazzling display of furs.

Parties Every Night
It didn't detract from the allure of this Soviet attraction that the Russians sent a staff of

some 15 men and a few good looking gals along, all staked out in the best hotel in town where parties for the elite of Oklahoma went on every night. Portland should get set for the same treatment. Those hand carved TV sets may not be common outside the Kremlin walls, but the Russians apparently think they make quite an impression abroad. That's what an exhibit is for.

Gribkev was curious about what Oregon produced. When told that lumber was the No. 1 item, he seemed to find it perplexing that lumber should be the principal use of the state's standing timber, and that the drop in housing construction should adversely affect the industry of the state.

"We have found timber too valuable to be used for housing," Gribkev declared. "We are using it for paper and chemicals."

Russia, as a consequence, has very little wooden housing going up, he said, but uses clay products instead. Gvosdev nodded agreement at everything his superior said.

Inquire About Newspapers
They wanted to know about Oregon newspapers. I suggested their host, Gov. Robert D. Holmes, might evaluate that. He told them that as an ex-newsman he doesn't go along with the usual complaint of politicians about the newspapers not giving enough attention to this or that.

"If newspapers printed everything about all that was happening in the world, they would be 1,000 pages thick, and no one would have time to read them," Holmes said.

"Do you have any opponents?" they asked Holmes. The governor brought wrinkles of perplexity to his brows when he said, smilingly, that he expected to have opponents from his own as well as the opposition party in the next election.

Although they came early and stayed late, the Russian attaches did not mimic in any fashion the cocktail party gregariousness of Communist Party Boss Nikita Krushchev. When asked what they would like to drink, they specified cognac. Two brandy glasses of cognac were brought up especially for them. When the two-hour shindig was over, the glasses stood on a table, still brimming with that fine French brandy.

What's OK for B. and K. obviously isn't OK for G. and G.

New Planning Man Reports For Work

Planning Technician Ed Langford, recently employed by the city, reported for work Monday, according to city officials. Langford's first job with the city will be to make a land-use study of the Berrydale and Grandview areas for zoning recommendations. He will also make studies toward the city's plan under the urban assistance program of the federal government.

He is a graduate of UCLA and until recently worked for the intelligence section of the corps of engineers on the east coast. Space for an office will be made in the city engineering department.

Langford arrived in Medford last Friday with his wife Carol, sons Bill, 3, and Jack 10 months, and daughter, Jan, 2. They are living at 432 North Lynnwood lane.

Washington — Maj. Herbert William Francis, 60, chief of the White House police, will retire at the end of this month due to arthritis of the spine.

Juveniles Arrested On Burglary Charges

Central Point—Seven juveniles from 14 to 17 years old were arrested by Central Point police Saturday on charges of burglary, larceny and destruction of public school and city property.

They have been released to the custody of their parents to report to juvenile authorities, Central Point police said.

The seven youths are charged with breaking into the Central Point junior high school building Friday night by breaking out a window pane. There the youths threw down a small decorated Christmas tree, removed an American flag from the room and broke an oil line connecting an oil fuel tank and released 25 gallons of fuel oil, according to Central Point police.

The same night the youths chopped down a mail box owned by Frank Koch, 412 South First st., police said.

The youths are also accused of breaking into two cars parked on Pine st. near Fifth early Saturday morning. Alcohol and two cases of soft drinks were removed from one of the cars, the police said.

TEACHER-PUPIL KILLED

West Memphis, Ark. — Mrs. Theima Richards, 51-year-old Sunday school teacher, and one of her pupils, Joe Naquin, 13, were killed Sunday when a truck hit Mrs. Richards' car and knocked it into a vacant lot. Five other children were injured.

Citation Received Following Accident

Roy Elwin Smith, 311 Washington st., was cited for failure to maintain proper lookout after a car he was driving was involved in a collision with two other cars on Saturday, according to Medford police.

Police said the Medford fire department was called to wash down spilled gasoline from one of the damaged car's gas tanks. No injuries were reported.

Drivers of the other two cars involved in the three-car collision were Sidney Milo Jones, route 2, box 209, Central Point, and Stanley Frederic Green, 263 Berrydale ave., police said.

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The Family Council

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Helene R.—I would go to live with him—if not for Mother.
Mrs. S. R.—She should accept things as they are.

Helene R.—I am a woman just past 40, who has found love too late in life. I can't help feeling, however, that I should take what I can while there is still time.

For the past year I have been enjoying the company of a man whose wife has been hospitalized for the past few years. There is little possibility of her getting better, but she may last this way for many years. He cannot get a divorce.

This man, who is childless, has asked me to come live with him. He is a wonderful person—devoted and kind and everything I had looked for in a man. He is even willing to take my aged mother to live with us and to care for her as a son should. I would not pass up this opportunity if it weren't for my mother. She is furious that I should even consider such a thing. I don't know what I'd do about her.

Mrs. S. R.—I certainly never expected to have a problem like this with a woman of Helen's age. She has had the best upbringing and comes out of a decent, right-thinking family. How she could even consider such an idea is beyond me.

Q too, thought this man was a nice person—until he astounded me by making this proposition. How could he possibly think I would be willing to be a party to such a household? How could a mother possibly live with her daughter under such circumstances? It is unthinkable!

It seems to me it is time that Helene should settle down quiet-

ly and adjust to her situation in life. This desperate attempt to find "love" is not all fitting for a woman of her age. I would have preferred her to get married, but since she didn't, she should accept things.

The Council: If Helene is serious about considering this man's offer, she should be willing to recognize that her mother's horror is just a foretaste of the social discomforts she would have to face. Surely, she cannot expect to get her mother's and society's blessing to do what is socially condemned.

We suspect, however, that more is involved in Helen's hesitation. In addition to her natural desire for social acceptance and an equally natural desire to do the right thing from a moral point of view, is the strong emotional need to know that her man really belongs to her. She can't have these things under the setup proposed by this man.

Helene is now building up a false case that her domineering mother is preventing her from fulfilling herself in love at this late, and perhaps last, opportunity. If she adopts the notion that fate and her mother have been cruel to her, she is headed for a bitter, as well as lonely, later life. It is time she assumed the responsibility for creating her own life.

We don't accept Mrs. S. R.'s idea that Helene must "adjust" to her present situation. Helene can probably find a much fuller life than she is now living—with or without marriage. But she must first recognize she has to create that life out of her own desires and abilities.

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