

Russian's High Living Costs Compared To U.S. Worker

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New York — If a Moscow worker should lose his shirt, he'd have to work 15 hours to make enough money to buy a new one.



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take sugar. An American works three minutes to make money to buy one pound of granulated sugar.

In Moscow, the worker toils one hour and four minutes to buy his pound. That's 61 minutes or 2,000 per cent more.

Wall Streeters, scanning the list which carries columns on the time the New Yorker and Muscovite must work for various items, concluded that here is a major reason Khrushchev scuttled the Summit Conference.

According to the market men, the Soviet premier's action in Paris and his recent bellowing represents a big

noise to take the minds of his peasants from the good things the workers take for granted in the United States.

Consumer Costs Compared
The conference board used as a base for New York pay, \$2.17 an hour. For the Russians it used four rubles an hour. Moscow prices were based on information in the Soviet press.

The list contains only standard necessities and doesn't even mention the electrical appliances we have in profusion, or the automobiles, motor boats, homes with flower gardens, and myriad others the Russians just can't get at all.

The Moscow worker can buy food and clothing. If he wants to buy his wife a rayon dress, he has to work 73 hours and 30 minutes to get enough rubles together. The American in New York works four hours for the same dress. The Russian's work time is 1,500 per cent longer.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

June B.—I want my stepfather to give me away in marriage.

Mrs. J. E.—People will think we don't know any better.

June B.—My parents were divorced when I was 4 years old. They both remarried and I have always been much closer to my stepfather than my real father.

Now I am about to be married. I want my stepfather to give me away. My mother and everyone else is against me. They say it wouldn't be proper, but I don't care much about convention or etiquette. I just know how I feel.

I hate him and would rather not even invite him to the wedding.

Mrs. J. E.—June has always been such a problem with her outlandish ideas. She's always gone in for doing just the things that's going to upset everyone and make them look at us as if we're dopes and don't know any better.

I have cried my eyes out over this thing, but June won't pay attention. I just know everybody is going to blame me and it's not my fault at all. June has always been antagonistic toward her father. I don't blame her. He's been a heel, but for the wedding we must do the right thing.

4-H NEWS

Reese Creek Renegades
May meetings of the Reese Creek Renegades 4-H club were held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

Kaper Kids Dairy Goat Club
The Kaper Kids Dairy Goat 4-H club held its ninth meeting at the home of the leader, Mrs. Don Lindstrom, recently.

Wise Deer Knows Where There's Food
Camp Ripley, Minn. — If a deer in this vicinity has game biologists scratching their heads.

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TOP SALESMAN—Floyd (Mac) McCollom, above, appliance salesman for Sears Roebuck and company, Medford, has been notified that he is one of the top sales producers of Kenmore appliances in the nation. He is shown above as he contemplates a free vacation trip to Chicago, a gift from the company.

Water Customers In City to Get Folder With Tips

Customers of Medford's city water department this week will receive folders from the department which contain tips on water conservation and the proper care of lawns during the summer months.

The folder points out that although there will be enough water from Big Butte springs for the city's needs this summer, there is a problem in distributing it all over town where and when customers need it.

- 1. When a fire siren sounds turn off lawn sprinklers and other non-essential water uses during the emergency. This will help provide more water at better pressure for fighting fires.
- 2. Open hoses are not allowed. An open hose robs pressure from sprinklers and from neighbors' houses. Always use a nozzle or sprinkler.
- 3. The use of water through a hose for sprinkling streets is not allowed under any circumstances.
- 4. Lawns need regular feeding for a healthy turf. Often times lawns are literally drowned with water and are still yellow and unhealthy when what is needed is proper fertilizer.
- 5. Lawns should be mowed at least 1 1/2 to 2 inches high. Cutting too close weakens the grass. Keep the mower sharp; dull mowers tear off the grass rather than cut it, giving the lawn a bleached appearance.
- 6. Waste of water can be stopped and money saved by being careful not to allow water to run to waste down sidewalks, streets or gutters as a result of sprinkling lawns, gardens or parking strips; and by repairing all plumbing leaks and closing faucets when they are not being used. Water for air coolers of the evaporative type should be carefully controlled. Waste water costs just as much to deliver as water that is used.
- 7. Water lawns thoroughly to a depth of 8-12 inches once a week or oftener, if necessary, to encourage deep root growth. This actually requires much less water than light daily sprinkling. Apply water only as fast as the soil will absorb it.
- 8. Use a sprinkler which will cover a large area from

Building Permit Value Is \$389,778

A total of 138 building permits having a total valuation of \$389,778 were issued in the city of Medford during May, according to the building department's monthly report.

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Most High School Graduates Attend College in Oregon

Portland—The majority of Oregon high school graduates go on to college in Oregon and schools in the state system of higher education get the biggest number.

This is the conclusion of a study conducted for the high school-college relations committee of the state board of higher education by Guy Lutz, research assistant with the committee.

All but two public high schools in Oregon participated in Lutz's study. Also included was one private school. The survey was made during high school visitations which started in October and ended in February.

The study, which involved the top 10 per cent of the Oregon high school class of 1959, shows that the larger the school, the more likely the top students are to continue their education. Also revealed by the study is the fact that more girls than boys rank in the top 10 per cent of the class.

A similar survey is planned for the class of 1960. Francis B. Nickerson, executive secretary of the high school-college relations committee, said. Plans call for an annual survey of the top 10 per cent of high school graduates in the state each year, he added, to find out where Oregon's brightest students are spending their first year after high school.

Lutz points out that the figures show that the smaller the school, the higher the percentage of top students who stop their education to take a job or to get married.

Among those continuing their education, Lutz found that almost 47 per cent are enrolled in public colleges in Oregon. Some 14.4 per cent are attending independent colleges in Oregon, while only 16.9 per cent are enrolled in out-of-state colleges and universities. Of the top 10 per cent of last year's graduates, 22 per cent are working, married, attending trade schools, in military service or other fields.

For the purposes of the study, high schools were divided into three classifications. "A" schools are those graduating 75 or more seniors. "B" schools graduated 35 to 74 seniors, while "C" schools graduated under 35. In the "A" schools, 79.8 per cent of the top 10 per cent of the class are continuing their education, with 45 per cent attending schools of the state system of higher education. Of the remainder, 8.1 per cent are working, while 5.5 per cent are married.

A total of 1,629 graduates from 214 high schools were covered in the study. The boys numbered 525, while 1,104 girls were included. Of the boys, 91 per cent, or 478, are enrolled in college, while 71.8 per cent, or 793, girls are continuing their education.

Additional copies can be obtained upon request at the Medford Water Department offices in the city hall.

Golfers Likely Lightning Targets
Kent, O.—Golfers are advised to hit the dirt or dive for a ditch if hair stands on end during a thunder storm.

All golfers are fair targets on open fairways when earth charges try to unit with electrical charges in the clouds, according to a warning from the Davey Tree Expert Co. Tall objects—steeples, trees, homes and you, when you're in the open—are likely targets under these conditions.

Broadway Shows Virtually Killed
New York — A spokesman for the League of New York Theatres said today that Broadway shows have been virtually killed for the summer by the dispute between actors and producers.

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