

### Motorists Warned About Intersection

Medford officials have again warned motorists of a dangerous practice at the intersection of West Main st. and Oakdale ave.

Public Works Director Vernon Thorpe and Capt. Clyde Fichtner of the police department said that some motorists on Main approaching Oakdale in the right lane insist on driving straight ahead even though this is a required right-turn lane, and so marked.

This practice, they point out, creates a dangerous condition west of Oakdale where Main st. narrows. Capt. Fichtner said that anyone found disregarding the right-turn requirement is to be cited. But both he and Thorpe urged that everyone comply with the law.

### FLORIDA IN CAROLINA

Buxton-on-Cape Hatteras, N.C.—UPI—The year-round climate on the North Carolina Outer Banks is so mild that citrus fruits are grown by the villagers here.

## Writers Compare Education System Between United States and Russia

Editor's note: Much has been said lately about the alleged superiority of Soviet education over American education in this nuclear age, especially at the elementary school level. Following are two dispatches taking a close and timely look at this vital question. One dispatch is the first of a three-part report on what a distinguished U.S. educator found during a recent tour of Russian schools and how he compares them with our own. The second dispatch tells what the Russians themselves think of the newest wrinkle in the Soviet educational program. It was written by a correspondent especially qualified to discuss the subject, since she was a schoolteacher before joining UPI's Moscow bureau.

### By WILLIAM R. TEAGUE UPI Correspondent

Kent, O.—UPI—The present system of Soviet education has much to commend it—but it is not all perfect. It has its defects and serious problems, just as ours does.

This generally sums up the views of Gerald Howard Read, professor of education and comparative education at Kent State University, who has made a close personal study of schools in Moscow and Leningrad.

Read found sweeping changes in the Russian school system—notably a switch toward American policies—but stressed that the U.S.S.R. is by no means a land of faultless, streamlined schools which are busily mass-producing scientific and technological geniuses.

"People point to Russia and say, 'Russia is doing this. We should do this.' The truth is," he said, "Russian schools are plagued with much the same problems we have in America."

Read, who has devoted much of his adult life to a comparative study of education, admitted the Soviets have some good ideas and he praised Russian progress "toward making literate a nation of 200 million."

### Practice Abandoned

He reported that the Russians have abandoned the pre-Revolution practice of shunting out to a labor force one-third of the pupils after the fourth grade.

But while Soviet city schools now have 10-year programs equivalent to our high school education, Read said, a third of the pupils flunk out after seven years and are forced to go to work.

Moreover, under a new plan proposed by Premier Nikita Khrushchev, the basic schooling period would be cut down from 10 years to eight. At the age of 15 or 16, all pupils would be sent to work.

They would be encouraged to continue their general education while working and those who proved to be college material would attend universities full-time after several years of experience in a factory, an office or on the farm.

### Only Seven Years

Read noted that some reports of "the cold war of the classroom" neglect to mention that many Russians have been getting only seven years of schooling.

Read—and some 600 colleagues in the Comparative Education Society which he helped found three years ago—believe such reports mislead the American newspaper reader. The facts, he said, are these:

— There is a classroom

### Youths Arrested For Area Thefts

Three Medford youths, one 17 and two 16, were arrested by Medford police Tuesday in connection with a series of thefts from automobiles in this area.

Two were placed in the Jackson Juvenile Detention home and the third was released to his parents, according to police records.

The youths were involved in thefts of gasoline, tires, wheels, spotlights and batteries accruing since last July, police records show.

shortage in the U.S.S.R. City schools run in two shifts to accommodate the flood of students.

Teachers and students cannot freely seek their own facts. The state has readymade interpretations of all subjects. Guides issued by the Ministry of Education command that by a certain date teachers must have explained such and such a point to young Ivan.

Most teachers do not belong to the Communist party, yet all answers must be consistent with Lenin and Marx. All school supervisors are Communists.

There is discrimination Catholics and Jews cannot teach social science because it is felt they have a loyalty greater than that which they feel toward the state.

And the most common complaint of all: They are not getting the best people to go into education.

"It sounded like home," Read said. "And when they complained that Sputnik priorities kept them from getting enough money in the schools, I could just visualize our state legislatures, with groups jockeying to get more funds."

### (Next: Rigid School Discipline)

### QUIET, PLEASE

Paris—UPI—A leading French physician maintains that man-made noise has replaced germs as the main threat to human health. "Noise has become a real social danger" to the present and future generations, said Prof. Fernand Tremolieres, a member of the French Academy of Medicine. He said that noise cannot only cause psychic troubles but also inflict organic damage leading to such chronic ailments as hardening of the arteries, ulcers and even goiter.

Complete success in the development of producing coke from pitch is reported by Austria's United Iron and Steel Works in Vienna.

### By COLETTE BLACKMORE UPI Correspondent

Moscow—UPI—Nikita Khrushchev's plan to take the Soviet school system out of its ivory tower and bring it down to earth has touched off a nationwide discussion in which the voices of approval seem loudest and most numerous.

The overwhelming majority of this country's citizens apparently agree with their Premier that fundamental educational reforms are necessary if Russia is to adapt to the needs of the future.

How to remodel a school system is not usually the kind of subject which needs people to argue heatedly with each other. But it can and has provoked a great deal of thought here, particularly among teachers, educational administrators, the parents of school age children, and the children themselves.

### Proposal Publicized

The Soviet press, as invariably happens after a major policy statement by the Party leadership, is widely publicizing the Khrushchev proposal.

Likewise on the domestic radio, one hears a lot of what peasants and workers, engineers and academicians think of the new project. Throughout the country meetings have been held to debate the coming reorganization.

All of this public talk is extremely interesting to an outsider. But most interesting is how the Russians are reacting in their family circles and among their friends.

What they have been asked to approve is a plan which would give every Soviet child eight instead of 10 years of basic schooling, and at the age of 15 or 16, send him to work in a factory, and office or on farm.

There he will have the opportunity and be encouraged to continue his general education on a part-time basis and to concentrate on learning a trade or profession.

### Working Experience

Those children who really are college material will be admitted to full-time studies in a university only after two to three years of working experience.

Meanwhile, the secondary school curriculum which now gives youngsters a classical education in the European style is to be revised. Practical subjects like home economics, wood work, the fundamentals of mechanics and of agriculture will take up much more of the children's time than they do at present.

The Soviet school's motto is to become "preparation for useful work" rather than just "preparation for college."

As many Russians realize, there are compelling reasons for such a reform.

### One is to overcome the distaste for physical labor which some members of the younger generation have cultivated during their high school training and in which their parents often support them. Another is to provide Soviet industry and agriculture with the highly skilled, flexible labor which the nuclear technological age will require.

The first reason is of obvious importance to a Communist regime where physical work is publicly exalted and often highly rewarded in monetary and other ways.

The Party has not concealed its deep concern over city-bred teenagers who think it beneath their dignity to operate a factory machine or a tractor and prefer to live idly until they can get themselves installed in a university or a comfortable 9 to 5 desk job.

### Plan Not Welcomed

Those mothers and fathers who foster this attitude in their children—and there are quite a few of them among the white collar workers—do not welcome the Khrushchev plan.

And indeed, if the new system is respected in practice, bribing, "pull," influential references and all the other tricks which parents resort to in order to push their children up the social ladder will become less effective.

Young Ivan and Nina will simply have to make their own way in the competitive Soviet world as best they can.

As Khrushchev himself indicated, there has been considerable criticism of the proposed reform on another much more valid basis.

Many teachers, educational administrators and intellectuals think that the eight-year school system will force youngsters to choose their trades and professions prematurely.

Shortening the basic school program from 10 to 8 years, they say, will interrupt the adolescent's intellectual maturing process and channel many children into work which does not suit them.

These critics would like to see at least a small number of 10-year schools retained so that the more talented teenagers can continue to receive a thorough classical education.

In addition some parents complain that combined work and study is too heavy a load for 16-year-olds and may harm their children's health.

These are all important points which the Party has admitted must be taken into consideration before the new school system is finally adopted and put into effect.

For the most part, however, it looks to an outside observer as if Khrushchev's plan has struck a responsive chord among the Soviet people.

Most of them feel that the best way to teach children to stand on their own feet is to enroll them early in the vast and practical "school of life." There it is said here, they will not only become well balanced adults but also serve the needs of the Soviet state.

### HILTS Girl Scouts Have Party

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN

Hilts—Girl Scout Troop 224 and Leaders Mrs. A. Gerds and Miss Margl Mendes held their Halloween party at the Scout hall recently.

Games and stunts were played and dancing was enjoyed by Scouts Marcia Cavin, Marsha Simmen, Pat Fox, Pamela Mendez, Gayle Ward, Janet Benson, Lee Roy Green and Barbara Rainwater and their guests, Robert Laustalot, David Whittaker, Larry Black, Gary Tallis, David Powers, David Sage, Tom Laustalot and Bobby Sage. Cider and cupcakes were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bernheisel of Happy Camp visited last week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Bernheisel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoyt

of Medford visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Hoyt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thompson, and daughter, Marilyn.

Al Perry made a business trip to Fort Bragg last week.

Plans are being made for the Country Fair to be given on Friday, Nov. 21, at the club house. Tickets are being sold by the school children. The tickets can be used at various booths and concessions.

### 4-H Club News

#### 4-H Busy Bakers

The fourth grade girls of St. Mary's school had their first 4-H meeting of the Busy Bakers recently. They have met every other Monday at the home of Mrs. Jack Rentz, the leader.

Louanna Loffer was elected president, Ramona Rouch, vice president, and Kathy Rentz, secretary-treasurer.

Other members are Mary Ann Snider, Caroline Zarosinski, Lynn Rickman and Molly Ely.

Our first meeting began with learning how to measure foods for cooking. At each meeting one of the members brings a treat which she makes at home.

Lynda Farfan, Reporter

Use Tribune Want Ads

Two-thirds of the peppermint and spearmint oil produced in the United States comes from Indiana.

Lake Erie, most southerly of the Great Lakes, was first clearly shown on a map published in Paris in 1650.

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District Court Case Continued for Decision

The case of Emmitt Gerald Revis, box 346, Eagle Point, on charges of assault and battery Tuesday in district court, was continued until Dec. 22 for a decision.

Revis is charged with kicking a 2½-year-old boy about the head and body on Nov. 13, according to court records. He had previously pleaded innocent to the charges.

Puritans from New England were the first settlers in Newark, N.J.