

LAST WEEK'S WEATHER may not have suited everyone but at least it kept the barometer at the Herald and News office busy. This graph shows how the wavering needle traveled during the period that saw everything from hard rain, snow and even a few hours of clear and sunny weather.

12 Models Of Liberty Bell Bound For Soviet Union

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—Twelve miniature models of the Philadelphia Liberty Bell, symbol of American freedom, are bound for a permanent home in the Soviet Union.

They will probably end up on the desks and coffee tables of some of Russia's highest officials—as a reminder of a day well spent with Americans in the City of Brotherly Love.

The little bells, all inscribed with the Soviet officials' names and the date of their visit, were presented to the Russian guests at a dinner in their honor given by the city Tuesday night.

The Russians saw most of the city in one day. They visit

Charleston, W.Va., today. They have been exposed to a great deal during the five days since they arrived in the United States for a 24-day visit. It is, perhaps, not too early to look for their first reactions to this country.

Their faces and their comments show that they find America stimulating. In relaxed moments, the less inhibited of them come right out and say what they like as well as what they don't like.

What they like is the abundance of high quality consumer goods and services available everywhere here. What they disapproved of is the high price tags attached to these goods and services like housing, higher education and medicine in the United States.

The Russians have been saying to each other privately that America, wonderfully rich country that it is, would be even more wonderful if it were Communist. The longer the Soviet official stays here the more convinced he becomes that the Communist system would make a paradise out of what is already almost a capitalist seventh heaven.

Of course the Americans don't say so to their American hosts except in jest. It would be diplomatically improper and politically unwise for a group of government officials to go around advocating Communism in America.

Dmitri Polyansky, head of the Soviet group, is very careful to keep ideological disputes out of his formal speeches and banquet toasts.

"You have your capitalist system and we have our socialist one, and let's not interfere with each other," is one of Polyansky's favorite themes.

Soviet Press Hails Autos

MOSCOW (UPI)—The introduction of Russian automobiles on the American market by a Syracuse, N.Y., dealer was hailed today by the Russian press and public as acknowledgement of Soviet technical achievements.

Most of Moscow's 16 newspapers gave prominent play to the Tass report that Russia has sold 10,000 Moskvich sedans to a firm called Andrea Motors, Inc., headed by Robert Castle. The press saw it as evidence of improving trade relations between Russia and the United States.

The Moskvich is a four-door, four-seater sedan with a standard shift, a 45-horse power engine and a top speed of 72 miles an hour. It has one fold-down seat for drivers who want to sleep in the car.

The Moskvich is Russia's "economy car." It sells here for 25,000 rubles (\$2,500 at the official tourist rate of exchange), but purchasers may have to wait for as long as two years before getting their cars.

An auto export official of the Ministry of Trade said that Castle signed a deal not only for the Moskvich but for Volgas and other Soviet automobiles under a "monopoly" agreement for a two-year contract.

Parole Violations Admitted By California Housewife

GARDENA, Calif. (AP)—Irene Marie Robbins knew there'd be a knock on her door someday.

It came Wednesday.

She opened the door and told the sheriff's deputies outside: "I know who you are. I am Ruth Crum. I lived in fear and terror all these years. In a way, I am glad it's over."

With those words, 18 years of Mrs. Robbins' life started crumbling.

To her neighbors, Mrs. Robbins, 45, is the wife of accountant Franklyn L. Robbins, the mother of four children and a leader in school and community affairs.

But authorities in Cook County, Ill., know her as an ex-convict who violated her parole. She said she never told her husband about her past.

In 1938, police said, Ruth Crum sat in a car in Havana, Ill., while a male companion committed a burglary. She pleaded guilty to the charge although she maintained she didn't know the man's intentions when he left the auto.

After three years in a reformatory, she tried to make a new life by hiding her past. Authorities said she violated her parole by

getting married and leaving Illinois. She was traced through fingerprints taken here last New Year's Day after she was involved in an auto accident and held for investigation.

"I loved my husband but I feared to tell him about my past," she said.

"I always brooded over this problem. I turned to religion and told my troubles to my spiritual adviser. He assured me I had paid my debt to society and that there was no need to tell my husband or any of our children as they began to grow up.

"I always wanted to tell."

Europe Says Reds Leading

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The average Frenchman and Britisher thinks Russia is ahead of the United States in over-all military strength.

West Germans are pretty well divided on the issue. The Italian man in the street feels the U.S. is ahead.

This was revealed by a series of polls conducted by private agencies during the last four years. The results were compiled and released Monday by the U.S. Information Agency.

The heretofore confidential polls indicated the U.S. never regained the scientific prestige it lost in France, Italy and particularly India when Russia launched Sputnik I. But U.S. prestige in Britain and West Germany shot up again after the U.S. launched its own earth satellites.

Reward Offered In KC Bombings

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Civic leaders have set a goal of \$10,000 as a reward for a solution to last Thursday night's bombing of Kehilath Israel Synagogue.

Mayor H. Roe Bartle said Monday night he has pledges of \$7,000 from civic, labor, veteran and religious organizations for the reward fund to be administered by the Kansas City Crime Commission.

The bomb did \$10,000 damage to the synagogue.

Five youths arrested Sunday were released after questioning.

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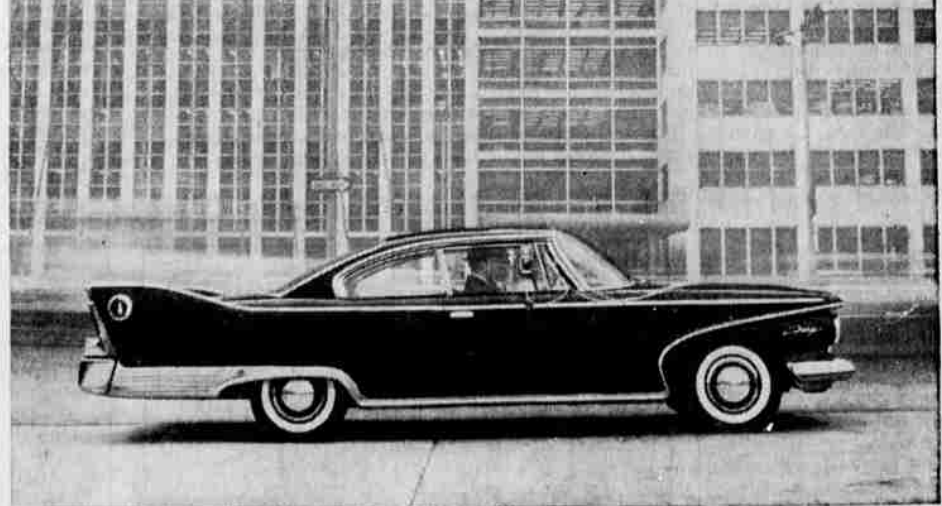
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Economy Cars To Get Break

NEW YORK (AP)—Owners of small economy cars will be given a 10 per cent discount on automobile insurance premiums by more than 400 insurance companies, it was announced today.

The announcement was made by the National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters and the National Automobile Underwriters Assn., which said they have asked insurance supervisory authorities in 43 states to approve the discount starting March 1. Approval will be sought later in other states.

The 10 per cent discount also will apply to two-car families already getting a 25 per cent credit, and also to autos eligible for the 10 per cent driver education rate credit where there are male

drivers under 25 years of age, are not eligible for the discount. Small cars of the sports car type the announcement said.

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