

### Little Unrest Is Uncovered By Reporter Behind Curtain

Veteran Associated Press correspondent Richard O'Regan, AP chief of bureau in Germany, recently completed a month-long tour to find out what's going on behind the Iron Curtain. In this article, he reports his impressions on the state of mind of East Europeans.

By RICHARD O'REGAN  
BUDAPEST AP — Every night during the summer the open-air dance floors are crowded. You can't get a step in edgewise when the hands play old favorites like Tea for Two and Ramona.

At quiet tables, young couples hold hands.  
In the city outskirts and in the villages, the sparsely-furnished, simple restaurants are full. The young men gather on the street, talk, walk, make passes at the peasant girls, go to bed and get up again.

Life is going on behind the Iron Curtain just like anywhere else. There is no feeling of massive ferment or unrest. Grumbling, certainly. Many people dissatisfied, yes.

But also many people believing they are far better off than they used to be. Many people convinced they have more security, more social benefits, more education for their children, better housing. Many people with more food, some with less.

People in the West often visualize Eastern Europe as boiling and ready to blow apart. Solidifying of a study group to examine the world's trading position in view of the difficulties in balance of payments experienced by developed countries, notably Canada.

New Zealand's delegate said balance of payments difficulties cause balance of trade difficulties. Norway deplored the Canadian plan. The country had the same problem, and particularly with regard to capital imports.

lers with tommy-guns, secret police and a giant Communist party machinery do prevent people from free expression of their will.

REDS MORE TOLERANT  
But the fact is that Communist oppression in Eastern Europe today is more tolerable than it used to be.

The terror of the Stalinist secret police has gone. Living conditions have improved remarkably since this correspondent visited Eastern Europe nine years ago. But ever-present troops confirm that communism still keeps itself in power by force.

There are more consumer goods in the shops. Some are exorbitantly expensive, others relatively cheap. There are more private cars and motorcycles. You can own a bit of land, perhaps a railroad.

There are new apartment houses. There are new factories and full employment, even if wages are low.

A new class of Communist party leaders, technicians and officials have a vested interest in the system. Now they are mainly trying to solve communism's economic difficulties and obtain more material benefits for themselves. Later they may want more personal freedoms.

WORKERS BETTER OFF  
Yugoslav workers are better off than they ever were. Romanian and Hungarian peasants who knew extreme poverty and lived under semi-feudalism now have a chance at city life.

There are queues for food in Czechoslovakia, frequent shortages of items like razor blades and toothbrushes, and almost everywhere a knowledge that things are better in Western Europe.

"But," said a high Western diplomat, "communism is beginning to satisfy people's elemental needs. They are trapped, and can do nothing to change the system. However, it would be a mistake to overlook the progress which has been made



### PROVOST DETACHMENT GETS INSTRUCTION

Sgt. John Wright, in charge of 5 Provost Detachment at Camp Debert, gives instructions to three DRs, left to

right — Pte. Lester Fall, L-Cpl. Don Dover, and L-Cpl. John Profit. Standing at the rear is L-Cpl. Pat Doyle. All

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### GATT Council Plans Review Of Canada's Austerity Move

GENEVA (Reuters) — The council of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Thursday referred consideration of Canada's new austerity measures to the next session of its contracting parties in October.

A GATT communique said Canada explained the new measures and told the council now working on longer-term measures of a positive and constructive nature for improving Canada's external financial position.

"The council agreed that the matter was important and warranted a further comprehensive examination at the 20th session of the contracting parties, which is scheduled to take place in the fairly near future," the communique said.

"It was stressed that the International Monetary Fund should be invited to consult again with the contracting parties in this connection.

"The council considered that, in the light of the circumstances at that time, the contracting parties might take whatever action might be required."

Canada's chief representative at the meeting was James F. Grandy, director of international economic relations in the finance department.

EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN  
Several member countries expressed concern at the private council meeting over what they called Canada's breach of GATT rules by extra import duties under its new austerity program.

Canada had explained last month's measures, taken to protect its dollar and reduce its balance of payments deficit, at the two-day private meeting of the council.

Informed sources said Canada's representative told the highly confidential council meeting that his country's balance of payments difficulties were "structural."

Canada needed the additional protection represented by 15, 10 and five per cent temporary surcharges on some imports because it was unable to produce

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