

Russian Cartoon Gives Hackneyed Image of Trouble

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Washington—UPI—The cartoon shows a young Negro student being stopped by police at the entrance of an American university. In the background is a crowd of angry racial segregationists wearing fiery crosses and signs which read: "There's the Nigger," "No Colored Allowed," "Lynch Him," "We Want Segregation," and "Colored Man On Your Knees."

Pointing to the signs, a paunchy, scowling sheriff stops the Negro and sneers: "So you want to study at the university, huh? But you can't even read!"

The drawing was published in the Russian cartoon book "Krokodil" (Crocodile). It was but one of many illustrations on America's racial unrest which have appeared in Soviet publications during the last year.

The cartoon illustrates Moscow's growing preoccupation with the U.S. Negro civil rights struggle. The upsurge of demonstrations during the last few months has provided Soviet propagandists with ample material to test their satiric skills, poison pens and caustic rhetoric.

New commentaries, poems, pictures and cartoons are appearing regularly in such Soviet publications as Izvestia, the government newspaper; Krokodil, and Peretz (Pepper), humor magazines, and New Times, a world affairs journal.

Vicious Picture
As a result, the Soviet people are receiving a stereotyped image of America's racial troubles represented by a bruised Negro being dragged off to jail by gestapo-like white policemen armed with billy clubs and aided by vicious dogs.

As an example, Izvestia last June 2 carried three large news pictures on its front page. They were headlined, "The bestial grin of racialism."

The photographs showed firemen spraying Negro demonstrators with hoses, Negro women being dragged by their feet to police cars, and an angry crowd of demonstrators with fists raised high.

In a more recent illustration, Krokodil devoted two pages to a lengthy poem entitled, "Christ In Alabama," and a 12-by-7 inch picture of a racial incident in Birmingham.

In the picture, a policeman held a demonstrator in a hammer-lock grip while other police stood watching with German-Shepherd dogs. The periodical noted the "Christian embrace" on the Negro and described how the spirit of "brotherly love" had come to Birmingham.

Russians Taunt
"Look about you," Krokodil said. "In front of us is an open scroll of God's manner of Christian love: You see corpses, instruments of torture, burning streets and pavements of blood..."

Ironically, the majority of pictures used in the Soviet publications come from American newspapers, magazines and wire services.

Under State Department regulations, Soviet newsmen are barred from racial hot-spots. There also is a reciprocal agreement between Moscow and Washington which limits the movement of newsmen in both countries unless special permission is given.

A State Department spokesman told UPI it has turned down several requests of members of Tass, the Soviet news agency, to go to the scenes of racial incidents more than 25 miles outside New York or Washington.

But, Tass has been free to cover recent racial troubles in New York City. And when Negro demonstrators marched on Washington, Soviet personnel were free to record any incidents.

Large Contingent of Newsmen Cover March

Washington—UPI—Wednesday's march on Washington was covered by one of the largest contingents of newsmen ever assembled in the nation's capital.

The police department issued about 1,000 special press passes, good only for the day of the march, in addition to the 1,200 regular press cards held year-round by full-time Washington correspondents.

Body of Portland Man Found in Slough

Portland—UPI—The body of a man identified as Delbert O. Russell, 43, Portland, was recovered Tuesday night from the Columbia Slough. It was believed to have been in the water since Sunday.

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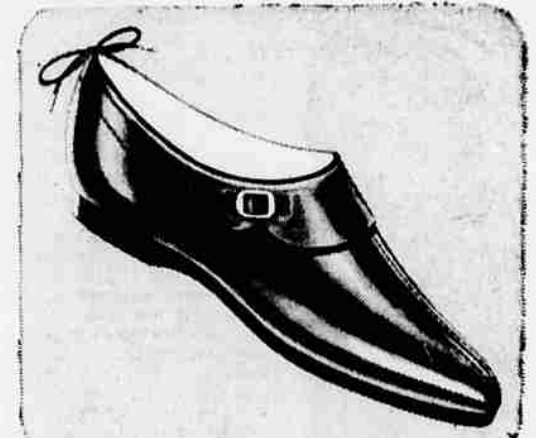
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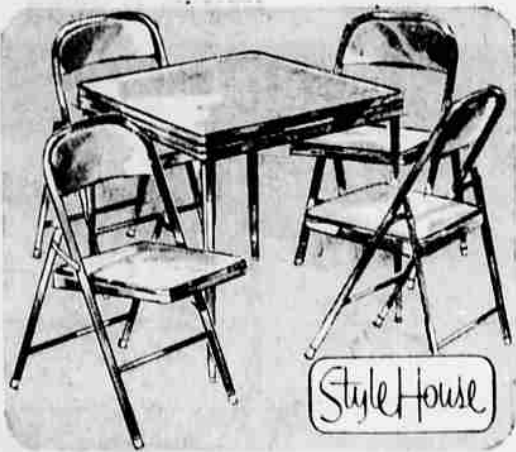
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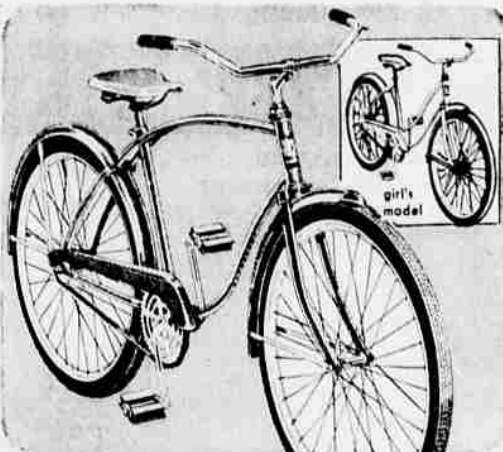
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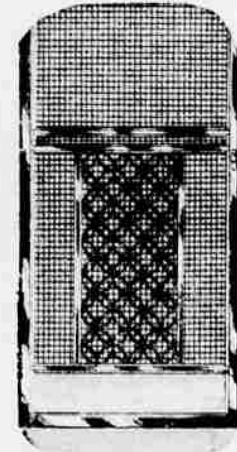
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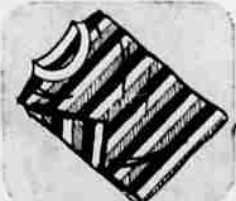
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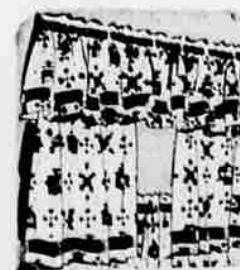
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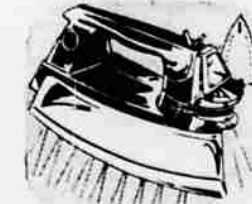
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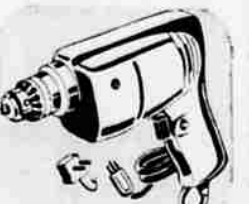
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