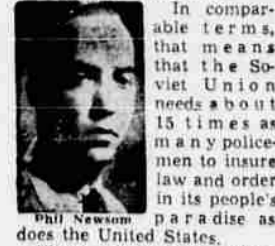


Cops Numerous in Communist Daisy Mountain War in Tennessee Hills Believed Renewed Countries, Some 'Part Time'

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor



It is estimated that one Soviet citizen in every hundred is a part-time policeman.

In comparable terms, that means that the Soviet Union needs about 15 times as many policemen to insure law and order in its people's paradise as does the United States.

These and other revealing statistics dealing with events behind the carefully guarded Iron Curtain have been gathered by Radio Free Europe whose transmitters beam news of the Western world to the captive nations and whose staff also spends considerable time culling through Communist publications and monitoring Communist broadcasts.

The idea of part-time policemen was introduced in the Soviet Union in 1958, and since has been taken up with enthusiasm by the satellite states. In the Soviet Union alone, it is estimated that these people's militia, as they are called, total about 2 1/2 million persons.

May Invade Homes
In the heavy jargon of Communism, their job is to fight against "immoral manifestations" among the people and they have the right to invade private homes in pursuit of their duties.

"Immoral manifestations" run the gamut from the sin of too-free criticism of the regime to absenteeism and larceny on the job.

Working hand in hand with these part-time policemen are the "Comradely Courts" which are informal affairs in which the delinquent worker's fellows undertake to brainwash him.

These courts, too, are widespread throughout the satellites.

The figures revealing the extent to which a police state must go to enforce its discipline also disclose a somewhat less than ideal attitude among many of the workers.

One comradely court dealt with a worker who threw an unfriendly iron bar at his foreman.

Absenteeism Widespread
Many of the cases cited dealt with drunkenness on the job. Others disclosed widespread absenteeism, a reluctance to "volunteer" for overtime work, and a most non-Communist desire to turn a fast ruble on the black market with goods pilfered from the local factory.

In Czechoslovakia, a Comradely Court recently dealt harshly with youths who "under the influence of alcohol partly demolished the public lighting system in the village, smashed the windows of the collective building and overturned three gravestones in

the cemetery, among them that of a Soviet soldier."

A Moscow broadcast which dealt with the building of human character spoke bitterly of shortcomings at a metallurgical plant in Kazakhstan. It told of "loafers" who in the midst of a bitter winter, allowed the heating system to freeze in the workers' settlement.

Charles Harden, 46 and his wife were driving near the railroad depot here Sunday night when a barrage of bullets ripped into their car. Harden was wounded in the left arm.

Mrs. Harden, whose first husband, Raymond Bell, was killed in the feud in 1950, is a member of the Parker family. The Harden home was destroyed by fire several weeks ago.

The bitter feud of Daisy Mountain, 18 miles north of Chattanooga, may have started with the murder in 1948 of 81-year-old John Landgraf who had retired to his cabin on the mountain with a mail carrier's pension.

Next came the ambush-wounding of Theodore (Pap) Parker and wounding of his wife, Ethel. These events touched off at least three other killings.

But the exact cause of the battle between the Parker and Harris clans is not known. The code of the hills—a dead silence—has cloaked the mystery.

An underlying cause of the trouble is a tendency on the part of the mountain people to make their own laws and settle differences with guns

rather than words.

In an effort to explain the feuding concept some cite the ambush of Pap Parker. More than 10 years ago the critically wounded man told officers this story:

"I heard a twig snap in the woods and I looked up. There was a shotgun discharge. It got me in the stomach. Sure I know who did it. I saw him."

Decline To Prosecute
But Willie Lee Harris, a good-looking mountain lad who led the opposing clan, wasn't fingered by Parker.

And later, when Harris was charged in the shooting Parker declined to prosecute. Failure to prosecute has been a pattern in the feud throughout the years, and only a few convictions were obtained in the numerous Daisy Mountain shootings.

The unwritten law almost as old as these hills which calls for an eye for an eye could be invoked again. If it is, fresh blood may be spilled on Daisy Mountain.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

TWO HUNTERS met at the bank of a swirling stream in darkest Africa. Suddenly one started running, and yelling, "Hip! hip!" "Hooray!" amended the other, anxious to get into the spirit of the thing. "No, no," corrected the first. "Hip, hip, hippopotamus."

In her book of memoirs, "Here Lies the Heart," socialite Mercedes de Acosta tells about the time Isadora Duncan led the great Russian ballet star Nijinski, in a mad wait at a Paris ball. She came back to her party exuberant. "What a shame he wasn't my pupil when he was two," she sighed. "Then I could have taught him to really dance!"

Miss de Acosta once wrote a letter to her friend, poet Amy Lowell, and realized after she had mailed it that she had misspelled a key word. So she sent a wire to Miss Lowell reading, "Please excuse me for misspelling a word in my letter." Next day Miss Lowell wired back, "which one?"

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Washington—UPI—House influence investigators today dug deeper into an "improper" contact made with the federal power commission chairman by utility lawyer Thomas G. (Tommy the Cork) Corcoran, one-time New Deal "brain trust."

The investigating subcommittee recalled to the witness stand FPC Chairman Jerome K. Kuykendall.

Kuykendall told the lawmakers Tuesday that he received what he considered an "improper" phone call last October from Corcoran, \$60,000-a-year lawyer for a pipeline firm involved in a gas rate case.

Indications were that Corcoran would be questioned Thursday at the earliest.

Kuykendall and two FPC members who also were contacted by Corcoran, Arthur Kline and William E. Connole, have said their talks with the attorney did not influence their decision in the case.

SHARP IN OKINAWA
Naha, Okinawa—UPI—U.S. Air Force Secretary Dudley C. Sharp arrived here Tuesday night for conferences with ranking U.S. military leaders. Three hours before his arrival, the Ryukyu legislature adopted a resolution denouncing the station of missile bases here.



TO BE TRIED—American flier Francis Powers, pilot of the U2 jet plane which Russia says it shot down May 1, is shown in Moscow. The State Department announced that Russia had notified the U.S. that Powers will be "brought to account" for his flight. Officials have interpreted this to mean that Powers will be tried on espionage charges. (UPI Radiotelephoto)

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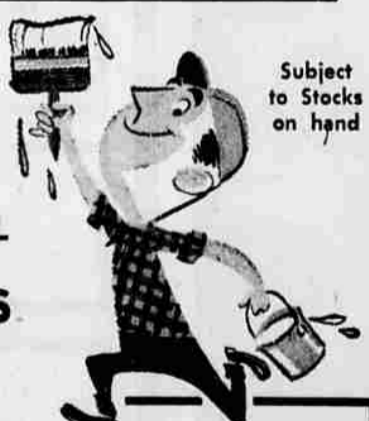
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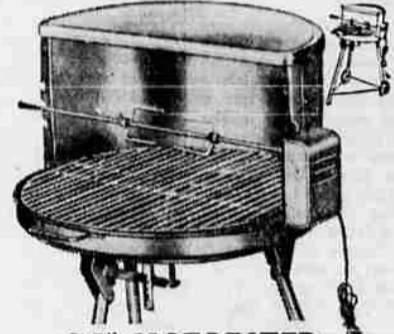


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