



'EXCHANGE OF VIEWS'—United Nations Secy.-Gen. Dag Hammarskjöld (left) meets with Secy. of State Christian A. Herter (right) at the State Department in Washington for an "exchange of views" on world problems. In center is Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. ambassador to UN.

Election in Russia Simple Procedure, Correspondent Told

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Moscow—UPI—Yes, Virginia, there IS an election day in Moscow!

When the red flags flutter from apartment house entrances, that means Soviet citizens are trooping to the polls.

To an outsider, an election with only the Communist party on the ballot sounds like a triviality that would pass unnoticed. But actually it's a big social event.

I dropped in at School No. 128 in downtown Moscow to see what a Soviet polling place looks like. The atmosphere was that of a festive occasion.

Sandwich Stand Set Up
A loudspeaker blared Soviet jazz. Upstairs in one of the school rooms a soft drink and sandwich stand had been set up. In another room children could be parked while the voters (18 is the minimum age) went to the polls.

First each person stopped at a table to show his or her identification card. This was checked against a list of eligible voters for the precinct. Then the voter was handed three ballots — about the size of dollar bills — for the supreme (federal), district and city Soviets (congresses). Each ballot bore only one name, the person already selected by Communist party leaders for the job.

Not Even An 'X'
All you have to do is walk to the ballot box, backed by

Navy Reservists Take Duty Tour Along West Coast

During the past winter quarter, 17 officers and men from Naval Reserve Electronics Division 13-5 cruised aboard active Navy fleet ships, and attended various fleet schools along the Pacific Coast, the Navy reserve officer has announced.

Six reservists completed Thirteenth Naval District administration school at Sand Point Naval Air station in Seattle. They are William Bateman, electronics technician third class; Dennis Dibble, yeoman seaman; Robert Hays, storekeeper third class; Robert Larson, electronics technician first class; Floyd Tillman, utilitiesman third class; and Ken Walker, radarman third class, all from Medford.

Four seaman recruits attended two-week boot camp arising in San Diego. They are Larry Malone and John Muller, both of Central Point, Gene Schuder, Prospect, and Ronald O'Neill, Medford.

Virginia Gennings, dental technician first class, of Medford, completed training at Tongue Point Naval station in Astoria, while Frank Elsom, yeoman second class, recently returned from class A yeoman's school at San Diego.

Aboard ships of the active fleet were Lt. Richard Bridenstine and Verl Yates, radio-man third class, of Medford, on the USS Hubbard at Long Beach, Calif.; Gene Shelton, aviation ordnanceman second class, Medford, and Lt. J. G. Russell Johnson, Medford, aboard the carriers USS Bennington and USS Shangri-La; and Lt. Richard Schuchard, Medford, on the USS Onslow at Alameda Naval Air station, Oakland, Calif.

POWER COMPANY FUMES
Wetumpka, Ala. — UPI — The Alabama Power company was less outraged by a small fire in its offices Wednesday than by the principle of the thing. Firemen reported it was caused by a short circuit in a lighting fixture.

State Centennial Building Said To Be Fire Hazard

Portland — UPI — Fire Chief Hal Simpson said that the Oregon Centennial Exposition building at the north edge of Portland is "one of the most hazardous we have for that kind of occupancy."

Up to 20,000 persons are expected to visit the grounds daily this summer.

Simpson gave his estimation at a meeting with William Gaarenstroom, Centennial Commission fiscal officer; Stanley Earl, city commissioner; Dale Gilman, city fire marshal; Howard Traver, Mayor Terry Shruk's administrative assistant and Ray Durford, assistant fire chief. Contract Sought

Gaarenstroom sought a contract from the city to provide fire protection for the Centennial building, formerly the Pacific International building, and for new structures being built on the grounds. The old P-I building once was ordered close as a fire hazard.

Gaarenstroom said he understood "corrections" had been made in the structure to the satisfaction of the state fire marshal.

Gilman replied: "I think he's pretty lenient." He said the city code would require many more alterations before the city could accept fire protection responsibility.

SHE'S HAD IT
London — UPI — The Crew of the cable ship Alert demanded today the 45-year-old vessel be replaced. A crewman said that as he was painting the ship in dock here, his paintbrush went through a rusted steel hull plate.

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a bust of Lenin, and deposit the slips of paper. Not even the task of pulling out a pencil to mark an "X" is involved.

So why have an election day if the office-holders are selected in advance?

A guide pointed out four curtained booths. In each was a chair, table and lamp.

"The election is held so a person has the opportunity to go into the booth, cross out the name on the ballot and write in another. Secrecy is guaranteed," one of the election authorities explained.

I watched a parade of voters — a plump housewife in a fur-collared coat, an army officer, several men in fur caps, the standard Moscow headgear. They didn't even glance at the ballots before dropping them in the box. Not one entered the curtained booths.

Patriotic Gesture
"As you see, not many of our citizens use the booths," my guide said with a smile.

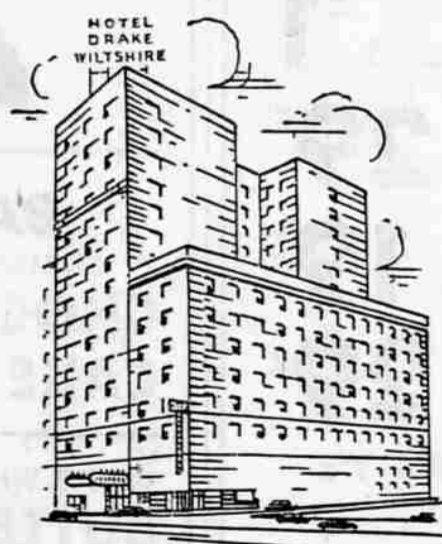
She added that of 2,504 voters in the precinct, 1,955 had voted by noon "because it's regarded a patriotic gesture to be first." By the end of the day (polls are open from 6 a.m. to midnight) 99 per cent would have voted. Nobody waits around for the returns.

Several voters crowded around me to ask how this was different from an American election. With a panicky feeling that the reputation of the West demanded upon me, I tried to explain the primary and final election ballots of the U.S. The voters hung on every word. Their expressions were a mixture of amazement — and pity.

"Why, it sounds so complicated and difficult," one woman said.
"And ours," she concluded triumphantly, "is so easy."

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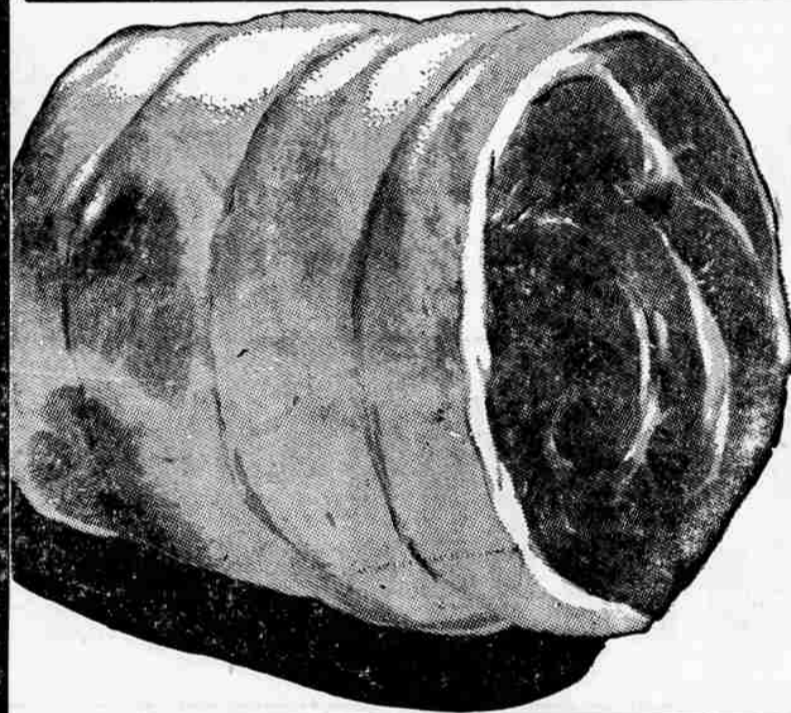
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