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## Editorial Correspondence

### Enslavement By The Russian Bear

By THOMAS L. ROBINSON  
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MUNICH, Germany (Editors Note: This is the first of two articles by the publisher on U. S. broadcasts to Communist countries. Mr. Robinson is making a survey of western Europe.)

I CAME to Munich purposely to visit the actual operations of the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, two entirely separate organizations doing different types of jobs. In this particular report, it seems fitting to devote some paragraphs to the Voice, and tomorrow there will be some comments on Radio Free Europe.

Allen Lightner, our consul general in Munich, very graciously arranged for me to have a good long interview with Aldo D'Alessandro, director of the Munich Radio Center of the Voice. Mr. D'Alessandro is a forthright young American, 43 years old, who comes from New Rochelle, N. Y. He impresses one as a courageous and efficient man with a genuine zeal to press this crusade for freedom with both vigor and skill.

In the Munich headquarters of VOA, dual functions are performed. First, a large number of programs beamed to the captive countries of Russia are originated. And secondly, programs originating in New York (a still larger number) are picked up at receiving stations, intensified in power, and through strong transmitters are sent on their way to a vast area behind the Iron Curtain.

The broadcasts prepared in Munich are in Russian, Polish, Hungarian, Estonian and Lithuanian. There is no light entertainment as such—all the broadcasts are news commentaries, interviews with well-known citizens of America and other countries and, of course, effective interviews with escapes from behind the Iron Curtain.

Some of the programs reminded me of the CBS World News Round-up, and of similar broadcasts by NBC. In other words the Voice wants to get straight, honest, factual news items into the ears of men, women and children living under the strictest censorship in all history. The people of Russia's captive nations have no access to uncensored newspapers, magazines, films, pamphlets or lectures. They live in a prison of facts, intellectual enslavement, save only for the broadcasts from the Voice, Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberation and some other groups.

It must be remembered that these enslaved people know virtually nothing of

### Charlotte Needs Better Air Service

THE CHIPS are down in Charlotte's nine-year-old battle for better air transportation. Civil Aeronautics Board hearings now under way in Washington will decide the fate of long-sought additions of competitive air service through the Queen City.

The need for extra service is becoming increasingly evident. Mechanization, urban growth, the rise of per capita income and the area's expanding industrialization all contribute to this need.

But a counter-offensive has been launched by Eastern Air Lines. It has sharply challenged testimony by Albert W. Gotch, Washington air traffic analyst, documenting Charlotte's current and future requirements.

The Queen City owes Eastern a debt of gratitude for its years of pioneering during the air transportation industry infancy. But Charlotte's gratitude cannot obscure the fact that the city today needs more air service than Eastern offers.

The Gotch report was completed several months ago. There have been no real changes since that date. But the general picture painted then has not been significantly altered. If anything, Mr. Gotch probably underestimated the future expansion of the Charlotte metropolitan area and its requirements.

Between 1940 and 1950, while cities of Charlotte's size were gaining 16 per cent in population, Charlotte's population rose 33 per cent. The surge is continuing. At this rate, the city's 1960 population will be around 175,000.

Other figures illustrate the dynamic economic characteristics of this growth. Between 1950 and 1953—when Charlotte's population rose 9 per cent—Charlotte's buying income zoomed 31 per cent. These market statistics are closely related to the demand for air transportation. Charlotte's population rank in the United States is 97th but it is 25th on the enplaned passenger list and ranks 50th in originating and terminating passengers. Mr. Gotch found further that in



W. AVERELL HARRIMAN

## People's Platform

### United Appeal Is Dictatorial

Editors, The News: I HAVE been amazed at the tactics used by United Appeal to force police and cancer into their autonomy. I believe any full-blooded American organization would not fail to "gag" on it. Surely the "gift-without-the-giver" is here.

Is United Appeal's program so weak that it resorts to "last ditch" strategy? What has become of our Christian concept of personal responsibility for our unfortunate brethren, instead of always pleading "It is easier to have one drink." Surely the "gift-without-the-giver" is here.

I believe that even the leaders of United Appeal will concede the facts as given by leading newspapers, magazines and information bureaus throughout the land, that more people have been saved from death from cancer, by the education and service program of the American Cancer Society, in all parts of the United States, than any other agency at this time.

As to expense, let the United Appeal examine its own cost sheets for figures. I believe it will show that one of the staff draws a salary almost equal to our city manager, in addition to the many other paid workers and the general expense of maintaining its office here in Charlotte. It takes a lot of donations to maintain a heavy overhead.

American Cancer only has two cents paid in Mecklenburg County, and the salaries are nominal. The fund raising is all done by dedicated volunteer workers, who dare to come out against the big syndicate of United Appeal. The small business man or business place in any community and of any life. Why not the small organization, that only asks to be allowed to nurse its own methods of fund raising and working in our fine community?

Please accept this as my personal reaction to the situation, and as it has been voiced to me by SURE. Effective use and service to the individual patient — NO.

—MRS. C. CARSON DUNCAN

### Battle Of The Stand-Ins Shapes Up In New York

By STEWART ALSOP

THE STAKES are always big in the race for the New York governorship, but this year they are downright enormous. For the New York race this year is developing into something very like a second test of strength, at one removed, between Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adlai E. Stevenson.

The stand-in for Stevenson was New York, Harriman is in his states and it is considered unlikely that he will try for the Democratic presidential nomination again in 1956, even if he wins here. He is known as a close friend and strong supporter of Eisenhower.

Thus, if Harriman wins, New York's huge block of delegate votes should be safe for Stevenson. Moreover, to make the identification of Ives with Eisenhower is likely to be as close as the identification of Harriman with Stevenson. Neither Ives nor Harriman is a weak substitute for his party leader.

Private polls taken under Republican auspices this summer showed Ives running better than Dewey himself in some areas in this state. And Ives is, after all, on his feet and in the race as far ahead of Eisenhower in 1952.

As for Harriman, he has never run for national office before. But in his case too private polls taken here recently have shown him running surprisingly well.

### Revolutions In Health And Women's Rights In China

By DERVYCK WINTERTON

(Editors Note: Correspondent Winton of The London Daily Herald, Labor Party newspaper, accompanied the British Labor delegation on its recent trip through China.)

HONG KONG

ACCORDING to the statistics, more than 200 million Chinese were found among the 183 families in Wangle village in Lushan County.

The opinion of the official handbook on the marriage law of the Communist Peoples Republic of China is that the ability of statisticians to decide whether a family is happy, but it is true that the change made in the legal revolution of Chinese women by the Communists is itself a revolution.

Women are now — in law at least — on an equal footing with men for marriage, divorce, the owning of property and pay. They are now equal for many jobs which were tough enough for men. The custom of having more than one wife, which was already dying, is now illegal.

Women are being trained for professions on a surprising scale. They make up one-third to a half of the student bodies in some medical schools and a fifth at Tsinghua Engineering University.

The social revolution has been in hygiene which seems to have been accepted almost as a universal religion.

So far as one can judge from looks, the people and children are healthy. Diseases like smallpox have not been attacked, it is claimed, that 500 million people have been vaccinated in five years and that in some cities last year there was not one case. Flu and cholera are said to be under control and nearly eradicated.

### Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON

THERE are some strange paradoxes about the vigorous gavel-pounding of Sen. Watkins in the Senate when in his place. They point to the probability that Watkins is either a man of extraordinary intellectual fortitude or has suffered extraordinary senatorial nausea at McCarthy's behavior. Or perhaps the explanation is a combination of both.

For the austere Mormon from Utah who now rules against McCarthy was once considered quite a friend of McCarthy. Their associations were the same. They were, certainly on foreign policy, were the same, and when Watkins faced a tough re-election fight two years ago, McCarthy stepped in to help him.

Furthermore, the senators who have brought the censure charges against McCarthy are no particular friends of Watkins. Flanders of Vermont, though a Republican, travels with an entirely different group of Republicans. The Utah

### Watkins, McCarthy Used To Be Friends

senator is an isolationist, Flanders a believer in international cooperation. Flanders once even twitted Watkins in the Senate restaurant for drinking tea, because tea-drinking is against Mormon church rules. (Watkins replied that it was Mormon tea—namely milk, sugar and hot water.)

Watkins also has little in common with Fulbright, the Arkansas Democrat, or Wayne Morse, the Oregon independent, the other two senators who brought censure charges against McCarthy.

However, Watkins does have some strict ideas about right and wrong, plus the ability to reverse himself completely.

### A Mormon Bishop

A bishop in the Mormon Church, Watkins is a conscientious, upright, devout man who works at his religion. He neither smokes nor drinks, avoids card parties, once asked the Library of Congress to furnish him with figures on the smoking and drinking habits of the nation, following which he published the fact that Americans were spending \$87.22 per

### Men Like Maybank Are Hard To Find

Heraw, S. C.

A FRIEND of the people, all the people, was the late Hon. Sen. Burnet R. Maybank of South Carolina, a Democratic man who did not desert his party in the last election as some of the wish-which crowd, fence-straddlers do to get their names in the headlines.

—A. GRAHAM

### For Stricter Control Of Alcoholic Drinks

Editors, The News: RECENTLY there appeared in your good paper an advertisement by the North Carolina Distributors of Malt Beverages of Raleigh, N. C., entitled "If Beer Goes—What's Next?" is a very timely question and one that ought to make all dispensers of the "habit-forming narcotic poisonous drug" alcohol think of their personal responsibilities to society as a whole and to the individual in particular who has become an uncontrolled victim of a product they dispense.

Some people have a queer philosophy regarding the freedom of choice and man's fundamental rights. By and large, the larger portion of all laws are prohibitory. They are designed particularly to take away the freedoms of the individual, but to protect the rights and liberties of the majority.

The time has come for these "narcotic poisonous drugs" to be included under the control of the Pure Foods and Drug Act. I never have been able to understand why certain individuals insist that it is their right to dispense a poison that destroys not only the physical being, but the moral as well, and that is alcohol. Yes, I stand ready to cast my vote for a sane and sensible control of beverage alcohol under the Pure Foods & Drug Act.

### Germany's 'Golden Ghettos'

By DORIS FLEESON

BONN, West Germany

IS it an old habit of American diplomacy to put all its eggs in one basket when dealing with foreign governments. This is nowhere more evident at present than in the West German capital, which is burgeoning from cow pastures along the Rhine.

American officials appear completely absorbed in Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. They are, of course, obeying in this the signals from Washington. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles sent an election eve message to Adenauer's behalf last September, a gesture not universally admired here.

To an increasing degree, also, the Bonn Americans are being isolated from the broad stream of German life and politics by their own vast new housing project, colloquially called "The Golden Ghetto." This American enclave system is not confined to the civilians. The military garrisons, which form the nucleus of the military is part of the policy of allowing the men to bring their dependents to Europe.

### 'How Much To Do A Job On A Guy I'm Understudying?'



### From The Nashville Tennessean

### PUZZLER FOR PALEFACES

AN OKLAHOMA researcher reports "amazing but apparently true" findings that full-blooded Indians show no reaction to lie detector tests. "The graph," he says, "just runs along with no quivers at all."

Well, that is amazing, Indians with no quivers. What in the world do they keep their arrows in?

If a woman will land a man, the installment companies will tie him down.

—ELLAVILLE (GA.) SUN.