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**COMMUNIST ECONOMY IN TROUBLE**

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. — Russians are seen looking into the window of a large department store in Moscow which today is probably shut down. The U. S. State Department's official "Voice of America" radio, broadcasting in 23 languages, told of reports that Soviet Russia's tightly managed Communist Economy is in serious trouble at home from a wave of bank runs and panic buying in Moscow and other large Russian cities. Food and department stores have been forced to close and banks are limiting all withdrawals.

**WEST POINT PARK**By MISS L. A. AULT  
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Mr. and Mrs. John Glowacki, from Detroit, accompanied Mrs. Austin Ault on a visit to her husband, a patient in University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gedig, from Detroit, Mrs. Austin Ault, Miss Phyllis Ault and Miss Virginia O. Ault, all of Irving Avenue, were visitors at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coleman and children spent the week end with relatives near Ft. Wayne, Ind. Mr. Coleman is a physician and was in Indiana was Mrs. Coleman's mother, Mrs. Jacob Sheeta, who has been visiting in this community for the last two months.

Mrs. William Sherman, Mayfield Avenue, attended a birthday celebration honoring a niece in Berkeley Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Johnson and Children, of Clio, Mich., spent the week end with the Johnson Porters, in New London, Ohio.

Mrs. Neal Weyman, from Orion, spent Wednesday evening with Miss Dolores Ault, on Shady Side Avenue.

Letters received from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sidelink, lately of Mayfield Avenue, state that they have been spending a week with their daughter in Chicago.

Arranged for by the Sunshine Sisters, a truck from the Goodwill Industries, Detroit, called at five homes in this vicinity one day last week and collected cast off but still usable articles gotten together by a dozen families of the vicinity. The Goodwill organization employs aged and handicapped men and women who clean, repair, make over or convert new articles from clothing, etc., discarded by those no longer able to use it. Such things are then put on sale at prices to benefit needy persons of low income families. Thus it is considered a most worthy enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Morris, Farmington Road, visited friends in Detroit Sunday afternoon.

Miss Barbara Harrison, in Nurse Training at Mt. Carmel Hospital, spent the week end at her home on Eight Mile Road.

Miss Dorothy Altman was among

those on the sick list last week. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Keyser, of Huntington Woods, were calling on their cousin, the Misses Lora and Freda Ault Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Udgrove, from Flint, was among the large number of out of the community persons in attendance at "Fun Night" in Pierson School last Thursday evening.

The mob present at "Fun Night" in Pierson School was one of the largest gotten together in West Point Park for some time. A puppet show seems to have been one of the most popular features. Proceeds of the affair, planned by mothers and P.T.A. workers, are to be devoted to the purchasing of new playground equipment for the school.

Several ladies from the neighborhood and a few of the younger set called on Mr. and Mrs. Dail Tallman at their new little place on Mayfield Avenue Tuesday of last week and tendered the couple a modest housewarming party. Some very lovely gifts were presented the couple. All enjoyed a tasty potluck lunch together.

James Simpson, who was quite ill for several weeks, is now able to take short walks near his home on Mayfield Avenue.

Glenn Vance, who for some time has been a patient in the Veterans' Hospital, Dearborn, is reported to have been up in a wheel-chair a number of times lately and to be making definite, slow gains.

Mrs. Russell Ault has been having flu.

Freda Ault, who has been ill for several weeks, expects to enter a hospital soon and undergo a major operation.

Mrs. Jack Tallman and Mrs. Gordon Vance visited in Detroit last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Tallman, who has been ill, is much improved.

The Sunshine Sisters held an interesting session at the Neighborhood Church last Wednesday afternoon. Following appropriate devotional exercises, special plans were made for the Christmas season. Several good Christmas readings were contributed during the Sunbeam program. Home made spice loaf and tea made pleasant refreshment. The Christ-

mas meeting of the Sunshine Sisters will be held in the Neighborhood Church on Wednesday afternoon, December 17, at 8 o'clock. At this time the annual grab-bag exchange of gifts will be made. Each lady is asked to bring a wrapped gift, preferably home-made, which will be numbered and placed in a prepared container. Children accompanying mothers should also each bring a gift to be placed in a box specially arranged for small folks. It is expected that in connection with this affair there will be a special Christmas program and light refreshments. Visitors will be very welcome to this meeting, which is open to all women of the community.

In the Neighborhood Bible School the Christmas pot has been put on to boil and conjecture is being made as to how many and what names are to be placed in it.

The Boys and Girls Group of the Neighborhood Church will hold their annual Christmas party and grab-bag exchange of gifts on Wednesday evening, December 17, All Keego Harbor.

young folks of school age are invited to attend. Each should bring an inexpensive gift, wrapped and suitable for either boy or girl. Gifts will be numbered and drawn out by the number method.

Pierson School's very active Kindergarten Mother's Club tendered a surprise birthday party, December 2, to Miss Isham, popular kindergarten teacher of the school. The affair was held at Miss Isham's home, in the Snyder house on Seven Mile Road. Nineteen mothers participated and presented her with a handsome Mirror and a Pressure Cooker. At the close of the get-together a beautiful birthday cake, made by Mrs. Eric Anderson, another teacher of the school, whose baking talents are well known, was served with ice cream.

At the Family Fun Night held in Pierson School Thursday evening, December 4, an automatic pressure cooker was raffled off, and won by Mrs. Sheridan, a sister of Miss Isham and visiting here from Keego Harbor.

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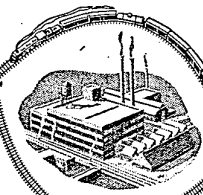
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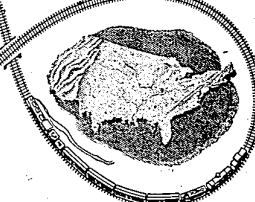
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