

Before the Cold War There Was Shetlandsky Viskey, Fine Parties

Editor's Note—Eddy Gilmore, for 11 years an AP correspondent in Moscow, is back on "the right side of the Iron Curtain," as he expresses it. In this story, third of a series to appear here this week, Gilmore gives a glimpse into Moscow life as foreigners used to live it, and as they have lived it since the cold war developed.

By EDDY GILMORE

PARIS (AP)—The cold war started, and a frigid wind began to blow from Joseph Stalin's Kremlin, cooling off any faint hope of American-Soviet cooperation and growing friendship. The air from Washington wasn't exactly warm either.

It would be incorrect to say that Americans in Moscow, even during the greatest moments of wartime peace talk, were ever howlingly popular with the Communist government. But we were with the people and compared to what happened later, we led a charmed life.

Part Of Texas Gets Rain!

By The Associated Press
Up to four inches of rain hit sections of drought-stricken Texas during the night as thunderstorms swept across the Central and Southern Plains states.

Several drought areas reported the heaviest rainfall in a year. However, the storms could not be classed as drought-busters. Showers ranging up to 3 inches fell south and west of Lubbock and Amarillo reported four inches. Streets and underpasses were flooded and fire started by lightning did \$150,000 damage to a night club.

While hail and rain lashed West Texas ranges, the Sabine River in East Texas threatened its third flood this year. The Weather Bureau said runoff from recent downpours is forming a flood in the Upper Sabine.

The Atlantic Coast also reported rain early Thursday. Baltimore had a 6-hour fall of 3.27 inches. Other reports included Washington, 1.01; Martinsburg, W. Va., 1.47; and Charleston, S. C., 1.05.

Cool Pacific air dropped temperatures 5 to 15 degrees in Western Washington and Oregon while readings remained generally unchanged elsewhere.

Farm Bureau Has Meeting

By MRS. MERLE O'NEILL
Sixteen members met July 14 at the Lakeview Agricultural Building for the monthly County Farm Bureau meeting.

Reports from standing committees were made. Jim Supple, chairman of the wool pooling project, reported it very successful, with 55 cents per pound paid. Purchaser was Mr. Bishop, Pendleton, who shipped it from the local depot. Mr. Bishop stated that if farmers with small flocks were interested he would be glad to come to Lakeview and hold a meeting at any designated time to explain the handling of wool, grading and proper procedure for marketing.

The farm bureau members expressed gratitude for the interest and work Jim Supple and committee members put forth in order that owners of small flocks might receive a better price for their clips.

Executive secretary George Dewey had replied to several important matters. The letters were read by the local secretary. Several resolutions were read by Roy Perry, which will be studied and voted on at the local center meetings. \$51.65 which will help finance Grace Smith's trip to Toronto, Canada.

Following the meeting refreshments were served by the Vernida Center ladies. Fred Rueck and Lloyd Hankins were guests for the evening.

and foreigners from some of the embassies. We journeyed to my apartment.

This high military man, once inside my modest place, lit the candles, turned down the lights and sat down at the piano and played until dawn. It all seemed not very unusual then.

Another time I found myself at a big Russian dinner. More than 60 persons at one long table. I seemed to be the only foreigner present.

"Eddy Eddyovich," said my host, "I've found something for you."

He proudly whipped out a bottle of Scotch.

A little dark man near me, who looked like a party type, shuddered. He looked around him with what I thought was considerable suspicion, and turned to a major general in the Soviet Army.

"Comrade general," said the party type, "Scotch whisky (Shetlandsky viskey) was the way he said it in Russian) may be all right for some people, but I prefer our Russian vodka, don't you?"

The general, who had a stout hooker of Shetlandsky viskey in his right hand, gave him a cold eye.

"No," he said, "I'm not that chauvinistic."

You invited Russians to your apartment and some of them came. Some of them invited you to their places. You found yourself at real Russian parties that must not have changed over the years. And there were lots of Russians about.

You liked the people and they seemed to like you. I'm not referring to the small group of Russians who had been approved for contact with foreigners. They were always about, polite, often charming, good conversationalists, but nevertheless, people we felt were unduly interested in what we were saying and commenting on. I'm referring to just plain Russians, and some who were anything but plain. But not approved people.

Foreigners could travel into the countryside in all directions from Moscow, and while it isn't exactly the French Riviera, it offered some

Jury Subpoenas Officials For Air Conditioner

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A circuit court grand jury wants an air-conditioning unit in the worst way.

The jury complained it must work in sweltering temperatures in the Municipal Courts Building so yesterday, to prove its request for a unit is well founded, the jury issued subpoenas to city officials to come "see for themselves."

As Jury Foreman Robert M. Guion puts it:

"There are only a couple of broken-down fans in there, and when we open the windows to get some air, street noises make it difficult for us to hear witnesses."

Evidence-Eater Holds Arresting Officer at Bay

BALTIMORE (AP)—Sgt. Edwin Taylor caught his suspect yesterday, but the man he was arresting ate the evidence.

Taylor testified 36-year-old Billie E. Williams, studied a wad of "conventional yellow lottery tickets" into his mouth.

Taylor said when he tried to pry the tickets out, the Negro defendant "bit down as hard as he could on my finger and wouldn't let go."

Then he swallowed the evidence. Williams was held in \$2,500 bail on a lottery charge and another \$500 bail on a charge of assaulting a policeman.

INCOME REPORT

NEW YORK (AP)—Crown Zellerbach Corp., big Pacific Coast paper firm, reported Tuesday for 12 months ended April 30 net income of \$21,889,705, equal to \$3.52 a share compared with \$23,923,919, or \$3.88 a share, in the preceding 12 months. Sales totaled \$253,456,536 against \$249,695,717 a year earlier.

good swimming spots which were especially nice after parties in summer.

And there were the Gypsies. The best Russian parties I believe, must have Gypsies. At the end of the evening. Like champagne at the end of the dinner. Well, we had them back in those days.

Then one morning, after a very fine party, there was a "veliki skandal." A bad show. An incident.

A junior member of the American Embassy (not on the diplomatic list) was taking a Gypsy girl home in a taxi. I believe. He reported she resented his attention. She reported, and in the public press, that she resented his American boorishness and a lack of respect for women.

Now I admire Gypsies almost as much as any people in the world and I've been around a few in my day. I think the American must have handled his case badly. Or that he was framed, because I've never heard of Gypsies writing in the paper about such private things.

Then there was the case of another young American whose automobile was rammed from behind by a Russian car. He got out and there was a large argument and when the Russian started to drive off, the American smashed in one of his side windows.

These were signs of the times. The cold wind blew colder. No Gypsies at parties. Very few Russians at parties. Then no Russians at all at parties. Then no Russian friend.

Travel restrictions were clamped on all foreigners. The diplomatic rate of 12 rubles to a dollar was reduced to 8 to a dollar and then came the money reform and it was 4 to a dollar. This wasn't, and isn't today, an exchange rate. It borders on confiscation.

As the wife of a former American ambassador, Adm. Alan G. Kirk, so aptly put it—all the foreigners were thrown up on a raft together.

Some couldn't stand it. One day a young attaché at the embassy told the ambassador:

"They almost got me last night. They tried to push me out of the window."

In a few days he was on his way home.

A Norwegian shot himself one night. A young man from the British Embassy ran amok in the Metropole Hotel's dining room. He broke four chairs over various Russians, upset two tables, smashed dishes and got thrown in to jail.

Two embassies found microphones on their premises. They didn't appear to be new ones, but they were rigged up with wires. We talked in even softer whispers to one another. And people complained bitterly about life in Moscow. This thing that the Soviet authorities had brought on—this complete isolation of the foreigners—naturally created resentment among certain foreigners.

To the few Russians they had contact with, servants mostly, they could be very rude at times. And often in the presence of my wife (a Russian) we'd hear the phrase "these damn Russians." These were the exceptions as most treated their servants with kindness no matter how cold the war got. And they were wonderful to my wife and the Russian wives of other foreigners who were certainly in a strange predicament.

They were Soviet citizens, yet Soviet citizens seldom, if ever, came to their apartments. A uniformed policeman stood by the front door of my apartment house, 24 hours a day, no matter the weather.

Even if any Russian had wanted to, he would have been turned away by the fellow in uniform, before he completed his visit to our apartment.

That's just a sampling of the cold war.

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WHAT IS IT?—This strange animal was born to a shorthorn heifer on Tom Fulton's farm in Mankato, Kans. Now four weeks old, the "calf-deer" is marked like a fawn, runs deer-like, with head up, and has deer-shaped hoofs. Prof. A. M. Guhl, of the Zoology department at Kansas State College, said it was possible, though extremely unlikely, that a buck deer would cross-breed with a cow. Whatever she is, the young animal seems to be enjoying the interest she has created.

Pravda Spurns Big 4 Meet

MOSCOW (AP)—In a major statement of Communist policy, Pravda today spurned the West's call for a September conference of the Big Four foreign ministers on Germany and Austria. The organ of the Soviet Communist party said the invitation was a behind-the-back "deal" attempting to force the Soviet Union's hand in advance.

The newspaper in a four-column, front-page editorial gave the first Soviet reaction to the July 15 invitation from the U. S., British and French ministers for Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov to meet them in talks.

Observers in London concluded that the Pravda editorial indicated the Kremlin would reject the Western bid to a conference dealing only with Germany and Austria. Pravda did not slam the door on the possibility of some kind of four-power parley. Such a confer-

ence, it said, "under specific circumstances could have an important and positive significance."

The newspaper lashed out at "deals" it said the three Western foreign ministers made in advance in their Washington meeting—"attempts to force upon the U. S. S. R. both the time and agenda of a fourpower meeting adopted without the participation and behind the back of the representatives of

one of the four states." (These statements seemed to indicate the Soviets want the procedure followed in the past agreement, on an agenda at a preliminary conference of deputies of all four countries. The last proposal for a Big Four meeting which reached this stage died in 1961 because the deputies, after 2 1/2 months of negotiations in Paris, were unable to agree.)

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