

Story of American Negroes in Soviet Magazine Brings Sparks

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Washington - (UPI) - Propaganda sparks are flying in Russia because of the latest issue of "America Illustrated," the Russian-language magazine distributed in the Soviet Union by the U.S. Information Service.

The article which touched off the sparks is a two-page spread of text and pictures depicting the "generally improving status" of America's 18 million Negroes.

The text tells of the dramatic progress U.S. Negroes have made in recent years in income, education and housing. Sample statistics: The average dollar income of Negro workers has gone up 415 per cent since 1940, while the average income of white workers has risen 277 per cent.

Accompanying pictures show mixed Negro and white groups at work in offices and scientific laboratories, worshipping in church, playing basketball, attending school, and participating as equals in civic meetings.

Under Heavy Fire

The article directly contradicted the stereotyped picture of Negro life in America which the Soviet press has assiduously created. It promptly came under heavy propaganda fire from the widely-circulated Soviet youth newspaper "Komsomoles."

"Komsomoles" published a full page spread purporting to show "what the magazine America was silent about." It featured pictures of a white-robed Ku Klux Klansman carrying a hangman's noose, and the body of a lynched Negro hanging from a tree.

The Soviet newspaper also charged "America Illustrated" with "juggling figures" and "hiding facts" in an attempt to "prove that a paradise for Negroes has been created in the United States."

But, it said, "reality tells us quite the contrary."

Gives Lurid Description

It then went on to give a lurid description of "Negro ghettos" in New York, Washington and Chicago, laced with accounts of attacks by "racist hoodlums" on any Negro family which seeks to move into "the prohibited areas reserved for whites only."

U.S. propaganda analysts are intrigued by the vehemence of the Soviet reaction to the "America Illustrated" article.

"It indicates," said one official, "that we drew blood. They wouldn't have been so upset unless a good many Russians were reading—and taking seriously—the articles in America Illustrated."

He said this is the first time the Soviet press has attacked the monthly U.S. magazine since it went on sale in Russia in October, 1956.

Under an agreement negotiated in 1955, Russia permits the U.S. Information Service to sell 50,000 copies of "America Illustrated" in Russia each month. In return, Russia is allowed to circulate in this country an equal number of copies of its English-language magazine "USSR."

"America Illustrated" is sold at news stands in 80 Russian cities at a price of five rubles per copy—\$1.25 at the official rate of exchange. A British newspaper, the Economist, reported in a dispatch from Moscow last month that the U.S. magazine is so popular with Soviet readers that "it is snapped up the moment it appears on the bookstalls and thereafter changes hands briskly at three times the published price."

Uses of Skin-Diving Explained Monday During Roundtable

Skin-diving as a sport and as a commercial pursuit was discussed by Richard Smith of Ashland at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable yesterday.

Joe Walsh, county sheriff, discussed its role in law enforcement.

Smith, whose past diving experience includes demolition and salvage work, related incidents from recovering a dental plate in Shasta lake to releasing logs from the hold of a sunken lumber vessel.

He said that while diving is a fascinating sport it is dangerous too and should not be undertaken without proper education. He cited the case of a youth in California who suffered ruptured eardrums by diving deep with plugs in his ears.

Smith showed the group an official diver's flag—red with a white diagonal stripe—and stated that when a boat displays it others should keep a safe distance away.

He said that while there is not enough underwater work locally to keep him busy all the time he has found some of it very interesting—especially lake poisoning for the state fish and game commission.

Other work in this area, Smith said, includes recovering sunken logs and inspecting sunken boats for insurance purposes.

He discussed the hazards of releasing dry lumber from the holds of sunken ships. When the hatch is opened, he said, the buoyant logs burst out with terrific momentum.

Recovering Bodies
Walsh said diving has proved useful and economical in recovering bodies of drowning victims, and missing weapons and safes. He said a diver can retrieve a sunken safe without the damage caused by other methods.

He said two sets of equipment are now available in the sheriff's office for investigations. The county court, he said, authorized their purchase a few months ago.

Walsh said that Lon Skinner, who introduced Smith to the roundtable audience, had helped interest the court in the value of having this equipment. He said it has just about paid for itself already.

He cited as one example of its use the search for the body of 81-year-old Andrew Kolstad in the Pleasant creek area, during which Deputy

Insects Coming Into Limelight As Crops Planted

Washington—(Science Service)—Insects are coming into the limelight as the days grow warmer and farmers as well as home gardeners begin to pay attention to their crops.

One "outstanding grain insect," the khapra beetle, has even made a first this year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's plant pest control division reported her.

Naturally one of their first ports of sight-seeing call is the White House. This week, with the peak still to come, the kids were lining up on East Executive ave. more than an hour ahead of opening time for their brief tour of the public rooms of the executive mansion.

Most Old Hands
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One morning last week, a policeman beheld a swarm of young boys in the eight-to-ten age group, all wearing the string ties usually associated with fancier dressers south of the Potomac.

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Careless Elephants

Tokyo - (UPI) - A worker reported to an employment agency that he had quit his \$130-a-day job feeding and leading around the elephants at the Tokyo Zoo. "They don't seem to care where they step," he complained. "I'd rather be flat broke instead of just flat."

PLAN LAUNCHING PADS
Vandenberg AFB, Calif. - (UPI) - Nine launching pads for Atlas intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of hurling thermonuclear warheads into Russia will be constructed here, it was announced Monday.

Entitled to Exemption
Processors are entitled to an exemption from the law when they are handling freshly-harvested produce. But the department asserted that Oregon was improperly applying the exemption to subsequent re-packaging of items frozen and stored in bulk.

The department said by the bulk storage procedure "premium labor can be avoided and packaging can be done by the regular crew after the rush season has passed."

The lower court, it added, "will affect many thousands of workers throughout the frozen foods industry."

Standard & Poor's mentions Ryan Aeronautical as a good candidate for a substantial stock dividend or stock split. . . . says Vanraalte earnings are estimated at \$3.50-\$3.75 per share, compared with \$2.72 in 1958, with a hike in \$2 dividend rate likely before year end. . . . lists Lockheed Aircraft as week's "stock for action."

Wall Street Chatter

New York - (UPI) - Edmund W. Tabell of Walston & Co. sees a similarity to the 1953-56 market pattern. Applying it to the present situation, he notes, would project a top around 770 to be reached in a year or so, followed by a distributional period similar to 1956-1957 and, as a sequel, a decline greater than any witnessed since 1937, although probably no lower than the 525 level.

Recent anti-speculation warnings by stock exchanges and brokerage firms may have had something to do with decreasing volume according to Hemphill Noyes & Co., and, if interpreted as signs of a coming change of long range importance, may have influenced some of those responsible for the investment of large sums.

Failure to penetrate the mid-March highs, according to Joseph E. Granville of E. F. Hutton & Co., would leave the market in a vulnerable position and he feels it too early to be conclusive about the ability of the market to sustain the advance long enough to make such an important break-through on this swing.

Four Still Missing From Maryland Jail

Jessups, Md. - (UPI) - All but four of the 34 inmates who escaped from the unwarmed Patuxent Institution for Delinquent Delinquents were back in custody today.

State police continued heavy road patrols in the area after the biggest prison break in Maryland history.

A 300-member manhunt by Monday night had rounded up 30 of the inmates who escaped Sunday night by overpowering two guards and unlocking steel doors.

Some of those who escaped were regarded as highly dangerous but the four still at large were not considered in this category.

Back Stairs: Visitors at White House

Washington - (UPI) - Back stairs at the White House.

With the coming of spring, there's also the coming of children to the White House. They arrive during the spring holidays by the thousands, traveling in school buses and checking in for one or two nights at downtown hotels, six and eight to a room.

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Klamath Water Storage Helpful

Klamath Falls - (UPI) - Stored water is saving the day for Klamath Basin farmers in contrast to surrounding areas facing water shortages in late summer, it was reported here Monday night at the annual water forecast meeting.

Water content of the mountain snow pack is only 65 per cent normal and low elevation snow usually gone, according to W. T. Frost, Oregon snow survey supervisor for the Soil Conservation Service.

Water content of the snow pack on the Klamath Basin water shed averages less than 40 per cent last year and March inflow in the Klamath lake reservoir went below normal for the first time in many years, it was reported.

Walter Jendrzewski, Klamath county extension agent and chairman of the meeting, urged careful water management this summer to conserve stored water as insurance against another short snow year.

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