

Growing Interest Brings Big Demand For Books on USSR

Growing interest, intensified by the recent visit of Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan and the publication of Boris Pasternak's controversial best-seller about a Russian doctor-poet, "Dr. Zhivago," has brought a rush of requests to the Jackson County library for information on all aspects of Soviet life, according to Librarian Helen Webster.

To answer questions, she added, there are a number of readable and informative recent books, such as Irving Levine's "Main Street, U.S.S.R." The author, who is NBC's correspondent in Moscow, gives everyday facts about all phases of life in Russia.

Covered are such diverse areas as television, medicine, de-Stalinization, the Communist party, the economy, transportation, education, and entertainment.

Another recent look at the USSR is John Gunther's 1958 best-seller, "Inside Russia Today," the latest in the author's first-hand reports on the modern world. The book compares the present-day situation to the older Russia Gunther knew. He discusses the new interest in science, the attitude of the Russian people toward America, the youth situation, and the outlook for the future.

Russian Princess

A Russian princess, forced to flee the revolution as a girl, returned to the Soviet Union in 1956 as the wife of a West European diplomat. Speaking the Russians' own language, and winning their confidence, Princess Zinaida Schakovskoy learned much of their life and thought to pass on to us in her book entitled "The Privilege Was Mine."

Other visitors who enjoyed extraordinary privileges were Santha Ramu Rau and her husband, Faubion Bowers, whose command of the Russian language made them independent of interpreters. Santha Ramu Rau views life in terms of people in her book, "My Russian Journey."

Among other recently published books are "A Short History of Russia," by R. D. Charles; "The Challenge of Soviet Education," by George S. Counts; and "God and the Soviets," by Marcus L. Bach. Pictorial works include Alfred Fichelle's "Russia in Pictures," Henri Cartier-Bresson's "The People of Moscow," and the compilation "Views of the U.S.S.R."

A number of books deal with U.S.-Soviet relations. The newest of these is Walter Lippmann's "The Communist World and Ours," which reports an interview with Soviet Premier Khrushchev and analyzes the present state of East-West relations.

In addition there are many other older volumes dealing with all aspects of Russia which are available either from Medford Public Library headquarters or through any branch agency of the Jackson County library system.

Council on Aging Plans Meeting

A general meeting of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Senior Activity Center, 601 East Jackson st. Council members have announced.

A report on the action and discussion of the Oregon State Council on Aging which met in Salem yesterday will be given. The Salem meeting was called to discuss the legislative program endorsed by the Council.

Mrs. Fred Rankin, Medford, state chairman of the community homes committee, will give the report locally. She met with the committee before the general State Council meeting. She expects to visit the state legislature before returning to Medford.



GIVING "V" victory sign in Ventura, Calif., courtroom is Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan as she chats with son, Frank, whose wife she is accused of having hired slain.

Medford Firm Has Two Projects for 100th Celebration

A Medford public relations advertising firm is handling two Centennial projects which are already getting national attention and may well be prime attractions of Oregon's 100th birthday celebration.

William Dawkins and Associates have been retained by the Forest Products Industry's Centennial committee to handle administration, coordination, and promotion of its quarter-million-dollar pavilion and exhibit at the exposition in Portland.

The firm also organized the Missouri - to - Oregon wagon train for On-To-Oregon-Cavalade, Inc., and the Centennial Commission, and is directing both management and promotion for that project.

Dawkins is managing director of the forest industries exhibit, assisted by Ron Schmidt and Mary Erskine in the Dawkins firm's service office in Portland. Richard Carter of the Medford office is directing the wagon train project.

The forest industry exhibit is a joint effort of the entire industry of Oregon. Dawkins said. Construction has begun on a unique pavilion designed by John Storrs, a Portland architect, and the building itself "may well steal the show," according to "Architectural Forum."

The exhibits will be as unique as the pavilion, Dawkins said. Outside the building will be a model tree farm, a children's play area, and an outdoor theater to show in-

dustry films.

Under the roof, the story of the industry will be told in photographs by America's leading photographers, mounted against panels and frames built of Oregon wood products and surrounded by growing small trees and plants from Oregon forests. "Our committee sees the pavilion as a guest house, not shelter for a trade show," Dawkins said.

The wagon train project was conceived by a group of young men in Roseburg, and the Dawkins firm was invited last summer to organize and promote the undertaking. Early this year, the wagon train became an official Centennial project and the local firm was asked to continue in its present capacity by the Centennial Commission.

The train of six wagons leaves Independence, Mo., with the first team handled for a few miles by former President Harry Truman, on April 19. It will retrace the old Oregon Trail, arriving in Oregon in August.

From The Dalles it will float down the Columbia by barge to a point near Portland. Ward Bond, wagonmaster on the television program "Wagon Train," will lead the 1959 "pioneers" from that point into Portland.

CAP Cadets Finish One of Six Tests

Three Civil Air Patrol cadets last week completed a test on one of a series of six books on aviation.

They were First Lt. James T. Reneau, Talent; Second Lt. Viva A. MacManama, Medford; and Sergeant Clarence Push, Rogue River. Upon completion of tests on six books, cadets are presented certificates of proficiency.

Airman Third Class Kenneth Potueck, a former CAP cadet, visited the squadron last Monday. He has been in the Air Force about a year, and is presently on leave. He will be transferred to Okinawa.

Lynn F. Bucklin of the New York Life Insurance company discussed insurance policies at the squadron meeting.

Junior Hi-Y Elects Officers for Year

Jim Covert was elected president of the recently organized Junior Hi-Y club at the Medford Young Men's Christian association. Don Brumhall was elected vice president.

Other officers are Dan Seiberger, secretary; Jim Marrs, treasurer; Jim Lonzway, chaplain; and Bob Stearns, sergeant-at-arms. Other members are Jack Reavis, Jim Myers, Phil Mitchell, Lynn Coffman, Ron Jennings, Gary Fichtner and Randy Hale.

The club was formed by 15 boys from McLoughlin Junior High school who are interested in the YMCA and wish to become junior leaders in classes at the Y.

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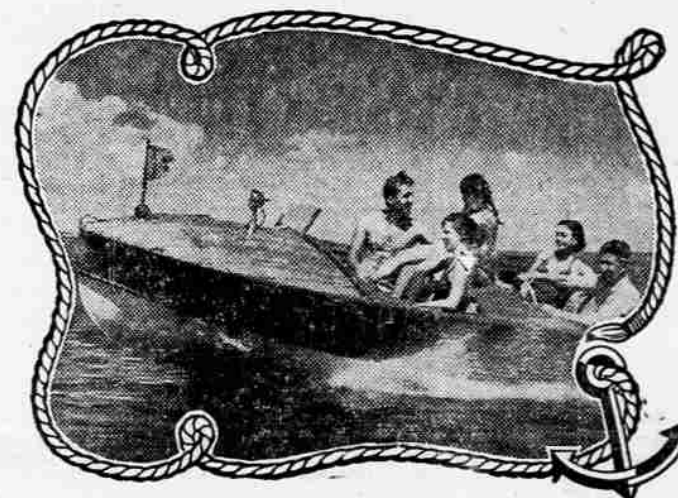
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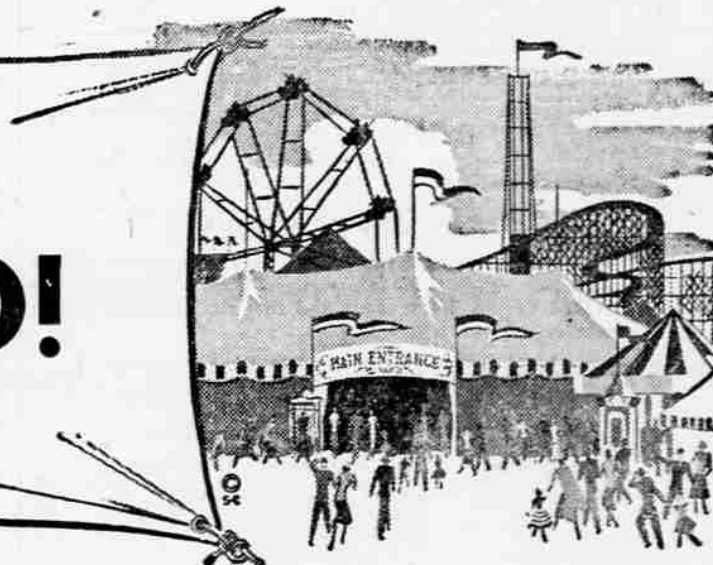
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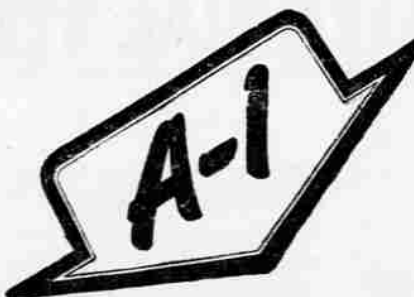
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