

Reds Dropping 'Gangster Chicago' In Favor Of Texas, Home Of Loud Shirt

By RICHARD KASISCHKE
BERLIN (AP) — The Communist hate parade is about to get a new No. 1 refrain—Texas.

It's rapidly overtaking the old Red whipping boy—"gangster Chicago."

Kids in Communist-ruled East Germany are persecuted and even ostracized if they wear Texas shirts and cowboy hats. Anything plaid and loud, by the way, is a Texas shirt.

Any rowdiness by American occupation troops is called "typical Texas stuff."

American Western movies are condemned as "Texas wild west barbarism."

"Civilized World Revolts Against Wild West Films," headlines the Communist-edited National Zeitung. "Europe Boycotts Hollywood's Shameful Product."

The article went on to say that many innocent kids the world over had been misled down the path of crime through "Texas films." It said not a word about how right

and justice always triumph and how true love invariably wins the day in Western movies.

The real tipoff on this Communist gripe is that they don't dare show a Hollywood Western for the East German public. If they did, they'd probably have a stampee like the rush for free American food parcels in Berlin.

One of the most ridiculous—yet tragic—things is the Communist campaign against the "Texas shirt"—popularized by Americans and exported here through U. S. occupation civilians. German clothing manufacturers have copied the shirts, along with blue jeans, and any German kid loves them as much as American teenagers.

The "Texas shirt" is a particular target of Die Junge Welt (Young World), newspaper of the Communist Free German Youth (FDJ). This paper wants young Germans to be "just like our Soviet brothers—good activists, good collectivists, good tractorists."

It roundly condemns the "painted cowboy shirt" as the "uniform of terrorists and fascist provocateurs."

After the June 17 revolt and strikes, police arrested thousands of East German anti-Communists. Some were executed and others sentenced to long jail terms. Among the victims were youths who fought Russian tanks with sticks and stones.

Die Junge Welt helped along this witchhunt by claiming that a series of confessions had been wrung from youngsters who like the American styles. It charged that they were "seduced on the path of fascist crime by running around in these monkey shirts."

Typical was the confession attributed to Werner Rode of Erfurt, in Thuringia. According to Junge Welt, he stated: "I never gave any due consideration to what the government of our (East) German Democratic Republic has done for youth until now. In my shameless disregard for these things, I—a worker's child—wore Texas shirts and those boogie-woogie ties. In this clothing, which offends the feelings of sane people, I went into the streets of Erfurt. I defied the ridicule of the population and I was finally arrested by our security organs."

"And justly so, for there was adequate suspicion that I and my sort were enemies of the people. Today I know that by wearing these ridiculous shirts and ties we served the imperialists. Doesn't our industry manufacture beautiful shirts in many colors and patterns that can be bought at reasonable prices?"

"In the future it will be my task to speak to all those who believe they must dress in the American style and show them, through my own example, that they must uphold our national dignity."



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Lt. John Walsh of the Chicago homicide squad said after examination yesterday that he was certain the body was not that of

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Paul L. Morris acting director of the Budget Bureau, said in an Aug. 19 letter made public today by Sen. Humphrey (D-Minn.) that this action had been taken as a follow-up on recommendations made by the Senate Labor Committee.

Red Woman Quizzes Asks About US Dress

FREEDOM VILLAGE (AP)—Pvt. Robert D. Faiminio, 18, was questioned by a 19-year-old Chinese woman while he was a prisoner of war.

What about?

Why, said the Newark, N. J., soldier, freed today, she asked "how women dressed in the United States."

Chinese 'Wolf' Smiles Instead

FREEDOM VILLAGE, Korea (AP)—The Chinese version of the American wolf doesn't whistle; he just grins.

Pfc. Charles P. Schommer, 19, of Milwaukee, freed today, said he was questioned by a Chinese who spoke good English and "talked about Marilyn Monroe."

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