

Khrushchev Casts Vote And Answers Questions

MOSCOW (AP) — Former Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev made one of his rare public appearances Sunday to vote in local elections being held throughout the Soviet Union.

A large crowd of Russians and foreign correspondents was held back by police to clear a path for Khrushchev who will be 75 next month, and his wife Nina as they entered the polling place after arriving in a chauffeured sedan.

One correspondent called out: "How are you?" Khrushchev replied with a soft "Thank you." An old woman in the crowd said: "Ah, Nikita Sergeevich," and Khrushchev saluted her and replied: "Hello."

He was wearing a heavy coat and fur hat, which he took off on entering the building, revealing the familiar bald head. He appeared to be in good health.

Correspondents asked about his health and he answered: "I feel well."

Asked what he is doing, he replied, "I read. I take walks. What can I do? I am a pensioner."

As he moved on, he was asked what he thought of the current situation with China.

Correspondents nearby understood him to answer: "It is very sad that it has happened this way."

Although Khrushchev has an apartment in downtown Moscow and votes here, he spends most of his time at his country home west of Moscow.

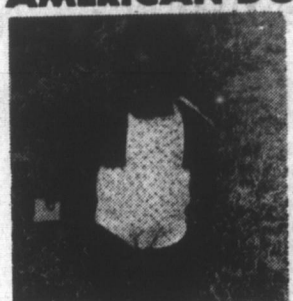
He cast a ballot for members of the district and Moscow city councils. Like other Soviet citizens, he received a ballot with a single list of Communist-backed candidates.

About 147 million citizens comprise the electorate. If past practice is followed, about 99 per cent of the electorate will cast their ballots. The candidates are selected by local committees, usually directed by Communist party activists.

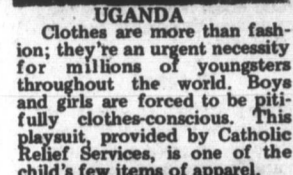
Despite the fact that there are no contests in the Western sense, the Communist party and local officials have been waging a full-scale campaign since Jan. 12, as they do every year, to make sure the elections and the candidates are well publicized.

Every day, the press, even when tensions with China dominated the news, has found space for publicizing the elections.

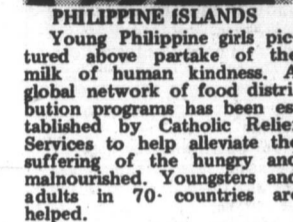
AMERICAN DOLLARS AT WORK OVERSEAS



VIETNAM
Youngster with leg in brace, assisted by nurse, prepared to take a step forward toward his recovery. During the past year, a record total of 4,189,420 pounds of medical and surgical supplies, valued at \$11,765,339, was shipped overseas through Catholic Relief Services.



UGANDA
Clothes are more than fashion; they're an urgent necessity for millions of youngsters throughout the world. Boys and girls are forced to be pitifully clothes-conscious. This playmate, provided by Catholic Relief Services, is one of the child's few items of apparel.



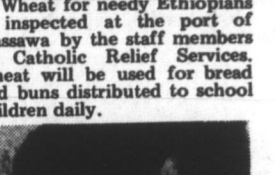
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
Young Philippine girls pictured above partake of the milk of human kindness. A global network of food distribution programs has been established by Catholic Relief Services to help alleviate the suffering of the hungry and malnourished. Youngsters and adults in 70 countries are helped.



ETHIOPIA
Wheat for needy Ethiopians is inspected at the port of Massawa by the staff members of Catholic Relief Services. Wheat will be used for bread and buns distributed to school children daily.



BIAFRA
A child with an infected arm, whose resistance to disease was weakened by malnutrition, holds cup of milk from which he has been drinking. Surmounting many difficulties, vital food supplies are rushed to this region every day to aid the hundreds of thousands of innocent victims facing starvation because of the Nigeria/Biafra civil war.



LATIN AMERICA
An appealing child received a new pillow and pillow case as a replacement for the straw he had been forced to sleep on. This exemplifies the many accomplishments of Catholic Relief Services. You can help by sending your donations to the nearest Catholic church or to Catholic Overseas Aid Fund, Empire State Building, New York, N.Y. 10001. Aid is extended regardless of race, creed or religion.

Rehabilitation Center Opens in Mountains

BLACK MOUNTAIN
— A new Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center here serving 30 counties of Western North Carolina was to admit its first patients Monday.

The first patients were to be transferred to the center from Broughton Hospital in Morganton. Future patients will be admitted directly from the counties.

Opening of the new center will represent completion of the second step in the North Carolina Department of Mental Health's plans for an alcoholic rehabilitation center in each of four regions of the state.

Last month a new center opened at Butner that will eventually concentrate on serving only patients from the north central region. A third center for

the eastern region is nearing completion at Greenville.

Dr. James Spencer, an internist and former staff physician at Broughton, is the acting medical director at the new center here. He said health and welfare agencies and mental health centers in the western region will soon receive a pamphlet explaining "who is eligible and how to get a patient admitted."

Counties to be served by the new center include Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey.

Soviets Say Peking Used Big Force

MOSCOW — A regiment of 3,000 Communist Chinese soldiers charging in "wave after wave" of artillery — supported attacks attempted to overrun a Soviet border garrison in the latest clash over the frozen Ussuri River, a Soviet regional military commander reported Sunday.

The battle for Damansky Island in the border river Saturday was, by Soviet accounts, the biggest armed clash ever reported between Soviet and Chinese Communist forces. It was the second fight on the island within two weeks.

Maj. Gen. Varsly Lobanov, commander of the Soviet Army's Pacific ocean frontier region, described the battle in a dispatch distributed Sunday by the Soviet news agency Tass.

Wave after Wave

"An infantry regiment with support units . . . under cover of artillery fire, intruded into the southern extremity of the island and attacked Soviet frontier guards . . . in wave after wave" of charges, Lobanov said.

He said the Soviets summoned reinforcements from nearby posts because they were heavily outnumbered by the Chinese regiment, believed to number at least 3,000 soldiers. "In spite of the numerical superiority and strong fire of the enemy," Lobanov said, "the frontier guards repelled the attack and drove the Chinese off the island. The snow was black from the explosion of the shells."

Officer Killed

Lobanov mentioned the death of one Soviet officer, whom he identified as Lt. Lev Mankovskiy, in the battle. But he gave no other casualty figures. He said the battle began at 9:45 a.m. Saturday (6:45 p.m. EST Friday) and continued for seven hours before the Chinese were repulsed.

(Radio Peking, in a broadcast monitored in Hong Kong, said the fighting began at 8 a.m. Saturday, four hours after Soviet troops had begun an advance on the island. The official Communist Chinese version said Chinese troops stationed on the island, which the Chinese call Chen Pao (Treasure), drove off the Soviet troops after an 11-hour battle.) Lobanov said the Chinese have been sending groups of soldiers across the frozen river

Negro Teachers Reject White Merger Proposal

The possibility of a merger between North Carolina's white and Negro teacher organizations received a setback Saturday as the board of directors of the N. C. Teachers Association — the Negro group — voted unanimously to reject a four-point proposal recently put forth by the N. C. Education Association — the white group.

Mrs. Ruth B. Jones of Rocky Mount, president of the NCTA, predicted nonetheless that a merger agreement will be worked out between the two groups by June 30 this year.

But, told of the Negro rejection, Dr. A. C. Dawson, executive director of the NCTA, said that he does "not see any hope (of a merger) at the moment" and that he does "not see how she can make such a prediction."

"The four points submitted by the NCTA to the NCTA to the island for the past 18 months in an attempt to occupy it.

"We have warned them repeatedly," he said.

The buildup of Chinese forces in the latest clash began about six days ago, Lobanov said. Last Wednesday, he said, a Chinese officer came to the island and threatened a renewal of fighting against Soviet troops based there unless they abandoned it.

On March 2, Soviet and Chinese forces clashed on the island in a battle that left 31 Soviet soldiers dead and 14 others wounded. The Chinese have not disclosed their casualties in either of the clashes but have admitted there was "bloodshed."

A police guard surrounded the Communist Chinese Embassy in Moscow Sunday but, aside from a few strollers who shook their fists at the building, there were no demonstrations or incidents.

Plane Crash Death Toll Worst Ever

MARACAIBO, Venezuela — A Venezuelan jetliner crashed on takeoff into a populous Maracaibo suburb Sunday, killing at least 150 persons aboard the plane and on the ground in the worst airline disaster in history. Forty-seven "North Americans" were reported aboard the plane.

The Viasa airlines twin-engine DC9, with 83 persons aboard including crew, lost altitude for unknown reasons and swooped into the Maracaibo suburb of La Coruba two minutes after takeoff for Miami at 11:45 a.m. It cut a wide flaming swath of

death and destruction through five square blocks of the area.

Spokesman for the anatomical hospital of the University of Zulia in Maracaibo, which was being used as a central morgue, said at 11 p.m. the hospital had received 150 bodies. Hospitals throughout the city reported they were attending more than 100 persons suffering severe burns, broken bones and shock.

The largest previous airline accident death toll was 134. They died on Dec. 16, 1960, when a TWA superconstellation and a United Airlines DC8 collided over New York City and plunged to the ground. The toll included six on the ground and 128 aboard the aircraft.

Officials of Viasa said all 83 persons aboard the aircraft bound from Caracas to Miami via Maracaibo were presumed killed.

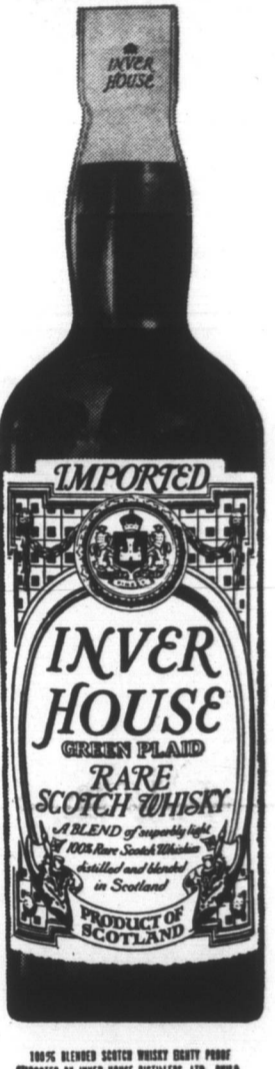
U.S. consulate officials in Maracaibo were checking Viasa's list of 47 "North American" passengers to determine how many were U.S. citizens. Immigration officials in Caracas said a minimum of 15, many attending a convention of the Clark Equipment Co. of Battle Creek, Mich., were from the United States.

Lost Altitude

Viasa airline officials said late Sunday that the plane inexplicably lost altitude two minutes after its 11:45 a.m. takeoff from Grano de Oro airport, swooped low over the suburb of La Coruba and smashed into the area—splintering telephone poles and trees, crushing homes, buses, cars and trucks and spewing blazing fuel over a five-block area.

At least seven houses burst into flame. One family of five identified only as Rodriguez were crushed to death instantly at the dinner table when the plane smashed into their home. City officials proclaimed Maracaibo a disaster area and police blocked off the five-block area where damage was most severe. Firemen, ambulance

IMPORTED RARE SCOTCH

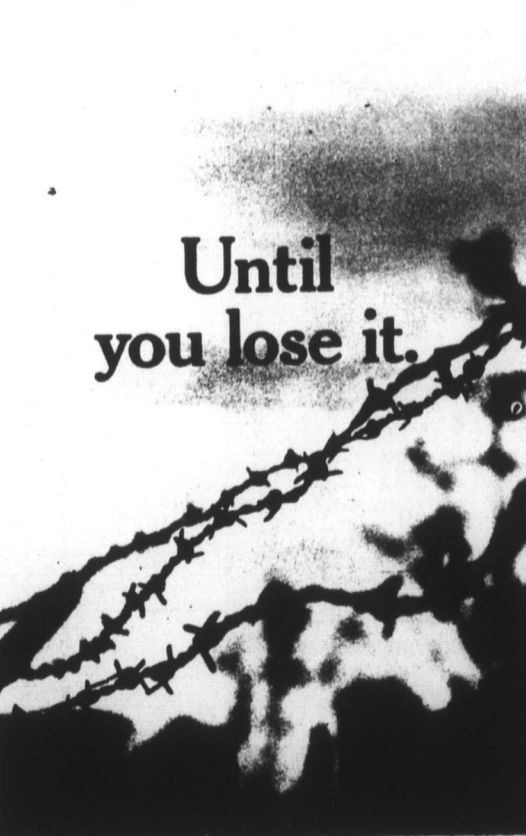


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