

Soviet Manpower Shortage Noted In New Census

Washington—(Science Service)—Far greater than hitherto believed, World War II casualties have resulted in a severe manpower shortage in the U.S.S.R., as revealed in the 1959 Soviet census.

For every 55 females in Russia there are 45 males. The entire disparity lies in the 32-and-over age group, in which there are nearly two women for every man. Numerically, the female advantage is more than 20,000,000 out of a total population of nearly 210,000,000.

Losses Said Higher
Soviet war losses previously accepted by the West totaled about 7,000,000. But, according to the Population Reference Bureau, which published a translation of the census here, losses of two to three

times that number of males "is closer to the actual tragic fact."

Robert C. Cook, bureau president, estimated in the Population Bulletin that Russia might now have up to 40,000,000 more people had it not been for the casualties and a lower birth rate during the war.

"For ten years after World War II," he said, "the U.S.S.R. was almost pathologically secretive about population data . . . The postwar crisis in

manpower might be the key to this secretiveness, because the U.S.S.R. certainly was aware that the demographic (population study) facts would reveal a serious, inherent weakness greatly impairing her bargaining position—a weakness from which she could not quickly recover."

Accounts for Behavior
Cook regarded the manpower situation as possibly being partly responsible for Russia's "bellicose behavior in postwar years as well as her forceful enslavement of satellite countries . . ."

The widespread use of women in all kinds of labor, from street cleaning to medicine, Cook suggested, came as much from necessity as it did from the desire to "emancipate" women.

CLEAN POTS
New York—(UP)—Frozen foods are being packed in plastic pouches that you can boil in water. The advantage is that you can serve a wide range of dishes without dirtying a pot.

Former Circuit Rider To Retire

Denver—(UP)—A minister who once rode 2,500 miles a year on horseback to reach his congregation will retire this summer.

He is the Rev. John L. Spargo, now pastor of Denver's Cameron Methodist church. Back in 1914, when Spargo was starting out in the ministry, he had a circuit of six churches which he could reach only by riding a horse.

Later, he graduated to an automobile and has driven

ADOPT 'SECESSION' BILL
Montgomery, Ala.—(UP)—The Alabama senate Tuesday adopted a bill which would permit schools to "secede" from the state public school system if faced with integration. The measure provides that any school threatened with a racial crisis may withdraw from the school system and set up its own system to be financed with local funds.

There are more than 76,000 part-time teachers in American Institutions of higher learning.

300,000 miles without an accident or a traffic ticket.

WATCH PRESIDENT DIES
Boston—(UP)—Teviah Sachs, 56, retired president of the Waltham Watch Co., died Tuesday of a heart ailment.



WATERFRONT FIRE—Firemen are silhouetted against flames of blazing buildings on waterfront at Newburyport, Mass. The general-alarm fire completely destroyed two warehouses, damaged three homes and forced five families to flee. The fire is believed to have been started when someone threw a road construction flare into an empty warehouse.

Letter Urges Engineers to Consider Gaerky Creek Project

A letter urging the U.S. Army engineers to consider construction of a dam on Gaerky creek has been sent to the Portland office of the corps of engineers by Col. Paul H. Weiland, local sportsman.

Weiland recently led a "show me" tour of Bear creek to emphasize pollution and lack of water in the stream.

His letter reads in part: "The average citizen feels that the present survey being conducted by the army engineers will reveal the answers to all their stream-flow problems. Of course this is not the case . . ."

'Unbearable Mess'
"It is realized that regardless of what is done Bear creek will be an unbearable mess until there is a minimum streamflow of at least 25 cubic feet per second from above Ashland to the mouth."

"It was noted that at each of the irrigation diversion points all water was taken out leaving no streamflow for some great distance . . ."

"Cole Rivers feels that if

Bear Creek is cleaned up and a minimum of 25 cfs streamflow provided that a fishery of 4,000 to 5,000 angler days could be established.

"I figure that about 8,000 acre feet of storage might be required in order to be able to release 25 cfs at Gaerky creek dam site to insure at least 25 cfs below all irrigation diversions at all times.

"I figure that in the worst water year recorded, that is 1934, it would have been possible to store about 5,000 acre feet at Gaerky creek site, however, the run-off the year before was such that there could have been 15,000 acre feet in storage at the end of May, 1933, and the following winter conditions of run-off would have permitted at least a 5,000 acre feet carry over . . ."

"Records indicate that at all other times there would be no difficulty of having at least 8,000 acre feet in storage on June 1."

"The 1927 flood was especially damaging in the center of Medford. The stream runs through the center of the city and through the business district. The 1955 flood was quite damaging and no doubt would have been worse had the stream channel not been cleaned out a few months before."

"I figure that a 15,000 acre foot reservoir at Gaerky creek site would take off about 28.9 per cent off the peak of a flood such as 1955."

"In my opinion the additional flood control afforded by a 15,000 acre foot reservoir at Gaerky creek site is needed and that the benefits of flood control, pollution abatement, recreation and a fishery might be able to justify the project. In case pollution abatement cannot be

used as a benefit it may be that the county could purchase the water for this purpose over a long period of years and thus help pay for the dam . . ."

"In case Lost creek project would not be able to furnish water for irrigation then water from Elk creek and Lake creek projects would probably not be available to furnish water for Bear creek. Further, all the water available from those reservoirs might then be needed for irrigation."

"It is believed that you should consider Gaerky creek dam site as a project and give further study thereof because of this serious pollution problem in a heavily populated valley."

Awards Delayed For School Students

Milwaukee—(UP)—Businessmen in the Milwaukee suburb of Whitefish Bay were so pleased with the success of the local high school basketball team that they bought 16 wallets, one for each of the players and one for the coach.

But when the coach, John R. Plimpton, appeared at the school's athletic awards convocation, he discovered that such gifts are forbidden to amateurs by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

As a result, only Plimpton received his award. Eight of the players got theirs after they graduated but the other seven will have to wait till next year—when they get out of high school too.

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