

Requirements for University Stiffened by Russian Reds

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Moscow—(UPI)—The Soviet Communist Party has narrowed the gates leading into college.

It has transformed the short hop from high school to university into a circuitous, obstacle-ridden course designed to test the mental stamina of even the worthiest teenagers.

From now on, only the most intelligent, sober and politically reliable of its youth will enjoy the benefits of a college education. Some four-fifths of all places in Soviet universities and institutes will be reserved for applicants who have worked at least two years in a factory, an office or on a farm, according to new regulations of the Ministry of Higher Education.

Exams Stiffer

Moreover, entrance examinations are to become much stiffer. Prospective students will now be judged not only by professors and university administrators, but by the local Communist Party committee.

The new procedure, involving for over 6 years, amounts to something of a revolution in the Soviet higher education system.

The more rigid regulations came about because the par-

ty's leaders have plainly said they are not satisfied with some of the graduates which their colleges and institutes are turning out.

In addition to well-trained, devoted young Soviet citizens all ready to go out and join the ranks building Communism, the country is also getting a small but irritating number of diploma holders who think that life is already a bowl of cherries.

Handed Youths

Practically everything available in the Soviet Union has been handed these youngsters on a silver platter, including a full-fledged university education—tuition, room, board and all. And now, in the eyes of the Communist Party, they seem none too eager to pay back their debt to the state.

The students are reproached for their "improper" attitude toward hard work and social responsibilities. Just a few months ago the newspaper "Komsomolskaya Pravda" cited the example of a girl studying at an agricultural institute who would milk cows only with her gloves on.

Change Courses

The Soviet authorities complain that other students change their schools and professions as light-heartedly as they change their clothes.

They can't decide what to do with their lives, said "Moscow Pravda," and settle on a particular institute just because it is "close to home" or "their friends are studying there."

Disgraceful, so-called immoral behavior which takes in drinking, spending time at the movies, throwing too many parties, chasing girls and vice versa, is thought to be far too widespread in the universities.

The drinking bouts of the college teenagers are one of the favorite objects of lampooning by the youth newspapers and student bulletin boards.

Not long ago, a regional conference of the Communist Youth League disclosed that of 100,000 students studying in Leningrad higher institutions, 4,300 were expelled for failing to meet academic standards.

Wide Approval

The new university entrance regulations will probably find wide approval among prospective engineers, technical specialists of all kinds, doctors, nurses and other professions where a little practical experience before study is a good thing.

But already, many parents whose offspring want to take up languages, history and

What Is The Law?

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WHEN ARE WILLS VALID?

Old Hiram Hill, eccentric, deaf and physically ill, had been confined by court order in the state mental hospital for observation and treatment when he executed a will which gave all of his property to charity and disinherited his children. When Hiram died, the will was challenged by his children who claimed that he did not have the capacity to make a will when the will in question was executed. The court upheld the will as valid.

To make a will, a person has to be 21 years of age and possess the ability to understand the nature and extent of his property, the general nature and effect of a will, and the natural objects of his bounty; and he must be able to interrelate these factors. If he meets these requirements at the time he executes his will, the document has legal force and effect. As in Hiram's case, these requisites may exist even though a person has been judicially declared incompetent.

similar subjects, and indeed the offspring themselves, are complaining that two years of required labor will simply be time wasted.

Undoubtedly, the authorities will run into numerous difficulties at the start of the new system. But they hope to iron them out in the course of time.

Case Not Typical

One should not believe, however, that Hiram's case is typical. Normally, when a person is confined in an institution, it is quite easy to prove lack of capacity to make a will. Statements by witnesses to the execution of the document that the testator was rational, alert and knew about his property and his family may save the will from fatal attack.

Despite the court's decision, the fact that Hiram disinherited his children in favor of charity is strong evidence of incapacity. Normal individuals are usually concerned with the welfare of those nearest to them and will give most of their worldly possessions to their immediate families. When the wife and children are cut out of an estate the situation is unnatural and tends to indicate lack of capacity or fraud.

One may have capacity to make a will even though he does not have legally recognized capacity to enter into an enforceable contract. The courts are particularly liberal in the area of wills because of their belief that the right to dictate the manner in which one's property will pass upon death is a very important right which must be protected.

The mental capacity of the testator at the time he executes the will is the determining factor in testing a person's

Lumbering Machine To Usher in Jet Airliner Service

By CLAIRE COX
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New York—(UPI)—The great multi-billion-dollar jet era, heralded as the greatest transportation development since the change from sail to steam, will begin with the roar of a giant vacuum cleaner.

A lumbering machine will roll down a New York Idlewild International Airport runway picking up rocks and other particles that could gum up the works of a jet engine.

Flight Number One

Then a big swept-wing jet plane will suddenly sprint down the airstrip, vault into the air and in 29 minutes be cruising at 29,000 feet over Nantucket Island.

This will be Pan American World Airways Jet Flight No. 1, leaving Idlewild at 11 p.m. (e.s.t.) on or about Nov. 1, bound for Paris with 140 passengers and a crew of eight.

It will be the nation's first commercial jet flight, ushering in an age that has been

ability to make a will. Wills made during periods of rational behavior are normally valid regardless of the testator's mental condition. Proving that the testator was incapable of making a will immediately before and after the will was executed will not necessarily "break" the will but does go a long way in convincing the court that capacity was lacking at the time the will was signed.

in the making since World War II, at a cost of billions to airlines, airports and local, state and federal governments.

Pan American's tentative inaugural flight plan calls for cruising at altitudes ranging from 30,000 to 40,000 feet at a speed of nearly 600 miles

an hour. In a little more than seven hours, the passengers will be strolling on the Champs Elysees.

Other planes and other airlines will follow this single jet into the stiff competition for passengers. Finally, by 1951, a total of about 230 U.S. operated jet planes, capable of carrying up to 150 passengers each, and nearly 200 smaller prop jets will be plying the skies. Foreign airlines will add heavily to the maze of frosty white jet trails streaking the world's skies.

What will this mean to John Q. Traveler? It will slice his world in half, double his hori-

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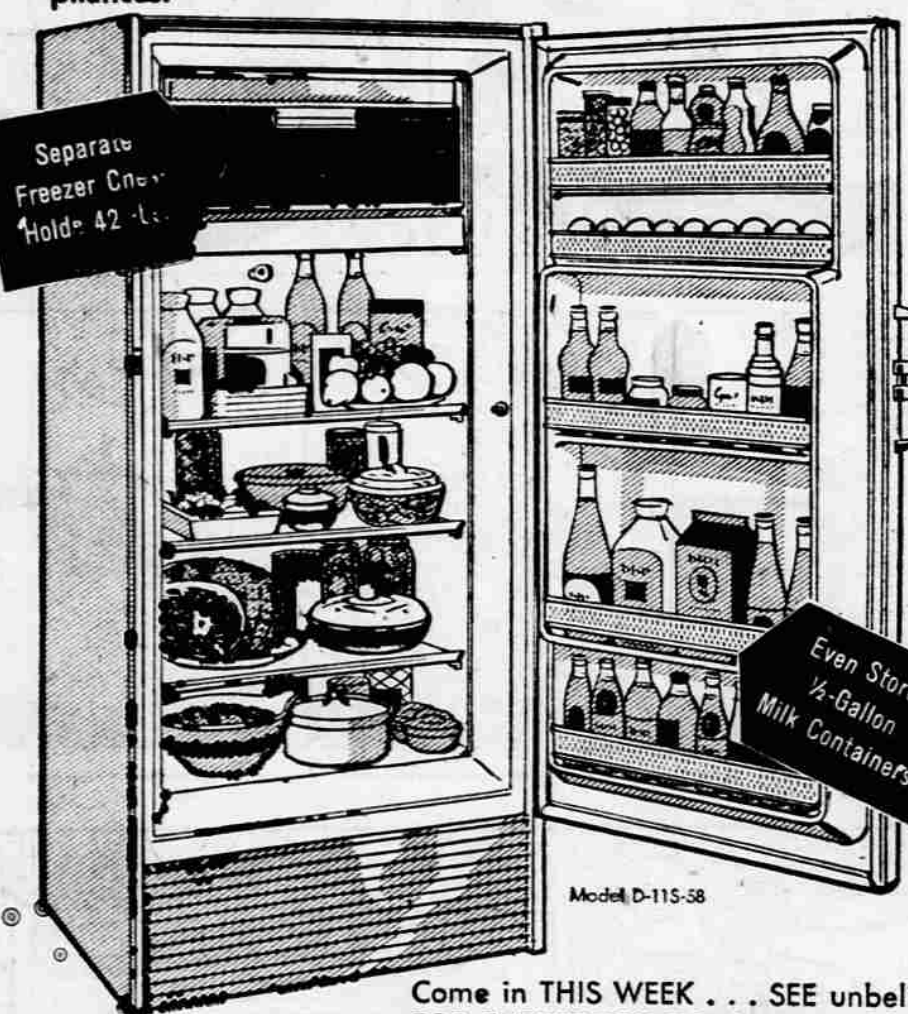
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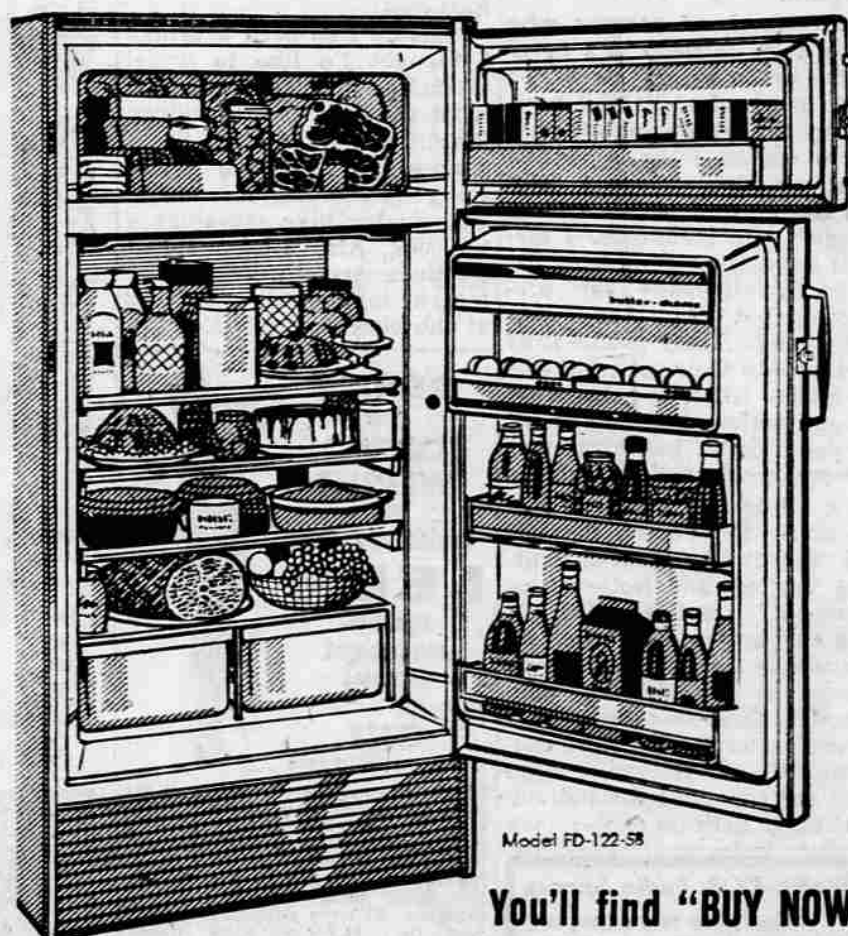
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