

Pulse of Public in Moscow Easy To Find; Musel Learns in Talks

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 Moscow — (UPI) — It's easy to put your finger on the pulse of the public in Moscow. What one man in the streets thinks, everyone thinks.

As a result, life is much simpler for journalistic poll-takers in the Soviet Union than it is in the West.

For many years, every time there has been an international crisis, I've dashed out into Broadway, the Rue de la Paix, Piccadilly or St. Peter's Square to record the reaction of the average man.

Frankly, in the West this is a headache job. The Westerner is disputatious and opinionated and apt to take a contrary view simply because he believes in it. You always wind up with a notebook filled with conflicting views.

Not so in this strong and bustling capital of Russia.

I've spoken to a number of Russians in the past few days about the summit conference and international tension and the results always have been the same.

A Hotel Worker
 The first man I talked to was standing in front of the squat mausoleum where thousands come daily to see Lenin and Stalin eternally lying in state.

He said he learned his English in the hotel where he is employed.

As we strolled down wide Gorki street, with women street cleaners busy on the sidewalks, he suddenly said,

"Tell me, why do you want war?"

I said I didn't want war and furthermore I didn't know any American who did.

"But you are ringing us with air bases," he said. "And everybody knows air bases can only be for aggression."

I tried to explain the American attitude to him but he was my first Russian man in the street and so I can be forgiven the waste of time.

Loves San Francisco
 My second Moscow pulse interrupted my dinner at the skyscraper Hotel Ukraine, which stocks 71 wines, champagne, liquors and serves such delicacies as hazel grouse in sour cream, roast duck stuffed with apples, beef stroganoff and chicken ala Kiev.

He was a Russian at the next table who introduced himself as a wartime merchant mariner who had fallen in love with San Francisco.

"I hope you do not approve of your country's interventionist policy in Lebanon," he said. "Let us drink a toast, 'hands off the Middle East!'"

I solicited a conversation with another Russian at the Prague Restaurant who asked, "Why did your president make such difficult conditions for a summit meeting?" The conversation then followed the eventual course, ending in agreement to disagree.

All Are Friendly
 I must say that every Russian I have spoken to was friendly, curious, helpful and at least superficially sincere, and he was no exception. However, he felt I was ill informed because I obviously didn't get straightforward facts from United States papers as he did from Pravda, Izvestia and Moscow radio.

By now, my Western notebook would have had a dozen points of view and I'd have had to shuffle them around to get a consensus.

No such problem here.

When it comes to serious international matters of high policy nearly all Russians close ranks behind Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

When you've talked to one about politics, you've talked to them all.

Father, Daughter Saved from River

Oregon City — (UPI) — A 14-year-old girl and her father were saved from drowning in the Clackamas river near here Saturday.

Georgia Jane Phillips was picnicking with her family at Clackamette Park and apparently got too far out in the river while wading, witnesses said.

Her father, John J. Phillips, went to her rescue but was unable to bring her to shore after he became stricken with cramps.

Most People in U. S. Would Die In H-Bomb Raid

Washington — (UPI) — A House subcommittee released a hitherto secret study today estimating that most of us—nearly 160 million persons—would be killed in an H-bomb raid now on 150 American cities.

This startling figure was contained in a study of probable effects of a nuclear attack prepared by the Rand Corporation, a research concern that does top-secret research for the Air Force.

The House military operations subcommittee, in releasing the study, said it was made by the Rand Corporation on its own and not with government money.

Renews Appeal
 The subcommittee, which long has urged a 20-billion-dollar nuclear shelter program, renewed its appeal with release of the study. It said failure of the administration and Congress to adopt the program has put the nation in "mortal danger."

Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.) subcommittee chairman, told United Press International that blind economy by the Eisenhower administration was blocking the shelter program.

"We spend 40 billion dollars a year for defense and it gives us no final defense," he said. "We gamble everything on the idea that our retaliatory power will prevent an atomic war. But what if it doesn't? The nation has virtually no civil defense at all."

The Rand corporation study did not specify the degree of preparedness in individual cities nor name the 150 cities. But expert witnesses before the subcommittee said there was virtually no preparedness in any American cities.

Portugal Seeking Gambling Title

Lisbon — (UPI) — Lisbon, one of the few continental capitals with its own ocean playground, is gearing for an all-out assault on Monte Carlo's supremacy in the European gambling world.

City fathers have laid plans for the building of Europe's swankiest casino on the seafloor at Estoril, only 16 miles from the center of Lisbon.

Teodoro dos Santos, who was given the gambling concession in the Estoril area, said the new casino "will be the most modern and luxurious in Europe."

The old casino was frequently criticized as a gloomy institution which failed to attract people with money.

The new building will have a cinema and a theater, three dance floors — one for private parties, one for the sedate and a third for the jivers — and various reception rooms as well as the gambling salon.

Gambling regulations will restrict tables largely to foreigners. Virtually any foreign visitor over 21, who is not drunk, can have a fling.

Conditions for the Portuguese are much tougher. Native gamblers must be over 25 and prove that they are not in government employ or holders of a job in a private firm where they have any responsibility for cash.

Neuberger Says Big Problem is Inflation

Chicago — (UPI) — Senator Richard Neuberger last night attacked "cruel or anachronistic employment policies" which waste "priceless skills and talents" of older American workers.

Neuberger also warned that Americans face inevitable price controls in their battle against inflation. He called inflation "the most serious problem facing the nation."

NOT WORTH TROUBLE

London — (UPI) — The thief who stole a truck loaded with 48 cases of television tubes in suburban Streatham undoubtedly took a dim view of his loot yesterday. The tubes were defective and were being returned to the factory.

Top Arabian Horses Named at SF Show

San Francisco — (UPI) — El Sirocco, owned by Dan McArthur of Salt Lake City, and Amsheh, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Games of Reno, have been named top horses at the all-Arabian horse show in San Francisco's Cow Palace.

El Sirocco was named champion stallion Sunday while Amsheh won top honors as best mare.

Carl Rice, member of the Oregon first aid crew, brought the girl to safety and deputy sheriff Charles Thomas rescued Phillips.

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She offers these tips on some of the special housing requirements of "senior citizens":

Older persons don't want and shouldn't have to care for as much house or yard as a family with growing children.

A one-story house is best, with no more than one or two steps at the entrances. Two-story houses should have a bedroom and bath on the first floor.

Since falls are the number one cause of accidental deaths among persons 65 and over, all rooms and halls should be well-lighted, floors should not be slippery, rugs should lie flat. Bathtubs and showers should have grab-bars. Good fire protection also is essential.

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