Reds Picture U. S. Drivers As Hoodlums

Austrian Radicals Adopt New Tactics In Cold War

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VIENNA, Austria, Apr. 8—The automobile safety campaign has assumed a new and grave political importance in Austria. Here, almost alone in the world, an automobile crash is part of the cold war.

American vehicles outnumber all other foreign vehicles, including Russian, at least 10 to one. So naturally the American total of accidents is greater and every accident is a Communist opening.

The Communist newspapers particularly watch the police records and play up every American fault in their biggest and blackest type.

Their aim is to picture Americans as hoodlums of the wheel.

Russ Economical

The lend-lease jeeps given by the United States standing in front of the Russian kommandatur, on the ring, are used as little as possible. The Russians are economical. Their mileage is low. Hence their accidents are few.

Members of the Army, including civilians who work in Army offices, may bring cars over here with Uncle Sam paying the Atlantic freightage. Moreover, the ban against selling them to Austrians has recently been lifted.

With Austrians owning and driving American cars, the Red press can exploit another ambiguity. "Hit-and-run driver speeds away at wheel of 'American' car," say the headlines. Whether "American" means American-make or American-ownership is left unstated.

Austrians drive 516,000 miles a month in American service as against 280,000 miles driven by Americans themselves. But when a jeep of the Army's taxi service hits something the Red reporter forgets to mention the driver was Austrian.

Austrians Are Careful

The Communists have one point in their favor: Austrians are about twice as careful, when driving in American service, as Americans themselves. The Americans have 2.66 accidents per hundred thousand miles, while American-employed Austrians have only 1.22.

The Americans are catching on that safety is political on the edge of the Iron Curtain, however. Under the intense safety drive started by Capt. Raymond Crowley of Plymouth, O., the Communist press had only 24 smashes to exploit this March as against 59 last year.

Safety seems to be a kind of cold war that the Americans know how to fight.

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Make Lungs Rest In TB Treatment

NEW YORK, Apr. 8 (UP)—group of Columbia University physicians havu developed a new type of treatment for tuberculosis in which the patient stops breathing for as long as 10 hours a day to give his diseased lung a chance to heal.

The treatment, already successful in at least 15 cases, involves the use of a specially-designed pressure chamber into which the patient climbs. Oxygen is fed into the chamber and through a system of alternating pressure, the patient loses his natural desire to inhale and exhale, the alternating pressure system forces the new oxygen into the patient, and exhales for him, too.

During the treatment, the patient's lungs are quiet. Meanwhile, it gives a diseased section of the lung a chance to heal.

The technique was developed by Drs. Alvan L. Barach, Chesmore Eastlake, James H. Cullen and George Foster Herben, of the university's Department of Medicine and Presbyterian Hospital.

The physicians reported that during "residence in the equalizing pressure chamber," the patient manifests a form of continuous body rest as well as lung rest, which, they said, "is impossible of achievement by patients with voluntary respiration at bed rest."

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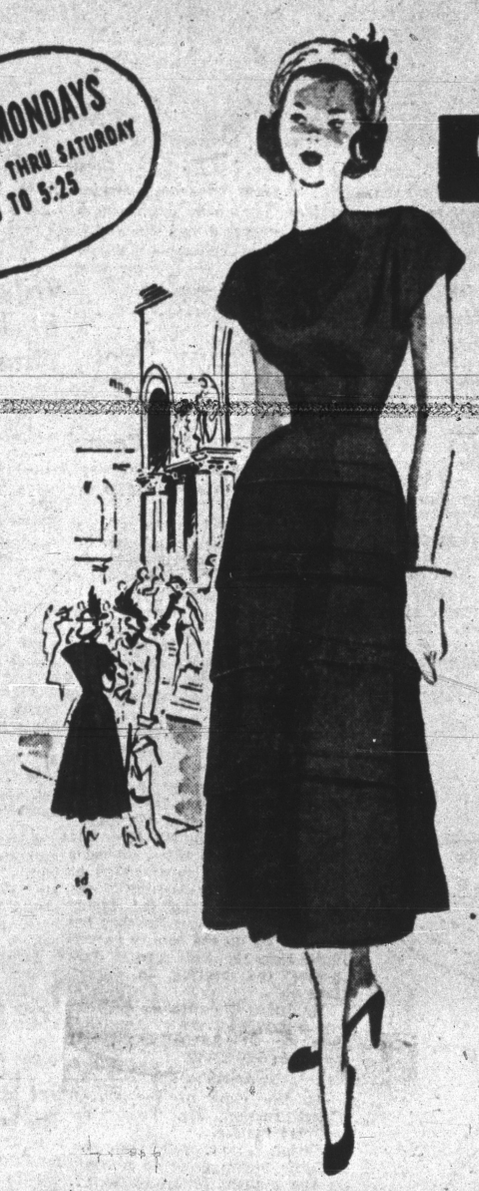

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