

Exchange Visits Should Increase, Mayfield Notes

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However, we must judge the official conduct of the Communist leaders on an entirely different basis. History has taught us that they are not to be trusted on the same basis as individual Soviet citizens may be. Even though there are only seven million Communists in the U.S.S.R., at present they completely control and dominate the lives of their citizens.

Creed is Dominant

There is evidence that the ruthless inhuman conduct of the Stalin regime has been eased. However, the "Voice of the People", as we recognize it, is too far back in the shadows to be heard by the Communist leaders. How can it be when their creed clearly states that "The Communist Party has been, is, and will be the sole master of the minds, the voice of the thoughts and hopes, the leader and organizer of the people." Fortunately history records that people do and can change the "political philoso-

phy" of governments. I observed features which an American, as an individual or representing a group, might consider acceptable and even desirable. Yet without exception the price we would have to pay in terms of censorship, controls, loss of freedom and choice would make most of them a poor bargain. This does not mean that we should not continue to explore, examine and evaluate Soviet practices (and those of all countries) in terms of improving and strengthening our way of life. Blind prejudices will not achieve or maintain America's position in the world race for leadership.

Schools "Better"?

Many have asked, "Are the Soviet schools doing a better job than ours?" In terms of quality and on the basis of our objectives NO!

However, in terms of indoctrinating the Communist cause it is apparently at this point very successful. In more moderate terms of quantity, dedication, interest, enthusiasm, and recognition of the importance of education as a means of achieving results, the U.S.S.R. is "crowding us."

Perhaps the Soviet enthusiasm for education lies in the limitation which the Communist party places on accumulation of material wealth. In its place they substituted education as a means of achieving "a capital gain." There is no question about the value of education in the minds of the Communist leaders. Lenin wrote three volumes on public education, Stalin contributed two more, and now Khrushchev's writings are reshaping the Soviet education program.

Financial Support

This is also substantiated in the financial support as taken from their budget expenditures. It was reported that this year 18 per cent of their total budget goes to education and next year it will reach 20 per cent. In comparing total expenditures this is about four times as much as we spend at the local, state, and national levels. So far, it is their aspiration that is posing a challenge to us, and not their achievement.

In conclusion: I returned to America with a profound sense of gratitude to our fathers for the kind of government they founded. My visit to the U.S.S.R. stimulated within me a greater sense of obligation to be alert and aware of the responsibilities of being an American citizen.



MUTE TESTIMONY—A plethora of wooden sleeping populace on Dec. 2. Funeral services for the victims of the terrible toll taken by the bursting Malpasset dam, Frejus, France, on Dec. 4. (UPI Telephoto)

GOLD HILL FFA Initiations Held

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Gold Hill—Four youths from Gold Hill and five from Sams

Valley were among 43 initiated Dec. 2 when the Crater FFA held its annual chapter farmer initiation at the Crater High school library, according to reporter Delmar Smith. Initiated were Clayton Smith, David Gregory, Terry Moehe and Terry Payne, all of Gold Hill, and Delmar Smith, Skip Bogenoff, Dwight James, Donald Mitchell and Jim Walker, all of Sams Valley.

Officiating during the ceremonies were John Castor, president; Donald Denning, vice president; Pete Melstead, treasurer; Donald Ryan, secretary; Larry Ryerson, sentinel, and Dave Foote, acting reporter. Advisor Edward Griggs also participated in the activities.

Guests at the initiation were two Crater High school teachers and three students from Gold Hill Community Methodist church's senior youth fellowship group.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mack recently purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harrison on Highway 99, north. The Harrisons have moved to Central Point.

Former Medford residents Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Morrison, Wenatchee, Wash., are parents of a son, Monty Craig, born Nov. 20. The baby is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs.

Ferd Jones. Mrs. Morrison is the former Myrtice Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Elliott received news that their son John had been promoted to private first class. He enlisted in the Army about a year ago, and is now on duty in Shateuroux, France, in Army transportation. Mrs. Elliott said her son reports having completed high school studies which will entitle him to a certificate equivalent to a high school diploma.

Arriving from British Columbia Dec. 1 for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin was his brother, Philip Martin.

Long time workers of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church will be honored at a potluck dinner Sunday, Dec. 13, at the church.

Joe Pankey returned Dec. 2 from Portland where he had been a patient at the veterans' hospital.

A social evening of cards and various games has been scheduled for Saturday evening, Dec. 12, at the Odd Fellows hall on Fourth ave. to raise funds for treats which will be given to children attending the annual Community Christmas program sponsored each year by Amethyst Rebekah lodge and Gold Hill Odd Fellows lodge.

Cars Damaged in Two Traffic Crashes

Ashland—Two traffic accidents in Ashland Friday and Saturday resulted in damages to three vehicles and a fence and a citation for a 19-year-old motorist. No injuries were reported, city police said. Clearance G. W. Wingham, of Jackson Hot Springs, was cited for failing to yield right of way after his car collided with a Post Office department station wagon, driven by Lawrence F. Rude, 42, of 425 Liberty st., at 3:20 p.m. Friday. Rude was heading west on Siskiyou blvd., while Wingham was attempting to turn north on Morse.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, a station wagon driven by Albert R. Miller, 29, of 1115 Oak st., went out of control while rounding a curve at 539 Clay st. and struck a fence. Police estimated damage to the vehicle at \$500 and that to the fence, owned by F. S. Ramey, at \$100.

OIL SCIENTIST DIES
Cramford, N.J.—Dr. John V. Starr, 57, a scientist and manager of the products planning division of the Esso-Standard Oil Co.'s petroleum specialties department, died Sunday.

He was named chairman for the program. She asked all children in this area who wish to participate in the program to telephone her at ULrick 5-1125.

Man Wants Police To Pay for Auto

Arlington, Va.—UPI—Charles E. Evans, a retired Washington butcher, wants his car back.

Evans claimed Monday the Arlington police department sold the car while he was in jail for driving while intoxicated.

He said police wrote him at his last address they would sell the car if he did not claim it.

Evans charged that although he left no forwarding address, he was on the third floor of the courthouse, a few

hundred feet away, all the time.

When Evans was released he learned the car, a 1950 sedan, had been sold for \$51.

Evans wants the county to pay him an estimated \$310. The Arlington county board has deferred action for two weeks.

FORGETFUL JUDGE

Midland, Tex.—UPI—Judge Bill Hart, busy Monday fining overtime parking violators, forgot his own car and got a ticket for overtime parking.

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