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the United Press Association**MAD RUSH TO  
ESCAPE EXILE  
ON IN RUSSIA**Millions Seek Safety as  
Soviet Intensifies Rule  
of Iron.**THRONGS FLEE CITIES**Passport System to Ferret  
Out Every Inhabitant of  
Fear-Racked Land.*Here is the second of the series of articles by Eugene Lyons, United Press Moscow manager, on the new program of the Russian government.***BY EUGENE LYONS**United Press Staff Correspondent  
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MOSCOW, Feb. 9.—Hundreds of thousands of families in Moscow, Leningrad, Kharkov and other large cities frantically are packing their few belongings for a tragic plunge into the unknown, as the redoubtable O. G. P. U. (state secret service) begins enforcement of the rigorous passport regulations recently promulgated.

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**Job Only Protection**

Others to be cleaned out of the urban districts are people who, unable to adjust themselves to the new regime, have been living by their wits—a little reading, an occasional job, some handicraft work at home which the government does not think indispensable, etc.

Among such people—and their number is legion—is at present a frenzied rush to obtain respectable jobs in factories and offices. A useful job is the only protection against the terrors of the passport system.

Those who have jobs tread softly and scarcely dare to breathe, for fear of losing them at this crucial point. To be driven out of an office or factory just now may bring exile in its train.

While the passports are being issued, the authorities have taken a number of steps to strengthen their control. For instance, they have forbidden moving from one home or apartment to another. Barriers also are being raised by the government against hasty departures, especially through control of the sale of railroad tickets.

The transport system, already incredibly overburdened, is being swamped further by the sudden hurried shift of population.

**Must Get Passports**

Under the passport decree, every Soviet citizen over the age of 16 must obtain from the G. P. U. A. special identification passport which records in detail his or her "social history." The chief item of this history, of course, is parentage.

Never before has the status of people been so rigidly predetermined by birth—descendants of the former rich, aristocratic, religious elements, or even the sons and daughters of small czarist officials, gendarmes, etc., have only a minimum chance to escape the roundup of undesirables.

A pathetic by-product of the passport decree is a sudden reduction in the price of old furniture and other household effects. Foreseeing expulsion, families hurriedly are disposing of their property, accepting almost any offer.

Government organizations which buy up such property for re-sale—such as the commissar shops—are reaping a more than usually rich harvest. Most of them, however, are holding off buying in the certainty that prices will sink still lower, as the panic spreads among "former" people who still have a few things from the good old days.

**MRS. WADLEY IS DEAD**Wife of Commission Merchant Lived  
Here for 18 Years.

Following an illness of two months, Mrs. Lula Morris Wadley, 62, wife of Scott C. Wadley, president of the Wadley Company, commission merchants, died Wednesday night at her home, 4646 North Meridian street.

Mrs. Wadley was born in Wichita, Kan., and had been a resident of Indianapolis for eighteen years. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

SEEKS STRIKE END

**NEW UTILITY  
RIGHTS GIVEN  
CITIES BY BILL**Lease of Plants Permitted  
Under Provisions of  
Senate Measure.**COUNTY FEES LIMITED**Salaries and Costs Curbed  
by Draft, Reported  
Favorably.

Cities of the first to fourth classes will be permitted to lease public utility plants under terms of a Senate bill reported without recommendation today.

Construction of additions where necessary, for operation of the plants also is provided by the measure. Members of the Senate committee said the neutral report was made to get the bill before the entire Senate for open debate. It is understood that a majority of the committee approves the measure.

Methods of choosing boards of election commissioners, setting limits to salaries and costs, giving county chairmen more power, and transferring election duties from county commissioners and city councils to the newly created boards of election commissioners are covered in a bill reported favorably today.

Max Wollinger, above, Hudson vice-president, is attempting to settle the dispute.

**VAN NUYS BACKS  
FIVE-DAY WEEK****Pledges Support of Bills  
Wiping Out Child  
Labor in U. S.**

Measures establishing the six-hour day and the five-day week, and those eliminating child labor will receive the support of Senator E. G. P. U. (state secret service) begins enforcement of the rigorous passport regulations recently promulgated.

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