

Herald and News

These Days

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

THE socialist experiment in Great Britain is a failure. It might be asked why communism has succeeded in Soviet Russia—if success is measured by the production of goods and the rise in the standard of living—and yet socialism in Great Britain has failed in four years.

Many answers can be offered tentatively. No one is so smart that he can without doubt explain a great historical situation while it is still in the process of developing. Yet I shall try my hand at it tentatively.

In the first place, Russia, in 1917, was not a capitalist country. Only in a few areas had the industrial revolution made any impression on a feudal or even a pre-feudal economy. Even so, Lenin encountered difficulties; for a time he abandoned socialism, establishing the new economic policy (NEP) which gave him a breathing spell. After Lenin's death, Stalin established not only an economic but a political and social dictatorship which reduced the people to slavery to the state. Any form of socialism requires an elimination of human liberty.

Britain's Problem

IN Great Britain, it has been necessary to recede from capitalism to socialism without limiting human freedom. Therefore, the government cannot enforce its will in a free society. Labor performs as it chooses. No British authority dares to impose such a speed-up as stakhanovism represents in Russia. And no government in England dares to call a strike a counter-revolution and it cannot kill strikers. Furthermore, the British have no way of exporting goods to such an extent as the Russians did in the 1920's from the Ukraine, permitting millions of human beings to starve to death.

Further, Russia in 1917 had so low a standard of living, in some areas even nomadic, that any rise is phenomenal. Great Britain in 1938 was on a very high standard of living from which it has been steadily receding, during the war because of it; since the war, by socialist austerity. Therefore the average Russian is actually better off under Stalin, whereas the average Britisher is worse off today.

Soviet Russia can live on herself. It is false to say that Russia is self-sufficient any more than the United States is self-sufficient. But such countries as the United States and Soviet Russia can manage to care for themselves under the most adverse conditions. For instance, during the war, the United States ran short of raw rubber but was able to produce synthetic rubber because of possession of ample coal and petroleum; in fact, if this country had to use alcohol for the manufacture of synthetic rubber, it would have ample grain for that purpose. Russia can be in a similar situation with similar results if her industry is adequately developed.

Such countries as Great Britain and Japan must always be in difficulties because they have to import food products and raw materials, of which they possess too little. From the time of Queen Elizabeth to World War I, Great Britain solved that problem by a rising economic and political imperialism. This involved a world-wide export-import trade, always in Britain's favor. This made the pound sterling the safest money in the world and Great Britain the richest country. Two wars ended the economic empire and seriously weakened the political empire. The pound sterling lost its pre-eminence and the American dollar took its place.

Two Roads Open

THE British can only obtain ample dollars to maintain their industries and their standard of living by two means: 1. To get the dollars from the United States for nothing (lend-lease, British loan, Marshall plan); or 2. To export huge quantities of goods competitively priced.

Both involve difficulties. Any give-away program must sooner or later reach an end. Psychologically, it produces antagonisms between giver and taker, the giver feeling that he is being kipped; the taker, feeling that he is not being given enough. The export dumping operation involves a devaluation of currency which may be politically embarrassing in a free country. The British socialists have resorted to a barrier which cannot work successfully unless a country has a monopoly of a much wanted commodity.

I would say that these comparisons explain somewhat the essential differences between the Russian and the British problems.

Western Suburbs Naming, Numbering Decision Tonight

Final decision will be made tonight regarding the street naming and house numbering program in suburbs to the west of Klamath Falls when a mass meeting is held at 7:30 p. m. in the Stewart-Lennon church.

If the residents in the districts—Stewart, Lennon, Riverview and Lindley heights—decide to go ahead with the plan, an engineer must be chosen to handle the new set-up.

Tonight's mass meeting is the deadline for submitting bids on the job and choosing names for the streets.

At Saturday night's session, the representatives of the districts chose street names which will come up

for approval tonight.

The matter of naming the streets and numbering the houses first boded up as the results of a notice by the post office department that the areas in question are too thickly populated to continue mail service on the present basis.

R. L. Griffith, assistant postmaster, said that the post office will either institute a new mail delivery route in the area, or will provide mounted delivery service. The latter proposal would be possible, it was explained, if the streets are named and the houses numbered.

However, in the event the residents in the areas in question turn thumbs down on the naming and

numbering program, it will be necessary to change box numbers to meet the new rural delivery service.

It is expected the plan will meet with approval at tonight's session. It has been pointed out that lack of a uniform residence address system has been inconvenient with the rapid growth of the territory.

Representatives of the various areas are Harvey Wyatt, Stewart; Mrs. C. W. Adams, Lennon; Glen Jones, Riverview, and Mrs. Lewis Hornby, Lindley heights.

Mrs. Adams is temporary chairman of the group.

For an inexpensive supper serve macaroni-cheese loaf with a cooked vegetable salad, bread and butter sandwiches, and milk and fruit in season for dessert.

Brass is the material most widely used for standard weights.

SIDE GLANCES



"My mother says if the neighbors complain about the violin, she might have to stop my lessons! Doesn't it bother you?"

The World Today

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

The annual parade of aspiring English channel swimmers is under way, demonstrating again that mankind's spirit of conquest—especially against the forces of nature—never dies.

The difficulties of this channel feat are staggering. One can understand Leander's desire to swim the Hellespont. I've sailed those relatively placid waters on a starlight night, and they were entrancing. They would have been doubly so to Leander, with a lovely girl awaiting him on the far shore.

But deliver us from the English channel! It isn't merely a question of swimming the approximately 18 1/2-mile miles between France's Cape Gris Nez and Britain's Dover. The cold and inhospitable waters of the channel are filled with wicked cross-currents and tides which tear at the unhappy swimmer until he is so exhausted to cover not 18 but some 40 miles.

But that isn't all. Frequently seasickness settles over the wretched contestant, who already not only is weary but chilled to the bone despite the heavy coating of grease used to keep out the cold. That seasickness is nature's last trick to defeat the swimmer, and often it works. All of its hazards are known by aspiring swimmers, but still they keep coming, though few win through. It isn't so much a test of skill in swimming as a trial of strength and ability to withstand cold and seasickness. A person who

is well padded with healthy fat has a better chance than does a skinny contestant who is likely to succumb to cold.

Of course it's because the channel presents such a challenge that swimmers of both sexes keep on picking up the gauntlet. They are impelled by the same urge that sends adventurers out to scale dangerous mountain heights, or to hunt fierce beasts in the jungle. It's what through the centuries has made great explorers.

And this spirit isn't characteristic of the "tough guys" alone. As often as not you will find it hidden beneath the mildest of surfaces. Such a one was my friend the late C. E. Montague, distinguished British writer. He was a mild-mannered, gentle individual and yet he was one of the few men I ever have known who appeared to be utterly fearless in the face of physical danger.

At the outbreak of World War I the famous Montague was over the British enlistment age but he dyed his hair black, put on a sporty suit and told the authorities he was 35—which was true, only he forgot to say how much more than 35 he was. Anyway they blinked and passed him, and he went into the front-line trenches as a private. Later he was given a commission and was attached to British headquarters as press censor. It was there that I became acquainted with him.

Montague used to seek out the most dangerous places he could find along the fighting front, not because of necessity but because he loved the thrill. He was impelled by the same urge which in peace times sent him out to scale precipitous mountain faces, or work his way up and down rocky cliffs with his back against one wall and his feet against the other. He would have been a channel swimmer if he hadn't got a greater kick out of something else.

That's the spirit of private initiative

THE DOCTOR SAYS

Heart Is Amazing Organ

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D.
Written for NEA Service

The heart is an extremely interesting organ and is, as everyone knows, of vital importance to life. It beats on an average of about 70 times a minute; 100,000 times a day, or 35,000,000 times a year.

The heart is made up of a muscular coat which surrounds four chambers through which the blood constantly passes. One side of the heart—the right—receives blood from the veins as it flows back from the rest of the body. This oxygen has given up life-giving oxygen to the tissues and, of course, other substances. The blood passes into the first of the chambers on the right, then through valves into the second chamber and out of these into large blood vessels which go to the lungs. In the lungs, the blood is recharged with oxygen from the air. This restores to it its bright red color.

Arteries Take Over

From the lungs the blood is returned to the left side of the heart, again passing through two chambers and out into large blood vessels which are called arteries. Through the arteries the blood is carried to smaller and smaller vessels and, when it comes in close contact with the tissues in the tiniest blood vessels, or capillaries, it supplies what is needed to maintain what we call life.

To carry out all these important functions, the heart must work constantly and this means a pump-like action in which the heart muscle alternately contracts and relaxes. The contractions of the muscle force the blood from one

chamber into another or out into the blood vessels; during relaxation of the muscle, the blood flows into the chambers of the heart.

In most people the heart remains uninjured for decades, and even when damaged by diseases its reserve powers and ability to overcome damage are so great that it continues to function reasonably well.

Note: Dr. Jordan is unable to answer individual questions from readers. However, each day he will answer one of the most frequently asked questions in his column.

QUESTION: What are the symptoms of obstruction of the bowels and what can be done for it?

ANSWER: Pain in the abdomen, failure to pass waste matter, and vomiting are the most common symptoms of sudden obstruction. In partial or slowly developing obstruction, the symptoms may be less definite. In any case, a bowel X-ray is indicated. Surgery is necessary in most forms of obstruction.

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NORM OBERST

This is Norman Oberst, 21-year-old graduate of the Oregon Tech radio communications school, who has been handling part of the combination work at KPLW since July 9.

I'll admit we've waited too long to publish this picture, but every time Wes Guderian was signing, Norm was tagging—or vice versa.

Norm is a Coos Bay lad; he graduated from Marshfield high school in 1946.

The story is told about the officious managing editor who instructed his three ace reporters to go out and "get some hot news."

The first one came back and told the chief that a two-car accident had killed eight persons.

"How long ago?" asked the ME.

"Ten minutes," replied the reporter.

"I want some HOT news," exploded the editor.

The second reported to his boss that an old tank had blown up and 100 persons had died in the tragedy. Again: "How long ago?"

From the boss: "Two minutes." "I said HOT news!"

The third came in unabashed and said he had the ordered hot news. "A managing editor was shot fatally." "When did it happen?"

Was the usual query.

"Right now," "Bang!"

You have to hand it to Sam Cowling for down-to-earth sagacity. He said recently, "the best way to sleep is with the eyes closed."

Allen Ahner told me recently that KFLJ will again carry the weekly wrestling matches from ringside at the armory.

The latest information is that Mack Lillard will have the grunt-and-growl going through their antics the week after the Labor Day holidays.

Rhubarb contains so much water that it needs little more, if any, when you cook it. Use it in jam, in a deep dish pie, with other fruits in a compote, or in turnovers.

Shredded cabbage should be cooked in a small amount of water in a covered saucepan for only about eight minutes; if the cabbage is cut in wedge-size pieces it will have to be cooked from 10 to 15 minutes.

Britain's present industrial production is 26 per cent above pre-war.

NEW BIRTH—God stands ready to save any man—the wretch in the far-off jungle or the up-and-coming of civilized lands. God saves and gives new birth to all who stand on his word, that Christ died for their every last sin. Having new birth into eternal life, they are to look to Christ for the power to live the life that God designs for them. By such a life they earn eternal reward.

Grant Taylor.

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BOYLE'S COLUMN

He Had To Open His Big Yap About Cats And Dogs

By ED CREACH

(For Hal Boyle)

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (AP)—Some day, I do not guarantee when, this reporter is going to learn to keep his big yap shut.

About dogs, anyway.

A few days ago I committed a piece for the papers to the effect that dogs are not what they used to be. I said they were somewhat on the sassy side nowadays, that they weren't getting in the headlines much, that the cats seemed to be taking over.

It seems some dog-doters on in Jackson Station, Me. Chula Vista, Calif., and points between disagree.

Also, they write letters. Nice letters. Suggesting in a friendly sort of way that when I wrote my piece I was probably drunk, under ether, or in the pay of the Inter-

national Association of Dog-eatch-

Some newspapers also reacted. The Utica, N. Y., Observer-Discatcher squandered half a page of perfectly good newspaper, with pictures, to demonstrate that sand was running out of my ears.

Well, horrible as the thought may be, I could be wrong.

A couple of the more constructive letters lead toward that conclusion. There is, for instance, the case of Jetty, reported by Dick Johnson of Tampa, Fla.

Jetty is a Texan. (Why a man from Florida should be boosting a dog from Texas puzzles me, too.)

Anyway, Jetty, a black mongrel, is one leap beyond a seeing eye dog. She's a hearing ear dog. She telephone-listens for Mrs. J. D. Ingram of Dallas, who is hard of hearing.

When Mrs. Ingram's phone rings, Jetty cocks her head to the right. When it rings a second time, Jetty cocks her head to the left. The third time, Jetty decides Mrs. Ingram hasn't heard it and starts barking like crazy.

Mrs. Ingram can hear Jetty barking and she can hear on the phone. What she can't hear is the telephone bell. Jetty knows that. How? The man from Tampa doesn't say.

Then there is Pat, a collie. Pat came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Douthitt of Darlington, Pa., as a pup. Fine pup, too. His favorite job was walking Douthitt each morning and he snickered if his master got up unassisted.

One day was waking Douthitt each morning, one day Pat was missing. No one knew why. No domestic trouble. Accounts all in order. Just another case for the Bureau of Missing Dogs.

Seven years later a dog turned up in the Douthitt neighborhood, all puffed out. Big thing, in fact.

"Why, he looks like Pat," the Douthitts said.

Experimentally, they took him home. He ran all around the place, sniffing, as if he weren't quite sure he belonged there.

The Douthitts weren't sure, either, but.

"The next morning," Mrs. Douthitt writes, "I said to him, 'Pat, go upstairs and get Dick up.'"

"He went charging up the stairs, barking his head off."

"He jumped right into the middle of the bed, in his excitement."

"We have never doubted for a minute after that that he is our pup, Pat."

"All right, I'm convinced. Dogs are still wonderful. Nice doggie. Have a lamb chop. Have a piece of thigh."

But if you have a dog which plays Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C Sharp Minor, while conducting the band with his tail, do me a favor, will you?

Don't let me hear about him.

Give Them Facts

NEW ENGLAND—An Eastern woman writes—"More people than you think try to do right. Encourage and assure them. Are we to let them that by their goods and helpful deeds they are to find favor with God? This we could not do for his word, the Bible says—Not by good deeds that we have done but by God's mercy he saves us—See Titus 3:5.

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