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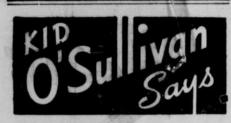
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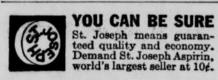
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CLASSIFIED REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT RUSSIANS....



INSTALLMENT SEVENTEEN

When the opera closes we are weary beyond words and long for bed. We are to leave early in the morning. But the handsome vicepremier is firm. After we have finished the banquet here at the opera, we must see the operetta theater where a special program has been prepared for us.

This open air theater is packed to the balcony with a crowd about nine-tenths Russian and one-tenth Uzbek. They are singing an aria from "Maritza," immensely popular in the Soviet Union. A juggler follows, and then the grand finale: chorus girls prance out in costumes made in our honor-red and white striped trunks, and blue, star-spangled brassieres. Hopefully they sing a Russian translation of "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-

I talk for a while with the little Uzbek mayor, next to me at the table. But the vice-premier is talking. It is his broad-shouldered driving energy which has caught the factories hurled from European Russia and planted them in the desert, which has put millions to work damming rivers, building industries and carving out the new Russia.

He is sure of himself, of the driving power of this Bolshevik system and of the new world it is opening up among ancient Oriental tribes. He is telling us that he is glad he had this chance to show the new Russia to Mr. Johnston and to the American press. I liked him and his province.

Then the fat little Tass correspondent came up. He was pretty tight, and his German was sketchier than usual. 'Wir wissen das Sie waren in Finland," he said, "aber das ist ein kleine Sache nur'' (here he snaps his fingers)—a little, little thing and is now forgiven of me. Because it was long ago that I was in Finland, and now they will trust me to be objective.

I thank him for this compliment and their trust, assuring him that my passion for Finns is now buried under rivers of Soviet champagne, so at last I can be objective.

For here we leave them. Kirilov announced they may go by train to Bokhara and Samarkand tomorrow. while we fly on this morning to Ashkabad, the last Russian town on the Persian borden.

The reporters and all the Tashkant Russians come down to the airport to see us off. In the car I ride with Nona. As we drive down a boulevard (Tashkent is very well paved) she tells us that gear by is the cottage of her mother and father, a retired engineer. They live on his pension of 1,000 roubles a month, which in peacetime is decent but now is too little. But fortunately they own their house. Yes, you can now own a house in Russia and, if you like, either rent or sell it at a profit. Of course, its land belongs to the state. If they ever need it for a government store or apartment, they pay you only the cost of the house. But now you can borrow from the government without interest as much as 10,000 roubles, which will build a fair house, Nona says, and you have ten years to pay.

A doctor or dentist, who, of course, works in a state hospital, may have a private practice after hours, and charge what he likesjust as the peasants may sell their share of the collective's vegetables for any price, after the government has bought what it needs at the fixed low price. However, the doctor must conduct his private practice not at the hospital but in his own home, and must provide his own instru-

Ashkhabad has, like the others, an old Oriental section, but the new Russian town is beautifully laid out and well paved. In the center is an irrigated park, an oasis of green in the yellow desert dust which blows everywhere. And in the park, under this broiling sun, is a veritable forest of Bolshevik statues, mostly Stalin. He is always striding along in his long overcoat with his ear flaps down, heavily gloved, just as he is under the Arctic Circle. It seems cruel. We want to get a can-opener and rescue him.

Since we left Moscow, we have noticed that, when his name is mentioned, less and less do the Russians leap feverishly to their feet overturning furniture, although his popu-

larity is as great. The rug factory is most interesting. I have watched Navajo women weave, but these Turkoman girls have greater skill and a more delicate craftsmanship. They are decked out in beautiful native costumes, wearing lovely hand-hammered gold and silver jewelry. In weaving they squat beside the looms, using both their fingers and toes to hold the thread and tie knots. As we pass through they work feverishly but I happen to return to one room and find them relaxed, gossiping and cackling.

The sad thing is that the Communist NOUVEAU RICHE who, to

gering prices for this beautifully woven junk, may convince the Turkoman craftsmen that Marx's bushy beard or Stalin's shaggy eyebrows are things of more breathtaking beauty than their ancient native patterns.

The day closes with a 12-mile trip through the blistering desert to the "horse factory." These desert nomads, like the Arabs and the men of our own Southwest, have always been proud of their mounts. They are shrewd traders and breeders of

In the stifling heat of my hotel room, the good-natured chambermaid suggests by gestures that I would sleep better if we pulled my cot onto the balcony. The sun rises early. I look down on a courtyard of squalid tenements, windows open and Russians sleeping everywhere, sometimes under shelter but often stretched out on the ground. The yard itself is filled with blonde, blueeyed, flatnosed Slav babies-two. three, four and five-year-olds toddling around, some wearing shirts and some not, beginning their early morning play before the sun is too

And I marvel at this teeming, fertile, hard-working, long-suffering, indestructible race, which now spawns down here in this irrigated valley as it does under the Arctic Circle. Properly we think of Russia's empire as a relatively empty place. There is still elbow room for this generation-but what of the next? When the collective farms are so full of people that they can no longer feed themselves or the factories-what then? The problem is not one for our times, since today Russia, like England and America, is one of the "have" nations, with a comfortable share of the world's earth and raw materials.

Today these well-fed, blonde Slav babies play in the desert sun, reveling like all babies, in the dust of the courtyard, just under the mountains which divide the Soviet Union from Persia.

At the airport we say good-by to our good friends Nesterov and Kirilov, and to Nick, who has so faithfully watched over us and our con-

But we were not quite through with the Soviets. At the Teheran airport they told us that the Russian Ambassador was tendering us a final dinner.

Our final Soviet dinner was in the Soviet Embassy dacha a few kilometers out of Teheran. The boiled Sears, Roebuck suits had not altered but our viewpoint had; after Moscow they now seemed smartly dressed.

The dinner was European-soup to fish to entree to salad to dessert to coffee, with brandy at the end for toasts.

The Russian Ambassador got up and said there were good reasons why Russia in the past had been suspicious of foreigners. Even today, he said, there were reasons. There was, for instance, in Switzerland, the Bank of International Settlements. An American was a member of its board, and also a German. All during the war this bank had continued to do business. Therefore, he said, the Soviet Union had good reason to be careful of foreigners.

When the Soviet Ambassador sat

demonstrate their loyalty, pay stag- | down, Joyce was on his feet. For weeks we had been smothered both by hospitality and the ever-present attentions of the NKVD; now was his golden moment.

> Fixing our host with a glittering eye, he said: "Mr. Ambassador, sometimes we have our suspicions, When Mr. White, here, was in Moscow, he stayed at the Hotel Metropole. His room was on the second floor. On the third floor," here Joyce paused, smiled, then continued gently, "were the Japanese." Presently it was time to go home. We said good-by and went.

> This ends my report on the Russians and here are my conclusions. I should add that these, as well as the general viewpoint of this book, are entirely my own, and not to be charged against my good friend Eric Johnston.

Any close relations with the Soviet Union are fraught with considerable danger to us until American reporters get the same freedom to travel about Russia, talk to the people unmolested by spies, and report to their homeland with that same freedom from political censorship that Soviet representatives enjoy here, and that American reporters enjoy in England and other free countries. This must also apply to European or Asiatic territory occupied by or affiliated with the Soviet Union. Correspondents abroad are the ears and eyes of our Democracy. If we are to help build up Russia, our people are entitled to complete reports from press representatives of their own choosing on what

we are helping to build. We should remember that Russia s entitled to a Europe which is not hostile to her. We should also remember that while American aid in building back her destroyed industries is highly desirable to Russia, it is not indispensable. She will not swap it for what she considers her security in the new world.

She is, however, in a mood to accept decent compromises. But if, as our armies are in Europe while this settlement is being worked out, we find we can't get everything we home.

ness with the Russians, we can trust them to keep their end of any finanpay on the nose before the tenth of the month.

But any business deals should de-Asia. We should extend no credit to Russia until it becomes much clearer than it now is that her ulti- U. S. Can Produce the mate intentions are peaceable.

I think these intentions will turn out to be friendly. However, if we move our armies out of Europe before the continent is stabilized, and if disorder, bloodshed and riots then ensue, the Russians will move into failed. any such political vacuum. After all, they are not stupid. Russia for the present needs no more territory, but badly needs several decades of peace. She is, however, still plagued with suspicions of the capitalist world, and needs to be dealt with on a basis of delicately balanced firmness and friendliness. To date, the Roosevelt Administration has done an excellent job of this, in an unbelievably difficult situation.

(THE END)





Telephone Wires Not Used by New System

Power Lines to Carry Voices in Rural Zones

A new telephonic communications era has begun for the nation's farm families. Tests made in Arkansas and Alabama by the telephone, private power companies and the REA have proven the feasibility of "talking" over the same rural power lines



Claude Gregory, president of Craighead REA co-operative, Jonesboro, Ark., making one of first calls over the carrier curent telephone.

which provide farmers with electric energy.

Outwardly, the new and old telephonic equipment looks very much alike. In the new system, however, speech is transmitted over power wires by means of a carrier wave of radio frequency produced by electronic tubes, located either in a small box adjacent to the telephone or attached directly to the instrument. A device called a "coupler," placed on a pole outside each telephone user's house, allows the carrier current to enter and leave the lines but prevents the power current from interfering with transmitting and receiving instru-

Equipment, to change the high frequency current back to normal voice frequency, is located at a point on the power line where vocal meswant, we would be childishly stupid sages are channeled over wires to to get mad, pick up our toys and go the telephone central office. The new system, experiments on which If we decide it is wise to do busi- were started by Bell laboratories and REA in 19 "telephonically link" thousands of cial bargain. They are a proud families who now reside along rural people, and can be counted on to power lines but are too far off the beaten path to be reached by existing telephone lines. Approximately three million farms are now elecpend on their aims in Europe and trifled and scores of others are being added daily.

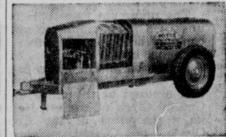
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It has not been determined that California has a more suitable climate than Japan for silkworm culture, being able to raise three crops a year, contrasted with Japan's one, and at the same time produce a better quality silk.

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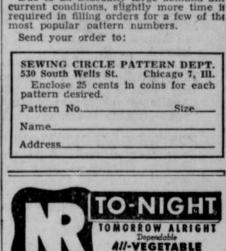


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