

Russian Farmers Against Communism

By JOHN RIMBERG

Author on Russian Subjects
Plenty of information about Russia is available today because millions of dollars have been spent since the end of World War II to discover what is going on inside the Soviet Union. American intelligence officers, secret agents, and political experts have studied Russian publications, monitored Russian radio broadcasts, and carefully questioned soldiers and civilians who escaped to freedom in the West since the second World War. All the information obtained on both sides of the so-called "iron curtain" is continually being examined to answer the question which is in the minds of all Americans: Is the Soviet Union going to launch an attack on the United States?

While the Communists in the Kremlin have hydrogen bombs, jet planes, a powerful army, and a growing navy, they also have a number of very serious problems. Russia's leaders are spending a great deal of time and effort trying to overcome the groups inside the Soviet Union which oppose the Communist regime. The men in the Kremlin are struggling to head off a threatening economic situation. In particular, the farmer and agriculture in Russia are giving the Communists a painful headache.

As in every country, the economy of the U. S. S. R. rests on an agricultural base. Problems of manpower and production cannot be solved so long as there are rural labor shortages and insufficient harvests. The Russians do not have enough farmers because they suffered huge losses in World War II (about twenty million casualties) and because they recruited too many farmers into new factories and mines. The harvests are too small because farmers lack real production incentives.

There is nothing to buy in the village stores, although some cars, television sets, and refrigerators are available to those who live in the largest cities. In addition, everybody hates Stalin's collective farm system which subjects the farmers to Communist - selected, bureaucrats and militaristic regimentation. Everyone in Russia knows that economic conditions in the farms and villages are poor. Communist newspapers do not try to hide the fact that the men in the Kremlin—Malenkov, Krushchev, and other leaders—are now desperately trying to cope with a very difficult situation.

During the past year some much-publicized efforts have been made to offer farmers more material incentives, but it is questionable whether sufficient consumer goods are available in the Soviet Union today. Russia's farmers are naturally more interested in good clothing and furniture than worthless medals and certificates, but they are not likely to get a better standard of living for many years because Soviet factories simply cannot meet great military and civilian needs at the same time. The Russian farmer will remain skeptical when it comes to Communist promises.

To offset the shortage of hands Soviet leaders have attempted to recruit urban Communist Party members and youth for farm work at harvest time. These inexperienced city-folk may enjoy their vacations in the villages, but they are not accustomed to strenuous farm work and probably eat more than they produce. In the past, the Communist regime resorted to emergency measures of his sort only during periods of great agricultural crisis, risking terrible confusion and conflict to save the remnants of an important harvest.

Throughout history the Soil of the Ukraine (the most fertile land in the Soviet Union) has been subsided by dry winds from Central Asian deserts. To forestall future drought to unpredictable drought becomes the Soviet government planned a huge shelterbelt several years ago but recently announced that further work on this project had been indefinitely postponed. While no reason was given it seems likely that such long-range conservation programs were being sacrificed to meet more immediate agricultural needs for manpower. Nevertheless the Communists claim that they are utilizing more marginal land every year - mostly in Siberia where convict slave-labor is plentiful and new secret industries now require foodstuffs and raw materials.

The Communist regime is still a long way from solving its agricultural problems. Although the production of tractors and other farm machinery has increased, there are still serious shortages of equipment. Fertilizer supplies are inadequate, especially because attempts are being made to bring more marginal and land under cultivation. Despite increasing use of scientific farming methods (such as crop rotation and

Come Back Little Radio

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Early in the summer we bought ourselves a television set. You must understand that we did so entirely for the sake of the children—AND, I might add, our neighbors. Furthermore, the boys had begun to ask embarrassing questions like "Why don't you have enough money to get one, Daddy?" and make demands: "You've got to take me to Daddy Kirby's Saturday so I can see 'Big Top'!"

We were missing the patter of little feet. Our sons just disappeared during certain periods of every day. To begin with, only the cowboy programs drew them later they became interested in any program the station offered and began to talk knowingly of "First Love" and "Concerning Miss (or is it Mrs.?) Karlowe". We soon learned the trick of searching any house with an antenna atop, and in one or the other we would find the prodigious, bug-eyed and open-mouthed, most amazing of all, sitting still!

The neighbors were nice and forbearing, even invited them to "come back anytime." But fearing that any day they might take measures to reinforce the locks on their doors, drape barbed wire over the windows and seal the chimney 'til Santa Claus time—we gave in and TV moved in. JUST for the children!

And oh, the changes it has wrought! The food isn't right any more unless it has the right brand name. "Are those Wiggins Cinnamon Swift's Premium crackers?" "Yes, 'All of them'." "You ought to get some Luter's too!"

If we have Sealtest milk, it should be Wayne Dairy, and vice versa, according to the most recent appearance of the respectively sponsored programs. I stuck up on Suncrest for the sake of Carter Jim, only to have Kit Carson ride in and there's a demand for Cokes. The Cokes are just as Rocket Fingers appear quizzing Dr. Pepper.

Time was when Corn Flakes and Rice Krispies were generally accepted cereals in our once placid nest. Then Wild Bill Hickok burst upon the scene, and now Sugar Pops (soil-building) and despite the large number of agronomists being trained at agricultural schools, the Russians continue to deplete their most fertile soils to meet extremely high production quotas in agriculture. Undoubtedly the Communist regime will encounter further resistance from the farmers of the Soviet Union in the future. These farmers have battled their governments throughout history, fighting for the right to live a better, happier, and more peaceful life.

More Hybrid Seed Corn

If acreage is any indication of supply there should be plenty of certified seed corn of recommended hybrids for Tar Heel farmers next year.

John Rice, executive director of the N. C. Crop Improvement Association, says Tar Heel farmers plant 2,726 more acres of hybrid seed corn for certification this year than last, an increase of more than 50 per cent over the 1950 acreage.

This year a total of 11,434 acres have been planted to both yellow and white corn hybrids for seed production, says Rice. This acreage is distributed throughout 71 of the state's 100 counties. A total of 151 growers (128 last year) are participating in the production of hybrid seed corn and are producing 17 different hybrids (14 last year).

To continue to supply the single cross seed for this increase in seed production the N. C. Foundation Seed Producers Inc. has 300 acres of foundation corn seed, stocks planted, said Rice. Many of these fields are located where irrigation systems can be used.

To inspect this large seed crop in the history of this state, the N. C. Crop Improvement Association has employed 25 hybrid corn inspectors 29 last year for the summer months. These inspectors all graduates of agricultural colleges, check the fields of the certified corn growers.

Some children have forgotten their names but they manage. One boy lies on the sofa back and forth, his feet over the Audition and he looks at the railroad tracks. He has become a four-legged creature.

Suburbs - morning anyway, we need four hours sleep - just like Edison, so perhaps soon we will rush on some invention. We can appreciate a truly good 1954 movie after having sampled all the turkeys filmed in the 20's. We are becoming used to the fact that faces and voices don't match. The boys with the near-shaped tones often look like mimes. The hobbling personality and Dick Powell-ish imitating voice of Bert Parks make up for his bull-dog facade.

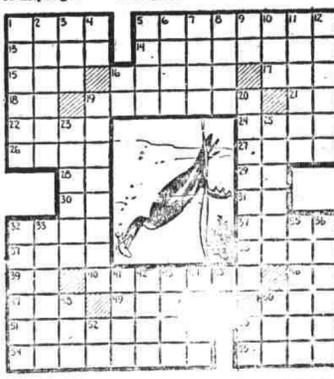
And, we do get a kick out of the kids who gather. One afternoon we counted fourteen in the living room.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Aquatic Bird

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Depleted aquatic bird
- 3 Most abbreviated
- 13 Ripped
- 14 Japanese statesman
- 15 Decay
- 16 It has a pouch
- 17 Vase
- 18 All right (ab.)
- 19 Carasses
- 21 Exists
- 22 Game of chance
- 24 Domestic slave
- 26 Paradise
- 27 Stagger
- 28 Highway (ab.)
- 29 Sun god
- 30 Half an em
- 31 Near
- 32 Great Lake
- 34 Set of players
- 37 Frees
- 38 Icelandic saga
- 39 Part of "be"
- 40 Daubed
- 46 Manuscript (ab.)
- 47 Sun
- 49 Equipped
- 50 Thus
- 51 Alkaloids
- 53 Air (comb form)
- 54 Remainder
- 55 It has webbed



VERTICAL

- 1 Bear
- 2 It has a bit!

ers for proper isolation from other corn and for other requirements, must be met is that only a maximum of two per cent of female plants in any one field can show tassels determine if all tassels on the field during the entire season, male rows have been pulled.

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