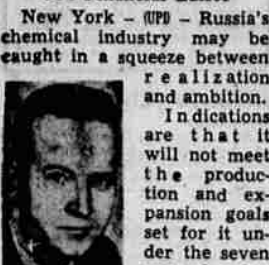


Russian Chemical Production May Not Meet Seven-Year Goal

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New York — (UPI) — Russia's chemical industry may be caught in a squeeze between realization and ambition.

Indications are that it will not meet the production and expansion goals set for it under the seven year plan due for completion in 1965, according to the latest issue of Chemical News put out by the Manufacturing Chemists' association.

The USSR is the world's second largest chemical producer, its output rated at about 30 to 40 per cent of the U.S. production.

But while the present Soviet seven year plan probably will not reach its goal, Russia's output at its present rate of growth could overtake ours by 1980, the publication said.

Rapid Soviet Growth

The Soviet growth rate averaged 15 per cent from 1950 to 1958, according to their statistics, while the U.S. chemical industry grew by 5 to 6 per cent annually during the same period.

In 1959 and 1960, Chem-

ical News noted, Soviet chemical output grew 10 and 12 per cent, respectively, as anticipated, but this is well below the average annual gain needed to reach the 1965 goal.

Should the Soviet industry gain at an annual rate of 10 per cent for the next five years, the 1965 goals will be only about two-thirds fulfilled and chemical production will be equal to about half the U.S. output.

Goals of the seven-year program outline a twofold increase in synthetic fibers, a sevenfold hike in plastics and synthetic resins output, and nearly a threefold rise in synthetic rubber.

Chemical News said progress has been slowed by several major problems, the most important of which are inadequate production, particularly of synthetic organic chemical products; use of much obsolete technology; inability to develop and commercialize new chemical processes as rapidly as needed; and lack of sufficient mechanization and automation.

Help from Abroad

Because of these difficulties the Soviet plan relies heavily on the purchase of chemical plants and know-how from abroad.

Practically all new production of the synthetic organic

chemical called for in the plan is to be based on two raw materials — oil refinery gases and natural gas, according to the report.

But, it added, the rapid development of processes utilizing these materials has been a weakness of Soviet research and technology. And the creation of a modern organic chemical industry would, of necessity, be slow, and without Free World assistance, impossible of attainment quickly enough to meet the rapidly increasing demand for synthetic products.

Aware of this, the publication stated, Khrushchev in 1958 requested U.S. assistance in building up the Soviet chemical industry. The U.S. chemical industry at that time opposed the sale of plant and advanced technology to the Russians, and still maintains that position today.

Poulson Ordered To Produce Records

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Mayor Norris Poulson has been ordered to produce his financial records at a deposition hearing Thursday in connection with a \$2.2 million slander suit filed against him by Samuel W. Yorty.

Yorty's lawyer, Phil Silver, obtained the order from County Clerk Harold J. Ostly. Yorty claimed he was slandered by Poulson during the mayor's April 5 press conference when he said the former congressman was supported by underworld characters.

Silver said the financial records of the mayor are needed to determine the amount of punitive damages Yorty may receive.

Financial matters also were spotlighted in the mayoralty race after Yorty questioned where Poulson obtained money for a 390-acre ranch near Baker, Ore.

TWO APPOINTED

Salem — (UPI) — Senate President Harry Boivin has appointed Sens. Robert White, (R-Salem) and E. D. Potts, (D-Grants Pass) to the State Emergency Board, the legislative body that passes on emergency money requests between legislatures.

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WINNER—Lana Green, 18, has been crowned Miss San Francisco. The 35½-23½-35½ brunette will represent the city in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. (UPI Telephoto)

Priest Accused of Allowing Gambling At Church Bazaar

Groves, Tex. — (UPI) — There are times when Dist. Atty. W. G. Walley would rather dig ditches for a living, or just about anything else. And this is one of them.

"This case is just about as touchy as they come," Walley said today.

It started with the bazaar Sunday at the Roman Immaculate Church. It's an annual event the church holds to raise funds to pay off the church debt.

The Rev. Charles R. Johnson, pastor of the Wheatley Memorial Baptist Church, had a gambling charge filed against the Rev. B. J. Marino, pastor of the Catholic church, for letting games of chance run at the bazaar.

Delicate Situation
It's a delicate situation. And the way Walley looks at it, no matter what happens, he stands to be a loser.

There are more Catholics in Groves than there are in many sections of Texas, and any disposition of the case is likely to make somebody unhappy.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson went to Father Marino's bazaar to look for gambling. Father Marino said he ordered the Rev. Mr. Johnson to leave because he considered him "undesirable and looking for trouble."

The Rev. Mr. Johnson said Father Marino told him—and he has witnesses—"you get the hell off of my property."

"I didn't say anything at all," the Rev. Mr. Johnson said. "I didn't file any complaints. Dist. Atty. Walley filed the complaint... at my request."

"We've done it (run bazaars) for 15 years and nobody has complained before," Father Marino said.

Selling Lottery Tickets
"He was selling lottery tickets, spinning a wheel for silver dollars and pitching pennies for a payoff... and that's against state law," the Rev. Mr. Johnson charged.

"He and his congregation sold their raffle tickets on a new automobile to a 15-year-old boy who is a member of my congregation."

Walley has ordered a full investigation of the gambling charge. He said his assistant, John Dewitt, would make a report before any decision was reached on whether to prosecute.

"He will talk to witnesses and do some briefing before we decide what action will be taken," Walley said.

"We will handle this as a routine case just like any other case of this nature — to the best interests of both the people of Groves and the two parties involved."

Measure For Four Bridges Tabled

Salem — (UPI) — The Ways and Means committee Tuesday tabled a bill asking \$7 million in bonds for bridges at Oswego, Ontario, Dayton and Albany.

This means the end of the measure unless proponents can muster enough support on the floor to bring it out.

The bill had passed the Senate.

The committee approved two more 1962 interim studies. One creates an interim committee on social problems. This group would study divorce and sex offenders. A sum of \$15,000 was allocated.

An appropriation of \$10,000 was approved to let the Legislative Fiscal committee study public welfare.

Merger of Packing Firm Receives OK

Astoria — (UPI) — Merger of Columbia River Packers Association Inc. into Castle & Cook Inc., of Honolulu, has been approved at a special meeting of CRPA stockholders.

Castle & Cook shareholders recently approved merger of Dole Corp. and CRPA into Castle and Cook.

Terms provide for CRPA to transfer its assets to a new Oregon corporation to be known as Bumble Bee Seafoods, Inc. The new corporation will have the same board of directors, same officers and management as CRPA.

Farm Production In Alaska Grows; Much Shipped In

Washington (UPI) — Agricultural production is growing rapidly in Alaska, but an agriculture department study reports that the state's farmers supply less than 10 per cent of the food consumed there.

Receipts from the sale of Alaska's farm products totaled \$3.5 million in 1959. This was less than 5 per cent of the revenue from the fishing industry, Alaska's largest private source of income. The value of farm products sold, however, doubled between 1949 and 1959.

Total 23,000 Acres
Cropland in Alaska totaled about 23,000 acres in 1959, nearly double the acreage in 1949. There were only 6,450 harvested acres in 1949.

There were 367 farms in Alaska in 1960. About half of these were parttime farms, with the operators working 100 or more days off the farm. The average value of land and buildings per farm was about \$43,000 in 1960, up from \$12,500 in 1950. The department said most Alaskan farms operated by fulltime farmers have electricity, tractors and other equipment and conveniences.

The study indicated that in some areas of Alaska, it is cheaper to import even perishable products than to produce them locally. Milk, potatoes, eggs, and fresh vegetables are Alaska's principal farm products. Farmers generally market their products jointly through a farmers' cooperative or individually, selling directly to retailers and consumers.

Extra Costs
There are few assemblers, processors and other dealers in locally grown farm products. Generally, products are not shipped from the producing area. Extra shipping costs incurred by all imported foods make retail food prices higher in Alaska than in other states. Locally produced food products also bring relatively high prices. Farmers' costs also are higher than those of farmers in other states.

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Hatfield To Speak In San Francisco

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