

Herald and News

World Today

By DEWITT MacKENZIE

A NEW and startling viewpoint of Marshal Stalin's amazing birthday is being discussed editorially by newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic...

We are reminded that one frequently hears communism referred to as "a religion," meaning that it is a way of life which is calculated to take the place of religion.

"Karl Marx would be more than astonished, he would be stupefied if he could witness the scenes today being enacted around one-half the globe in idolatrous adulation of a creed supposed to be his and of its principal representative on earth...

"The celebration of Djugashvili-Stalin's seventieth birthday is surely one of the most amazing phenomena of our times... 'Glory to Stalin' arises in a hosannah from the brazen throats of the loudspeakers and the propaganda machines such as no living man has ever been accorded.

"Why? It is a fascinating and baffling event, in part, perhaps, reflecting the inability of any human society to exist on a plane of pure materialism, without some kind of faith and adoration.

"The Kremlin has impressively defied Stalin; but the impression may not be exactly what was intended."

The London Times also speaks of "the communist cult of Stalin worship having come near to defecation at this stage."

"The Soviet peoples have less access than most to the normal religions; they have no royal family; they are insulated from the Hollywood stars and the supermen of the comic strips.

"Yet here precisely is the danger. A political system which sets out to make all religions unnecessary can only end by taking many of the features of a religion itself."

Business Mirror

One Business Group Holds Inflation Fears Groundless

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP)—A hard core of dissenters stubbornly refuse to go along with the growing view that 1950 will see a new tide of inflation...

Some of these seers feel that inflation, if any, will be mild. Others say 1950 will be a carbon copy of 1949. The general price level will decline a little in spite of rises in some commodities.

Following This view appears to have a sizeable following in the stock market. The short interest is shown today to have risen to the highest point since July, 1932.

The dissenters even challenge two of the strongest arguments of those who see inflation just around the corner: the treasury's deficit financing, and rising wage scales.

As for the cost of living, they argue that bumper crops and surpluses, despite government supports, will hold food prices in line or a little lower, offsetting rises in rents and in prices of other consumer goods.

Federal Deficit The president thinks the federal deficit this year will be \$5 1/2 billion. But an economic consultant to industry, Dr. Julius Hirsch, says that "a federal deficit of two per cent of our gross national product would hardly be strong enough alone to bring about inflation...

Rising productivity means producing more goods in each man-hour and machine-hour — labor doing a little more and having better machines with which to work.

Dr. Hirsch, who was secretary of industry and trade in the German republic before Hitler's rise to power, estimates that a gain of two and a half to three per cent in output per man hour in 1950 would take from \$6 1/2 to \$7 1/2 billion from total purchasing power.

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SIDE GLANCES



"Yes, I keep the radio on—if they phone me and I hit the answer to one of those quizzes, goodbye to school for me!"

Boyle's Column

Mythical Explorer Tells Of Mars Males Sex Strike

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—Want to know what life is like on the planet Mars?

Well, it's a place where: The women rule, but husbands sometimes win their way by going on a sex strike.

The inhabitants live 3000 to 5000 years, and one wife just got her 129th divorce.

The population is limited to two billion scientifically bred Martians, and the ladies must await their turn to have children.

A famous Martian actress recently gave birth to her first child at the age of 2500 years.

Martians live in a vast underground city a mile below the cold surface of the planet. There are no traffic jams. Travel is by transparent vehicles that neutralize gravitation.

No Crime There has been no crime for 950 million years. Water is the most precious commodity, and the last criminal was a man who violated the planet rule against taking more than one bath in a month.

This picture of life on Mars is given in a tabloid Christmas magazine issued every year — All in fun — by Dr. Hugo Gernsbach, publisher of science fiction.

The 1949 edition, called "Quip," chronicles the adventures of a mythical explorer named Grego Banskuck, who landed on Mars last October in a space ship.

You don't have to believe in Explorer Banskuck anymore than you believe in Santa Claus, but it's some word he says he found on Mars.

The people there are 10 feet tall. Because of the low gravity and thin

air of the red planet, they have big flat webbed feet, thin and fragile arms and legs, a breast chest and a huge head with a brain 9 1/2 times that of a human being.

They communicate by thought instead of by voice. Because the air doesn't carry sound well they have developed a long nose like the trunk of an elephant.

Their thoughts are exchanged by long telepathic antennae, growing from their heads. A male has two, a female four.

The double antennae allow her to "double-talk better," a Martian quipped to the explorer. "This confuses the male better too."

Sometimes the Martian male rebels against being lady-bossed. "The males go on strike en masse — millions of them refuse to make love to their wives," reported Banskuck.

"The last 'sex strike' 14 years ago, involving over 2,500,000 males, lasted five-and-one-half years. The males won!"

But Mars is no place for a bachelor. The girls do the courting there — what's so different about that? — and the man of her choice can't refuse her unless he is already married.

The explorer said the inhabitants of the red planet don't like or trust their human race and regard them as culturally and intellectually retarded.

"The Earthlings have the rat's instincts," one Martian columnist remarked.

No Trades It is doubtful whether the average man of Earth, however, would want to trade places. Martians, according to Banskuck, eat synthetic food, never sleep, and are put to death — all except the great leaders — at the age of 3000. Outstanding Martians are allowed to live to 5000.

One feature of Martian life, on the other hand, might appeal to Earthly bureaucrats. Banskuck discovered the planet is ruled by a



BOYLE

TELLING THE EDITOR

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CHRISTMAS JOY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor) — Sixteen lines by Viola M. Chattraw:

How softly gleamed the holy light When first the tidings came! An angel whispered in the night And glorified His name.

The love of God was born to man Arrayed in Spirit's glow; The way of truth and life began That eve of long ago.

Again the radiant star shines clear Reminding lonely hearts. His precious love will still be here When Christmas day departs.

The years may fly on jeweled wings But time has naught with Thee; The Christ great joy to mankind brings And life eternal, free.

ON SEX CRIMES

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor) — A short time ago I read that William Henry Nagel exhausted his last legal cause and would be taken to the state penitentiary to start serving his term.

I also read the churches had spent thousands of dollars in his behalf and that Nagel stated that as soon as he is a free man again there will be a pulpit waiting for him.

If these statements were true, I'd like to know what is the matter with some people's reasoning.

It is perfectly all right for the churches as a unit or a single member to furnish money to see that anyone gets a fair trial, and if proven innocent to help them get any kind of a position they may desire.

But when they try to defeat justice and after justice prevails, offer the guilty one a position in the ministry, they are either misled or else their sympathy is on the wrong side.

It is regrettable that a minister is placed in the state penitentiary because of the reaction of other inmates toward him.

However he (Nagel) must have had a fair trial and has only himself to blame.

There is so much discussion about what to do about sex crimes and this case is one example. I'm no lawyer but believe Nagel is eligible for parole after serving a third of his term. That would be eight months.

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Nation Today

Peerless Papa Joe Can Do No Wrong, Commies Taught

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—Joseph Stalin, a pretty calm and unimpassioned citizen, must have been amused by the fuss over his 70th birthday.

It was probably the biggest birthday spread in history, with tremendous loads of gifts pouring into Moscow from communists and communist-run people all over.

Stalin's made out better than if he had won grand prize on a radio give-away show, although some of the presents, like some of the prizes, were things he can't use: dolls, and socks that don't fit.

But if Stalin had planned it himself, and he's noted for his planning, it couldn't have fitted in neater with the line that Stalin and his party comrades in Moscow have been following for years.

It's the myth of papa-knows-best, the leader principle.

Build-Up Increasingly through the years the Russian communist party has been deliberately building up the idea — in communist countries, at least — that Stalin is a kind of miracle man.

It's done with pictures of him, plastered all over Russia and the satellite countries, and in speeches and in print.

The pictures of Stalin, seen everywhere and always present, burn into the consciousness of the communist-dominated people this one idea: Stalin, the leader.

Which is another way of saying the people confronted with that picture everywhere, every day, are being conditioned into accepting the idea of being led.

The Russian speeches and publications further picture him as the peerless leader, the greatest scientist, the greatest this, the greatest that, the kindly father of his people, the one man who's always right, the wisest of men, the best of men.

Papa Reduced to its simplest terms, that means: papa and papa knows best.

So the presents pouring into Moscow now are offerings to papa and each gift helps perpetuate the myth of the all-wise Stalin, the guardian and daddy of his people.

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Deputy Tax Collectors Coming Here

Deputy collectors of the treasury department will be in Klamath County from January 3 to 16, for the purpose of assisting farmers in preparing and filing their forms 1040-ES.

These forms are the declaration of estimated tax for 1949 or income tax returns.

Collectors will be at the women's club at Klamath Agency on January 9; at the Merrill post office January 10; Klamath Falls post office January 13 to 6, 9 to 13 and 16.

They will be at the Lakeview city hall, January 4 and 5.

Bedroom Recording Defended

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22 (AP) Helen Keller, red-haired playgirl, kept from her portly paramour the news that she had taken a recording of one of their bedroom interludes, she testified yesterday.

On the stand in her own defense charges that she extorted \$9000 from Ben Kiekner, 49, head of a Hollywood television school, the 27-year-old Miss Keller denied that she intended to use the recording to extort money from him.

She said, she merely wanted "to get on a record the promises he made to divorce his wife and marry me."

"Didn't you tell Kiekner you had made the recording?" asked a prosecutor.

Ashamed "No, not at first," she replied. "I was too ashamed. Besides, we had made up after a quarrel about when he was going to get a divorce."

In response to a question, she said she placed the microphone under the bed because "there was no other place in the apartment to put it." The recording, played in court last week, was filled with words of endearment.

Asked if she deliberately placed the device under the bed in anticipation of a romantic meeting, she snapped: "No."

Also on trial on similar charges is Miss Keller's roommate, Toni Hughes, 29.

You Can Get a Goat's Goat, He Says

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Goats stupid? No such thing, says Don and Grace Ragsdale.

They started out with one animal or milk to help Mrs. Ragsdale's arthritis and wound up with not only a goat dairy but a rather complete dossier on goat habits and philosophy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ragsdale say goats have a strong sense of what is right and wrong in the way they should be handled, and if one thinks he has been slighted, he sulks or sulks or sulks.

They also have very long memories. Some practically demand to be addressed by name. And they don't eat rags or in cans.

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