

# Libraries in Russia Said Crowded; Some Volumes Missing

Chicago—Soviet libraries are crowded, an exchange library group of Americans has found, and one reason is that home conditions are too congested for the enjoyment of reading.

This and other interesting facts on Russian reading habits was disclosed in the American Library Association report compiled from the experiences of seven Americans

who toured the Soviet Union on a month-long mission during the spring of 1961.

**Required to Ask Help**

Book borrowing habits and access to collections vary widely with the status of the reader, and only "a small proportion" of the books are accessible on open shelves. The proportion is increasing, the touring group noted.

One Soviet practice parti-

cularly interested the delegation, and that was the practice of reserving the author catalog for staff use only. Time and again it was found that if a reader wanted a book by a specific author, he was required to ask the help of the library staff. The staff member would then look up the call number and location of the volume in the author catalogs that were closed to the public.

The delegation told of their visit to the Lenin Library (the great national library of the Soviet Union) and "even there found missing" some authors whose works were objectionable to Soviet authorities. "It was assumed," the group said, "that such books were kept in the special closed section which has its own catalog." This collection is called "spetskhran," and is a common feature of large Russian research libraries.

The report noted that the Russian government had issued several decrees governing libraries and their services. On the latest one, issued in 1961, a Pravda editorial reported: "Libraries must become genuine centers for the mass propagation of political, educational, scientific-technical, agriculture and professional knowledge. They should be the fulcrums for the party organizations in the communist education of the workers."

**Emphasis on Services**

The American delegation found that Soviet libraries placed major emphasis on readers' services, in their role to disseminate media for social education and political

propaganda.

Reading rooms in Russian libraries were found to be well occupied with students as well as serious adult readers. The trend of matter was toward scientific, technological and other nonfiction books. "The demand for foreign literature, especially for language train-

ing, is conspicuous," the group reported.

The delegation found that Soviet libraries distributed reading lists of every kind, which aided in the improvement of education. Some of them were cultural—they promoted the reading of literature and the arts; other lists

were social and political—they helped to make loyal citizens. Another list, perhaps the largest of all, was technical—they help to make people useful.

Hours of many libraries were generous and adjusted to the needs of the workers, the Americans said. The larger institutions were open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day, including Sunday. But they were closed Thursdays. Academic libraries remained open from 8 or 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day of the week—except for five national holidays.

### Publicized by Posters

Most of the libraries visited were found to offer, in addition to lectures and foreign language classes, concerts, book reviews, and author nights. These were publicized by posters in newspapers, and on radio and television.

The American library group covered 5,500 miles during their month long stay in the Soviet Union. They started the tour after a similar tour of American institutions by four Soviet librarians.

The delegation included Melville J. Ruggles, vice president, Council on Library Resources, Inc., Washington, D. C.; Raynard C. Swank, Dean, school of librarianship, University of California; David H. Clift, executive director of ALA and chief of the delegation; Mrs. Frances L. Spain, (then president of ALA), librarian, Central Junior College, Ocala, Fla.; Emerson Greenaway, director, The Free Library, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sallie J. Farrell, director, field services, Louisiana State library, Baton Rouge, La., and Rutherford D. Rogers, deputy librarian of congress.



**KICKED BY HORSE**—Richard Wittner, 19, a civilian employee of the New York Police Department, receives treatment for a gash on the chin after he was kicked by a frightened horse while leading some 30 mounts out of a burning stable on Manhattan's lower West Side. (UPI)

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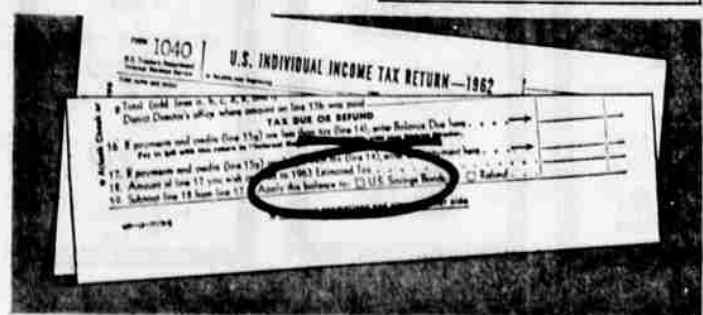
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Receiving contracts to build the 230,000-volt, 99-mile-long line were: R. C. Hughes Electric Co., Inc., and Power Line Erectors, Inc., of Spokane, \$294,017, for part of the line between Salem and Gates; Charles T. Parker Construction Co. of Portland, \$1,481,272, for a 44-mile section of the line across the crest of the Cascade mountains; and Rasmussen-B-E-C-K, Inc. of Sunnyside, Wash., \$214,813, for part of the line through the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Materials and property acquisition for the project were expected to cost \$5,895,048. A spokesman for PGE said the contractors were scheduled to complete their

### Budget Dollar's Division Shown

Washington — AP — Here is how President Kennedy proposes to cut up the budget dollar for fiscal 1964:

- National security and space — 51 cents.
  - Social Security, health and welfare — 23 cents.
  - Interest on national debt — 6 cents.
  - Veterans — 5 cents.
  - Agriculture — 5 cents.
  - All other — 10 cents.
- Where the money comes from:
- Individual income taxes — 38 cents.
  - Corporation income taxes — 19 cents.
  - Employment taxes — 14 cents.
  - Excise taxes — 11 cents.
  - Borrowing — 8 cents.
  - All other — 10 cents.

### U of O Enrollment Shows Student Rise

Eugene — Enrollment at the University of Oregon reached 8,793 Monday at the close of the regular registration period for the 1962-63 winter term, the registrar's office reported.

This compares to 8,149 registered at the same time in the 1961-62 winter term, or an increase of 8 per cent.

Many students are still applying for registration by special petition after the deadline. Clifford Constance, university registrar, estimated the final winter term registration would total about 8,900.

**MANY-SIDED MENACE**

Milwaukee, Wis. — AP — The county board's judiciary committee has recommended rejection of \$70,000 in damage claims filed by residents living near General Mitchell airport because of low-flying jets. The charges included one that a person contracted hepatitis, two mother ducks left 46 eggs unattended, washed clothes were dirtied, television programs were blacked out, garden crops destroyed and homes made unrentable.

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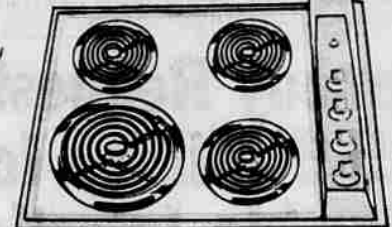
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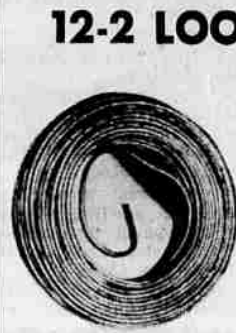


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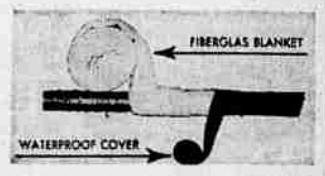
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