

Servicemen American Travelers Continue to Visit Russia in Numbers

ATTEND SCHOOL

Miss Judith D. Minear, daughter of Mrs. Bert Insey, 605 Elkader st., Ashland, will report to the Naval Training center, San Diego, Calif., later this week after spending two weeks leave with her mother.

Miss Minear, a WAVE in the U.S. Navy, graduated earlier this month after receiving her recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training center, Bainbridge, Md.

Miss Minear will attend dental technician school at San Diego.

Moscow — American travelers have continued to visit the Soviet Union in increasing numbers despite the case of the auto traveler arrested last year as a spy and an official barrage of angry words about Berlin and other matters.

An American travel expert said that the increase in American tourists appears to be about 10 per cent over last year, as the tourist season enters its final quarter.

Exact figures of Western tourists travel to the Soviet Union will not be available until the end of the year. But the expert said it appears

now as if British and French tourists may have declined somewhat, as compared to Americans.

International Meetings

What seems to have boosted American travel to the Soviet Union has been numerous international gatherings.

These included the Tchaikovsky Music Competition in May, the World Congress for Disarmament and Peace and the Eighth International Cancer Congress in July, the expert said.

The 5,000 delegates to the cancer congress posed such a housing problem during one of the main tourist months

that "Intourist," the Soviet travel agency, created a special department to find rooms. The International European Meat Conference here in August and the Wine Growers International Conference in Tbilisi in September are also expected to bring a further jump in tourism.

SWITCH IN TIME

San Francisco — The Southern Pacific Railroad has been watching its switches for 107 years; now it's switching its watches. The railroad's conductors, engineers and other operating personnel who have timed the carrier's operations with bulky pocket watches since the line's inception, have just been authorized to "go on wrist watch time."

Vladimir Babkin, manager of the American and British department of "Intourist," said that American tourism declined somewhat last year, possibly because of the strained international situation after the Berlin Wall was constructed in August.

The Soviet travel authorities, he said, were preparing this year for a marked increase of American tourists, perhaps by as much as 20 per cent.

Of the 700,000 tourists who visited the Soviet Union last year, 12,000 were Americans. This compares to 13,000 tourists from the United States in 1960.

Last year's tourist season was somewhat marred by the arrests of a number of auto travelers on charges of espionage.

These included four West Germans, two Dutchmen and an American student, William M. Makinen who was arrested in Kiev on July 27, 1961. No arrests have been announced this year.

This February, "Intourist" announced that it would no

longer take automobile bookings to the Soviet Union. It gave lack of accommodation as the reason for the decision.

Babkin said the situation regarding car travel to the Soviet Union has not changed. But he said "several dozen" tourists, including Americans had travelled to the Soviet Union by car because they made their reservations before February.

New York — UPI — About 4.5 million cars are now equipped with safety belts, compared with 2.5 million a year ago, according to the Auto Industries Safety Committee.



KING AND QUEEN—These two senior citizens have been named king and queen of the Iowa Nursing Home Association convention, held at Des Moines. Louie O. Clark, left, of Nevada, is 100 years old, and Mrs. Phoebe Ann Scott, Des Moines, is 92. Both obviously enjoyed the ceremony. (UPI)

Path of Beef From Foodlot To Counter Keeps Prices High

Washington — It may be something of a jolt to pay \$1.20 a pound for T-bone steak at the retail counter when choice steers on the hoof sell for about 25 cents a pound.

Does the difference — 95 cents — go to pay for the cost of marketing beef?

No, indeed, is the U.S. Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service. Marketing margins for beef add up to about 30 cents, according to ERS. That plus the farm price of 25 cents makes 55 cents.

The other 65 cents is hidden in statistical averages on the farm and at the retail counter.

Not All Steak
Look at it this way. On the farm a 1,000-pound steer is worth 25 cents a pound, but it's not all steak. Some 550 pounds of the animal end up as hide, liver, heart, fat, bone, and even waste. For this part of the steer the farmer gets less than 4 cents a pound. But for the 450 pounds that will end up as beef on the retail counter, he averages about 50 cents a pound.

At the other end of the line, the retail price for all cuts of this choice beef averages 80 cents a pound. The 30-cent difference covers all that happens to beef on the way from foodlot to retail counter.

To spell it out step by step, the farmer gets 50 cents a pound for the 450 pounds of meat sold at retail. The packer gets around 10 cents a pound for his services, and the retailer 20 cents. Now, according to ERS, add another 40 cents as the cost of a taste for steak and there is \$1.20.

Willing To Pay
Many who like good steak are willing to pay for it — 70 cents a pound more than the farm value of the meat. It takes about 1,000 pounds of steer to put 30 pounds of T-bone, porterhouse, or club steak on the counter. The high price keeps people's tastes for steak in line with supply.

At the same time, the steer yields 150 pounds of hamburger and stew meat. This can be purchased for 58 to 60 cents a pound, just a little more than what the farmer got for the meat part of his animal.

Aside from steak and hamburger, a carcass of beef is made up of about 90 pounds of chuck steak, 40 pounds of rib roast, 30 pounds of sirloin, 20 pounds of rump roast, and 70 pounds of round steak.



TOWERS FASCINATING—Inge Schilling, one of the stars of the Ice Follies, is fascinated by the 60-story twin towers of Marina City at Chicago. Inge, a native of Berlin, and her husband, Willie, new members of the Ice show, are on their first visit to the Windy City. (UPI)

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