

# Turkish Black Market Is Clue To Economic Conditions There

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A useful clue to the economic conditions of the country is the black market. The legal rate of exchange here is 2.8 Turkish lira to the dollar for commerce and 5.25 Turkish lira for the tourists' dollar. But liras are available on the thriving black market of Istanbul at 12.5 for the dollar. On the free market of Lebanon they can be purchased at 15 for the dollar.

Greece has controlled her black market situation and though Turkey tries very hard, exchange at illegal rates is rampant. The inducement, admittedly, is irresistible if the tourist can get three times as much for his dollars. Then too, Istanbul prices are geared to the black market rate.

Incoming tourists must declare all money, foreign and

Turkish, and are given an official paper on which all banks must note exchange of money. Only banks are authorized to handle the exchange. The paper must be returned when leaving the country but most tourists "lose the paper" or "were the guests of Turkish friends."

**Buying Transportation**

The malefactor had better have a well-composed story or carefully manipulated accounts. Buying transportation out of the country is a complicated procedure full of red tape to assure that non-domestic travel is purchased at the legal rate.

I had a long discussion of Turkish economy in the most unlikely spot for such a discussion. As a guest of my Istanbul friends, I was taken for tea at the newly-built Istanbul Hilton hotel, which has become the mecca of rich Turks as well as visiting tourists.

It is totally unlike any modern building in Turkey, having been designed by an American firm of architects, Skidmore Owings and Merrill, with a definite aim of glamour. The quality of construction is very high by Turkish standards. German contractors were employed. The Germans underbid the American firms since they were not burdened with the costs of providing the amenities American workmen demand in foreign countries.

**Friday Afternoon Tea**

Friday afternoon tea at the Hilton is "de rigueur" with the fashionable set and the hotel is crowded. The Turkish women of wealth can be extremely beautiful and manage to be dressed by French couturiers. The gathering would pass unnoticed in any first-rate American hotel but is an isolated pocket in the city of Istanbul.

It would seem that the Americans have taken over the Taksim area of Istanbul in which the Hilton is located. The American Express, the military canteen, the PX and most tourist agencies are to be found there. The wives of American servicemen do their shopping at the PX and can buy all the goods available in an American store. All Turks know the word "PX" and consider it a sort of fairy land of endless bounty.

**Approached With Requests**

All Americans in Turkey can expect to be approached with requests from hotel maids and such to bring them something from the PX, usually coffee. It is illegal, of course, but the Turks will pay you to purchase for them.

It is fair game, seemingly, in the Turkish mind to circumvent the government in illegal ways. This goes hand in hand with a strange sense of economy on the government's part. For example, the forest wardens of Turkey are paid an unlivable wage and so to make up for it they take bribes. Approximately 5,000,000 feet of lumber is cut legally each year and just as much is cut illegally. The forests suffer terribly but the managing expenses for the forests look good on paper.

The government is located at Ankara, and like Australia's Canberra and our own Washington, is an artificially created city. The site is an old caravan meeting place, but was chosen because it was in the center of the nation. It sits in a valley on the high Anatolian plateau. The surroundings are bleak and unattractive, especially so in the hot, dusty summers.

Nearby are the ruins of the ancient Hittite capital, Boghazkoy, dating about 1300 B.C. The modern Turks claim descent from the Hittites.

Me, Kennelly; A Husband for Janice, Craig; Whisper to the Stars, Cunningham.

**Teen-age:** The Eagle Pine, Gringhuis; Mystery Trail, Lane; The Sherwood Ring, Pope; Son of Columbus, Baumann.

**Other fiction (old and new):** Brand of the Renegade, Mitchell; The Angry Land, Bass; The Diplomat, Aldridge; The Path of Thunder, Abrahams; Masks and Faces, Bottom; Dark Laughter, Anderson; Lace Curtain, Berlin; The Soul of a Child, Bjorkman; Ride With Danger, Powers.

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## News About Books From the Library

It is with great pleasure that we have found our monthly reports of new acquisitions for the Jackson County library growing until for the past several months the lists of new titles became so long that they must be divided into fortnightly reports. Of course we are still far from satisfied with the number of books we have to offer and the library's coverage of all subjects needed.

However, it was only a few short years ago that quarterly reports sufficed to list all the titles that could be purchased for the library from available funds. In 1950 only 853 volumes were added by gift and purchase, as contrasted with the 5,817 volumes obtained during the fiscal year just ended.

It has taken the combined work of many persons to make this growth possible, from the painstaking tasks of cataloger, processor, and order clerk to the efforts of library trustees and city and county officials towards making necessary funds available. Many friends have contributed to the growth of the library by generous donations of useful books. This month they included Mrs. R. K. Hammons, Chester Fitch, Claude F. Grigsby, Arthur H. Thompson, Mrs. G. Ruth, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Clancy, and anonymous donors residing in Central Point. Gifts totalled 118 of the 398 books added to the library in July. The 95 new titles added during the past two weeks are as follows:

**Science:** A Guide to Astronomy, Mallan; Wonder World of Microbes, Grant; The Story of Animal Life, Burton; A Field Guide to Western Birds, Peterson; Audubon Western Bird Guide, Pough; A Book of Wild Flowers, Pelsko.

**Sports and entertainment:** Family Fun and Activities, Mulac; How To Build 20 Boats, Rudder Magazine; All About Boats, Hutchinson; How To Make Money With Your Camera, Forman; The Complete Book of Fly Fishing, Brooks.

**Business:** Work Simplification, Nadler; Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits, Fisher; The Popular Legal Encyclopedia for Home and Business, Kling; Construction Volume and Costs, 1915-56, U.S. Labor Department.

**Education:** Home Play for the Preschool Child, Johnson; The Troubled Child, Moak; TV and Our School Crisis, Siepmann; Bending the Twig, Ruid; Vocational Training Directory of the United States, Cohen.

**House and Garden:** Kitchen Ideas for 1958, Better Homes and Gardens; Sunset Landscaping for Western Living, Sunset Magazine; House and Garden's Book of Color Schemes, House and Garden; Low Cost Homes, Eisinger; The American House Today,

Ford; Quality Budget Houses, Ford; Personality Unlimited, Dengel; The Cage-Bird Handbook, Poe.

**History:** Napoleon's Russian Campaign, De Segur; The Real Americans, Verrill; How Marcus Whitman Saved Oregon, Nixon.

**Biography:** Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, James; The Meddlesome Friar and the Wayward Pope, De La Bedoyere; Nothing So Strange, Ford; Prince of Carpetbaggers, Daniels; Life at My Fingertips, Smithdas; George Washington, Man and Monument, Gunliife.

**Travel and adventure:** Below the Surface, Hazeltine; Shipwreck Island, Shore; Land Between; The Middle East, Copeland; African Economic Development, Rance; Algeria, Tillion; Landscapes of Alaska, Williams.

**Literature:** The Spirit of Man, Burnett; This is Goggle, Plagemann; Best American Plays, Fourth Series, 1951-1957, Gassner.

**Fine arts:** History of World Art, Upjohn; Burl Ives Irish Songs, Ives; The Book of Jazz, Feather; Medieval American Art, Kelemen; The Concise Encyclopedia of Music and Musicians, Cooper.

**How to do it:** Peter Hunt's Workbook, Hunt; Paper Magic, Harbin; Papier-Mache, Johnson.

**Philosophy and Religion:** Highways of Philosophy, Boyer; This is the Mass, Daniel-Rops; The Edge of Tomorrow, Dooley.

**Reference:** The Food-Finder, Gaunt; Everyman's Dictionary of Literary Biography, English and American, Browning; Dictionary of Foreign Words, Newmark; The Columbia Lippincott Gazetteer of the World, Seltzer; Maps of the City of Medford, Oregon and Adjacent Areas Including Jackson County; Catalog of Reprints in Series, 1957, Orton; Subject Guide to United States Government Publications, Hirschberg; How and Where To Look It Up, Murphey; Directory, Newspapers and Periodicals, 1958, Ayer.

**Adventure stories:** The Human Element, Fores; The Man Who Couldn't Sleep, McIlwain; The Portuguese Escape, Bridge; No Entry, Coles; Western, Blacker.

**Historical romance:** The Courts of Love, Bourne; Tale of Valor, Fisher; The Tall Ships, Jennings; The King Must Die, Renault; The Cavalryman, Sinclair.

**Serious fiction:** The Enemy Camp, Weidman; Eustace and Hilda, Hartley; The Stars Grow Pale, Bjarnhof.

**Romance:** Marry Me, Carry

cent from these vigorous and, at one time, important people. But like the Greek claim of descent from the classical Greeks, it just is not so. The stock is mainly Mongol and dates from the conquest of

Tamerlane, among others. The old part of Ankara, Ulus, has the charming appeal of any ancient city. Perched high on its hill, the old houses survey the new Ankara at its feet, in the low-

er surrounding hills. Like most cities of Turkey, everything is either up or down; nothing is level. The architecture of new Ankara is modern but with a heavy hand. It attempts monumen-

talities but achieves a standard dullness. I did see two buildings under construction that showed promise, but skeletons of buildings before being clothed are often more handsome than the finished prod-

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uct. Modern Ankara is new and so most streets are unpaved. Dust blows about in swirls except after a rain, and then the dust becomes an especially clinging sort of muck. It would be unfair not to point out that paving is expected later.

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