

# Harold Ostertag Reports on Meetings With Khrushchev

## AN OLD AMERICAN SAYING

The Russian Premier has come and gone and now we will wait and see what develops (as we say in our country) The visit certainly was an amazing combination of campaigning, promoting, performing and crucial discussions. It was a radical departure from anything seen before in international diplomacy.

The final communique issued by the White House following the closing talks of the President and the Soviet Premier contained the word 'agreed' three times. They 'agreed' that all outstanding international questions should be settled not by the application of force but by peaceful means through negotiation." They

"agreed that the question of general disarmament is the most important one facing the world today. Both governments will make every effort to achieve a constructive solution to this problem," they added.

The third point agreed was "that an exact date for the return visit of the President to the Soviet Union next Spring would be arranged through diplomatic channels." In addition an "understanding" was reached concerning the Berlin question. As the communique put it, "With respect to the specific Berlin question, an understanding was reached, subject to approval of the other parties directly concerned, that negotiations would be reopened with a view to achieving a solution which would be in accordance with the interest of all concerned and in the interest of the maintenance of peace."

The general view is that the most important of these matters at this time is the agreement that international questions should be settled by peaceful means. This was given an immediate application in the Berlin situation when the President and the Premier announced a day later that there was no fixed time limit for reaching a settlement in Berlin. The Soviets previously had sought to fix a deadline for settling the status of Berlin and we regarded this as a threat, an ultimatum. This change marked a Soviet retreat, at least for the moment.

If it is fully implemented, the pledge on disarmament could be even more significant, of course. But like the pledge that all differences should be settled by peaceful negotiations instead of force, the important thing is what will follow these pledges.

We cannot forget that agreements at the Geneva Conference four years ago were not carried out by the Soviets, instead Communist probing and interference increased in the Middle and Far East. Neither can we forget that of the 52 major agreements which the Soviets have concluded with us in the past quarter century, they have broken 50 of them.

The great gulf between the Soviet's written and spoken guarantees and their actual conduct has long been evident in all fields. It was evident again during Premier Khrushchev's many public addresses during his visit here.

The Soviet Union is opposed to interference in the internal affairs of other countries, he said time and again. But we recall Hungary and a dozen other cases. The Soviet Union has a very democratic constitution, he told us. But it is not implemented, as we know freedom and democracy. In fact, liberty and freedom were matters which the Premier clearly avoided in his addresses here. He sought to attribute most of the differences between our nations to the differences in our economic systems. He talked about peaceful economic competition as the vehicle which would relieve all tense spots.

But the fact of the matter is that our disagreements stem from radically different social and political viewpoints. Our system has evolved to provide freedom and liberty with justice and to assure the dignity of the individual. The purpose of the government is to serve the people. Communism, on the other hand, has brought regimentation and totalitarian control of the life of the individual by the state. The purpose of the individual is to serve the state. The Communists may aspire to competing with us in economic matters, but they do not dare to compete in providing freedom and liberty for the human being.

With all the Russian Premier's talk of economic competition, it is significant to note that since his departure, figures have come to light to indicate that most economic goals of the Soviet's present seven-year plan have had to be scaled down as unattainable. This is further indication that Russian boasts of matching our industrial and agriculture output are so much talk.

But this is not to conclude that they will not continue to grow stronger in areas of military and scientific power. For they can continue to channel a much higher proportion of the national effort into these areas than we are doing.

All in all, the Russian Premier's visit gave us little cause to relax on any score. We are fond of using pithy Russian sayings, and our present reaction to the developments of the past few weeks could be expressed to him in a familiar American expression. Actions speak louder than words.

## Red Cross Gives Advice About Servicemen's Christmas

"Be it ever so humble, there's no cooking like home cooking." That's the word from American servicemen when queried about their "druthers" on Christmas presents from home this year. Cookies, fruit cake and other homemade edibles topped the most wanted list by a wide margin.

The list was put together from a poll of servicemen taken by American Red Cross field directors stationed with military units around the world.

After discounting the usual requests for one-way tickets home, the poll showed homemade goods, money, subscriptions to hometown newspapers and family photos were the Christmas presents most likely to succeed with men in uniform.

But there was a big qualification as far as food was concerned. The men pleaded that it be packaged for mailing correctly.

Food should be packaged in a coffee tin or some similar container in such a way that it won't shift from side to side. The tin should be sealed tightly and placed in a heavy corrugated pasteboard box. Cookies should be individually wrapped.

The men who asked for money hastily added that they were not being mercenary. They point out that since they are stationed in far-off places, the gift choice is wider and more interesting. However, they ask that money be sent in the form of a money order.

since personal checks are almost impossible to cash.

The women personnel polled were in step with the men on all gift suggestions except one — they added expensive lingerie to their list.

Definitely not wanted by most servicemen were civilian clothing, toilet articles, jewelry, wallets and cameras. All of these can be purchased from post or base exchanges or ship stores at below civilian prices.

The Red Cross added one final

**SHORT STORY**

**Lifeboat At Sea**  
By Lyle Pace

**CAPTAIN BEN LITTLE**, of the Merchant Ship Providence, scanned the Atlantic with his binoculars held tight against his eyes. For an hour he had been doing that, trying to make up his mind what it was that caused a speck to appear, and then disappear. He'd had his radio operator send out a call, but as far as he knew there were no ships within a hundred miles of the Providence.

He turned and beckoned his first mate. "Take a look, Mr. Worth. Maybe these old eyes are playing tricks on me. But I could have sworn I saw something moving out there." He handed the mate the glasses.

Worth adjusted them. Moments later he handed the binoculars back to the skipper. He shrugged.

**3-Minute Fiction**

All afternoon Captain Little swept the sea with his powerful glasses.

"Maybe, sir. But I can't be sure."

All afternoon Captain Little swept the sea with his powerful glasses. And always there was that small speck on the horizon. When he finally went below to his charts he still could not get it out of his mind.

But there was something he could do to satisfy his curiosity. He motioned to a seaman and in seconds the signal blinker was in operation, throwing its strong beam out over the water.

In rapid succession the signal declared **PROVIDENCE—MERCHANT—ARE YOU RECEIVING?**

But there was no answer, only the darkness and the light from the Providence. Captain Little sighed and went below.

The next morning he was on the bridge as the sun broke out of the horizon and began its steady climb. Once again he picked up the glasses and squinted into the already dispersing haze. This time there could be no mistake. There was something out there!

"Mr. Worth!" he exclaimed. "Look at this!"

The first mate hurried to the captain's side, quickly focusing the glasses. When he put them down he said "Shall I halt the engines, sir?"

"Yes! And put out a boat. Take six men with you. Maybe it's already too late."

Quietly the master reproached himself for not believing what his eyes had told him yesterday, when he had first spotted something out there. A night on the ocean for the occupants of a lifeboat could mean life or death.

Hours later, it seemed, Worth's boat returned only now it was filled with other men and four women. Little hurried down to the main deck and watched as his seamen helped the new passengers aboard. Finally, one of them, a tall, lean man dressed in a yachtsman's uniform came up to him and wrung his hand.

Captain Little smiled. "I'm glad I was around, sir. It must have been quite an experience."

"Indeed it was, Captain Little, isn't it? Your mate told us the name. Well, I'm George Conroy. And I did own a sixty foot cruiser, but I'm afraid the Jennie-B has joined a lot of other vessels at the bottom of the sea."

"It must have been quite a night out there," Little said. "I spent quite a few nights in a lifeboat once."

Conroy looked surprised. Then he smiled. "Well, you're one up on me. I don't know what gave you the idea we spent a night in that lifeboat, but it doesn't matter. The Jennie-B caught fire early this morning. Thank goodness we were in that small boat only a couple of hours."

Captain Little could not believe it. But he had seen something yesterday that afternoon. He was positive that it was the lifeboat.

"Tell me, Mr. Conroy," he said. "Did you see my signal last night?"

Conroy shook his head. "Why, no, I don't understand."

Captain Little said nothing. He could not understand, either. And if he had been anything but a sea captain it would have amazed him. But stranger things than that have happened on the broad, sweeping Atlantic. Any sailor could testify to that.



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Small children should never be left alone in the house, fire statistics reveal. Almost 30 percent of all child deaths in home fires involve unattended children.

bit of advice mail gifts early. It pointed out that the Post Office Department recommends that Christmas parcels should be mailed between Nov. 1 and Nov. 20 for delivery by surface mail to servicemen overseas and by Dec. 10 for aid mail delivery.

The Post Office also says that the farther away a man is stationed, the earlier his parcels should be mailed to insure they reach him for Christmas.

**ERIC COUNTY LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES TO MEET IN BUFFALO**

The Licensed Practical Nurses of the Erie County Division of New York, Inc. will hold an open meeting Wednesday evening, October 21 at 8:00 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the Forty & Eight Club, 891 Delaware Ave., Buffalo.

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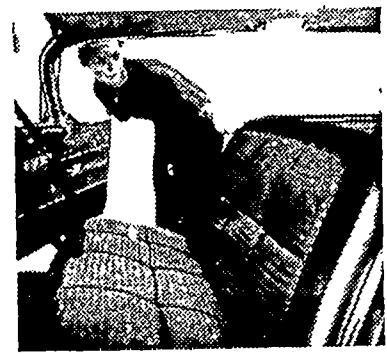
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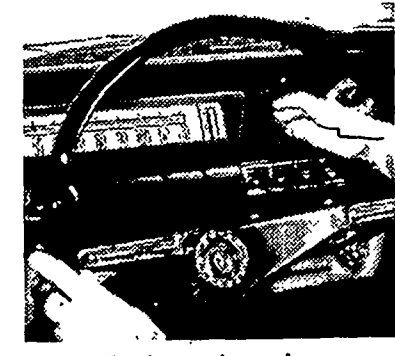
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