

### Russians 'Solve' America's Air Pollution Worry

Washington (Science Service)—The Russians have figured out why the problem of air pollution in the United States goes on increasingly worse. Soviet scientists are fighting against pollution in the problem.

These scientists are "the rich, living in palaces in suburban villages," in the words of Prof. T. A. Ryazanov of the Institute of Postgraduate Medicine, Moscow.

A translation of his and other articles on air pollution has been distributed by the U.S. Department of Commerce U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Technical Services, Inc.

"Rich" Americans are not bothered by the accumulating gases and dust, but it is "poisonous" among the workers' quarters, he explained in "The Sanitary Protection of Atmospheric Air."

Prof. Ryazanov contends that the "capitalistic bourgeoisie" is interested only in making as much money as possible and is reluctant to spend money to improve the living conditions of the city dwellers. Thus he wraps up an argument concerning why the 100-year-old fight against smoke in the U.S. and England "failed to produce positive results and is, in fact, a failure."

He implies, however, that money-hungry capitalists are shrewd enough to maintain an interest in the problem so that the "poisonous masses" do not become suspicious. Instead, they believe their capitalistic masters are taking positive steps to solve the problem, he said.

What happens in the Soviet Union, however, he reported. A comparison by Prof. Ryazanov of the Russian and Western methods of solving the air pollution problem reveals this difference: The U.S. concerns itself with pollution from homes and household plants and electrical power plants exclusively. This is because industry's contribution to the production of pollution is ignored since industry is in the hands of "rich and industrial magnates."

On the other hand, Soviet hygienists have studied the whole pollution problem in Russia, including the amount of gases caused by different types of industrial manufacturing plants.

### Temperature May Have Role in Sex Of Sea Urchins

Los Angeles (Science Service)—A crazy, mixed-up bunch of sea urchins—sexually, that is—may be the result when nature throws cold water on the life of the spiny creature of the tide pools.

Dr. Richard Boolootian, zoologist at the University of California, Los Angeles, has evidence that temperature may play an important role in sex determination of the sea urchin.

**Bisexual Urchins**  
First of all there is an indication that warm water generally produces more male sea urchins while cold water produces more females. And recently Dr. Boolootian found that in warm water masses subject to wide fluctuations in temperature there was a relatively large number of bisexual sea urchins.

He theorizes that cold shock may be involved in this bisexual pattern of sexuality. Preliminary laboratory experiments tend to bear out this theory of environmental control of sexuality.

Fortunately all this sexual juggling apparently does not work any hardship on the sea urchins. Bisexual sea urchins can fertilize and produce their own eggs. And thus two sexes can literally live happily as one.

**2-Year-Old Girl Sings Mixed**  
Casper, Wyo.—Henry Ferguson, Casper, serving with the Navy at San Diego, Calif., sent a tape-recorded greeting from his family to relatives here.

Ferguson and his 8-year-old son, Bobby, sang "Old McDonald Had a Farm."  
Two-year-old Beverly sang "Jesus Loves Me." She made it through first verse all right. But when it came to the chorus, she used her own version: "Yes, Jesus loves . . . yes Jesus loves me . . . yes, Jesus love me . . . E-I, O."

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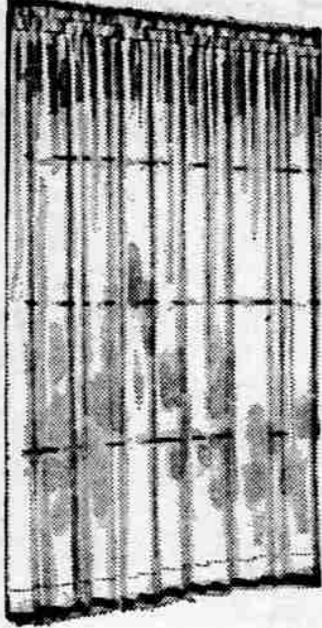
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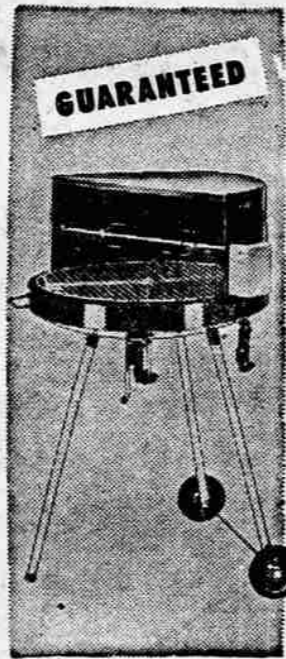
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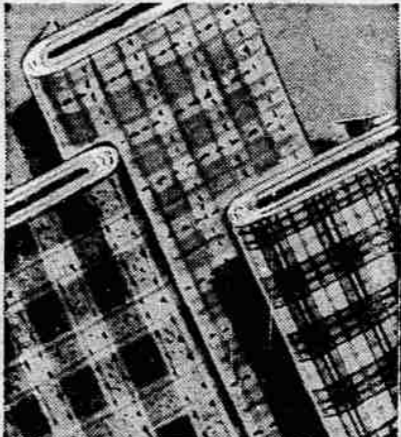
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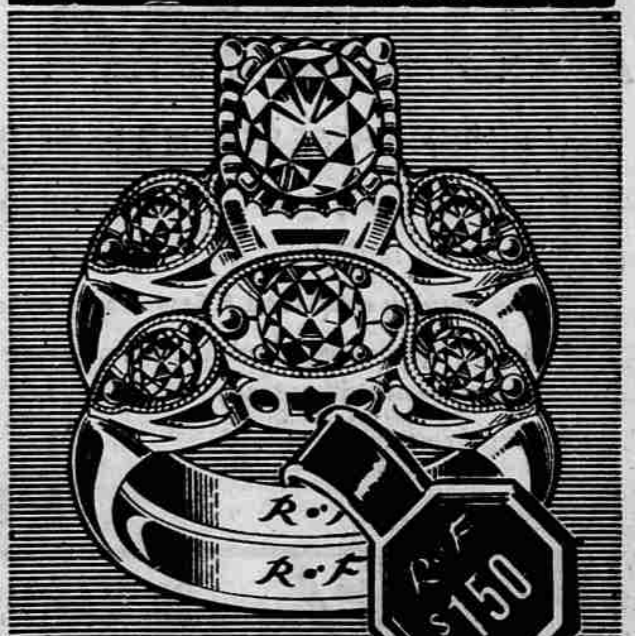
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