

Gilmore Thinks Russ Lag In Atom Energy Research Despite Scientific Urge

(Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of articles by Eddy Gilmore now written in the United States after five years as Associated Press correspondent in Moscow. The fourth and final article will appear in The Herald and News tomorrow.)

By EDDY GILMORE
NEW YORK, June 6 (AP)—Russia is devoting a large portion of her national energy to atomic research—toward peace-time possibilities, she says, not toward a bomb.

However, with other nations in possession of the bomb's secrets and showing no inclination to share them, it would be extremely unrealistic, to say the least, to assume that Russia is closing her eyes to that side of the laboratory.

It is of course, impossible for a newsmen stationed in Russia, with the limited amount of information he has on hand on this highly secret subject, to say anything with finality about the Soviets and the bomb. However, there is reason to believe—and I emphasize the word believe—that Russia must be well behind the United States. There are those in responsible diplomatic and military positions who hold the same opinion.

But, it should be borne in mind that Foreign Minister Molotov, speaking at the Kremlin last November 6, said that Russia soon would have atomic energy and many other things. One never should underestimate the Russians.

Science on Top Level
Heavy emphasis is being placed on science in Russia today— heavier than on any other single field. Always respected in Russia, scientists now have been raised several stations beyond any position they've ever enjoyed. They're on a level with the top brackets.

The government is hard at work building them new laboratories, finding them the equipment they want, giving them the green light they need.

In fact, whatever scientists want they can have for the asking, which is quite a little something in the land of the Soviets.

Russia has a hard core of scientists to build from, although they are mostly beyond middle age. When I left Moscow less than a month ago an energetic campaign was under way to attract younger people to science. The Soviets have acknowledged, too, that their scientists are entitled to the best possible material life. They have been awarded extra special food rations, clothes, automobiles, special salaries, new apartments and fine automobiles—many with chauffeurs.

Housing Priority
In many parts of the country, new housing is being earmarked for men of science. They will get these modern dwellings as soon as anyone, and this includes marshals, generals and high party functionaries.

Many acres of beautiful woodlands are being set aside for "dachas" for scientists. A dacha is a summer home, an institution dearly beloved by every Russian. Some of these include one-time playgrounds of the czars.

These dachas are not just something quaint knocked together on the side of a lake or mountain. They're sumptuous. They have electric lighting, heating and modern sanitation. They have tennis courts, volleyball courts and many will be enclosed by high rustic fences.

Some upon request are being supplied with sail boats or motor boats. Spacious quarters for servants are being built apart from the main houses.

Russia's leaders have no illusions about how far her scientists must progress to catch up with the United States and Britain. They are well aware and impressed with the excellence and skill of American. I'm quite sure they are not kidding themselves into thinking they

Army Will Fly Great Circle

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6 (AP)—The army air transport command announced today it would begin regular freight and mail flights to Japan via the north Pacific's great circle route June 15.

Commander of the west coast wing of the ATC's Pacific division, said one regular flight would be made every other day via Anchorage, Alaska, and Adak in the Aleutians, clipping about 12 hours from the present crossing time.

"Coming east, with favorable winds, flights of less than 24 hours, will be fairly common," he said, "making it possible to leave Tokyo on a Saturday and reach the U. S. the same day, by gaining a day crossing the international dateline."

Gen. Stilwell Goes To Salem

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 6 (AP)—General Joseph Stilwell, commander of the west coast wing of the ATC's Pacific division, will fly from McCord Field, Wash., to Salem, Oregon, to confer with Governor Earl Snell today.

The four-star general is visiting national guard headquarters of the four western states to see better liaison and cooperation between the national guard, reserve corps and regular army.

"I want to get everybody on the same team," said the noted "Vinegar Joe" of the China-Burma-India campaign in World War II.

Latin-American Program Favored

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—Legislation providing for a broad program of "military cooperation" with other western hemisphere nations was approved today by the house foreign affairs committee.

The measure, requested by President Truman, would authorize the chief executive to arrange for:

1. Transfer of war goods to other countries of the hemisphere;
2. The training of military and naval personnel of those nations;
3. Repair and maintenance of their armaments.

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Utilities Plan Electric Heat

NEW YORK, June 6 (AP)—Experiments looking toward economical heating of homes by electricity were outlined today by utility executives from the Pacific northwest and the south.

J. H. Polhemus, president of the Portland, Ore., General Electric Co., told the annual meeting of the Edison Electric Institute that at present his company had more than 700 electrically heated buildings and apartments connected or on order.

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Area Shippers To Talk Rates

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A. F. Harvey, superintendent of transportation-motors, and A. W. Foglesong, PUC examiner, will attend from Salem to meet with the Klamath rates bureau and interested shippers over the recently granted 25 per cent increase granted by the PUC to motor carriers.

The meeting, which will be held at the chamber of commerce at 2 p. m., was brought about by a letter protesting the increase. The letter was sent out by the rates bureau and the union announced.

Shook Operators And CIO Bargain

PORTLAND, June 6 (AP)—Negotiations between box shook operators and the CIO Woodworkers of America have begun for a new contract in which the union asks \$1.10 an hour minimum.

Meetings with the inland empire workers were scheduled to start today in Spokane, the union announced.

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backed by 85 Klamath basin shippers. During the past few months motor carriers in Washington have been granted a 25 per cent increase in rates, and California carriers were granted a 12 per cent increase.

Byrnes Will Leave For Paris June 13
WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes said today he expects to leave June 13 for resumption of the foreign ministers conference in Paris on June 15. His party will include both Senators Connally (D-Tex.) and Vandenberg (R-Mich.).

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