



PRIME MINISTER CHANGES SHOES

British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan changes shoes which became muddy during tour of grounds of his Birch Grove, England, home when he held open house. The open house is an annual event. (AP Wirephoto)

Khrushchev Police System Is Changing Its Emphasis

Editor's note: Nikita Khrushchev's own brand of repression is having a sobering effect on the Russians, Harold K. Milks says in this third of four articles on the Soviet Union today. Milks has just come out of Moscow after nearly three years as chief of the AP bureau there.

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Nikita Khrushchev appears to be instituting a new control system to replace "the dreaded midnight knock of Stalin's secret police."

The stocky ruler of the Soviet Union has called for expanded supervision of the personal habits and behavior of his people. His campaign against drinking is one phase. His institution of "people's volunteer militia" to curtail what is called public misbehavior is another.

The drinking habits of Russians, long famed as hardy tipplers, have been changing rapidly under the demands of Khrushchev—formerly renowned himself for his ability to handle a full glass.

Some say Khrushchev's criticism of excessive drinking as un-Communist and harmful to Soviet progress began about the same time as reports that he suffers from kidney trouble.

Be that as it may, it appears that the strong man of the Soviet Union has tapered off sharply in his consumption of alcohol, and that he expects every drinking man and woman in his country of over 250,000,000 people to join him.

Nowhere has the change in Khrushchev's—and the Russians'—drinking habits been more startlingly apparent than at formal Kremlin receptions.

These ceremonies were once the scene of heavy and sometimes lively drinking bouts.

TOASTS ALL AROUND
Tables were laden with bottles—vodka, wines, Armenian brandy, beer, sometimes champagne from the republic of Georgia. Few bottles were returned to the shelves unemptied as Russians and their guests toasted themselves and everyone else.

The last Kremlin reception I attended—in honor of a visiting Iraqi delegation—was in sharp contrast.

Gone were the vodka bottles, even from the inner-ring tables for serving diplomats and top-level Russian officials. Our table held three bottles of native wine, a collection of soft drinks called "frukti water" and several flasks of mineral water. The diplomats fared no better. A few trays of bread were passed among top Russians for the formal toasts, but their drinks were small and few.

WORKERS CUT OFF
Drinks for Soviet citizens have

been cut off at lower levels, too. A factory worker out for a night on the town can no longer sit in a Moscow restaurant and down vodka until his friends carry him home or the militiamen lug him off to a sobering-up station.

By order of Khrushchev, his drinks in any one restaurant are limited to a hundred grams—two shot glasses for a Soviet tippler.

He is urged to go to another restaurant and Khrushchev says "the walk in between will help him stay sober."

Hitting at those who do their drinking at home, the Khrushchev regime has practically doubled the price of vodka by the bottle in the last two years.

Hand in hand with the temperance campaign Khrushchev has formally endorsed a broad program of "behavior control." Its enactment is largely in the hands of the Komsomol.

Komsomol organizations in every city, industry, and collective farm have been urged to pick the most militant and dedicated Communists for duty as volunteer police.

But early results of the behavior police have not been completely encouraging.

Liberals Deny Political Intent

OTTAWA (CP)—Debate on a Liberal proposal for committee study of inflation drew near a close Wednesday with a denial that the Liberal Opposition was seeking a political advantage in proposing the study.

Senator W. Ross Macdonald, leader of the Liberal Opposition which greatly outnumbered the government supporters, pooh-poohed the idea that some senators may want to score political advantage from such a study. He said he's surprised at the Opposition that has developed.

He called for a speedy end to debate to allow the Senate finance committee to get to work on the study.

DEBATE ADJOURNED
Debate was adjourned by Liberal Senator William M. Wall of Manitoba who sponsored the motion for an inquiry into the threat of inflation. He will close the debate.

Earlier, Senator Walter Ael-tine, government leader in the upper chamber, had accused the Liberals of injecting a partisan air to senate deliberations by proposing the inflation motion.

Any idea that the Senate is in danger of developing partisanship on that score is a pure figment of the imagination, Senator Macdonald declared.

NO POINT IN STUDY
But Senator Gustave Monette, Progressive Conservative from Quebec, said he cannot see much point in such a study.

The debate on the subject had been going on for two months now and no committee study seemed likely to turn up any more information than had already been revealed in senate speeches.

The Senate had recommended an investigation at the time of the former Liberal administration in 1956 but it had not been followed out.

Senator Monette said any further senate committee study

might have to go back to 1956 to find the causes of the beginning of inflation—or even in 1951

PLENTY OF ROOM
OTTAWA (CP)—Planners said Monday there will be room for upwards of 50,000 spectators at the official joint opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway June 26. An announcement said plans are being made to ensure good viewing arrangements when the Queen and President Eisenhower participate in the joint ceremony at St. Lambert, Que., centrepiece of the six-week Royal Tour.

Negroes Defy Gov't. Caution

MIDDLEBURG, South Africa (Reuters)—Three thousand Negroes have defied a Nationalist government warning to leave two Transvaal farms they have occupied for more than 60 years.

The Middleburg region has been declared an all-white area. The Middleburg magistrate, at a meeting attended by the Afrikaners and officials of the department of Bantu (African) affairs, told the Negro farmers that rejection of the government's offer meant the farms would be expropriated.

The government also offered the 3,000 Africans accommodation on farms of similar value in a native trust area. But a legal representative for the Negroes said they would not accept compensation nor would they co-operate with the government in any way. They said they did not want to leave the homes they had known since 1896.

Simpsons Wants Bigger Sales

TORONTO (CP)—Simpsons, Limited, must show a substantial increase in sales if earnings for 1959 are to match those of 1958, the company's annual meeting was told Wednesday.

E. G. Burton, chairm and pres-

ident, said increased costs in the form of wages, taxes and interest rates can only be met by increased sales.

"It was regrettable that corporation income taxes and the sales tax had to be raised in the recent federal budget. Both are serious matters for a business of this kind."

Mr. Burton reported sales for Simpsons, Limited, for the first quarter of this year were up 5 1/2 per cent and net earnings, including company share of Simpsons-Sears earnings, were about the same level as last year.

Simpson's earlier reported a profit of \$4,624,709, or \$1.53 a share, for the year ended Jan. 7, 1959, compared with \$3,821,561, or \$1.21 a share, for the year ended Jan. 8, 1958, 53 weeks.

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AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics compiles information of many different things, including how much milk cows give province by province. It may be of some interest to know that last year in June, July, August and September Island cows produced more milk than was the case in any other province. However, there is another side to the coin and in the winter months we tend to be among the lowest. For the last ten years the amount of milk given daily per cow in this province has been almost exactly the same as the Canadian average.

practice it has not lived up to expectations. The finding of nearly a thousand people willing to take responsibility and to provide leadership in almost 800 communities has been the main obstacle and there doesn't appear to be a ready solution. Similarly the organizations set up on a County basis have had some difficulty in developing an effective program.

The County set-up has been successful in bringing forward quite a large number of very competent and interested persons as directors. However, sufficient self-reliance has not been developed on the part of Counties which should enable them to go ahead and carry on meetings and programs on their own behalf.

FUTURE FARMING
Nearly everyone agrees on the value and importance of the family farm as a productive unit. The main difficulty with this type of farm at the present time seems to be its inability to provide sufficient returns to support the standard of living which should be the right of Canadian Farmers. If farms are to become large with much greater investment of capital then farmers are on the average going to require some added capacity in the management of increased capital investment and in executive ability, or putting it in another way, in the direction of other people who will be doing the work.

PASTURE COMPETITION
Entries are now coming in for the pasture improvement competition. Curiously Kings County has more entries than the other two combined. We can't see Prince and Queens letting this situation continue. Without any doubt there must be many farmers in those two big counties who feel they can put up a creditable demonstration in pasture management. Send your entries in or write for form to the P.E. Island Dairyman's Association, Box 546, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

SEASON ADVANCES
Summer is making its leisurely way toward the Maritimes. Last year early potatoes had been planted before this time. This year with some three to four feet of frost still remaining in the ground the soil continues to be very cold with practically no evidence of growth in it. Night frosts have been continuing and in spite of fine weather daytime temperatures are lower than was the case at this time last year.

POTATO PRODUCTION
During the past twenty-five years yearly production of potatoes in Canada has not changed very much. This is in spite of the fact that yields per acre have almost doubled, but the answer lies in the fact that the acreage has gone down from well over a half million in 1925 to slightly over 300,000 in '57. Exports to all countries have been declining for the past thirty years with imports showing quite a marked increase, the same being true of potatoes used for processing. In short with many more people than we had thirty years ago we are not eating nearly as many potatoes. Continuation of this trend will pose a problem of real importance to potato growers and one with which they should be fully conversant.

ORGANIZATION
With the reorganization in 1949 it was hoped that active units could be set up in each school district with meetings being held with the appointment of secretaries and chairmen who would represent their district at County meetings. In theory the plan was a good one, in too many cases in



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ed capital. Naturally if the investment is well handled the return will be much greater on a big operation than a small one. Similarly if the management is good the return for management will be greater on a big operation. It may be that for the future it is going to be more important for a farmer to know how business is done than for him to be able to file a saw, shingle a roof and do three days work in one.

PAYMENT ON HOGS
An indication that the principle of deficiency payments is to be recognized by the federal government was shown in the federal House of Commons last week.

Agriculture Minister Douglas Harkness said March 23 a study of a deficiency payments system to hog producers will be made. He also announced extension of the price support of \$25 a hundredweight for hogs until October 1 when it will be reduced to \$23.65.

Mr. Harkness told the House of Commons he has directed the Agricultural Stabilization Board to explore the method of providing price support for hogs by means of a deficiency payment to producer rather than by undertaking to purchase products at this time.

"Under this alternative method, the price of hogs would not be supported in the market, but producers would be paid the difference between the actual average price received and the prescribed support price," he said. "This method would make it possible to withhold payments from commercial organizations operating under the so-called vertical interlocking plan, and to limit payments to any individual to a specific number of hogs delivered."

Every effort would be made to complete the necessary studies and put the alternative plan into effect "at the earliest possible date."

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