

reality can assume that private farming is detrimental to communal farming, and that the less collective farm peasants engage in private farming, the better for the collective. This is a deeply harmful mistake."

It was a mistake to which former Premier Khrushchev was addicted, and those opposed to it had to step gingerly under his regime. Only toward the end, a few weeks before his fall, did he intimate that it might help productivity if each collective farm work gang would be permanently responsible for the same piece of land.

Except for the brief emergency period after Stalin, Mr. Khrushchev never encouraged homestead farming. He always complained that it kept peasants and farm workers from devoting themselves to "socialist agriculture." In this respect, at least, he remained a Bolshevik of the old school.

With private enterprise plowing this new furrow in Soviet soil, who knows what political repercussions may follow? It is noteworthy that Poland, the most progressive of Soviet satellites, has also evolved the most successful agricultural policy. It is run almost entirely by private peasants.

In the late fall of 1962 a secret high-level conference at Warsaw discussed the possible extension of the Polish experience to other bloc countries, but nothing came of it. Now the trend in this direction is described as a "revolutionary transformation" by Soviet President Mikoyan—thus making it ideologically palatable for "comrades" everywhere.

The Congo Mess

The six-months long war in the Congo doesn't show much sign of abating. The Belgian paratroopers have come and gone, leaving the rebel capital of Stanleyville to 1,000 Congolese troops and mercenaries who stalk through the communities, looting and shooting. There seems to be no end in sight.

With Stanleyville still in the rebel regime's control. But in their haste to free the last remaining white hostages in rebel hands, the victors left many a town unguarded as they raced on. Inevitably, the rebels moved right back in behind them. At Leopoldville airport, plane after plane winged in bearing hysterical refugees. From Bunia came the bodies of three priests and a nun, raising the total death toll of foreigners slain by the rebels to 88. Of Congolese civilians over 100,000 are believed to have lost their lives at the hands of rebel execution squads, and this is given as an "extremely conservative estimate."

At the United Nations, a group of 15 African states and two other nations have called for an emergency meeting of the Security Council to protest Western intervention in the Congo. At best the West appears in for a bitter propaganda onslaught. Western officials believe some form of military or police action is imperative since they see little point in negotiations with the rebels. It would be better to have the peace-keeping force composed of outside African troops; but in view of the hostile attitude of the African leaders toward Tshombe, it is doubtful if he would accept such a plan. And the odds are against his being able to restore order on his own account.

If the turmoil deepens, there is no doubt that it will be exploited by leftist and Communist groups in a bid for power in Africa's largest nation. It is not a pleasant prospect for the months ahead.

Soviet Farm Shift

A new turn has been taken in Soviet farm economy that will be followed with interest throughout the world. It started with a decree of the Ukrainian legislature early last month, revoking "unfounded restrictions on private on-the-side occupations" of collective farm workers and restoring private plots to their previous use. Similar measures have followed in other parts of the country. The course now is toward a mixed farm system—half private, half socialist.

An article by the chairman of the Lenin Collective Farm in Siberia illustrates the new course. A model state farm there delivered this year 5,000 tons of potatoes and vegetables, 800 tons of milk, and 150 tons of meat more than in 1963. But 2,500 tons of milk, 250 tons of meat and 5,000 tons of potatoes and vegetables were produced on the farm's 1,070 private homesteads. "It would be senseless to neglect such a large output," wrote the chairman. "Only workers (meaning officials) divorced from



NATO WAR GAMES

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Parties Concerned About Ethical Deviation

While an honest Prime Minister has written shockingly to urge honesty and no patronage upon his cabinet ministers, the Conservatives believe they have struck a lode of rich pay dirt. It is the operative word, Centre on Quebec Province, it appears to involve an all-star cast of Liberal Ministers and top party officials. Canadians obviously deplore any political deviation from the straight and narrow path, so the Tories must be delighted to be playing 'tit-for-tat' after Liberal patronage passed centaur a Diefenbaker, Minister of the Crown to resign.

Two weeks ago, a drama centred round a bribe of \$20,000 allegedly offered by Liberals to the Crown Prosecutor in Montreal. Last week the Tories put the opener to another can of worms. The Liberal Party has been here before, and if Prime Minister Pearson has a good memory for political history, and government geography, he no doubt recognizes this "Valley of Hubiliation."

Living Standards Compared

Milwaukee Journal

The best test of an economy's worth is the standard of living it provides. A meaningful way of measuring this is to determine how long an average industrial worker must toil to acquire the necessities, and luxuries of life. Radio Liberty, a privately sponsored freedom network, has published a revealing study of average work time required to purchase the same goods and services in New York and Moscow.

It takes the Russian more than seven hours, for example, to earn enough to buy one kilo-gram of butter. In New York, sliced bacon and more than 15 hours for the same quantity of salmon. The average worker can earn the bacon in 28 minutes, the salmon in 51. One small item can be earned in 1.3 minutes in New York; 30.2 minutes in Moscow.

Honors Galore

Ottawa Journal

When a Canadian Prime Minister is defeated his power to grant patronage vanishes like a puff of wind. For the many senators, no more cushy jobs on boards, not even a job on the Privy Council, no more of the most loyal office aide.

UnsolVED Viral Hepatitis Problem

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Virally hepatitis continues on its merry way. It is one of our oldest and most common infectious diseases. Yet there is neither a specific remedy nor a preventive. The best thing we can do is to avoid this liver disorder is that virtually everyone reports on the disease have appeared 17 months ago. The causative microorganism is said to have a skin test in aid in diagnosis. A few years ago a similar experimental series conducted on a vaccine but the practical aspects of this study never were reported. The causative microorganism is said to have a skin test in aid in diagnosis. A few years ago a similar experimental series conducted on a vaccine but the practical aspects of this study never were reported.

The outbreak, in Zanzibar, saw the African majority depose the ruling Arab minority in a bloody revolt but the situation is different in Sudan where the Arabs are not only the dominant force politically but also far more numerous than their Negro compatriots. The Sudanese are far from new in Sudan which, more than twice the size of Ontario, has the biggest black population in Africa with a population of 10,000,000 Arabs in the north and 3,000,000 Negroes in the south.

The new cry of "Arab slavery" on the streets of Khartoum is the biggest sign of the fact that the Arabs once made the south a hunting ground for slaves. In the BRITISH SEIZURE This practice didn't end until the close of the last century when the British, who already controlled the north, set the stage to prevent French expansion.

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White Men In Africa

Vancouver Province

The civilized world is horrified at the senseless massacre of more than 20 million Negroes by the Stanleyville rebels. And in the wake of this shock come some reflections on the white man's efforts to bring the black man's continent to the 20th century. Some ask: What are white men doing in Africa anyway? The quick answer is usually inaccurate and superficial—a claim that the more highly evolved white man has a responsibility and duty to civilize a 4th and 5th century African. The white man's efforts to bring the black man's continent to the 20th century. Some ask: What are white men doing in Africa anyway? The quick answer is usually inaccurate and superficial—a claim that the more highly evolved white man has a responsibility and duty to civilize a 4th and 5th century African.

COMMUNIST FIRED MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist party boss of Kazakhstan, Nikita Khrushchev's most famous agricultural experiment, has been fired. He was replaced by a man Khrushchev once fired from the same post.

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