

# Russians, Spanish Friendlier

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands (AP) — Almost every morning a launch crowded with husky men weaves through the ships in Las Palmas harbor and deposits its human cargo among the thousands of tourists sunning and buying in this free port, a part of Spain.

Not many years ago Gen. Francisco Franco sent Spanish soldiers to fight against the Russians in World War II. Starting in the '30s he scorned them as despicable. But now hardly a murmur is heard as Russians step ashore and are lost in the crowds, distinguished only by their customary white shirts and the bags they carry to fill with purchases.

Before the year is over, according to private estimates, more than 84,000 Russian seamen will pass through the Canary ports of Las Palmas and Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

**991 Ships**

Last year 991 Soviet ships touched Spanish soil, the bulk of them in the Canary Islands. Russian ships in recent months also have visited every Spanish port in the Mediterranean.

A new unpublicized Spanish-Soviet firm called SovHispan opened its doors in Las Palmas in October.

In Madrid, a four-man Russian maritime agency has been established for more than a year. Russian crabmeat and vodka are in the supermarkets.

A Russian delegation has talked to Barcelona business men about forming an import-export firm. A Spanish delegation has visited Moscow with an eye to selling tugboats.

Spain has been trading with members of the East bloc in measurable terms for at least three years. Cultural exchanges with the Russians have not been uncommon. All of this, of course, with the approval of the Franco government.

Despite occasional outbursts from the Spanish right, there seems little doubt that Spain and the Soviet Union are moving toward establishing diplomatic relations.

**Stance of 1930s**

This is a far cry from the uncompromising, anti-Communist stance imprinted on the country by Franco during and after Spain's civil war of the '30s.

It may not be surprising that the first day-to-day contact is taking place in the Canary Islands, 700 miles from the Spanish mainland.

"I don't care if they are Russians," says a shop owner. "They are good customers. They don't haggle."

A shipping agent, a non-Spaniard, sees it differently: "I don't know what this government is thinking about. Don't they read about the Russian spies in London? I know for a fact the Communist party here is stronger since the Russian seamen started coming. We rarely saw Communist literature before."

Most islanders appear to take the Russians in stride or ignore them.

"There go the Russians," says a Las Palmas taxi driver. "They always travel in groups."

**Conflict Rare**

That, plus the fact that most of them speak no Spanish and must return nightly to their ships, anchored far out in the harbor, makes social contact rare.

The red light section is crowded with foreign seamen at night, but not Russians. Officially only one Russian is residing in the Canary Islands—Vladimir Saponov, who heads the Russian half of SovHispan.

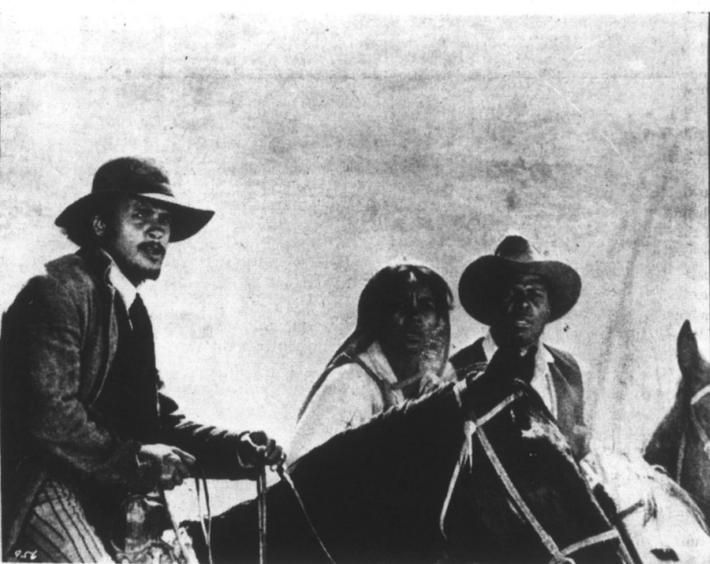
The firm, formed without mainland publicity, is expected to do a good business handling all the Soviet ships that come to the Canaries to get supplies.

Francisco Martorell, a Barcelona businessman making up the other half of the firm, says he does not want to talk about it.

But he says more Russians will be coming to live in the Canaries "because we have to have somebody to speak to Russian ship officials, don't we?"

**3 Years Ago**

The influx of Russian ships fishing the Canary banks for tuna began three years ago with new port facilities. The Russian fishing ships have competition from Japanese, South Koreans, Cubans and Formosans. Most of 537 Soviet ships that used Las Palmas last year apparently were fishing trawlers. Some Soviet scientific



**IN HOT PURSUIT**—In a tense scene from the Columbia Pictures' release, "Buck and the Preacher," Harry Belafonte (l), Ruby Dee and Sidney Poitier stop to watch the posse and renegades who are chasing them. Poitier stars as "Buck" a former Union cav-

altryman turned guide for black settlers moving West following the Civil War; Belafonte stars as "The Preacher;" and Ruby Dee as Poitier's wife, Ruth. "Buck and the Preacher," which was produced by Joel Glickman, also marks Poitier's debut as a director.

## Tots to Teens Fashion Show is Staged Oct. 17

treasurer, Mrs. Georgia Crossland, Director and Mrs. J. B. McLester, Counselor. Other

Nitrogen fertilizer is important in making a good crop of wheat, oats, barley or rye. It should be applied prior to March 1. For the clay soils of the Piedmont and Mountain regions, all the nitrogen can be applied in the fall without losses from leaching, according to North Carolina State University extension specialists. For the sandy soils of the Coastal Plain, two applications are suggested, one in the fall at seeding and a second during late winter.

ships also have put in, although Spain's internal domestic policy remains firmly anti-Communist. And it still is not difficult to find walls in Madrid with painted slogans saying "Reds no." Economic facts indicate trade doors are open.

Spanish-Soviet trade amounted to \$15.6 million in 1970, minute when compared to U.S.-Spanish trade of more than \$1 billion. This year \$17.8 million was recorded in the first nine months. This does not include the Russian fishing fleet.

The Young Adult Missionary Department of Morehead Avenue Baptist Church presented a Tots to Teens Fashion Show on Sunday October 17, 1971 at 6:00 p.m. Many persons were participants in the show. The multiplicity of styles and attire seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

During the occasion a King and Queen was crowned. Anthony Scurlock was crowned as King and Miss Tammy Barbee was crowned as the Queen. The occasion netted the Young Adult Missionary Department the sum of \$310.19. It was rated a complete success.

Closing remarks were given by Mrs. J. B. McLester and the minister, Rev. B. A. Mack. The members of the Young Adult Missionary Department include the following persons: Mrs. Etta McKee, president, Miss Valaretta Bell, vice-president, Miss Constance Walker, secretary, Miss Carolyn Blount,

members are Misses Nettie Duman, Costella Meeks, and Johnnie Mae Belk.

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"That question will have to be heard out when the case is certified back to the commission," said Ed Hipp, an attorney for that agency. "They (General

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Telephone) contend they do, but it is going to take some work and research to arrive at an answer."

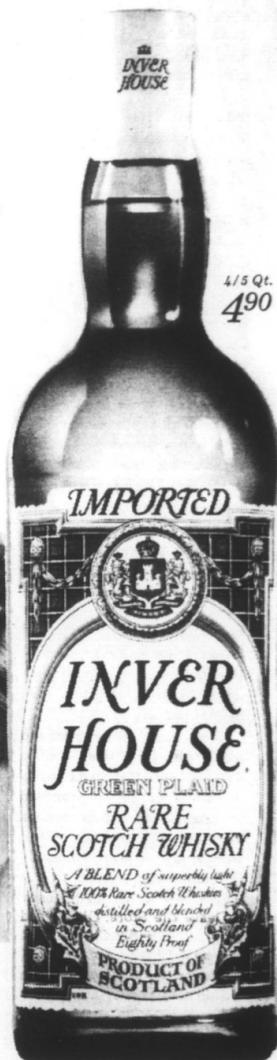
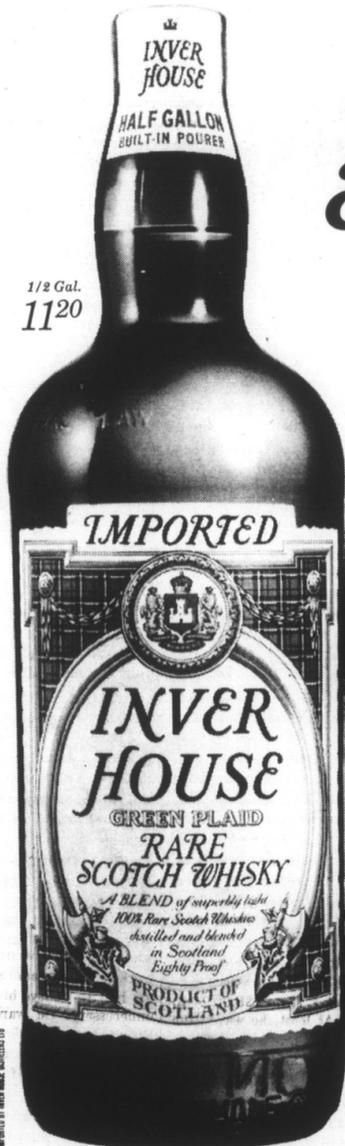
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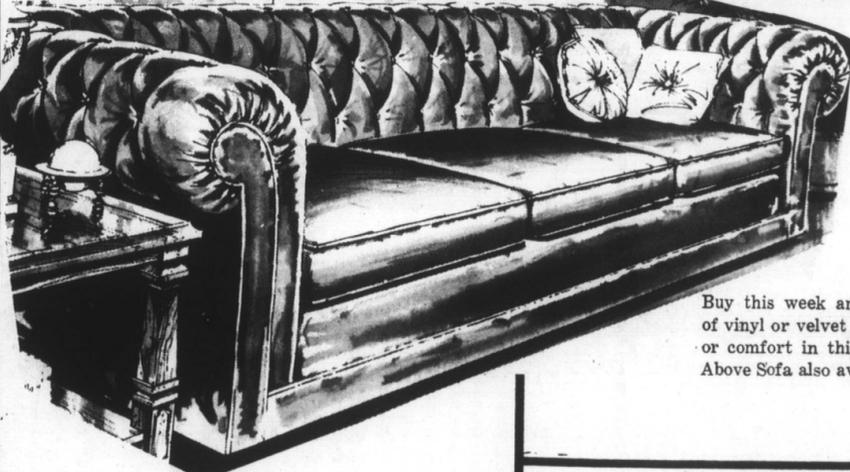
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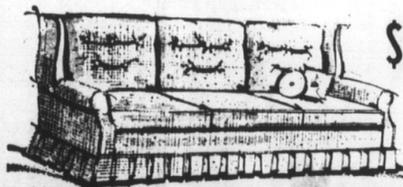
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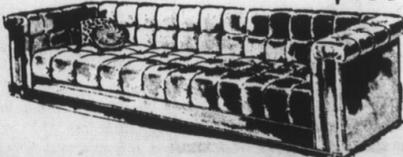


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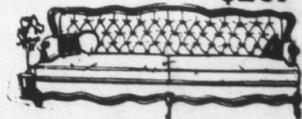


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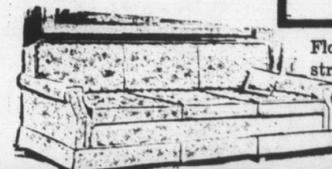
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