

Soviet Class Distinction Found

Washington — (NC) — Russia has "a class distinction unequalled in any capitalist country and disparities in income and millions that must shock any equanimity-minded person."

This is the indictment made against the Soviet Rulers, who staged the Bolshevik revolt in 1917 professedly for the sake of a classless society, by Hugh Chevins, Industrial correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph.

He recently completed a six-week study of conditions inside Russia, and gave his impressions in three articles in the American Federationist, the official monthly magazine of the Amer-

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Union Federation of Labor pub-
lished here.
The author states that, apparently, Russia's "extremely com-
plicated rationing system is pur-
posely designed to create class
distinction. The whole system is
crossed with disparities, but by
and large those whom the
Kremlin favors do best."

Stalin's Superpowers

Over and above the basic ration
card, the author says, "various
other devices have been
evolved for insuring bigger and
better rations for the new ruling
class." He adds: "If you have
contrived to find your way into
the higher ranks of the army,
the theatrical world, journalism
or other so-called intellectual
branches, you may become pos-
sessed of supplementary ration
cards" and also of "concessions
under two cut-rate food purchase
systems."

Mr. Chevins found in Russia
"many grades of shops in the Soviet
Union. Each person is assigned
to a different shop, according to

his rank and position. I found
that anyone who wants to live
in Moscow outside the walls of
the Kremlin has comfortable
apartments and is able to live a
life of privacy as judged by
Western standards." The com-
mon people live in basements,
kitchens, bedrooms, anywhere in
dilapidated buildings. In the
suburbs, often at the rate of
four families per room — one
family per corner."

Mr. Chevins found in Russia
"an emphasis on materialism
that even Marx eschewed" and
"that most hateful of all forms
of government — a dictatorship,
not by the proletariat, but by a
remote group of men whose pow-
er derives from the police state
which they have created." He
states: "The Union of Socialist
Soviet Republics is a police
state, and life in a police state
is restricted and uneasy, bereft
of human dignity and freedom."

The articles declare that "cen-
sorship is no less harsh now
than in wartime." Though trav-
el is unrestricted, "it is a risky
business for anyone, particularly
a foreigner."

**Uniform Hospital
License Planned**

Washington — (NC) — The

draft of a model statute which

would provide for a uniform hos-
pital licensing act with a view

to having it adopted by the legis-
latures of the various States,

has been developed by the Coun-
cil of State Governments and

Federal Administration Agencies

and has been sent out to agen-
cies in all parts of the nation

which are interested in hospital

work.

The proposed bill was drawn

up at a meeting of the Council

in this city with representatives

of public, Catholic and other

private hospitals. The Council

has been working with the De-
partment of Justice in connec-
tion with the matter with a view

toward facilitating operation of

the Federally aided Hospital Sur-
vey and Construction Act in the

various States.

In a preface to the report,

Magr. Howard J. Carroll, secre-
tary to the Board of Trustees,

stated that in large measure it

is a record of the orderly adjust-
ment of NCCS and USO to meet

the reduced but still considerable
needs of the present situation.

On July 1, 1943, NCCS had

400 operations, it is stated,

whereas on July 1, 1940, this

number has been reduced to 150,

and the planned reduction pro-
gram for the rest of this year

indicates that the servicemen's

aid organization will begin in 1947

with approximately 80 opera-
tions. These reductions are pro-
portionate to those of other USO

member agencies, it is explained.

New problems requiring a new
approach for their solution have

been thrust upon NCCS with the

end of the war, spiritual assist-
ance, education, more leisure

time, counseling, employment, in-
dustrial dislocation of millions of

persons, programs in hospital

areas, planning for a community

program after the USO ceases.

Canadian Missionaries Leave

Montreal — (NC) — The march

of Canadian priests and Relig-
ious to the mission territories of

the world continues, with de-
parture of two groups here and

one at Pembroke, Ontario. Six

Grey Sisters of the Immaculate

Conception left Pembroke to re-
turn to Lishui, China. Five

priests and two brothers of the

Congregation of the Holy Cross

and four Holy Cross Sisters left

Montreal for India by way of

France. Eight members of the

Society of Jesus also left Mon-
treal bound for the mission in

Szechuan, China.

3 Cardinals Attend

Bishop Hoban Jubilee

Cleveland — (NC) — The Solemn

Pontifical Mass which climaxed

the observance of the silver ju-
bilee of Bishop Edward F. Hoban

of Cleveland was celebrated

in St. Agnes Church rather than

in St. John Cathedral, and this

fact was cited here as an indi-
cation of the energetic leader-
ship of the Bishop.

The sermon at the jubilee

Mass was delivered by His Emi-
nence Samuel Cardinal Stritch,

Archbishop of Chicago, whose

own 25th anniversary of con-
secration had been attended two

days previously by Bishop Hoban.

Their Eminences Edward

Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of

Detroit, and Francis Cardinal

Spalding, Archbishop of New

York, were also present at the

Mass.

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