



LANDING IN BALTIMORE, new twin-jet Russian TU-104A airliner, third Soviet plane to arrive in United States in 20 years, is center of attention. It carried new Russian ambassador, Mikhail A. Menshikov, other passengers. (International Soundphoto)

Planning for Future Leisure Must Not Be at Leisurely Pace

Editor's note: This is the last of three dispatches on leisure in the United States. Today—Leisure in the Future.

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New York—We can't plan for future leisure at a leisurely pace. As our population soars—it's expected to hit 225,000,000 in 1975—the need for more public recreation space climbs with it. And since more than half of our 1975 population will be living near the big cities, in so-called metropolitan areas, we're in for more crowding.

Lesson Simple
The lesson for recreationists in this connection is simple—Get the land now! says James C. Charlesworth, president of the American Academy of Political & Social Sciences. "The longer acquisition is postponed, the more expensive it will be," he adds.

How much land is needed? Recreationists say the ideal is to have 20 acres for the spare-time use of each 1,000 population. At present, 1,807 communities have parks and other recreation areas for their residents, totalling 750,000 acres. Some 1,950 communities also have neighborhood playgrounds and recreation centers.

We have indoor recreation centers—for arts and crafts, ping pong, dancing, etc.—in about 14,000 buildings and one-third of our 14,000 school buildings also are used for public recreation. Our communities now spend more than 500 million dollars for parks and recreation programs. Attendance in Millions
Other major sources of recreation activity are the 39,000,000 state-owned land and water areas. Attendance

at more than 2,000 state parks has passed the 180,000,000-a-year mark. Then we have forest lands, game refuges and lakes controlled by the United States government, which attract 200,000,000 people a year for hiking, fishing, picnicking, hunting, camping and boating.

Charlesworth, writing in "the Annals of the American Academy," urges that recreation leaders—not city planners—carry out recreation planning. City planners, he feels, are "architects rather than social scientists."

In addition, Charlesworth suggests that recreation leaders broaden their base of administration and emphasize recreation for young adults and elderly people, two classes that usually get left behind in such programs.

Emphasis in future leisure should be on "pride-of-doing, togetherness, human understanding, creativity and development of the mind and spirit," Charlesworth says.

Encourages Hobbies
He also points out that most people do not plan their lives too well in advance and are faced with a lost feeling as retirement approaches. Charlesworth urges that behavioral scientists be enlisted to help elderly workers find suitable hobbies before they retire.

In summing up leisure in the United States, we may conclude:

—We are urged to believe that work for work's sake is bad.

—Wasteful uses of leisure can soften and mortify the spirit and the flesh and affect the nation's strength.

—A vast evaluation must be made of our leisure activities to determine what the "wasteful uses" are, since automation is giving us still more free time.

—All elements in our nation, from the local to the federal level, must be joined in a program to assure that an adequate amount of recreation area and supervision for future generations becomes available.

—More emphasis must be placed on the leisure time needs of young adults and "senior citizens."

—Try to relax when you're supposed to be spending spare time. Remember that old Chinese proverb: "Life is not a vessel to be drained but a cup to be filled."

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.

Muriel S.—He won't forgive and forget.
Donald S.—She'll do it again.

Muriel S.—The day I made up my mind to leave my husband and two children I should have been shot. I don't know what got into me. I had been upset and unhappy for a long time, but I really didn't think about leaving. It kind of happened to me.

Well, since then I have snapped back to my senses. It took almost four months. I went to stay with an old friend of mine and she helped me to realize what I was giving up and where my duty lay.

I have begged my husband to forgive and forget, but he won't see things my way. He has been living with his mother. She takes care of the children and he says they are all getting along fine without me. I am afraid of what will happen if I bring him to court.

Donald S.—How can you trust a woman who would walk out on two children, aged 7 and 5? How can you trust a wife who deserts a husband without even a word of warning?

My mother says I'd be crazier than Muriel if I tried to make a go of it again. I'm not worried about going to court because I'm sure I can get custody of the children. Muriel is really crazy.

I have been a good husband and always supported my family well. Muriel and I married when we were 16 and 18—probably too young. But I grew up and she never did. She wanted marriage to be one long romance. She resented housework and taking care of the children.

Muriel would be sick of us all again within a month.

The Council: Donald is doing himself and his children grave injury by shutting the door on his wife. He is now deserting her just as she deserted him.

Muriel's action was rooted in emotional and psychological illness. Probably she is still ill and greatly in need of help. She evidently has enough rational control to see the strangeness and folly of her actions, but it is not enough for her to simply recognize her duty. Despite her best efforts, her mind could play tricks on her again—unless she goes about getting some treatment.

On the one hand Donald calls his wife "crazy," and on the other, he talks about her as though she is simply a bad child. Neither is true. Donald's refusal to face the facts of his wife's illness appears to be cruel, but it indicates some illness on his part too.

Donald and Muriel need to get together with a competent social worker to talk over the problems of their marriage. They both need some psychiatric help.

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Safety Council To Meet Friday

The February membership meeting of the Medford Safety Council will be held Friday noon at the Jackson hotel, according to Russ Jamison, secretary.

Berry Bigham, president, has requested that all members attend to hear a report on aims and projects of the council for 1958.

Bigham emphasized that the meeting would be open to the public but that non-members should notify Miss Josephine Swayne at Spring 2-6504 if they plan to attend.

Washington—The Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee will hold hearings March 6-7 on a bill to give the Fish and Wildlife Service jurisdiction in the issuance of dam project licenses by the Federal Power Commission, it has been announced.

New Machine Cuts Time for Diagnosis

Boston—X-ray films can now be made safely while the patient is on the operating table.

A new type of X-ray machine originated by the Veterans Administration makes this possible. The machine will enable doctors to cut the time required for pre-surgery X-ray diagnosis to two or three minutes in crucial cases. After the new machine is swung into position over the patient on the table and the film exposure is made, the picture can be developed with a Polaroid film processor and interpreted so that surgery can begin in a minute and a half.

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