

Tobacco Industry Faces Competition

Foreign Producers Increase Output

WASHINGTON (INS) — The agriculture department said today that the U. S. tobacco industry is facing increased competition from foreign producers on the basis of a slight decline in domestic consumption.

In its regular report on the tobacco situation, the department's agricultural marketing service has ruled out any substantial increase in U. S. tobacco sales overseas due to stepped-up output by foreign producers.

Officials said there are several favorable factors in the export picture including improved gold and dollar reserves by the foreign nations and plans by the U. S. government to sell surplus tobacco

overseas at world market prices for foreign currency.

In addition, the department noted that prices for many fine-cured grades this season are a little lower, which should favor greater exports.

However, it said U. S. tobacco is facing increasing foreign competition because of the sharp upswing in production in some areas. Although trade restrictions have been lessened by some importing countries, many other continue to limit U. S. tobacco exports.

The department cited West Germany as a case in point. It said American-blend cigarettes have been in high favor there since World War II but in the past year sales of the straight oriental brands, so popular before the war, have shown a significant increase.

Moreover, production is on the increase in Southern Rhodesia, Canada and India. Output in Turkey and Greece, however, is down.

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Correspondent Tells Of Trip Into East Germany

(Editor's note: For the last nine years the Soviets have been working hard to communize East Germany. Are they succeeding? How do the East Germans live? What are the problems they face day to day, hour to hour? What is the true picture of life behind the Iron Curtain? What does the average East German think about western plans for defending Europe? These and other vital questions are answered in the following second article of a series by International News Service Berlin bureau manager Joseph H. Singer, just back from a trip deep into the Soviet zone, to Leipzig for the annual fair.)

By JOSEPH H. SINGER

LEIPZIG, East Germany (INS) — "You Americans! Learn your lesson from us here in East Germany. Don't trust the Russians." A fiftyish, greying taxi driver gives you this warning, as you drive toward the fair grounds in Leipzig.

Bitterly he goes on: "Peaceful co-existence? Sure, they'll give it to you. Look at us here in East Germany. We're existing peacefully."

He underlines "existing" with a snarl.

"Is this what you want, to just barely exist like us?"

He and scores of other East Germans you talk to stress that they are not "living"—they are barely "existing." They explain how they spend all their waking hours just keeping alive.

"We were born to live — not just to work and exist," they exclaim.

"It's work, work, work, always work," a middle-aged man says.

"When we aren't working we have to stand in line and spend hours searching for food. The whole family has to work. And for what? For a pitiful life."

It's true that things have gotten a little better since the June 17, 1953, uprising, they tell you. After the rioting, the Reds announced the "new course" to raise the standard of living throughout East Germany.

"But any change would have been in improvement, even death," a nineteen-year-old boy quietly says.

Clothing is a bit better and more colorful than it has been since 1945. Material quality is slightly higher. More food is available—but not often enough.

"The Reds haven't changed their plans, despite their new face," an old man tells you.

"They are still planning to take over everything. But for the time being they are going slow and pretending to make things better for us."

Most East Germans you meet during your visit to Leipzig are hungry for the truth. Their heads are weary from the flood of lies fed them since 1945.

They see through Red propaganda which claims people in the west are starving and without work. They can see the truth with their own eyes.

But the average East German finds it difficult to find the answers to more complicated political questions.

He appears to be rather uncertain about the purpose of the European defense community, or a substitute for it. He tells you that the French rejection of EDC only makes the picture more confusing to him.

"We want more liberty—but not at the price of a war which will grind us into the ground," one working man says.

The majority of people with whom you talk try to be as unpolitical as possible. It's safer to keep out of the puppet parties if you don't want to join the ruling Socialist Union party (Communist party).

Also, the struggle to keep "existing," to find food and the necessities of life, takes all their time.

Yet they somehow find the strength to resist the Reds—passively.

"The state-owned movies used to show only Russian films. So we simply stopped going to those theaters. When the state saw that the plan was going to slip because there were no profits from the movies, they started showing German films," a young widow tells you.

Resistance? Yes, resistance of sorts that at least enables the East German people to hang onto a shred of pride.

Another person tells how a group of travelers in a train prevented a Communist policeman from taking the identification papers of a passenger. They forced the Red cop to leap off the train as it pulled out of the station.

A small victory? Yes, but nevertheless a victory.

(Next: More about life under the Communists.)

Guest Speaker



Rev. Arthur H. Ziegler

The Rev. Arthur H. Ziegler, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Huntington, and chairman of the board of education of the central district of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will be guest speaker at Zion Lutheran church, West Monroe street, Sunday, October 10, as the local congregation celebrates its annual mission festival. "The Inner Compulsion of Missions" will be Rev. Ziegler's pulpit theme at both the 8 and 10:30 worship services. Special mission offerings will be received at the services to help the local congregation meet its mission budget which, this year, amounts to \$5,350. The Lutheran church-Missouri synod, with which the local church is affiliated, has a 1954 mission and education budget of \$5,100,000.

Red China's Army General Elected

Heir-Apparent To Red China Leader

HONG KONG (INS) — Western observers speculated today over the possible significance in the election of an army general as the heir-apparent to Red China's Mao Tse-tung.

Gen. Chu Teh, 68-year-old commander-in-chief of the army, was elected first vice president by the 1,200-member National People's congress in Peking Monday.

It was the first time a potential successor to Mao has been named since the Communists came to power in China in 1949.

Mao, who was re-elected to the post of chairman of the republic, president, will hold office for the next four years under terms of Red China's new constitution. He also will remain chairman of the party's central committee, principal policy-making body.

Chu's election was mildly surprising since it had been expected that either premier and foreign minister Chou En-lai or Lia Shao-chi, Communist party philosopher, would be selected.

Potluck Supper At Party Headquarters

The Adams county Democratic Women's club, their families, and the county candidates and their families enjoyed a potluck supper at the Democratic headquarters, one-half block north of the stop light on Second street Monday night.

Mrs. Theron Fenstermaker, Democratic county vice-chairman, spoke on the Democratic farm program, and called for the election of Fred W. Greene, Democratic candidate for congress from this district, to allow the Democrats to carry through a forward-looking farm program to replace the present Republican one.

Dr. Harry H. Hebble, Democratic county chairman, introduced the county candidates, and the meeting closed with a social hour.

Ex-Prisoners Are Called To Witness Stand

Senate Committee To Turn Files To Justice Department

WASHINGTON (INS) — Senate investigators will call more ex-prisoners of war today to support testimony that an American-operated magazine in Shanghai fed the Communist propaganda machine in Korea.

At the same time the internal security subcommittee, which is conducting hearings on the publication, "China Monthly Review," promised that government action would be taken and said it is turning over its files on the probe to the justice department.

The "Review" was operated before and during the Korean conflict by John B. Powell, of San Francisco, now a self-styled lecturer and free-lance writer. Powell was bluntly labeled a "murderer" in testimony by one ex-POW late Monday.

The former editor of the Shanghai publication took refuge in the fifth amendment when questioned Monday about political and editorial activities, his wife's employment and friends he has visited in Washington, D. C., after his return to the U. S.

The senate group said it would call more ex-prisoners at today's hearing to testify on the truth or falsity of the "Review's" descriptions of prison camps and treatment of captives by the Reds.

Carroll Wright Jr., an Arlington, Va., real estate broker, who spent 34 months in Korean prison camps declared that Powell was a "murderer."

He recalled in his testimony having the "China Monthly Review" as part of required reading.

Concerning Powell, Wright declared: "This man should definitely receive some punitive action. He does not deserve the rights of an American citizen."

Two soldiers still in uniform told in more restrained tones how Powell's publication was thrust on American POW's who sometimes suffered brutal punishment rather than approve it.

The 25-year-old widow of a prisoner who died in a Korean prison camp of malnutrition and dysentery choked up and sobbed as she told of letters Powell wrote from Shanghai "as a fellow Missourian" early in 1951.

Mrs. Delores Gill of Kansas City, said Powell assured her that American news reports on Communist treatment of prisoners were mostly "fabricated atrocity stories."

Powell, called to the stand, admitted writing to Mrs. Gill—whose husband, 2nd Lt. Charles L. Gill, died in a POW camp—but challenged the right of subcommittee chairman William E. Jenner (R-Ind.) to question his motives.

Low-Cost Flooring

By International News Service. Budget-careful housewives who are considering the installation of new composition flooring materials might take a tip from one of the nation's leading decorators. William Pahlmann, who has decorated some of the nation's finest homes, says he often prefers the cheaper grades of vinyl plating, linoleum or rubber because they usually are not so slick as the more expensive grades and therefore take on a richer luster with repeated waxing.

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Trade to a Good Town — Decatur

Volunteers Needed To Pour Foundation

Volunteers are needed for mixing and pouring the cement foundation for the prefab building, which will be moved soon to the county 4-H grounds, next to the Adams Central school, Peter B. Lehman, chairman of the grounds committee, said today.

The foundation will be laid Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, Lehman said, and volunteer workers should bring their shovels, spades, or wheel barrows to help in the work.

Jefferson Club To Hear Judge Byrd

Judge Homer Byrd, of Wells county, who recently issued an injunction which prohibited Gov. Craig from interfering with the Bluffton street fair, will be the speaker at the Jefferson club meeting next Monday night at Democratic headquarters, one-half block north of the stop light on Second street.

The meeting will be at 8 p. m., and refreshments will be served afterward, Mrs. Walter Koos, vice-president, said today. This will be the last meeting before the elec-

tion, Mrs. Koos emphasized, and all members are urged to attend.



MAP LOCATES Hakodate and Iwajima, two disaster scenes in the typhoon which lashed Japan. A big ferry capsized in Hakodate harbor, with more than a thousand persons lost, and Iwajima, a city of 23,000, was reported four-fifths burned out. The typhoon struck Kyushu, southernmost Japanese island, veered eastward to touch Tokyo, then struck west into the Japan sea. It swerved east again with 100-mph winds to strike northern Honshu and Hokkaido, where damage is said to be the most severe.

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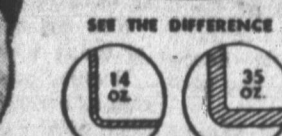
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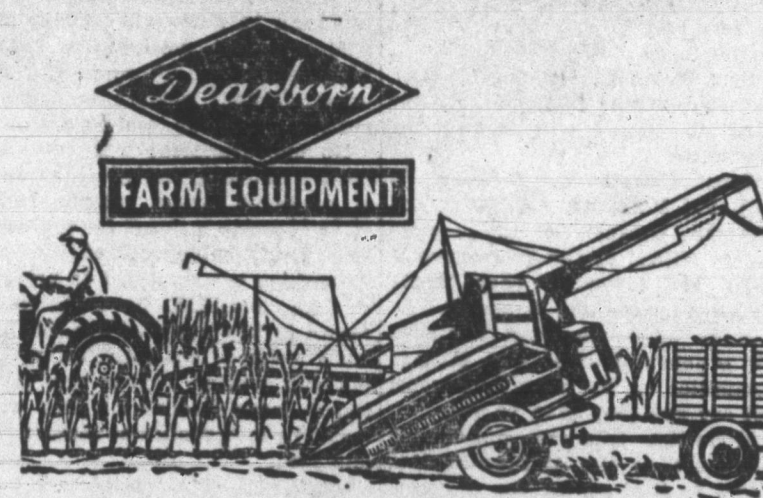
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