

Eternal 'No' Is Typical of Russians

Soviet Assistance Termed America's 'Great Mistake'

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An army officer, back from a long tour of duty in Germany, called on me the other day. He was pretty grim about the situation in Europe and into every few minutes of his conversation crept the word "Russia."

"I like to talk about America's great mistake," he said. "Germany is supposed to have lost the war by making mistakes; by attacking Russia, by not invading England after Dunkirk, by this and by that. I contend that America's great mistake was not staying out of Europe until Germany had licked Russia. I mean staying out in every way. Because without American supplies Russia would have been beaten."

I reminded him of the fact that America wanted a short war, that we had opposed Churchill's plan for attacking Europe through the Balkans and thereby obtaining possession of the trouble-making strip of territory which the Russians now dominate from the northern border of Greece up through Berlin. We wanted to shorten the war by leaving the eastern front to Russia while the western allies smashed the German power entrenched in France, the Low Countries and Italy. Thus, millions of American lives would be (and were) saved.

Churchill Foresaw Balkan Influence

Churchill probably foresaw the difficulties which would arise with a Russia able to expand her influence up to the fringes of western Europe. Roosevelt believed that the war must be won quickly and he thought that by giving the Russians everything they asked for in the way of military support their suspicions would be removed and that they would play ball with the Allies in the peace and after. He believed that Stalin needed peace so badly that he would come around. General Eisenhower himself didn't achieve any more of a realistic viewpoint in regard to Russia than Roosevelt did—if we are to be-

lieve his somewhat verbose Boswell, Mr. Butcher, in his 900-page diary. Butcher writes:

"Ike said he felt that . . . the more contact we have with the Russians the more they will understand us and the greater will be their co-operation. The Russians are blunt and forthright in their dealings and any evasiveness arouses their suspicions. It should be possible to work with Russia if we follow the same pattern of friendly co-operation that has resulted in the great accord of allied unity. . . ."

Roosevelt and the generals were proved right when they said Stalin needed peace. But they were wrong when they thought he would come around. The state department understands the situation now and, as the recently concluded meeting of the foreign ministers demonstrates, appeasement has been over for some time. We know Russia can't fight and doesn't want to. Russia knows we can't fight whether we want to or not. She is acting accordingly and according to historical precedent.

Tragic History Inspires 'No-ism'

But anyone who studies Russian history knows that the eternal "no" which seems about the only answer the Russian statesmen are allowed to make, comes from something far deeper than mere stubbornness. This "no-ism" is only one of the many typical characteristics which the Soviets have revealed. It has nothing to do with the fact that they believe in a theory of political economy which is opposed to our own. It is a deeply implanted quality which is Russian rather than merely Soviet or Communist.

And so when you read "Soviet Russia evoked the veto for the sixth time in security council history. . . ." (maybe the 16th time by the time you read this) . . . remember it's an old Kalmuck custom. Mother Russia has taught her children from the days of the invasion of Genghis Khan, that when a stranger beckons, the only answer is "no, no, a thousand times no!" In fact, a Russian seldom says "no" once—it is always "net, net, net!"

Of course, Genghis Khan didn't take "no" for an answer. Which is about the course the rest of the world can follow—if it can. Let's hope the process won't be as rugged.

OPA Battle Has Political Side

Whatever one may think of the intricacy of the economic theory behind the OPA, its political implications are a thousandfold more difficult to assess.

As congress battled over the tattered remains of the price control law, many a congressman who thoroughly detested the whole set-up began to worry a little as to what might happen back home if he were held partially responsible for wrecking the agency.

It was all right for the representatives of farm communities. The farmer would reap the reward of higher prices first. By the time he felt the effect of higher prices on the things he had to buy, OPA probably would be forgotten. But congressmen from industrial centers were in quite a different position. These communities are heard from the moment the missus encounters a markup at the corner grocery. That is the reason that a number of Republicans supported the administration stand on OPA. If the Republican party is to capture the house of representatives next November, it will have to pick up votes in the cities.

Congress Scans Types of Closing

It took some time for congress to make up its mind whether it would adjourn "sine die" (without date set for reconvening), as they usually do when a session comes to an end, or whether they would "recess." When congress merely recesses it can reassemble without a special proclamation by the President.

When the President calls congress into session he has to issue a proclamation. That's all the Constitution demands. He doesn't have to deliver it. Out of courtesy, however, the White House always telegraphs the president of the senate and the speaker of the house.

But the proclamation is not good unless the Great Seal of the United States is affixed thereto. Nobody can do that but the secretary of state, for he is the keeper of the seal. So along with the proclamation, the President has to issue a warrant, ordering the secretary of state to do the affixing.

I might say that the secretary of state usually delegates this task, which reminds me of a story, which, I believe, never has been printed. When Secretary of State Hull had been in office 12 years, there was a little outburst of congratulations.

President Roosevelt, as they were talking privately, remarked: "Cordell, you are the sole guardian of the great seal, as you know." He paused, and Mr. Hull replied: "Yes, Mr. President." Then the President, looking him straight in the eye, asked: "Where is it?"

It was Hull's turn to pause. "I don't know," he admitted, "I've never seen it."

Barbers to Boost Vocabulary Too

It is probably fitting that along with the dollar haircut which has made its appearance in metropolitan barber-shops, we may find the barber presenting us four-dollar words. Barbers long have been known for the quality of their verbal output and in some cases for the quality as well. Now they may have a chance really to reach the heights, for the leader of a barber's union has offered to "enlist the aid of 10,000 barbers" in a campaign to get some of the facts of atomic life across to the customer.

Officials of the airlines have instructed their stewardesses to translate, for curious passengers, the name "Grand Teton," tall peaks in Idaho, as "Sweater Girl Mountaintains." That's what Business Week tells me.

ASTRONOMICAL FIGURES

War Spending Hits High Peak

Further evidence that wartime spending soared to astronomical peaks is contained in a treasury department report disclosing that nearly a trillion dollars was spent in this country during the six defense and war years. Figures computed by treasury analysts show that the exact amount spent through the calendar years 1940 to 1945 was 987 billion dollars.

The burden of arming and fighting costs accounted for unprecedented spending by the federal government, with a total outlay of 365 billion dollars, or about three-eighths of the total.

Expenditures of state and local governments, cities and counties amounted to about 50 billion dollars. The remaining 572 billion dollars was accounted for by spending of individuals and corporations, the figure including 517 billion dollars



ANOTHER GREEK PROBLEM . . . With homes and food hard to get, people are not adopting babies in Greece as they did in prewar days. About 14 a week come to the foundlings' home in Athens, some left on the steps of the home, like the one the nurse is taking at left, while others are put into the foundling box at the gate, where Dr. Anastasio Goulios, right, is looking for new arrivals.

NEWS REVIEW

Atom Bomb Blast Sinks Battleship and Carrier

CROSSROADS: Heavy Damage

Although accompanied by none of the fanfare of the first surface test, the underwater explosion of the atomic bomb in Bikini lagoon produced equally startling results, with the one A-charge sinking no less than ten ships and heavily damaging six others.

Hours after the blast, the water of Bikini lagoon remained too hot from radioactivity set off by the bomb to permit close inspection of the damage. Clouds along a 30-mile front became contaminated with atomic particles and naval observers disclosed that rain from the mass could be deadly.

A massive column of water, hurtling more than a mile into the Pacific sky, and a thick sheet of spray and steam that rose to 9,000 feet, followed the detonation of the bomb, which was touched off by radio from beneath a medium landing ship.

Veteran of two world wars, the 21,000-ton battleship Arkansas sank within five minutes of the blast, and the 33,000-ton aircraft carrier Saratoga also went down. The battleship New York, the Jap dreadnaught Nagato and the destroyer Hughes and transport Fallon were severely crippled by the charge.

ATOMIC CONTROL: Russ Rejection

Even as Bikini reverberated with the explosion of the second atomic bomb test in the Pacific, Russia turned thumbs down on the U. S. proposal for international control of the atomic energy.

Addressing a closed meeting of the United Nations atomic energy committee on controls in New York, Soviet Representative Gromyko asserted that the U. S. suggestion that the veto be eliminated in atomic regulation could not be accepted by Russia because it would tend to destroy the principle of unanimity among the Big Five in preserving postwar peace.

Gromyko also rapped the proposal for establishing an independent agency for the control of atomic energy, declaring that the U. N. security council consisting of the Big Five as permanent members possessed both the power and means to deal with the problem.

OPA: Back in Business

No sooner had President Truman signed the compromise OPA bill extending the agency until June 30, 1947, than it swung into action to stabilize the national economy, which strained with the removal of controls.

Passed after the President had vetoed an earlier bill, the compromise measure contained many provisions designed to assure both producers and distributors of adequate working margins. However, it modified the original Taft amendment, which Mr. Truman charged would allow manufacturers unwarranted profits, by setting up ceilings based on 1940 prices plus increased costs.

PALESTINE: Hit Terrorism

Hitting at the use of violence designed to alter Britain's position in the ticklish problem of setting up a Jewish homeland in Arab-dominated Holy Land, the Labor government released a white paper in London purporting to show that prominent leaders of the Jewish agency for Palestine had unified underground organizations for a reign of terror.

Basing its contentions on intercepted messages between high agency officials in London and Jerusalem, the government said that the first co-ordinated outbreak of violence closely followed a communication revealing that the three main underground groups had been linked together for joint action.



UNDAUNTED VOYAGER . . . Unwanted by his Australian mother, 2-year-old Daniel Joseph Sprague Jr. traveled alone to San Francisco on the S. S. Monterey with 688 other children and war brides. Aboard the ship, the blond, wide-eyed little boy was "adopted" temporarily by Mrs. Edna Mayerhofer, 22, who will join her husband in Brooklyn, N. Y.



Killing Heel Flies With Power Sprays

Cattle Grubs Can Be Eliminated Profitably

By W. J. DRYDEN
The cattle grub and heel fly are different forms of the same insect. Starting in the spring, when it is in the fly form, the heel fly lays eggs in hairs of the animals. These eggs hatch into maggots which work their way through the hide and enter the muscle tissues. During the next nine months they migrate through the internal organs of the cattle and come out along the back.

Cysts are formed and the maggots then turn into grubs about an inch long. In the spring they work their way out of the holes in the hide and fall to the ground. Within a few weeks they turn into heel flies and the yearly cycle repeats itself. The USDA reports an annual loss



Grubs crawl out when insecticide under pressure is sprayed into the holes they make in the backs of cattle. — Photo—Food Mach. Corp.

of \$100,000,000 in milk, meat and leather due to cattle grubs and heel flies.

While the use of a 14 rotenone dust has proven effective, many will find it advisable to treating cattle with a power spray. For this method either of the following solutions will be effective: 20 pounds rotenone sulphur with 100 gallons water or cube or derris, 10 pounds, sodium lauryl sulfate, 2 ounces added to 100 gallons of water. There are many good commercial preparations on the market.

Know Your Breed Herefords

By W. J. DRYDEN



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YOU would think that Tom Yawkey, owner of the Boston Red Sox, after spending so many millions and waiting so many years to win a pennant, would now be a happy carefree man.

From what you hear Yawkey, usually a cool, calm individual in the face of any crisis, is now nervous as a cat on a hot stove. His team has shown no sign of the jitters, but Owner Yawkey has. He apparently can't believe that his dream has a most excellent chance of coming true.

As a high-class sportsman in every way and a real lover of baseball, winning a major league pennant became one of Yawkey's obsessions years ago. Money was never a barrier along the pennant road.

It is estimated that the Red Sox owner has unloaded over \$3,000,000 for the exclusive purpose of finishing in front. The amount may be considerably higher. But his pennant dream kept turning into a nightmare. Something always happened and it was usually to the Yankees.

In the meanwhile Yawkey refused to weaken, much less to quit. He also stuck to his manager Joe Cronin, where the Red Sox, under average baseball ownership, would have known four or five different managers in the last few years.

While it was known early this spring that the Red Sox would be good, the Yankees and the Tigers were also in the pennant-race picture. The Yankees with Joe DiMaggio, Charlie Keller, Tommy Henrich, Joe Gordon, Phil Rizzuto, Snuffy Stirrweiss, Bill Dickey, Nick Etten, Johnny Lindell and Spud Chandler shaped up as a formidable looking outfit on both attack and defense. The Tigers, too, looked dangerous.

Many Uncertainties

The Red Sox at the time had several gambles to face; at first, at third, and their pitching staff. They had Tex Hughson and Boo Ferris, but the others were uncertainties, just as Yankee pitchers were outside of Chandler. You can understand, during those March days at Sarasota, on the west coast of Florida, why Tom Yawkey should have been a trifle on the jittery side. Tom was—but Joe Cronin wasn't, although Joe knew this had to be his year. Cronin refused to make any predictions beyond saying this: "We've got a good ball club. We'll give anybody a battle."

Now past the midsummer spot with a long lead and the best ball club, you would feel that Tom Yawkey at least should be able to take a deep, free breath and relax.

In baseball's greatest year, so far as attendance and public interest goes, with something close to an all-star team in one corner, every one connected with the Red Sox should be able to stand up and sing "Just around the corner there's a rainbow in the sky," or "Happy days are here again."

All of Boston, outside of the Yawkey office, are humming these cheerful tunes. After all Boston, one of the cradles of baseball, has gone 28 years without a pennant. Boston kept looking back these 28 years to the days of Long, Lowe and Tenney, Kid Nichols, Hugh Duffy, Big Bill Dineen, Smokey Joe Wood, Carrigan, Speaker, George ("Duffy") Lewis, Hooper, including George Stallings' miracle Braves of 1914.

Boston also could look back to a burly fellow by the name of Babe Ruth and a great squad that Harry Frazee sold to New York to make the Yankees famous. It was Boston that gave New York its Yankee fame—Ruth, Penneck, Jumping Joe Dugan, Red Ruffing, these and many more. But Babe Ruth was enough. For 10 years the Yankees without Babe Ruth in his prime, would have been just another ball club. A good one—but not a great one.

Would Have Kept Stars

If Tom Yawkey had been owner of the Red Sox around 1919 or 1920, Boston would have dominated the game through the next decade, not the Yankees. For Yawkey would have kept Ed Barrow, one of the smartest men baseball has ever known. He would have kept Babe Ruth, Red Ruffing and Penneck and many others—and to these he would have added the best ball players a few millions of dollars could buy. This shows you what an owner means to a major league club.

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