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## **Russia** Is Land Of **Opportunity For A Few**

Some insight into the Russian situation in comparisons which the average American can understand is contained in a series of revealing articles by Lieutenant General Walter Bedel Smith, which are being published in the Saturday Evening Post.

Smith deals with his experiences when he was our ambassador to Russia. In one article at least is provided an authoritative and amusing commentary on living conditions behind the Iron Curtain.

When General Smith first arrived in Russia the Soviet government was running a food store for diplomats only, which offered a fairly adequate supply of rationed goods at reasonable prices. Subsequently, rationing was abandoned and this store was closed, so the embassy had to buy either from the government-operated commercial stores or in the open market where peasants were allowed to sell for whatever they could get for any excess products they had after meeting their state quota.

Even so, the prices charged were snocking by American standards. Here are a few from a long list cited by General Smith, on the basis of the price per kilo, which equals 2.2 pounds:

## **Ray Tucker Even More Futile**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3-"It looks to me," writes F.A. of Cincinnati, O., "that the United Nations is turning out to be quite as futile as the League of Nations was in settling world problems and paving the way for permanent peace and the brotherhood of man. How about it?"

Answer: In some respects the United Nations is even more futile than the old league, and with less reason.

The League did have the courage to condemn Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia and Japan's slow-motion conquest of Manchuria, although the great powers' supineness prevented any effective action. But Rome and Tokyo were shamed into resigning from the international organization.

BREAKDOWN—Our recent refusal to support China's indictment of the Russian-Chinese Communists as violators of the U. N. Charter and the Sino-Russian Treaty shows how ineffective the U. N. has become. When the United States dare not or will not take a courageous stand in such a crisis, it seems that there is little to be hoped from the larger agency.

The League's failure was blamed on this country's refusal to become a member. But our recent behaviour as a member of the U. N. seems to answer that old charge.

Washington, of course, although privately expressing disappointment in the U. N.'s achievements, holds Moscow responsible for its breakdown.

These two experiences in international crusading prove what everybody knows -namely, that if the nations and statesmen are unwilling to cooperate for peace and world welfare, the mere creation of a debating society is an empty gesture. It The state stores were the cheapest. is even worse in that it tends to nourish illusions and delusions.

## "Now, The First Order Of Business Today - "

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**Joseph And Stewart Alsop** 

Georgi Goes Along B. GEORGI GRAMADA

Special Krass Correspondent

EVERYBODY Ward' to Philadelphia, so I went too, although no serious matter was involved. Philadelphia is the city of the Quakers who are a Christian sect which is opposed to the warmongers. Therefore there can be no harm in going there, even to see a game of football which is played mostly with the hands. But no one made a protest against the warmongers in Philadelphia. In this country of contradictions, why do they call it football

when they play it with the hands? To that dialectical question, one can only answer by asking another question: why do they call this a Democracy when it is a plutocracy run by Democrats who are really Republicans? These Bi-Partisans have no conflicting ideologies, only different names.

So I go to a Stadium where large numbers of people gather including Truman and Hoover who smile at each other, which is another capitalistic contradiction. Here nobody publicly hates anybody. That is very peculiar. Even these football players don't seem to hate each other, although it must be hypocrisy, because they are the Army and the Navy which is involved in a great political contest as to which should control the atom bomb. Do they not have the intelligence to hate in a universe of eternal struggle and conflict?

THE CAPTAINS of the teams shake hands. After the game, am told, they will drink toasts together-toasts to the destruction of the proletarian heroes who have built the fatherland of the worker, Soviet Russia.

This was a game between the Army cadets and the Navy cadets. They will be generals and admirals some day unless war is abolished by the inevitable mastery of all peoples by Marxism-Leninism-Stalinism which under the leadership of the genius, J. Stalin, has already conquered half the human race. The other half is waiting.

Anyhow, these future generals and admirals every year play this football game. First they make a parade. This they do in uniform. They carry no slogans. They carry no pictures of Truman. They only carry two flags, the American flag and the flag of their corps. When they are through marching, they run to their seats which is among the common people. First the Navy marched; then the Army marched. This was to hide the true wishes of Truman.

THEN THEY JOINED together in a square and saluted Truman. It is important to notice that they did not protest against standing together or saluting Truman, although it is known that he tried to liquidate the Navy which became a public scandal because the Navy objected to being liquidated.

Rightly, there should have been a third team to play with the Army and Navy, namely an airforce team. But it was explained that football can only be played by two teams, not by three. Also, the airforce has no team. Anyhow, the tickets had already been sold, which is a peculiar custom they have here of charging dollars for everything. Anybody can buy a ticket who knows somebody who can buy one.

These cadets are selected by congressmen like Parnell Thomas, Rankin and other Fascists. Any congressman can pick four cadets each year, two for the Army, two for the Navy. Senators pick cadets, too. They can pick anybody. Nobody asks what was the father of the cadet—was he a worker, a peasant, a small business man, a millionaire, an exploiter of the working class? Nobody asks.

IF THE CONGRESSMAN picks him and he can pass an examination, he becomes a cadet. Thus, class consciousness, the sacred dialectical principle of dialectical materialism, is lost completely. Can you imagine anything so incorrect?

So they get fancy uniforms and tickets to the football games. Then they study four years and if they are not kicked out, they ecome generals and admirals. They can be Republicans, Demo-

Butter, \$8.50 and up; poultry, as much as \$6.25; ham, over \$8; apples \$2.25; prunes \$4.12 and macaroni, \$1.87. On top of such prices, many items which are commonplace in the American diet were in very short supply.

General Smith found that the embassy could save money by operating a commissary which bought goods from America, even though transportation and insurance charges were very high and there was much loss through pilferage. However, the Russians soon cracked down on this scheme and forced the Americans to buy food locally.

In the matter of other commodities, Smith quotes from a guide made up for future appointees to the Moscow post. It reads:

"Two general ideas should govern what is brought to the Soviet Union. (1) Nothing is obtainable there and (2) it is cold, both indoors and out a good deal of the year."

This same report lists dozens of articles which are unobtainable in Moscow, including radios and other electrical equipment; fountain pens, lighter fluid, mothballs, shoeshine kits, needles, matches, first-aid kits, dark glasses, ash trays, watch straps, bulbs and seeds, clothes hangers, and so on.

As the General puts it, "Americans with their corner drugstores, supermarkets and five-and-ten-cent stores can hardly imagine the life of foreigners in Moscow."

The point is of course that Russian consumer industry is unbelievably small for a country its size, population and natural resources. The masses of the Russian people live on a subsistence level that would be intolerable to us.

Americans may have many criticisms of their own government but such criticism should be of a constructive nature -only give in the regular free-American manner.

The best answer for those who don't think our government measures up is to suggest they go where they consider the pastures to be greener.

There's nothing the matter with the good old U.S.A. that can't be fixed at the polls.

## I See In The Herald

PEACE-BREAKER - Although Rusin the Security Council has blocked any lems, it is probable that the General Assembly does serve a useful purpose.

It acts as a semi-official, international court and bar of world opinion before which the Soviet's selfishness, brutality and terrorism can be indicted and condemned.

Should there be a World War III, the debates and exchanges recorded in the Assembly minutes would provide a formidable body of evidence to prove that Russia curtain quickly descends, and fission-bomb will be enough to had been the original peace-breaker and aggressor in the postwar era.

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will.

**INDICTMENT**—The fact is that Russia, or possibly the United States, would the first place, that a 1,000-power Energy Commission has had the probably withdraw from the U. N. except atomic bomb is more than a utmost difficulty in recruiting that it would leave the resigning nation vulnerable to charges of international ill

If we walked out, for instance, Stalin's Charley McCarthy, Mr. Vishinsky, would stead of uranium, at the top. The and the many others like him. maintain that we had abandoned the at- theory of how to make it is al- While the Ed Johnsons of the tempt at world peace, and were preparing for war. We would level the same indict- immense efforts, yet the job is down any manifestation of hument if Russia quit, I suppose.

Moreover, membership in the same club enables each power to keep a close eye on a rival's maneuvering.

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TAXES—"What is there," asks G. W. M., a former small business man of Grand Rapids, Mich., "to stop the trend of colleges and religious institutions from purchasing corporations and business properties to avoid all income taxes? Also, what about the many enterprises which can be converted into co-ops and likewise sidestep taxes that their competitors have to pay?"

Answer: It has always been a wonder to me why Congress has not closed this loophole before. However, various influential members, including Senator George of Georgia, believe the time has come for a re-examination of the tax-exempt problem.

It has been estimated that taxation again 43. The rose-red of the so-called "dodgers" would produce between one and two billions a year in ruby spinel 46. Tapestry THAT Angus Ward and the rest of his revenue. Many place it at higher a figure. Giraffe-like These additional collections would permit Congress to wipe out the "nuisance" taxes. They would obviate the need for the tax boost wanted by President Truman, assuming a real economy move by Congress.

# It's Not So Funny, Really

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3-There actually farther along than was man intelligence anywhere in sia's extraordinary use of her veto power was altogether too much comedy the job of making the Hiroshima the government, those who posin the recent incident of Senator bomb when the Manhattan Dist- sess this dangerous commodity Edwin C. Johnson and the 1,000- trict was established.

major postwar agreement on basic prob- power atomic bomb. Here is a Furthermore, Senator John- government service. pompous lawmaker, pleading son's estimate of the probable with the television audience for power of the new bomb is also more secrecy in American atomic generally accepted. It is the rule development. And in the midst that the area devastated by an of his bumbling discourse, the explosive increases in approxiof his bumbling discourse, the explosive increases in approxi-Senator commits the worst viola. mate ratio to the square root of evidently thinks of our atomic tion of security rules that has the increase in the explosive's power. A Hiroshima bomb deva- think of the Maginot Line. Secoccurred to date.

He discloses, in fact, that the states an area of from two to Atomic Energy Commission is four square miles. When conworking hard to devise an atom- structed, the 1,000-power bomb ic weapon 1,000 times more pow- will therefore devastate an area erful than the bomb that fell on a little more than thirty times as Hiroshima. With the Senatorial large, or from sixty to 100 square

foot thus securely fixed in the miles. capacious Senatorial mouth, the In short, only one hydrogen the audience dissolves into roars destroy, utterly and completely, almost any great city on earth. of happy laughter.

Yet there was more to this in- There is no comedy in this. cident than a mere comedy NOR IS THERE any comedy in turn by a third-rate Senator. the second point that must also

Everyone should understand, in be understood. The Atomic simple possibility. In the long competent scientists to work on run, such a bomb is a probabil- its hydrogen fission projects. In ity, if not a certainty.

ITS EXPLOSIVE power will de- tural horror that any such prorive from the nuclear fission of ject must inspire in civilized hydrogen, the lowest of the ele- men. But in part also, it is bements in the electron table, in- cause of Senator Johnson himself ready understood, and generally Senate and House are positively accepted. Making it will require straining at the leash to hunt

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are naturally reluctant to enter

Finally, there is no comedy whatever in the underlying situation typified by Senator Johnson's comedy turn. Judging by weapons as the French used to ond, he believes that if we play Gestapo just a little more earnestly, we shall not be threatened by atomic weapons in the hands of other powers.

The Senator is dead wrong on around them. both counts. At this moment, in the sacred name of "economy," (for which Johnson regularly

bellows), our power to deliver atomic weapons to useful targets is being daily impaired. At the same time, the power of the Soviet Union to defend its cities

part, this is because of the nadevelop our power to defend ourselves and the rest of the free world against atomic attack.

AT THIS MOMENT, the Navy's Ram-jet project has evolved an interim guided missile for use against high-speed aircraft. By

marrying a beam-rider guidance system to a solid propellent rocket, the Navy scientists have almated that this prototype missile could be perfected in a little more than a year. will fear no evil, for it will be more than a year.

Production, preparation of emplacements, and training of crews to operate the guidance system would then have to follow. Yet, unprecedented security against air-delivered atomic bombs could thus be attained in a relatively short time.

No all-out effort is being made in this field, however, any more than an all-out effort is being made to maintain and improve our own offensive strength. In sum, Senator Johnson's seeming comedy turn has a sharp lesson. When such hideous forces are loose in the world, it is not safe to play "economy" politics, or any other kind of politics, with

crats, Social Democrats, but not Communists. The hatred for the party of the workers is because they dislike Marxism-Leninism-Stalinism. They are opposed to the people's hero, J. Stalin.

Apart from that, they can be anything or nothing and nobody will ask. It is impossible to understand such disorders, so I watched the football game which is played with the hands, and the Navy let the Army win to please Truman.

Voice Of The People

ism they comfort me. It prepar-Dear Editor: In writing an experience of eth a Utopia for me by appropriours might prevent a me for ating the earnings of the frugal, some one. We had too much light it filleth my head with fool excord on our trailer so my hus- pectations, my mounting inefband put up two nails on a post ficiences runneth over. Surely and wrapped the excess wire goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

The other morning we saw I shall live on the bounty of the smoke go by the window. We government forever." went to see where it came from

Sincerely, William Blair, and found the light cord completely melted and ruined. 723 Avenue A, Kennewick. We were thankful we were

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wife, Mrs. Mary Byrne of Bolton.

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Sincerely, 242.0 Mrs. Estel Taylor, 219 D Ave., N. Richland.

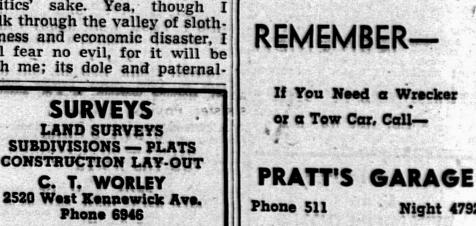
Dear Editor: I especially wish to call the eral Electric, was born Septemfollowing to the attention of ber 15, 1892, in New York City. revised His only known survivor is his local Democrats this copy of the 23rd Psalm:

"The government is my shep- Mass. herd: I shall not work. It maketh me to lie down on good jobs; it Dwyer Funeral Home in Bolton leadeth me by the still factories. for burial.

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from strategic air attack is being the trailer got afire. If you will daily increased. If this process print this it may help to prevent continues, not even an atomic a fire for someone else. bomb that can wipe out a world capital in one awful holocaust will be of much use to us. In the same sacred name of "economy," moreover, we are also failing to

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VISIAN GABIER Yesterday's Answer

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U. S. consular staff in Mukden, Manchuria, will leave for the U.S. by next Wednesday. Ward and his staff had been held virtual prisoners by the Chinese Communists for more than a year. It would be interesting to know what the actual agreement was with the China Reds to permit the Americans to head for home. It has been hinted in some circles that the Commies were attempting to "ransom" the group, even though they had been ordered to leave the country by the Wednesday deadline.

Liquor sales in the state for the month of October were lower than during the same period last year, according to a report from the State Liquor Control Board at Olympia. Our friend, Cal, no doubt had something to do with the decline, because it was during that month that he 'set' his grape wine.

The report obtained by our sports editor from Babe Hollingberry, former head football coach at WSC, about the possibility of his returning to the college if he was offered his former job, reminded our Aunt Kate of the song: "She Didn't Say Yes, And She Didn't Say No."

IRONIC-On an equity basis, there seems to be no reason why co-ops should not be taxed on earnings, and not merely on dividends to members. But an even more reprehensible escape is the manner in which colleges, religious institutions and philanthropic foundations invest in corporations solely to reap extra profits by avoiding taxes.

When Congress provided exemptions for educational, religious and charitable movements, it did so to further their good works by reducing their expenses to a minimum. It never intended that they should use this privilege in the way they

### have.

It seems ironic that great universities dedicated to inculcating high ideals in the nation's youth should stoop to such practices, even if a short-sighted and highpressured Congress, not to mention the Administration, gives it a legal wink.

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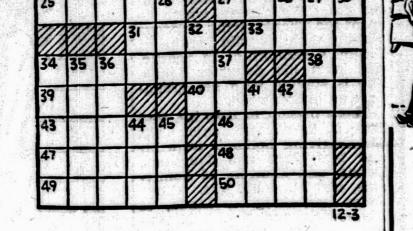
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### DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's. X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

### A Cryptogram Quotation

T IA I DUFVTLZ, ISV HSIGO OU BLLG. UZ OU LQNFITA US KUZ-OHSL'D KTNWFLSLDD-DRIWLDGLIZL Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT MAY BE THAT OUR DOOM IS TO DESPAIR. WHERE HE WITH JOY BELIEVED-WATSON. Distributed by King Features Syndicate