

# Runaway Russians Say War With United States "Inevitable"

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of runaway Russians say the Soviet Union is virtually bound to war with the United States, seeing with discontent under the surface and burning in part at least with hatred of Stalin.

The State Department, without guaranteeing this is a true picture of life behind the Iron Curtain, said Friday these are the highlights of stories told by 10 men who fled into the American zone of Germany during the past few months.

The story was told in publication of heretofore secret intelligence reports summing up and analyzing the information from the 10 refugees.

The anonymous officials who analyzed the information from the 10 refugees sprinkled their writings with words of caution that much of it could not be checked and that people in such circumstances might be inclined to slant their views to what they thought their American interrogators wanted to hear.

Q. What sort of living standard prevails in Russia?  
A. In general, except for the special privileges enjoyed by the party and government there is a low material standard of living in the U.S.S.R. and this bureaucracy is a source of discontent, of bitterness among various levels of society and of much crime and other social problems.

Q. What are the prospects of war estimated from the perspective of the escapees?  
A. They appeared to believe that war between the U.S.S.R. and the United States is almost inevitable. It can be prevented only if the Soviet leaders feel that their opponent is so strong that war will be suicidal for them and their regime.

Q. How effective is the Kremlin's domination of the country?  
A. There was "complete agreement" among the ten that the Kremlin exercises an "absolute, all penetrating and all embracing dictatorship."

Senator Kefauver's name has also been entered in the New Hampshire primary.  
What connection does that have with the filing of President Truman's name?  
It means, I would guess, that the Washington office holders whom we generally term "the administration" don't feel easy in their minds over the idea that Senator Kefauver might become President.

I am personally glad Senator Kefauver has not entered the race. For TOO LONG the occupant of the White House has dictated the nominee of the Democratic party. History tells us that in one of the devices whereby too much power is held too long in one set of hands. History also tells us that holding too much power in one set of hands too long is bad business.

Did you ever pause and THINK OVER how the king business came into being? It is an interesting subject for reflection.  
It didn't just happen. It was MADE to happen.  
The whole thing goes much further back than written history, but it is generally assumed that the TRIBE was our first form of government. The tribe spread out from the family. It grew up out of the marriages of sons and daughters and their sons and daughters.

That went on until some brainy and ambitious chief began to meditate on the evils of letting power GET OUT OF THE HANDS OF HIS CROWD. The more he thought of it the more it seemed to him that this was something that should not be. Pondering ways and means to prevent a change of power, this thought occurred to him: "Why not sell to the people the idea of making MY SON the chief when I pass on?"

Later, when the people began to question this business of passing on the power from father to son, the doctrine of DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS was invented. It clinched the holding of power in one set of hands for a long, long time.

Anyway, I think it would be a good idea in this year of decision if the Democrats were put out and the Republicans were put in—to see what they can do. Failing that, I hope a different crowd of Democrats gets in.

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## Flu Flattens Klamath



OTIS M. METSKER

### Metsker Seeks Assessor Post

Otis M. Metsker, incumbent County Assessor, today filed his candidacy for reelection to the office. He is a Democrat.

### Jail Has Quiet January

Klamath County Jail had little business the past month—only 26 persons were booked on the jail docket—but it wasn't the slowest month in recent years.

### Cowboys, Indians "Capitalistic"

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### Styles Of 20's Hinted In New French Fashion Show; Grey Still Favored Color

PARIS (AP) — A new waifline—but in the same old place—was the biggest news of the opening Paris spring fashion collection, presented by Jacques Heim Friday.

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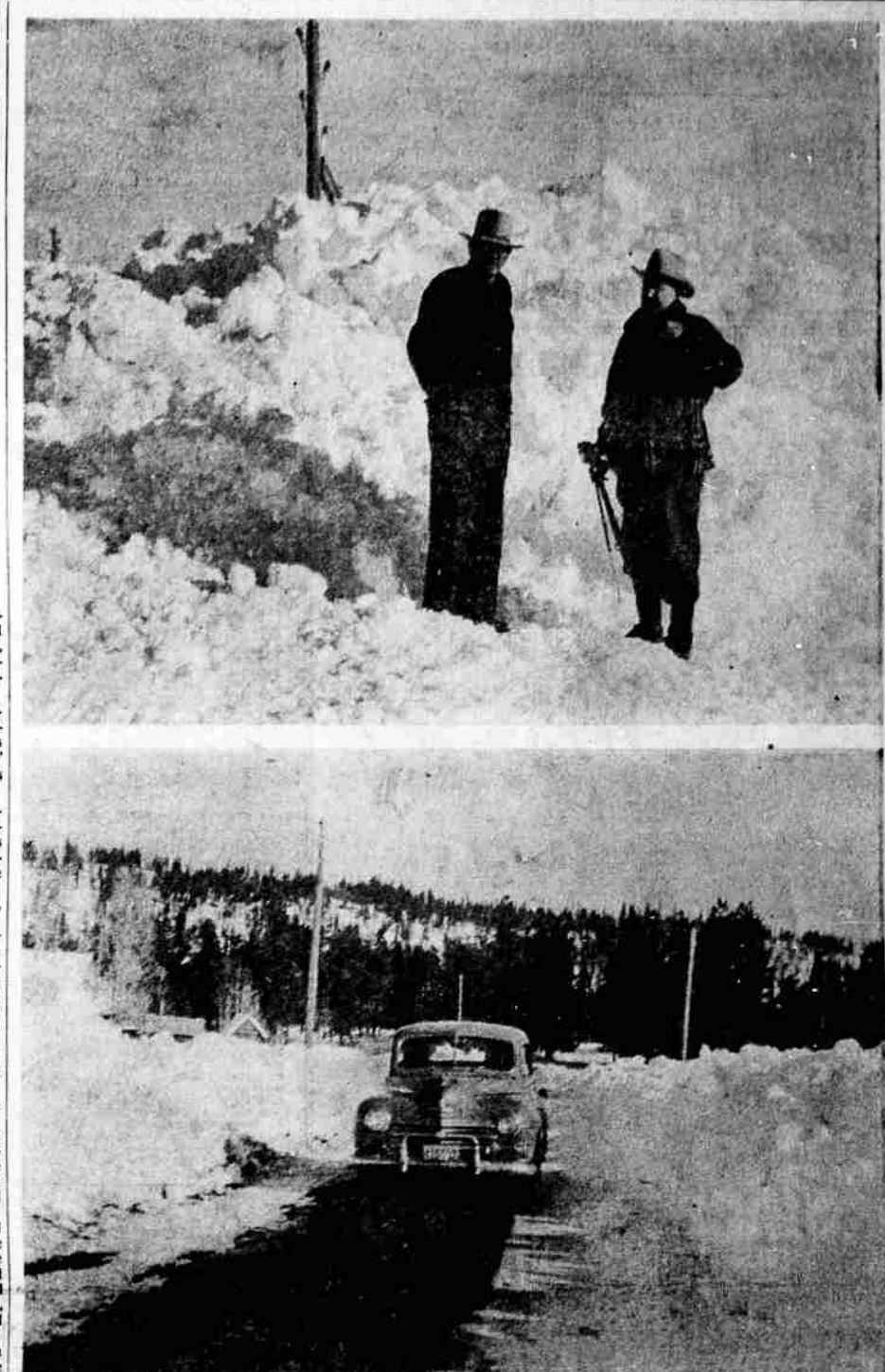
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SNOW IN THE FORT KLAMATH area is plenty deep this year, as shown by these pictures taken along a county road and indicating the job that faced workmen in keeping the roads open. The upper picture shows the snow piled higher than the heads of Ed Propst, county road superintendent, and William Hackler, Fort Klamath rancher. The lower photo is of the same road after plows had been at work on it.

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