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Ambassadors Of Song Tell Trip Predictions

Editor's Note — This week a chorus of young Yale men will take off for the Soviet Union on their second summer visit to spread goodwill on wings of song. Here's what the unofficial Ivy League ambassadors think will happen.

By ANGELO NATALE

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—The group of young Americans assembled swiftly, seemingly from out of nowhere, in Red Square. Just as suddenly, they burst into song. The startled Moscovites didn't stop immediately, but kept walking by, looking over their shoulders. But soon one of them paused to listen to the Negro spiritual. Then another.

Before long, a crowd of hundreds of Soviet people gathered to hear the impromptu concert.

The crowd grew delighted as the chorus delivered a rousing Russian folk song, in perfect Russian accents.

The Soviet militiamen, equally as startled as the passersby, did nothing to stop the concert only a stone's throw from the Kremlin's walls.

That happened less than a year ago, and the scene was repeated often in Soviet cities from Kiev to the Red capital.

More of the same will take place this summer when the Yale Russian Chorus revisits the Soviet Union for a month-long stay.

There were 18 in the group last September. Perhaps two dozen or more will make the trip this time. It depends on how much money they can muster.

But the plans are made. They intend to leave the United States June 15, arrive in Moscow June 23, and travel to Riga, L'vov and the Black Sea resorts of Sochi and Yalta.

The chorus members feel their visits are a form of cultural exchange between the two countries, but on a man-in-the-street level.

They don't travel as a unit and they apply for their visas as individuals. There is no spokesman as such for the group. They are not a delegation.

"Be at Mayakovsky Square at 8 tonight," is a sample of the informal instructions under which the chorus operates.

The Americans show up at the designated hour, two or three at a time. When enough of them are on hand, the singing begins. Latecomers merely stroll up to the rest of the signers, and join in.

When the concert is over, the real fun begins. Most members of the Soviet people are curious about America and Americans.

The Americans will break off into groups of two or three at the most. And they'll engage in

lengthy conversations with the Russian people.

The Americans give a picture of life in the United States. They answer all questions put to them by the Russians. The Russians do the same for them.

And they've already got plenty of pleasant memories tucked away from a year ago. They've visited Russians in their homes, and had serious discussions with them.

The chorus members feel they've helped dispel, on a small scale, the notion that Americans are warmongers and exploiters.

The chorus director and arranger, Denis Mickiewicz, is a graduate student in comparative literature. He was born in Riga — one of the cities the chorus plans to visit — but he says he has no relatives there.

One of the chorus, Charles Neff of Claremont, Calif., recalls a jazz session with young Soviets after one of their concerts. Neff can play a trumpet. Mickiewicz handles a guitar.

The setting for the jam session was the Mayakovsky Library in Moscow. It was going along fine—Americans and Soviets playing "jazz" together—until someone at the library called a halt because the noise was getting out of hand. And jazz, as soon as it shows a modern trend, is condemned in the Soviet Union as a sign of "bourgeois decadence."

Only in one spot — the Republic of Georgia — did the chorus fail to make a hit with their Russian songs. In Tiflis, the Georgian capital, the chorus was cheered and applauded when they sang American folk songs and spirituals. The crowd wasn't pleased with the Russian songs.

Probably this can be explained by the fact that many of these hot-blooded people are quick to point out to foreigners that "we are not Russians, we are Georgians."

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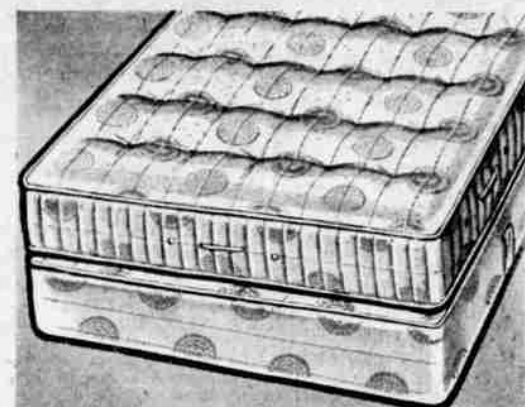
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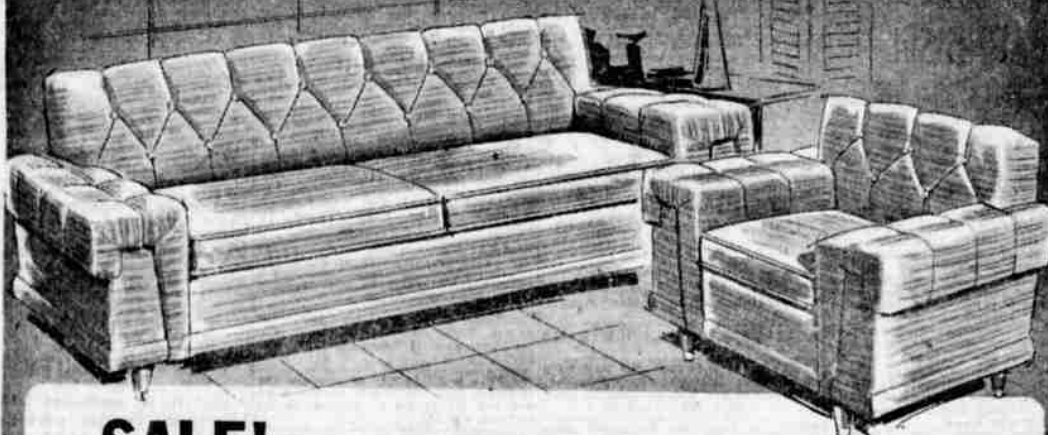


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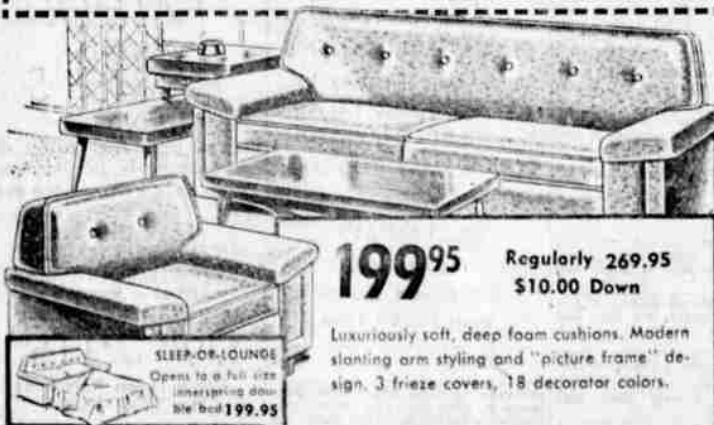
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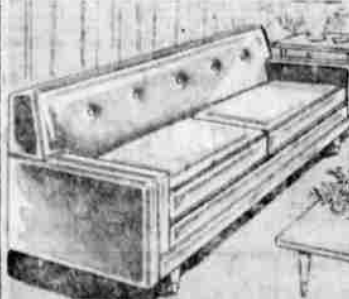
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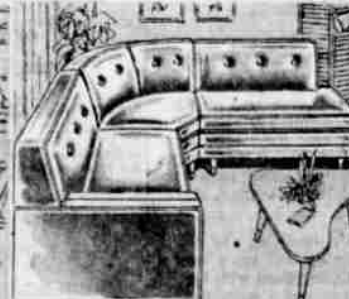
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