

Red Satellites Plagued With 'West Immorality'

VIENNA (AP)—After a decade of control, the Communist governments of Russia's East European satellites confront a rash of moral problems which the Reds always like to ascribe exclusively to the West—alcoholism, juvenile delinquency and prostitution.

Free love and sexual license have brought the satellites a harvest of high venereal disease rates, prostitution and promiscuity.

The moral degeneration mirrored in occasional outbreaks in the Communist press, and further documented and detailed by the reports of hundreds of refugees interviewed by Western agencies.

Sexual promiscuity ranks with alcoholism and juvenile delinquency as a plague which the Communist regimes now want to curb.

Mlada Fronta, organ of Czechoslovakia's Communist Youth League, says a three-month drive against drunkenness and prostitution in the Czech capital netted 56 boys and 13 girls under the age of 16.

The morals picture is painted especially black in Bulgaria and Poland. Repatriates of Turkish origin say family life in Bulgaria had been sorely disrupted by emancipating youths from parental authority in favor of party allegiance. They report illegitimate births are encouraged by granting support to unwed mothers and their children, who are handed over to the state for a bonus.

Hungarian press reports complain that closing of brothels "did not solve the problem" there.

The port of Szczecin (the former German Stettin) is perhaps the most immoral city in Poland. Dance halls and cafes are crowded with willing pickups.

Conditions prevailing in the camps for harvest and construction workers contribute to immorality, as does the free-and-easy billeting provided youngsters at the big youth festivals.

In Lublin, Poland, an investigation revealed that hundreds of schoolchildren regularly drink alcohol.

In Prague, the Czechoslovak press complains, "Totally drunken nighttime rolotters sleep in stupor on the benches and tables of the central railroad station."

In Hungary, the press complains, "drunkenness spreads in our socialist society the anarchy and depravity of a bourgeois life. . . . Alcoholism is a curse."

Local and partial prohibition of alcohol has been instituted in Warsaw and Szczecin. Alcohol sales are barred in some cities on paydays and holidays.

In Czechoslovakia a special government commission has been appointed to deal with the growing problem of adolescent crime—boys and girls under 15.

And in Mother Russia, hardly a week passes but the press demands stricter police action and new legislation to cope with juvenile crime, which in some places has reached terroristic proportions.



JOSEPH V. LACLAIR, director of instructional materials for Klamath Falls public schools, will teach the adult evening class in Audio-Visual Aids (Ed 435 G) beginning Monday, January 9. The course is one of four scheduled for Klamath County residents under direction of General Extension Division in the State System of Higher Education. Dr. Curtis Reid, head of the extension division's visual instruction department will assist in this course.

Balmer Scores Federal Probe Into Nickel Policy

CHICAGO (AP)—Insurance man William Balmer says a planned congressional investigation of the government's nickel operation in Cuba stems from what he called "a fight between would-be interests and National Lead Co."

Balmer commented to newsmen on reports that he was among those named for possible questioning by a special Government Activities subcommittee which said it intends to explore financial and legal details of the big government expansion program.

Rep. Jack Brooks (D-Tex.), head of the committee, said in Washington that Balmer's firm, Balmer & Moore of Chicago, receives two thirds of the insurance brokerage fee in connection with workmen's compensation insurance on the project.

Brooks described Balmer as a "long-time political friend" of Edward F. Mansure, head of the General Services Administration, which is the government agency holding ownership of the nickel plant.

"They've been over this five times," Balmer said. "This was bid on. We were the low bidder. . . . If we hadn't been low bidder, we wouldn't have gotten the business."

Referring to the nickel plant, Balmer said: "It appears to me the government is getting ready to sell it and a power play is on. This is a fight between the would-be interests and National Lead Co."

Balmer agreed Mansure was a long-time friend.

The government spent 100 million dollars to build the plant at Nicaro, Cuba, during World War II. Shut down in 1947, it was re-activated in 1951, and now is being expanded at a cost which Rep. Brooks estimated at 43 million dollars.

National Lead Co. has management of the expansion program. The plant is being operated by the Nickel Processing Co., a subsidiary of National Lead.

The GSA, responding to the House committee plan for investigation, said in Washington, "We have nothing to hide."

Rep. Brooks said his committee is "interested in checking more closely the connection between Mansure, financier Louis Wolfson and Balmer."

Wolfson has controlling interests in Merritt-Chapman & Scott, a New York construction firm which Brooks said was made a full partner in the expansion program through the personal decision of Mansure.

Wolfson denied yesterday at Miami Beach that he had any connection with Mansure. He said the subcommittee "should go ahead and investigate" the nickel plant if it "thinks there's anything wrong" in its expansion.

Malayan Red Breaks Talks

BALING, Malaya (AP)—Malayan Communist chief Chin Peng stalked back into the jungle today, breaking up the talks on amnesty for his forces to end Malaya's 7 1/2 years of guerrilla war.

But in walking out, the 36-year-old leader offered to end the fighting when an "elected" Malayan government takes complete control of its military forces from the British, who are now waging much of the fight.

Britain has promised independence or Commonwealth membership eventually to the federation of Malaya, now a protectorate with an elected legislature over which the British high commissioner has veto power. The island crown colony of Singapore also has been given the same promise.

Prince Abdul Rahman, chief minister of the federation who led the negotiations with Chin, will go to London Jan. 1 to begin talks with the British government on Malayan independence. The Red offer to quit fighting appeared to give him a strong talking point.

Chin rejected pointblank a government demand for unconditional surrender of his 3,500 jungle soldiers, most of them Chinese. He declared adamantly as he left the English schoolhouse where the two-day talks had been held: "We will never accept surrender at any time and will continue to struggle to the last man."

Peace Plan Progress Seen

JERUSALEM (AP)—Blaming both Israel and Egypt for the delay, the U. N. Palestine truce group has indicated that progress may be made soon on Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's frontier peace proposals.

In a communique, the truce group said further discussions will be held soon on Hammarskjold's plan.

The communique replied to an Israeli statement charging that Egypt had reacted negatively to the proposals. The U. N. group said: "The government of Egypt has not yet formulated its final position on the secretary general's proposals and considers the negotiations still to be open."

The communique said "premature introduction of questions beyond the scope" of the Hammarskjold proposals by both Egypt and Israel had "complicated negotiations and greatly delayed them."

Hammarskjold's proposals, put forward Nov. 3, are reported unofficially to call for:

1. Completion of the marking of the border of the El Auja-Nizana zone.
2. Evacuation from the border area of Egyptian troops in excess of specific provisions of the armistice agreement.
3. Replacement of Israeli military forces in the zone by policemen for the protection of Israeli settlers.

Laubenfels Files First Candidacy

SALEM (AP)—The first candidacy for the May 18, 1956, primary election in Oregon was filed with the secretary of state here Wednesday.

The candidate is P. M. de Laubenfels, Corvallis Democrat, who is running for state representative from Benton County.

He ran for the same office two years ago, but was defeated by Rep. Wayne R. Giesy, Monroe Republican.

Jurist Raps School Claim

WASHINGTON (AP)—A high Justice Department official says he doubts a state could sidestep the Supreme Court's school desegregation decree merely by changing the designation of its schools from "public" to "private."

The official said yesterday he believes a court test would upset any such plans if public funds were used to support the "private" schools.

He made this comment when asked about a proposal by Virginia's Commission on Public Education to permit state subsidy, through tuition payments, of private schools.

The official said racial integration is proceeding satisfactorily in the schools and added that, while this situation continues, he doubted the government would initiate any cases aimed at speeding the process.

Any cases originating in the next several months, he said, likely would come from parents who felt their child had been deprived of its civil rights. He said such a case probably would have to go back to the Supreme Court for a ruling on what constitutes a reasonable time within which to achieve integration.

Lane County Loses Bridges

EUGENE (AP)—Lane County lost about two dozen bridges to raging flood waters last week. Miller Sorenson, county bridge department superintendent, reported Wednesday.

He said crews are first replacing bridges which serve areas for which there are no alternate routes.

In addition to bridges destroyed, others received damage to piling and other supports, he said.

Meanwhile, civic officials here are hopeful of federal repair assistance.

Robert Jackson, manager of the local Red Cross chapter, said Arthur M. Sheets, state civil defense director, is expected here this week to make a survey of flood damage to sewers, water systems and bridges.

Jackson said this survey was requested by Gov. Paul Patterson as a basis for seeking federal emergency restoration funds.

Ralph Peterson, a county commissioner, said U. S. Army Engineers have been asked for help in rebuilding a broken dike at Willamette City which resulted in flooding and damage there last week from the Middle Fork of the Willamette River.

Robert F. Buck, of Seattle, regional administrator of the federal Small Business Administration, said Wednesday that Lane County businesses are eligible for emergency business loans to repair damage.

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