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We Must Wage It Well

In issuing the first official American comment on the "revival" of the Comintern, Acting Secretary of State Lovett has not said, in direct language, that the development constitutes a Soviet declaration of political and economic war against the United States.

Thus, with mounting energy and duplicity, we see the Kremlin and the Comintern working together to convince as many people as possible throughout the globe that the iron-fisted Russian dictatorship and its satellites are peace-loving democracies fighting valiantly for the good and the beautiful everywhere, for security and prosperity everywhere, against an evil bloc (the overwhelming majority of the United Nations) led by a greedy, warmongering America bent on dominating the whole of mankind.

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Letters to The Star

Another Investigation Proposed
To the Editor of The Star: Why is it, when the country is enjoying one of its greatest periods of employment, that there is so much gloom about concerning the future of the country?

Perhaps, it would be worth while to have a congressional investigation into these expert advisers and find out the real motive behind their gloomy predictions, really learn why they are selling their country short.

Postal Service on the Pan
To the Editor of The Star: What is wrong with our General Post Office and its service? I had some work which had to be in Charlottesville, Va., on a specified date.

Food for Saving Days
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Christian Amendment Objected To
To the Editor of The Star: A so-called "Christian Amendment" to the Constitution is before Congress in House Joint Resolution 239 and Senate Joint Resolution 150, but, whatever else it may be, it is not Christian.

This and That
By Charles E. Truacevell
The female catbird was singing merrily, said the story, upon reading which the friend of birds laughed loudly.

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Stars, Men and Atoms

Banner Season Reported On Arctic Explorations

Ten Scientific Expeditions Complete Far North Studies of Many Kinds
By Thomas R. Henry
This has been a banner season for Arctic and sub-Arctic exploration.

At least 10 scientific expeditions, including the Navy's Operation High Jump under command of Capt. Robert S. Quackenbush, executive officer of last winter's Antarctic expedition, now are coming out of the Far North.

Smaller scientific ventures, partly financed by the Office of Naval Research and under the auspices of the Arctic Institute of North America, have carried out of these has been a biological survey of the little-known Nuelton Lakes area on the borders of Manitoba and Keewatin by Dr. Francis Harper, zoologist of Swarthmore University.

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Projects especially financed by the Navy have included a compilation of all available data on frost levels, especially significant in road building, and an investigation of aerial photos of Arctic terrain to determine if they can reveal conditions important in planning engineering work.

The Navy projects in particular have been on a broad basis, without immediate application to national defense but undertaken on the theory that any knowledge of the meteorology and biology of the Arctic is likely to fit into the picture of warfare in the Far North.

Meanwhile, two Danish expeditions have been operating in Greenland. One has been air-mapping the east coast, while another, directed by Dr. Erik Holthved, has been carrying out archeological excavations in the Smith Sound region of the northwest coast.

It is known here that several Russian expeditions have been carrying out scientific investigations during the summer but no details of their work have yet been received. Because of the great importance of the far northern lands to Soviet economy, Russia has devoted much more attention to the Arctic during the past few years than any western country.

Questions and Answers

By THE HASKIN SERVICE
A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing The Evening Star Information Bureau, 1116 I Street, N.W., Washington 2, D. C. Please include return address.

Q. What is the lowest lake in the United States?—V. H.
A. It is Saiton Sea in California, which is 246 feet below sea level.

Q. What was the first Gilbert and Sullivan production?—E. S. E.
A. William S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan were introduced in 1871 and their first joint comic opera was "Thespis." In 1875, Richard D'Oyly Carte engaged them to collaborate for him in the production of a certain raiser. The result was "Trial by Jury."

Q. What city is known as the "Athens of the South"?—W. R.
A. Nashville, Tenn. Greek architecture has been employed for most public buildings. Noteworthy is the reproduction of the Parthenon, the leading temple of the ancient Athenians.

Q. What gives rain its pleasant odor?—L. L. E.
A. Rain has no odor, but in falling it purifies the air. Often electrical discharges accompany rain and produce the gas ozone which has a delightful, fresh odor.

Q. What date is taken as the beginning of the Atomic Age?—C. W.
A. The Atomic Age is generally regarded as having been ushered in on July 16, 1945. On this date the first man-made atomic explosion occurred in the desert of New Mexico.

Q. How much of the world's steel is produced in the United States?—S. E. L.
A. The United States is producing over 62 per cent of all the steel made in the world.

Q. What is the difference between a tale and a story?—E. H. G.
A. A tale is a narrative of events related in chronological sequence. A story is a narrative containing a plot.

Q. What is the derivation of the name "Nebraska"?—P. McA.
A. Nebraska means "shallow water." The name was first given by the Indians to the river now called the Platte, which traverses the State.

To a Wood Thrush

Ah, bird that loves my woods, could I but hear
Once more your rapture down the dying day!
Could I but know again that one low clear
And liquid note, my course of life might stay
More steady! Here for pines blue-dark,
My eye
Lifts only to a walled-in, city street
Packed tight with dwellings, and the very sky
Itself seems gone—forgotten—Incomplete.
Ah, bird, bid me with song as clean as flame.
Soothe, to this heart, that it may know
release
From lethargy, which halts its blood with shame.

Awake me, bird: oh let me find the peace
That threads the solitude of forest ways
When day slips, tried, into shadows long;
And, on the mountain tops, red slanting rays
Of blessed light stir you to joy of song.
MRS. JULIA COLLINS ARDAYNE.

Dogcatchers Useful Agents

To the Editor of The Star: In regard to the recent letter signed "Taxpayer," and captioned "More Dogcatchers," it is my opinion that real dog lovers are not opposed, but definitely in favor of better equipped and manned dogcatching facilities.

Dorothy Harris stated in her letter that she was one of the first residents of Greenbelt, but moved away six years ago. I also was a first resident, and liked Greenbelt so well that I stayed. I have served three years on the Town Council, am a member of the council at present, have served several years on the co-operative board, and have served many other useful organizations here.

Dorothy Harris was right in her statement that a locally elected board of directors governs the co-operative. She is inaccurate when she stated that the regional co-operative, Eastern Co-operatives, Inc., "rules with an iron hand through the local board of directors."

The local board is responsible only to the membership, which is also local. (Actually, G. C. S., along with other co-operatives in the region,

own and control E. C. I.) The local board and membership are completely independent. They can do as they please even to the point of liquidation. This is democracy extended to business. Is not democracy American?

Dorothy Harris to the contrary, G. C. S. was not endowed with \$50,000 by the Edward Field Fund. A loan of \$50,000 was secured by G. C. S. to start into business. This has all been paid back. Also, G. C. S. did not "grow fat with profits during the war."

Now for one last denial. The co-operative did not have a slate in the recent Town Council election. Some co-operative members were active in the campaign. However, that was their own business as citizens. They were not representing the co-operatives.

Greenbelt, Md. FRANK J. LASTNER.

Mothers of Saving Days
To the Editor of The Star: A Washington columnist wants to know, "If we are not to eat meat on Tuesdays or poultry or eggs on Thursdays, what can we eat those days to save on grain?"

Next, a Texas Representative replying to a Pennsylvania Representative says, "If conditions in Pennsylvania's Lancaster County are as good as Representative Gross describes them, we now have the millennium and we might as well adjourn these hearings now."

For the Texan's enlightenment, I would refer him to a Government report issued earlier this year which stated that Lancaster County, Pa., stood first in value of tobacco, second in value of eggs, ninth in value of dairy products and third in value of chickens. This record does not indicate the millennium has reached Lancaster County, but only that it is on the way.

Down With Too Many Pets
To the Editor of The Star: Now that the President has asked people to save food, how about asking people not to keep so many animals around? A woman neighbor of mine brought five cats into her home; now she has three.

It costs food and money to keep three or four cats. The food three of them eat could feed two children who are starving in Europe. In the city it is unnecessary to have so many animals. One cat or dog ought to be enough for any one.

A RESIDENT OF SILVER SPRING.

Moths in Grains
To the Editor of The Star: Another way to save grain for the hungry people of the world, including ourselves, is to compel millers and other processors of grain products to protect it from the little white shiny-winged moth or fly or other such pests that deposit their eggs in the finished product as they fit around the mills.

Thousands of bushels of grain are wasted yearly by worms that are hatched from these eggs deposited in the corn, wheat, flour, wheat germ, rice polishings, and other nutrients that are added to the flour for our bread, as well as most all cereals. And now, since nutrients are added to the flour, even more bags are wasted where formerly no worms ever were seen.

The moths know where to deposit their eggs. They never would deposit them in a devitalized substance where their young would have no food. In this they are wiser than most human beings, for we have eaten devitalized flour for years, until it took a war to show us that we were starving in a land of plenty, as evidenced by the number of men rejected by the Army. And now, since we are adding enrichment to the flour, it is devitalized again by the worms that eat up the nutriment before we have a chance at it.

Now, does that show intelligence? We take out of the food all the nutriment intended for our health and well being; we put back into the flour nutrients containing the eggs of the moths, then we let the worms devour the nutrients placed back in the flour, and where are we? Have you ever examined closely flour in which the weevils had been? Take up a handful, squeeze it and see it fall apart instantly. There is no body to it. It is dead.

Time and time again I have taken back to the grocer bags of corn meal and flour that contained worms. The grocer probably sends it back to the millers who in turn, may put it in bags with new meal and sell it again. Nineteenths of the population do not know just where the fault lies. If they were not so ignorant of how the worms get into their food, they would try to do something about it. There positively is no excuse for an enlightened citizen to tolerate such conditions.

If millers and others who process food were compelled by law to protect the food, seeing that every grain was sound and clean and that no grain or product was spilled or left lying around, this waste could be eliminated.