

Soviet Union Mobilizes Writers Against Western World

'PURGE' AIMED AT BATTERING ALL INTO LINE

Simonov Proclaims Vigorous Attack on 'Middle Class' Nations.

By WALLACE R. DEUEL
Times Foreign Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The Soviets are mobilizing intellectuals for a great propaganda campaign against the western world.

This is the reason for the violent purge which the Kremlin has been administering to Soviet arts and letters the past several weeks.

The purge is intended to serve two purposes:

ONE: To eliminate writers and other intellectuals who have not been hostile enough to the western world to suit the Kremlin.

TWO: "To encourage the others" to frighten all Russian intellectuals into embracing official party dogma with more ardor.

An officially-sponsored Russian author, Konstantin M. Simonov, has just let this cat out of the bag in Moscow.

Mr. Simonov proclaims that Russian intellectuals must now rally to a "vigorous and unrelenting" attack on western, "middle class" culture. Josef Stalin himself has said that writers are the "engineers of the soul" and they are now to serve as "military engineers of the soul" in the great offensive.

All other intellectuals also are to fight in the new campaign.

Even "a playwright must be a politician," says Mr. Simonov, and the same thing applies to actors, theatrical and motion picture producers, and directors, composers, orchestra leaders, authors and everybody else who can influence the human soul.

Reports from Moscow show that the campaign which Simonov proclaims will be one of huge proportions.

Soviet thought control will require two things of Russian intellectuals:

They must glorify the Soviet regime and its accomplishments as officially described.

Intellectuals must smear the western world and its ways.

Pure Thoughts Required

Authors of stories for children are being mobilized along with all the others.

Their tales must "make children feel something of the beautiful reality of Soviet life and love of fatherland," it is officially announced.

Critics, too, must serve loyalty. Criticism is possible only if the critic has "pure thoughts," says Mr. Simonov.

Anything which smacks of western ways and ideas is strictly forbidden.

A Soviet newspaper recently attacked Sherlock Holmes as a typical exponent of "the false doctrine of the sanctity of private property."

Object to Translations

The governing body of all Soviet writers has just taken a publisher severely to task for publishing Russian translations of American and English plays, thus "poisoning the minds of our people with a world-outlook hostile to Soviet society."

A Communist youth publication recently pilloried a Russian magazine for printing a story in which the father of a family fell in love with another woman.

"The happiness of a Soviet husband and wife, sharing a community of interests, would not be disturbed by any such trivial occurrence," said the youth publication.

Must Expose Encirclement

Russian authors must "expose the nature of the capitalist encirclement struggle against its disintegrating influence, and make clear the character of contemporary imperialism, concealing within itself the threat of bloody new wars," says a resolution adopted by the presidium of the Union of Soviet Writers.

Works of literature in Russia "must give a worthy and vivid picture of representative Soviet men and women brought up by the Bolshevik party, steered in the fire of the great patriotic war, devoting all their energies and abilities to the great work of Socialist construction and capable of overcoming every obstacle," the resolution adds.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Indiana Implement Dealers' Association, convention, Clappool Hotel.

EVENTS TOMORROW

National College of the American Gymnastic Union, Indiana University, at

Annual Rehearsal Show, 2:30 and 8:30 p.m., Hollander.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Albert Harry Decker, 9717 Broadway;

Elizabeth Farn Herck, 1777 Reid pl.

Marion H. Hester, 1000 Sugar Grove ave.

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Quake Cracks

EDIBLE ORCHIDS FOUND IN AFRICA

By NEA Service
NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Orchids that you can eat are a possibility of future American gardens.

These strange plants are among the 11,000 specimens of flowering plants and ferns brought back to the New York botanical garden by an expedition into mountainous Nyasaland, in the most inaccessible part of east Africa, under the leadership of Arthur S. Vernay.

These orchids, unlike the highly ornamental species that perch on the limbs of trees, grow in the ground like ordinary plants. The natives dig up their tubers, cook them elaborately, and eat them with cornmeal.

They will be grown in the botanical garden's greenhouses here, along with 60 other kinds of orchids.

This unusual photo shows one of the great fissures opened when an earthquake struck recently near Chuquicamata, Peru. More than 500 persons are estimated to have died in the ruins of wrecked buildings.

INFLATION HITS BUENOS AIRES

Prices Mount Steadily in Food, Clothing.

By JORGE BRAVO
United Press Staff Correspondent
BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 27.—The sons of this land of plenty, who had all they needed to wear or eat during the war, are now feeling inflationary shortages that government counter-measures have not countered.

Three months after the close of President Juan D. Peron's "battle of 60 days" to reduce the cost of living, prices are continuing to mount steadily and are now hitting the Argentines in two very sensitive spots—food and clothing.

Rent is held down by government control. But housewives daily fit together to make their budgets cover food and clothing needs.

Due to Strike
Part of the difficulties are due to the recent two-month strike in meat packing plants and shortages of vegetable production owing to an October freeze and the locust plague. But mainly they are due to the inflationary tendency the government is now combating.

Typical price increases since August are: Boiled ham, from 3.20 pesos a kilo to 6 pesos a kilo (from 37 to 68 cents a pound); cured ham was 3.30 pesos a kilo and is now 7 pesos; bacon is not available; dressed young chicken in August cost 1.15 pesos a kilo, is now 2.50 cents and hens have doubled; bread has doubled; choice beef is up from 1.80 to 2.50 pesos a kilo (about 28 cents a pound).

Coffee, milk and spaghetti likewise have risen. Few potatoes are available and while the official price is 20 centavos a kilo, they are 2.50 pesos (28 cents) a kilo in the black market.

Clothing Cost Doubled
Cost of clothing has doubled and in many instances tripled since 1940. It is still rising steadily. A cheap man's suit which in 1940 cost 80 pesos (\$9.07) is now 180 (\$20.40); the cheapest tailored suit of Argentine wool, formerly 100 pesos (\$11.39), is now 300 (\$34); tailored suits of English worsted have risen from 14 (\$15.87) to 40 (\$45.33), at the cheapest tailors.

Shirts, shoes and hats are also up, a cheap popular shoe having advanced from \$4 to \$8 a pair.

CZECH GLASSWARE INDUSTRY REVIVED

PRAGUE (U. P.)—The ministry of information announced the nationalized bottle factory at Usti (Aussig) is currently producing 10,000 bottles and jars daily, mostly for export to Italy, Holland, Switzerland and other European countries. Between May, 1945, and April, 1946, the factory shipped 22,840,000 bottles.

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Disabled Veteran Finds Loss of His Hands Is No Handicap

By NEA Service
LONDON, O., Nov. 27.—John Snell came out of the army with two purple hearts, five battle stars and no hands.

Hands or no hands, his post-war record to date is one that many a veteran hopes to duplicate. Sympathy is the last thing Mr. Snell needs.

He is successfully earning his own living. He married his childhood sweetheart. He commands his local Veterans of Foreign Wars post. And he sees no reason why everything isn't going to continue just as good, or maybe even better, in the future.

Heard Frightening Tick'
A time clerk in pre-war days, Mr. Snell became a corporal in the 18th regiment of the famous 1st Division.

During street fighting in Bonn, Germany, Mr. Snell heard a frightening "tick" from one of the hand grenades dangling from his belt. He drove a new truck home, for delivery to one of his customers.

Mr. Snell felt that as well as his hand hooks worked, they could work better. In his old fishing tackle box he found the answer. By replacing the rigid wires that controlled the artificial hands with ordinary fishing line swivels he gave the hooks more flexibility and made writing much easier. A manufacturer already is using his improvement to help other handless veterans.

Childhood Sweetheart
Last month Mr. Snell married his childhood sweetheart, Jean Yocom, Dundee, Mich., who had grown up with Mr. Snell in nearby Sum-

mit Hill. He put the wedding ring on her finger himself.

Today Mr. Snell has come a long way from the G. I. whose hands and future were shattered by a grenade explosion. He's working, not worrying, and if everything keeps on as it is now, he foresees the day when he will have his own agency.

Organizations

The Edelweiss Lodge 22 will hold its annual Thanksgiving homecoming at 6:30 p.m. today at the Masonic temple.

Charles E. Kline will be banquet chairman. Charles E. Kline will be banquet chairman. Charles E. Kline will be banquet chairman. Charles E. Kline will be banquet chairman.

INVENTOR DIES

MOLINE, Ill., Nov. 27 (U. P.)—

Charles W. Borg, 85, pioneer Moline manufacturer and inventor of gear clutch used on modern automobiles, died yesterday.

WIFE GETS 40 DAYS IN HUSBAND'S DEATH

SUPERIOR, Wis., Nov. 27 (U. P.)—

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