

Russia Uses Trade To Help Spread Communist Ideals

By FRANK O'BRIEN
WASHINGTON (AP) — Don't be surprised if Russia soon offers to sell production machinery to the Western world—and, at the same time, to buy production machinery from that same Western world.

Contradictory, yes, but Soviet plans usually are, and U. S. Commerce Department officials analyzing a Russian trade promotion campaign which has been under way for 9 or 10 months believe these points will be part of a proposal they expect Moscow to make soon, a proposal advocating a "return to normal trade relations."

The means by which Russia hopes to open up its trade with the West, at a low level since the Communist grab of Czechoslovakia in 1948, are obvious, according to a nonpublicized report circulating in the Commerce Department.

OBJECTIVES
Objectives in the campaign are equally obvious in many regards. Here are some of them as seen by Commerce officials:

1. Russia is anxious to break up or at least soften the non-Communist world's picture of communism as able to meet only the barest needs of its own people, much less pull any weight in the West.

2. Since the '20s Russia has been straining every sinew to produce steel plants, transportation and mining equipment, and heavy machinery. It may have a certain surplus (or at least dispensable) quantity of some types of such capital goods it could trade for consumer production equipment in an effort to give its underprivileged people a lift.

3. The shadow of the United States as the production colossus of the world is seriously hurting Russia.

4. Economic ties are pipelines of political influence.
In any country where Russia can establish trade of any economic importance (for instance, become a main buyer of ships) it immediately expands its political influence because it could cause economic trouble by threatening to withdraw this trade. Shipwrights in countries like France, Italy and Germany might put pressure on their governments to soften, or even abandon, projects like the Atlantic Pact or European army.

Tempering trade offers, especially in areas of unemployment or be a powerful influence in softening interpretation of what is and what is not strategic trade. Recent reports from London have spoken of British merchants, back from Moscow with contracts for good beseeching the government to put a liberal interpretation on strategic trade lists.

Agreed on by major Western nations, these lists include military equipment and materials and machines needed to make them.

CHURCHILL SPEECH
British Prime Minister Churchill, in a House of Commons speech, has called for more British-Russian trade as a means of reaching a "workaday" understanding with the Soviets. It was reported Britain would suggest to France and the United States that the trade lists be revised. Churchill emphasized he did not propose trade in war goods, however.

Effectiveness of the West's attempt to contribute nothing to Soviet war-making ability depends on common action throughout the free world, but Russia's professed new willingness to do business with the West has been tempting.

Associated Press Correspondent Richard Kasichke reported recently from Moscow that the city's downtown hotels were sprinkled with foreign trade delegations and businessmen, some talking about contracts worth millions of dollars. British traders, Kasichke said, were the most numerous and most optimistic. Other delegations mentioned were from France, Argentina, Egypt, Israel, India and Belgium as well as from Soviet satellites China, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. British merchants said their bids were competing with U. S. commercial offers, but no American traders were located in Moscow.

SOVIET PURCHASES
The talk in Moscow was of Soviet purchases of ships, textile machinery, consumer goods, farm products and raw materials, and Soviet sales of grain, timber, manganese, chrome ore and precious metals.

For Western nations heavily dependent on trade with the United States, the Soviet radio and press predict an economic crisis in this country that will leave these trade allies on the breadlines. They offer Russian and other Soviet bloc trade as a hedge against depression and a way "to get out from under the clutches of American direction and control."

At the Berlin foreign ministers conference Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov proposed a conference to consider lowering the strategic trade barriers between East and West.

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Square Dance Newsnotes
By CLARE ELLIS
pardon our account
pardon our drawl
But to all square dancers
I say, "Hi you all."

All the square dancers that were lucky enough to hear Ricky Holden felt that he must have originated the feeling behind the dance and expression "Hi you all come." The accent was on easy, relaxed dancing fun, with uncomplicated mixers and breaks. I have always felt that square dancing begins and ends with what went on in great grandmothers' kitchens after the husking bee, and not a mad scrambling race to keep up with the fastest and newest composition.

Spring may make some folks lazy but not square dancers. They begin to check up on jamborees and festival and start traveling. Last Saturday evening a group of local dancers traveled to Yreka to hear our old friend Allan Howard. Making the trip were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Plass, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Roney, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Beber, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Shuck, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bramwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Esqate and Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Austing Halvorsen.

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Hemingway Wins Award Of Merit
NEW YORK (AP)—Author Ernest Hemingway has been named winner of the \$1,000 award of merit presented by the American Academy of Arts and Letters to a novelist only once every five years.

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Death Claims Oregon Newsman

LOS ANGELES (AP)—J. T. Crossley, 56, former advertising director of the Portland Oregonian, died in a veterans' hospital here Tuesday.

He suffered a heart attack last Wednesday.

A native of Portland, he served in the Navy during the first World War. He came here in 1935 and

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By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The precipitation was in the form of showers, thundershowers, drizzle and snow. Rainfall in most areas was light but it was welcome in the drought-stricken sections of the Southwest and Plains States.

Rain or drizzle was reported in a wide belt from the Central Plains eastward into Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and the Western Carolinas. Snow fell in the Rockies

and light snow was predicted for Blowing dust was reported in Northern Midwest states. Showers parts of Southwestern New Mexico hit areas along the Pacific Coast, too.



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