

# West Berliners Are Chuckling At Soviet Bloc Anecdotes



**FAMILIES PLAN FOR "Y" OVERNIGHT** — Plans are underway for the annual Labor Day Family Camp, sponsored by the Klamath County YMCA at Diamond Lake. All the facilities of the "Y" camp, including boats and cabins, will be available. The cooking will be done by the regular camp cook and Mom gets a chance to relax. Families are scheduled to arrive early Saturday and return late Monday, staying two nights. Weekend highlights include a voluntary hike to Mt. Bailey, lake fishing, family swims and the last night's campfire, which will include stories, songs and stunts. Reservations can be made by calling the "Y" office, TU 4-4149. Dr. James Creswell and family, from left, Billy, Mrs. Creswell, the doctor, Megan and cousin Steven Hilyard are making early preparations for the trip.

BERLIN (UPI) — West Berliners are chuckling at the latest crop of Soviet bloc jokes brought back by travelers from the East.

A minor Bulgarian official is said to have met his Czech opposite number in an East Berlin hotel room after a long separation and asked him "now that we old friends are together, tell me confidentially — what do you think of President Novotny?"

His Czech friend looked scared, checked the doors and windows, turned on the bathroom taps to hide his voice from hidden microphones, and motioned the Bulgarian up close.

"Now that we are alone," he whispered, "I can tell you — I rather like the man."

It may have been the same two officials in this Hungarian story. "I hear we are finally going to have East-West convertibility with a pound-ruble-dollar exchange rate."

"That will be great news for trade. What is the rate?"

"One pound of rubles equals one dollar."

Cosmonauts, of course, are featured in current Russian jokes.

When Valentina Tereshkova returned from space she was granted a private interview with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. "Now as a woman, your perceptions are keener than men's," Khrushchev said. "Tell me confidentially, did you see any angels in space?"

"Well, yes I did, comrade Nikita Sergeyevich."

"Well, that is shocking. You must promise me, on your party honor as a Communist, never to tell a soul."

"Why, of course, comrade."

A few weeks later Valentina is received by Pope Paul VI.

"Now, Miss Tereshkova, could you just tell me confidentially, when you were in space, did you see any angels?"

"Why no, Your Holiness, of course not."

"Please, Miss Tereshkova, you must promise, never tell a soul."

Typically Polish is the tale of two foreign trade officials, from Poland and East Germany.

The East German asks "your foreign trade figures show great

activity with both East and West. How is it done?"

"Well, our trade is based on bricks, on which our industry has been consistently overfilling its production quota."

"Well, that must mean all Poles are now well-housed."

"No. We trade the bricks to Hungary for wool."

"Oh. So your people are well-clothed."

"Oh, no. We send the wool to Yugoslavia for bacon."

"At least that means the Poles have good breakfasts."

"Not at all, we send the bacon to England for coal."

"Ah, your houses are well-heated in winter."

"Unfortunately not. You see we have to use the coal for the brick factories."

Newly revised from Russia is the story of the Communist Party Central Committee representative sent out to persuade Ukrainian

collective farmers to increase production.

"So you see, comrades, by increasing production you increase the whole supply of good things you can share," he told a disgruntled audience in a village meeting hall.

"In fact, I think I can tell you a little secret. The central planning board foresees that in five years your collective will have its own television set."

An ancient peasant stood up at the back of the hall and mumbled "but please, comrade, I don't want a television set. What we really need are some nails."

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just ordinary nails, to hold a couple of boards together."

"Now comrade, I don't think you quite have the vision of our future under communism. I can even reveal that in 10 years, the planning board foresees that your collective will have its own private helicopter. Yes, comrade?"

The same old man stood, mumbling even more softly, "But we don't need helicopters. We need nails."

"Comrade," the central committee spokesman barked, "you fail to see the point. In 10 years you will see on your television set that they have nails in Minsk, and you will be able to rush over in your helicopter and be first in line."

## Supreme Court Upholds Judge Wolff

SALEM (UPI)—The Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday upheld the negligent homicide conviction of Charles Eugene Betts of Baker.

A passenger in Betts' car was killed when it left the road and crashed. The decision upheld Baker County Circuit Judge Lyle R. Wolff.

Betts had contended it was an error for the trial court to deny his motion to require the district attorney to decide whether to prosecute him for negligent homicide or for manslaughter.

Betts also argued that a doctor's testimony that the defendant's speech and smell indicated he was intoxicated shouldn't have been allowed. He said the testimony was a violation of the law which says that a physician-patient relationship is confidential and privileged.

The Supreme Court ruled that while the physician-patient privilege is valid in civil proceedings that it was not in error to let a doctor testify in a criminal case such as this.

The court also upheld a Wasco County Circuit Court decision involving a traffic accident between a deputy sheriff answering a police call and another driver. The other driver, Boyd H. Owens, had sued deputy sheriff Delphia J. Goss.

Goss admitted he was negligent in failing to stop at an intersection with an arterial street but argued Owens was also negligent for driving too fast and failing to keep a proper lookout.

The court ruled it was proper for the jury to decide whether Owens was also negligent. It said the fact he was on an arterial street didn't relieve him from the duty of exercising proper speed, lookout and control.

Other Supreme Court decisions Wednesday:

Robert E. Merritt vs. State Industrial Accident Commission,

Douglas County Circuit Judge Don H. Sanders' decision for plaintiff upheld.

Charles W. and Ethel M. Prigge vs. Paul Carmichael, Marion County Circuit Judge George R. Duncan's decision for plaintiff affirmed.

Vera S. Christensen vs. Prudential Insurance Co. of America, Lane County Circuit Judge Edward Levy's decision for defendant affirmed.

Edith Maynard vs. Oregon Willamette Lumber Co., Multnomah County Circuit Judge Alfred T. Sulmonetti's decision for defendant reversed and case remanded for new trial.

Howard W. Crane vs. State Industrial Accident Commission, Multnomah County Circuit Judge James W. Crawford's decision for defendant upheld.

Willard K. Carey vs. Velate Henderson Leonard, Union County Circuit Judge William W. Wells' decision for plaintiff upheld.

## Rights Bill Gets Support

WASHINGTON (UPI) — One of four congressional groups holding hearings on President Kennedy's civil rights bill called for testimony of a prominent clergyman who recently was arrested for taking part in an anti-segregation demonstration.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, chief executive officer of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., was summoned to testify and read a statement on behalf of himself, Roman Catholic and Jewish spokesmen and a number of national religious organizations representing the three major faiths in the United States.

At the same time the Senate Judiciary Committee recalled Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy for more questioning on the administration's civil rights proposals. The Senate Commerce Committee and the Senate employment and manpower subcommittee also scheduled hearings on sections of the civil rights program.

Other congressional news:

Rails: Congressional leaders appealed to the railroads to postpone again, work rules changes that will precipitate a national rail strike. Congress is working against a July 30 deadline in its consideration of President Kennedy's proposal that the dispute be turned over to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a solution.

Immigration: Congress appeared today to be in no rush to work on the "world quota" immigration plan submitted Tuesday by President Kennedy. Indications are that action is likely to be put off until next year. The plan would abolish the present "national origins" system that assigns an immigrant quota to each country.

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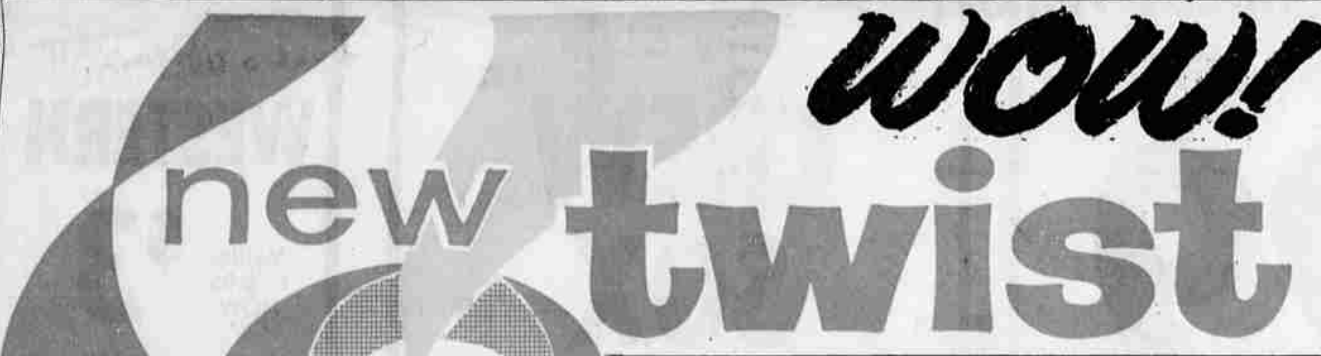
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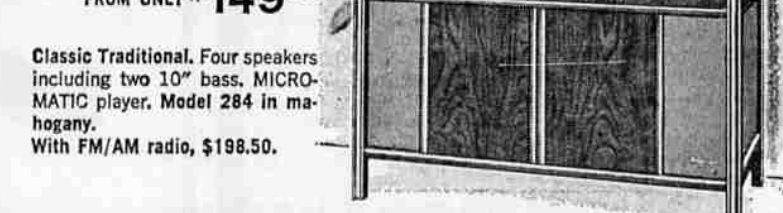
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