



HEADS SYRIAN ARMY

Major Gen. Afif Bizry, Syrian Army Chief of Staff, plays with his daughter, Salam, two at their home in Damascus. Syria's top soldier, who emerged at the top in recent pro-Communist coup, has repeatedly brushed aside western reports that he is a Communist or pro-Communist. Bizry and his wife, Yusra, also have a son, Yousef, one year old. AP Wirephoto

See Hitch Appearing In Soviet Plans For Arabs

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A subtle change seems to be taking place in the Arab world.

It is detectable in Syria, whose regime, though pro-Soviet through its thirst for arms, seems to be opening an escape hatch against the possibility of irrevocable involvement with the Communist bloc.

The Syrian regime is beginning to mend its relations with Arab neighbors. It even is leaving the door open just a crack to westward.

Syria is not a satellite. The regime is not Communist. The Syrian nation is essentially anti-Communist, but its present rulers seized the opportunity to bolster themselves by accepting Russian arms. In that sense the regime has been pro-Soviet.

HITCH IN PLAN

Until two weeks ago the Russians could have good reason to hope they were on the way toward winning the cold war in the Arab world. But a hitch seems to be appearing—slight now but with troublesome prospects for Moscow.

The Russians apparently had no intention of making Syria a satellite for the present. For their physical domination of Syria would be neither necessary nor desirable for a long time.

From the vantage point of Damascus it becomes fairly obvious Moscow will not get far selling Communism to the stubborn Syrians. Instead, the Russians are selling them the Soviet Union as a country which can help them heal the wounds their pride has suffered for many years.

MID-EAST LEVER

What do the Russians want of Syria? Apparently they want her to serve as a lever to pry the Middle East loose from all Western influence and particularly from any form of military co-operation with the West. The first Moscow consideration is Soviet security. The Soviet Union's political ambitions for Asia and the Middle East must be secondary.

Beside military security, the goals are economic. By making Syria a showcase of what economic co-operation with the Soviet Union might accomplish, the Russians appear to hope to influence similarly underdeveloped countries.

Syrian leaders insist they see no hidden strings, though they seem also to sense the Russians are getting much of value here. But the motivation for economic and military strength was fear of Israel. The averse eastward came of desperation.

NEEDED JUSTIFICATION

Having taken the turn, the re-

Bunbury Farm Sells Another Yearling Bull

Mr. B.B. Jones of Bunbury has announced the sale of a yearling Holstein Bull to Mr. Walter Kuhne of St. Armand, Quebec for an attractive price.

The young animal is the son of "Abegweit Brilliant," a cow on the Bunbury Farm which has made several records and has a grading of "excellent." The sire is "Abegweit Blue Blood," son of the famed Canadian Champion "Abegweit Stardust."

Mr. Jones has made several sales of young bulls to breeders

HAMILTON W.I.

Mrs. James A. Ramsay was hostess to the Hamilton W.I., September 3rd. The meeting opened by singing "The More We Get Together" and repeating the Creed in unison.

Roll call was answered by 11 members with a donation for the hall. Three visitors were present. Finance reported \$14.00. Proceeds were sent to a former member.

School committee reported visiting school, no requirements at present. Correspondence was read and discussed. Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. James M. Ramsay. Meeting adjourned. Program consisted of contests and games. Lunch was served by hostess and committee.

MEETING PLACE

The town of Moomsion, 135 miles east of Regina, was named from a Cree word meaning "meeting of the ways."

Experts Critical Of New Russian Passenger Plane

By WES COOK

NEW YORK (AP) — Showing off, Russia this month flew a jet passenger liner to the United States.

Under the propaganda veneer, critics discovered a plane that can carry fewer passengers a shorter distance at slower speeds than Western jets in service or in production.

"The TU-104 is basically a military bomber with passenger seats and windows in the fuselage," said A. W. Abels, an official of Convair.

"It is operated by an airline that is as much a part of the government of Russia as the Soviet Air Force. The factor that a civilian airline operated as a self-sustaining business — must consider in choosing a transport do not apply in Russia."

OTHERS SUPERIOR

Aviation experts who have inspected the jet liners of Russia, Britain, France and the United States say the Comet, Caravelle and Boeing's 707 are far superior to the Soviet TU-104.

Although the TU-104's engines are rated among the world's most powerful, the experts say they require so much fuel that they could not be operated at a profit.

Other objectionable features include the location of the engines (in the wing roots near the junction of the wing and fuselage), inferior workmanship on the outer skin, lack of interior appointments for safety and comfort, and use of drag parachutes to slow its landings at certain airports.

Britons aboard the TU-104 reported that the plane overshoot the runway and landed in a field while landing in Moscow last Sunday.

BRITAIN FIRST

The Russians with their converted military plane were neither first nor did they bring the most to the commercial jet field.

The first commercial jet airplane was Britain's de Havilland Comet which was put in service in 1952 by the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

But, after two tragic crashes into the Mediterranean, the Comet was pulled out of service and returned to the drafting board. A redesigned Comet II entered regular service Sept. 16.

France is competing with its twin-engine Caravelle. Many American airmen describe the Caravelle as one of the best aircraft flying today. It is expected to begin scheduled flights late this year.

U.A. airlines expect their first passenger jets late next year or early in 1959.

The TU-104 shows up badly in speed, its cruising rate is only 500 miles an hour, 75 miles an hour slower than the Convair-440 and slowest except for the smaller Caravelle.

The TU-104 carries only 70 passengers and has a range of 1,864 miles.

To economy-minded Western operators, this is commercially impossible. The Comet has a range of 4,350 miles; the Boeing-707 3,980. Even the Caravelle can fly 2,300 miles without refueling.

The Comet carries 120 to 140 passengers, the 707 carries 124-150, the Douglas DC-8 130, the Convair 440-130 and the Caravelle 90-110.

Funeral Of Former S.D.U. Student Held

Final tribute to Edward Urban Smith, 21-year-old radio mechanic attached to H.M.C.S. Fort Erie in Halifax, was paid at his funeral Friday morning from the residence of his mother Mrs. Edward Smith, 47 Broad Street, to St. John the Baptist Church.

The young naval mechanic lost his life early Tuesday morning when a car he was operating plunged off Pier 2 in West Saint John.

Attending the funeral were representatives of the Royal Canadian Navy who formed a guard of honor at the entrance to the church.

The Solemn High Mass of requiem at 9 o'clock was celebrated by the pastor, Very Rev. Simon C. Oram, assisted by Rev. Joseph P. Quinn as deacon and Rev. Joseph A. LeBlanc as sub-deacon. At the graveside in St. Joseph's Cemetery final prayers were offered by Father Quinn.

The pallbearers were Manfred Merritt, David Merritt, John P. Proulx, Maurice Smith, John Hapenny and Gregory Deering.

Representing H.M.C.S. Brunswick and the commanding officer of the base were Lieut. J. M. Armstrong, Sub-Lieutenant Stephen Rieby and staff members, while Able Seaman Stephen McCavour represented the commanding officer, officers and ship's company of the H.M.C.S. Fort Erie at Halifax.

There was a profusion of floral and spiritual tributes, including floral pieces from the commanding officer, officers and ship's company of H.M.C.S. Fort Erie, Halifax; officers and members of the HMCS Brunswick; Atlantic Sugar Refineries Production Department; Sugar Refineries Workers Union, Local No. 20; members of the Seamen's Mess, HMCS Brunswick; boys of the centrifugal department, 7th floor, pan house, Atlantic Sugar Refineries Ltd., and a spiritual tribute from the pupil and teacher of Grade 8-A, St. Malachy's School. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

The late Mr. Smith was a former student at St. Dunstan's University and Miscouche High School.

COMING EVENTS

- Gordon Lodge Dance every Friday night. Good Music.
- Regular weekly dance at Stanley Bridge.
- C.W.L. bingo and dance at Let 65, Hall, October 14.
- Regular weekly dance at Stanley Bridge Rink Hall, Tuesday, Music by Mellowaires.
- Pears, plums for eating, canning, Jam, cooking apples, honey, green tomatoes. Howatt's Tryon.
- Step dancing and fiddling contest in Crapaud Hall, Wednesday 8 p.m.
- Barn Dance at Wilfred Fogarty's, Seven Mile Road, every Wednesday. Websters Orchestra.
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- Dance every Thursday night, Cardigan Legion Hall. Websters Orchestra.
- Reserve Wednesday evening, October 2nd for chicken supper in Affon Hall, in aid of hall.
- Chicken supper and Bazaar, Rollo Bay Hall, Tuesday, Oct. 8th Meals 5-9.
- Movie "Dear Ruth" St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, Friday, Oct. 4th, 8 p.m.
- Movie "Dear Ruth" Corran Bann Hall, Saturday, Oct. 5th 8:15.
- St. John's Anglican Church chicken and ham supper October 4th till 9:30 p.m. Closed Saturday October 5. Amos F. Galant, South Ruston.
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WHEATLEY RIVER W.I.

The September meeting of the Wheatley River Women's Institute was held on Wednesday evening, September 4th, at the home of Mrs. William Doyle. The president was in the chair and opened the meeting with the Ode followed by the reading of the Creed in unison.

Roll call was answered by 9 members and eight visitors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Secretary reported amount raised from the recent pantry sale amounted to \$31.31.

Sick committee reported treatment to one who was sick. School committee reported visiting school and that several articles were needed, towels and toilet paper. There was some discussion on getting new maps for the school and a committee of four were appointed to see about this matter.

New committees, Sick, Mrs. Fred MacRae and Mrs. Harry Ling, School, Mrs. Harold Buntain and Mrs. Harold Chandler, Lunch, Mrs. Walter Ling, Mrs. John Ross and Mrs. Harold Chandler.

It was decided to have films shown in the hall and to sell lunches at same. Correspondence consisted of several letters one from Mrs. A.S. MacEwen, telling about an executive meeting to be held in Stanley Bridge School on September 20th. Mrs. Harry Ling and Mrs. Harold Buntain were appointed to attend this meeting.

A letter from Mrs. Harry Cudmore concerning Red Cross activities was also read. Receipt for \$20.50 was received for Salvation Army collection, from N. W. Lowther. It was decided to

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