

Russians Christmas Guests of Ohioans

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio (UPI)—A Russian family which flew from Moscow to Portsmouth Thursday for the Christmas holidays slept late today before starting a busy week's stay in a typical small American city.

Mrs. Nina Pozdnev, 39, an English teacher in a Moscow school, was ailing when the party arrived two hours late Thursday night but her hosts said she would be ready to begin a round of sightseeing.

The first visit on the schedule for the Viktor Pozdnev family was to a local school so that Mrs. Pozdnev could exchange notes on teaching methods and the children could see the Christmas festivities in a school.

The Russians came here in an international goodwill project sponsored by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce which paid about \$4,000 to underwrite the people to people goodwill program.

The Russians made the trip from Moscow to this city of 25,000 along the Ohio River in 22 hours of flying time with stops in London, New York, and Washington.

The visitors are staying with Mr. and Mrs. James C. McKenzie and their five children who live in a comfortable 11-room 2-story red brick house. In Moscow the Pozdnevs live in a 2-room apartment.

The temperatures were biting cold this morning but the community was excited about the international publicity the city has received in connection with the goodwill program.

Following the visit to the Grant Elementary School this morning, Pozdnev, 39, his wife, and their two children, were to be honored at a lunch sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.



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Father of Four Dies in Air Crash

KALAMA, Wash. (UPI)—A father of four children died in the fiery crash of a rented plane five miles southeast of here Thursday while he enroute from Salem to Seattle.

The plane, carrying only pilot Roger Wayne Thomas, 30, of Des Moines, Wash., went down in a heavy fog. It crashed into a thickly wooded hillside and burst into flame.

Thomas, a self-employed engineer, had joined a flying club only a few months ago. The plane was rented from the club.

Gen. Walker Says Oswald Slain To Erase Conspiracy

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—Former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker said Thursday Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of assassinating President Kennedy, was slain "to erase a Marxist-Communist conspiracy."

Walker told newsmen "many things" led him to his opinion about why Oswald died.

But Walker, to support his claim, would point out that Oswald was about three blocks from the home of nightclub operator Jack Ruby minutes after the assassination. Ruby shot Oswald to death two days after Kennedy was killed.

Walker, who was relieved of his division command in Germany because of alleged political indoctrination of troops, said he thought it was Oswald who fired a shot at him through the window of his Dallas home earlier this year.

Impossible To Tell

An FBI report given to Dallas police concluded it was ballistically impossible to tell if the same rifle was used to fire at Walker and the President.

"What it says is that the bullet could or could not have been fired from the same rifle," Dallas Detective Chief M. W. Stevenson said Thursday night. "In other words, it's inconclusive."

The bullet fired into Walker's home was badly distorted, having smashed through a window frame and into a wall.

It was reported that Oswald's widow, Marina, told federal officers that her husband boasted to her that he was the sniper who fired on Walker.

Plan Offered To Bring Greater Voter Turnout at U.S. Elections

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A presidential commission offered the states today a plan to encourage a greater voter turnout in U.S. elections. It said some states make it easier "to get a hunting or fishing license or a pistol permit than to register and vote."

The 11-member bipartisan commission presented its report to President Johnson, but it did not recommend any new federal laws. The report contained a sweeping set of 21 proposals for state action along with some goals for public schools, private organization and private business.

Most sections of the report were adopted unanimously.

The commission, headed by Director Richard M. Scammon of the Census Bureau, was set up by the late President Kennedy March 30. Its report, originally scheduled for Nov. 26, was delayed almost a month because of Kennedy's death.

Kennedy's order directed the commission to study voting problems outside the jurisdiction of the Civil Rights Commission, which is concerned with discrimination against Negroes and other minorities.

Voter apathy was one target of the commission but most of

attention was given to state laws and practices restricting the right to register and vote.

"Many election laws and administrative practices are unreasonable, unfair and outmoded," it said. "They obstruct the path to the ballot box, disfranchising millions who want to vote."

"An unexpected business trip or a broken ankle can deprive a citizen of his right to vote. He may lose his vote by moving across the street. And he may discover that because he failed to vote two years ago he cannot vote now."

The commission cited figures showing heavier voter turnouts in other countries. It said state turnouts in the United States ranged from 25.5 per cent of the civilian population of voting age in Mississippi to 80.3 in Idaho in the 1960 election.

It said the most obvious way to combat voter apathy was through the register-and-vote campaigns conducted by political parties and by civic, business, labor and other groups. But it also urged the press, radio and television to assume responsibility and said these media "hold the key to adult education."

The report also criticized schools for "not doing the job"

Foreign Briefs

THERMOMETER REACHES 19 DEGREES IN BRITAIN
LONDON (UPI)—Britain suffered its coldest day Thursday since the record freeze-up of last winter. Thermometer fell to 19 degrees.

Up to six inches of snow fell in northern Scotland and officials warned London residents that power failures were likely "if the present Arctic weather continues."

U.S. CONVOYS UNHINDERED IN EAST GERMANY
BERLIN (UPI)—The U.S. Army today sent two small convoys along the highway through East Germany without difficulty, the Army announced.

Eight men in four vehicles came to Berlin and 21 men in 12 vehicles left it.

JAPANESE AUTO MAKERS ESTABLISH RECORD
TOKYO (UPI)—Japanese automobile makers produced 125,000 cars in November for an all-time record in Japan, the Automobile Industrial Association announced Thursday.

NORTHERN JAPAN STRUCK BY MAJOR BLIZZARD
TOKYO (UPI)—The first major blizzard of 1961 smacked northern Japan Thursday, piling up snow 20 inches deep in some mountain areas.

WAGES SAID DECLINING IN EAST GERMANY
BONN (UPI)—East German wages are falling, the West German Ministry for All-German Affairs reported Thursday.

Average East German wages declined from the equivalent of \$11.50 a month in 1961 to \$109.25 a month last year, it said.

Stocks Effected by Tax Loss Selling

NEW YORK (UPI)—Stocks continued to feel the effects of tax loss selling today as prices moved slightly lower.

Chrysler lost another point. General Motors was down roughly 1/2 but other auto stocks held steady.

U.S. Steel and Youngstown were off around 1/2 each. Monsanto, Du Pont and Allied were up at least 1/2 apiece in the chemicals.

Carter Products dropped nearly 2 1/2 in the drugs followed by Pfizer, off a large fraction.

Investment Funds

Non-quotations on selected stocks.

Fund	Bid	Asked
Bullcock	13.48	13.52
Colonial Ener	12.25	12.30
Eaton Howard Stk.	11.15	11.20
Fidelity	17.14	17.18
Fundamental Invest.	10.27	10.32
Group Sec—Asia/Ind	7.36	7.40
Group Sec—Com Stk	12.29	12.33
Hamilton HDA	8.98	9.02
Keystone B-3	10.00	10.04
Keystone B-4	10.29	10.33
Keystone K-2	12.29	12.33
Keystone S-2	12.29	12.33
Keystone S-1	22.49	22.53
Keystone S-3	15.28	15.32
Keystone S-4	4.22	4.26
Mass Inv Growth Stk	8.30	8.34
National Growth	19.10	19.14
Stock	8.32	8.36
TV-Exec	7.54	7.58
United Accum	14.62	14.66
United Income	12.38	12.42
United Science	7.06	7.10
Value Line Inc	5.27	5.31
Variable	6.79	6.83
Wellington	14.38	14.42

Over-the-Counter Western Stocks

By United Press International

Bank America	Bid	Asked
Bank America	41	42
Bank of America	33 1/2	34 1/2
Cal Pac	26	27
Com Flight	20	21
Cypress Moss	20	21
Eastville S&L	24 1/2	25 1/2
First National Bank	24 1/2	25 1/2
Interoceanic	20 1/2	21 1/2
Morrissey Nevada	20 1/2	21 1/2
Northwest Natl	35	36
Oregon Natl	26	27
PP&L	26	27
PLK	25 1/2	26 1/2
U.S. National Bank	18 1/2	19 1/2
Teletronics	18 1/2	19 1/2
West Coast Tel	24	25 1/2

Portland Produce

PORTLAND (UPI)—Dairy market.

Item	Price
Eggs 70 doz	AA extra 45-46
Large 48-50	AA extra 45-46
Medium 44-46	AA extra 45-46
Small 40-42	AA extra 45-46
Butter—70 lbs	24 1/2
Butter—50 lbs	24 1/2
Butter—25 lbs	24 1/2
Butter—10 lbs	24 1/2
Butter—5 lbs	24 1/2
Butter—2 1/2 lbs	24 1/2
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