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Khrushchev's Revealing "Bloopers"

It was with considerable amusement that we read this week the complaint of Soviet Premier Khrushchev (Butcher of Ukraine) against the Soviet school system. It has previously been praised over and over again by him, by other Soviet top-men, and it seems to have impressed American scholars who have visited the Soviet Union, and who, upon their return, complained that the American school system is not on par with that of the Soviets.

shechev should be corrective in rejecting any thought that a solution of the American educational problems rests upon an imitation of the Soviet system. After all, the case for better education in science and mathematics in America—and, one must admit, it is a strong case—must be justified in terms of America's own present and prospective needs, not only in hasty conclusions born of individual Soviet scientific successes, such as the Sputniks.

The Integration Problem

By CLARENCE A. MANNING

The question of school integration in the South is today one of the most tangled and disputed problems in the United States. Opposition to the decision of the Supreme Court in favor of integration is especially obvious in the states of Virginia and Arkansas, although it is not a negligible factor in the border states as a whole and it is overwhelming in some of the states of the so-called Deep South as Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia, states with the largest proportionate Negro population.

The seriousness of the problem can be seen by the fact that Senator Byrd of Virginia, one of the most respected men in the Senate, is actively working to prevent desegregation. Senators McClellan and Fulbright of Arkansas, two other leading senators, are avoiding so far as possible open involvement and at the same time Senator Fulbright's name is connected in the public mind with the American support of foreign students exchange and the bringing to the United States of young men and women from Asia and Africa to study in the American schools and colleges on a non-segregated basis.

The Anomaly We can only understand this anomaly by glancing at the educational problems of the South. Before the Civil War there was practically no education of the slaves. Here and there a master would have some taught reading and writing but the vast bulk were illiterate. Education was confined to the plantation-owning class as a rule and the poor whites in the backwoods and the mountaineers received little more education than the Negroes.

Neither theory of course satisfies some of the more extremist among the Negroes just as both theories are anathema to the die-hard advocates of white supremacy. Neither theory can give an adequate test under the present heat of political passion and the attempt to circumvent the Supreme Court decision by abolishing the public schools and replacing them with state scholarships to private schools will not be a solution. It will only serve to penalize primarily the white students who would otherwise go to colleges and universities outside of the South by depriving them of the chance to secure a normal education.

No one seriously believed that the clash between the new and the old orders would take place in Arkansas. The Little Rock school board apparently in good faith started a very limited scheme of integration and it probably would have met with little or no serious opposition, had the Governor not taken openly the part of the extremists White Councils, formed from the fanatical opponents of integration.

The Virginia Situation The Virginia situation started on legal grounds and so far it has been kept on a legal basis. Virginian thought from the very beginning has always stressed the doctrine of state's rights. It is very probable that in 1860 Virginia seceded and joined the Confederacy as much over state's rights as over slavery. There are parts of the state in which the Negroes form a very inconsiderable minority and the population, largely overflowing from Washington or from the naval base at Norfolk, would have felt relatively little annoyance at integration.

Pride of the Air Force

By Arch Whitehouse

(A story about a Ukrainian American, Lieutenant Colonel Bo Saunders, of Shamokin, Pa. Courtesy, Veterans of Foreign Wars magazine, September 1958 issue.)

You can get an argument, of course, but the boys who have been around will tell you that the toughest, smartest, best-trained fighting men of them all will be found in the U.S. Air Force combat control teams.

Oh, they haven't made great headlines—yet. They've only been organized since Korea. But if we have to do anything drastic about Uncle Ivan, the boys to go into action first will be these Yank combat controllers. You'll hear about them then.

At present we have only a few groups on duty—in Europe, Japan and here in the United States. You can recognize them by their green fatigues, paratrooper boots and navy blue baseball caps—an item they have special permission to wear. The newly authorized Air Force paratrooper wing are worn on the cap and each unit usually has its own squadron insignia applied to the jacket. A real jazzy outfit.

A good many members of this organization are ex-infantry jumpers taking a post-graduate course in playing rough. But more and more volunteers from the Air Force ranks are pleading to get in. Their average age is only 23 but their morale is up in the century figures.

Unlike the Marine and Army paratroopers, who now have a glorious background and tradition, the Air Force combat controllers were originally service cast-offs—the goof-ups, AW-OLs and goldbricks. But these cast-offs came into the hands of a dedicated man named Bo Saunders, which is like saying they were spawned by Tarzan, Buck Rogers, Mad Anthony Wayne and General Patton all rolled into one.

A Former Jumper Now Grounded

Bo Saunders is an Air Force lieutenant colonel. He is a former jumper, now grounded because he burned himself out. Strangely enough, he once played piano with Blue Baron's orchestra and can still bewitch you with anything from Chop to Tchaikovsky.

This former pianist is the torch that ignited the Air Force Combat Control Team program. The combat controllers are airborne specialists, the like of which have never been seen before. They are paratroopers who can do anything, not just crawl to cover and operate a plane. Assigned to Troop Carrier Aerial Port Squadrons, their primary mission is to parachute into combat areas ahead

UNA NOTES AND COMMENTS

By THEODORE LUTWINIAK

It's raining; it's been raining all day long. Now it's after 6 PM and we are pecking away on our typewriter. You want to know something funny? Today is our wedding anniversary! Our 18th, to be exact. So what, you say. So why did it have to rain today!

Today is also the wedding anniversary of Emily and John Zwarycz, who are members of Branch 42 of the Ukrainian National Association, Clifton, N.J. Another couple celebrating their wedding anniversary today is Stella and William B. Hussar of Rochester, N.Y. Bill is a UNA Supreme Advisor and secretary of UNA Branch 289. We wonder if it is raining in Rochester and, if so, how the Hussars spent the day. We know it's raining in Clifton because Kearny, where we live, is not far from there.

Well, it's raining today. Let's hope that next Sunday, September 28th, turns out to be a perfect day. Why? Because of the Autumn Festival at the Soyuzivka, that's why! And, since this is going to be printed on Saturday, Sunday the 28th is tomorrow to you. Tomorrow! Are you all set? If not, what are you waiting for? There's going to be volleyball matches and fine entertainment, and Miss Soyuzivka 1959 will be elected and crowned. Girls from 17 to 25 years of age are eligible to participate in the contest, the only requirement being that they be UNA members. The winner gets a week's vacation at the Soyuzivka. A big crowd is expected and it'll be your own fault if you miss the fun.

Centuries of Struggle

Ever since the disastrous Treaty of Pereyaslav in 1654, between Ukraine and Russia, on several occasions the Ukrainians tried to extricate themselves from Russian domination, but so far without success. During the Swedish-Russian war at the beginning of the 18th century the Ukrainian Hetman Ivan Mazepa saw an opportunity to liberate his country and joined Charles XII of Sweden. The allied armies were defeated at the battle of Poltava in 1709, and as a result, Charles and Mazepa retreated to Turkish territory where they found temporary asylum. Mazepa died October 2, 1709, and Pylyp Orlyk was elected Hetman in exile.

We consider it our duty to inform the kings, dukes, presidents of republics and other Christian states of the motives which have led us to the Ottoman Porte and have forced us to take up arms against the Russian Czar; although we have no doubts that this political step will not be falsely constructed by the people, not even by those who are ignorant of our just cause, or by those who have been influenced by our enemies and are prejudiced against us. Above all, we can say, that we have considered it imperative to follow in the steps and example of the late Hetman of the Kozaks, Ivan Mazepa. And, therefore, we know that it is a natural law to liberate oneself from subjugation and to strive to attain that which injustice and violence have deprived us; every one knows how we have been treated by the Muscovite state.

UKRAINIAN CHORAL MUSIC

ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT

(Concluded)

This great movement collapsed gradually due to the enslavement of the Ukrainian nation by Imperial Russia, which deprived Ukraine of her best talents. At the close of 19th century the Ukrainian music was again revived by new composers, such as: Markovych, Hulak-Artemovsky, Zarembo, Niseshynsky, Kocipinsky, Lysenko, Koshetz, Stetsenko, Senitzka, Stepoviy, Leontovych, Kozitsky, Verikivsky, Hayday, Demutsky, Yacinevich, Revutsky and various others.

In the western part of Ukraine, which from 1795 up to the World War I was a part of the former Austrian Empire, in the provinces of Galicia and Bukovina, we find also renowned composers of Ukrainian music, such as: Matniuk, Verbytsky, Vorobkevich, Kiprian, Bizankowsky, Sichynsky, Barwinsky, Ludkevich, Yaroslavenko and others.

When World War I brought the revival of the Ukrainian nation and the independent Ukrainian National Republic was established (1917) the Ukrainian Government promoted at once the organization of musical school and institutions. Up to the initiative of the head of the Government, Simon Petlura (assassinated in Paris in 1926) the Ukrainian National Chorus was created. Guided by its director, Prof. Alexander Kishetz, it went on a European and afterwards on a world tour to popularize the reborn nation among the various races. It drew the attention of the whole cultured world and won the highest praise of the greatest musical authorities in twelve languages. It toured the United States of America in 1922-24, winning also the highest recognition of the American musical world for its unsurpassed choral art. The reorganized Ukrainian Chorus with Prof. Alexander Koshetz as its conductor paid on behalf of the Ukrainian population of the United States a tribute to George Washington, at the occasion of the 200th anniversary of his birth in 1932, by touring the large American centers in the Eastern States.

Soviet Minister of Culture N. A. Mikhailov Expostulates

"From the ridiculous to the sublime," can be characterized the interview had with Soviet Minister of Culture, Nikolai A. Mikhailov, by a group of American students in a broadcast televised last Sunday. He and four other Soviet leaders were interviewed in Moscow by the students. The televised program, one in the series, is called "Youth Wants to Know."

"Not by Bread Alone" had been published. This novel by Vladimir Dulintsev, denounced Soviet bureaucracy. Mr. Mikhailov said, "we criticized it severely" and "our readers agreed with us." One American college girl asked about Soviet newspaper and textbook distortions of United States unemployment and race discrimination. Mr. Mikhailov expostulated: "In the books I have personally read, I have never found anything exaggerated or anything unfriendly to your country."

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Neither the aspiration nor sincere feelings which we cherish for our beloved country could force us to do something which would be dishonorable to a Christian nation. The Sultan has assured us that he has no intention of either conquering Ukraine or of incorporating it into his Empire; but that he intends to set up an independent State so as to erect a barrier between the Ottoman Empire and the realm of the Russian Czar. It must not be assumed that we have joined forces with the Turks in order to help them defeat the Christians, but only in order to await the opportunity, and with God's help, to bring about the liberation of our beloved country and to release it from the yoke under which it has been languishing for so many years. We cannot look indifferently on the misery and misfortune to which our beloved nation has been reduced, nor on the violation of our rights on so many occasions. We are guided solely by the motives of justice and right which permit each individual to defend his own cause and his own dignity.

