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## Education In Russia

By TOM WHITNEY  
MOSCOW — The question of separate education or co-education in Russian schools is a burning issue among Soviet teachers.

The public also has become interested as a result of a series of articles in the Literary Gazette.

Since 1944, there has been separate education for boys and girls in Moscow and in most other large Russian cities. Before that, in the larger cities there was co-education. In rural schools and in smaller towns the question of separate education has never been introduced.

The Literary Gazette earlier this year questioned whether separate education (introduced on a frankly experimental basis) should be continued at all even where it exists.

A major article published by this paper, which has no direct connection with education but is the organ of the Soviet Writers' Union, advanced the argument that in socialistic society women work beside men all their lives whether in office or factory, and that preparation for getting along together should begin right in school.

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It also made the point that separate education burdened facilities unnecessarily by requiring more staffs and buildings for handling an equivalent number of students.

The Literary Gazette asked for comment from teachers and later printed some of the contrasting letters which it received.

Then in an editorial it summed up the results of the debate and said the answers showed that about 98 per cent of those concerned favored a return to co-education, with only about two per cent for retaining the present system for Moscow and other big cities.

The paper criticized Minister of Education Kairov, for refusing to discuss the issue.

The Literary Gazette said that co-education must be re-introduced where it is lacking now and said that this must be done by the beginning of the next school year.

## Victoria Story Is Royal Film

LONDON (AP)—The King and Queen are going to the movies Oct. 30 to see a fictionalized slice of family history. It's "The Mudlark," a story about Queen Victoria and a little ragamuffin who breaks into Windsor Castle.

The film was produced in Britain by Twentieth Century-Fox with Irene Dunne, the only American in the cast, playing the role of Queen Victoria.

King George himself had an unofficial part in selecting the picture as the Royal Film for 1950, that is, the film chosen for a royal performance.

The royal family had already shown an active interest in the filming of the story and held a lengthy discussion with Miss Dunne. Queen Mary, who had bought two copies of the novel on which the movie is based, incidentally advised Miss Dunne that Queen Victoria had a "sweet voice."

Queen Mary, who has not attended any of the royal film performances since the war, has arranged to see the picture in private at her home.

### AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (today)—Capt. W. Poulton, Major Chambers, Lieut. J. Harding, E. Fraser, Mrs. R. G. Van Der Sluis, Mr. Silva, W. McGowan, P. D. Hagan, G. R. Nelson, J. C. Yates, H. Routh, F. Holden, Miss Yvonne Love, A. G. Gottschalk, Mr. Elchin.

To Sandspit (today)—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young, George Green.

From Sandspit (yesterday)—Mr. and Mrs. W. Wainwright, Mr. Grabowski.

From Vancouver (yesterday)—H. H. Minshall, Mr. Huchlak, G. G. Lylor, G. R. Nelson, Mrs. J. Ford, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. McHaffey, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Payne, E. C. Williams.

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## Blackwood On Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

A grand slam is not a good bid unless the odds in favor of its success are better than two-to-one. This holds good regardless of vulnerability.

One of the worst things that can happen to you at bridge is to have your opponents make a plus score on hands where your side has practically all the high cards.

If your grand slam fails by one trick you lose not only the hidden points for the game you would have made, you also lose the small slam bonus, the trick score for six-odd, and the penalty of 50 or 100 points which goes in the opponents' above-the-line score.

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

North (Mr. Masters)  
S-K 8 7  
H-K Q J 10 5 2  
D-A 9  
C-7 3

West (Mr. Abley)  
S-J 4 3  
H-8 3  
D-K Q 10 5 3  
C-Q 9 6

East (Miss Brash)  
S-10 2  
H-9 7 4  
D-8 7 6 2  
C-J 10 8 2

South (Mr. Dale)  
S-A Q 9 6 5  
H-A 6  
D-J 4  
C-A K 5 4

The bidding:  
South 1 S Pass 2 H Pass 3 C Pass 4 S Pass 5 NT Pass 7 S

In today's hand Mr. Masters and Mr. Dale used the Blackwood Convention to advantage in reaching a seven spade contract. After Mr. Masters' response to the four no trump bid showed one ace, Mr. Dale called five no trump. Remember that this latter bid not only asks for kings, it also says: "Partner, our side has all four aces."

Because of this the five no trump bidder is no longer captain of the hand. Either partner may now put the hand in a grand slam if he has the values to do so.

These should be additional values—that is, values not already shown by previous bids. They should be in the form of "extra" queens, a solid side suit

## Sugar Ray Is Still Champ

PHILADELPHIA — Ray (Sugar) Robinson is still top man in the middleweight boxing division. Last night he defeated Carl (Bobo) Olson, fresh from the Hawaiian Islands, in the twelfth of a scheduled fifteen-round.

Olson, who had never hit the canvass before in his career, went down for the count at 1 minute 19 seconds of the twelfth round.

## Sandon Miner Boom Dreamer

SANDON, B.C. — An old man sits alone in this abandoned town high in the West Kootenay mountains of interior British Columbia, waiting for another boom.

John Harris, now 89, was a youth of 23 when he found silver in this narrow, maple-covered gorge.

Near the turn of the century there were 23 hotels in Sandon and 2300 miners were feverishly digging for silver ore in the loose rocks of the surrounding hills. Two railroads built long spur lines to haul out the wealth.

Sandon is more than just a boom town. It was the capital city of a vast silver empire which still flourishes though in a more subdued manner. It is in the territory mining men call the Silver Siocan, bordered by the Siocan and Kootenay Lakes. Harris discovered silver here in 1884. One of his mines yielded ore valued at \$200,000 during one week of operation. He built two hotels and organized the machinery that makes a city from a collection of transient shacks.

Other hotels in Sandon served whisky. But Harris' hostelry sold champagne.

### LIVES ALONE

Now John Harris lives alone amid the decaying ruins of the once-bustling town tucked away in the cleft of a mountain range where travellers seldom go. The big mines are empty tombs. A perilous road follows the old stagecoach route from New Denver.

Harris still keeps open one of his hotels despite the fact guests are infrequent.

Harris came originally from Virginia. He was a young real estate operator in 1884 in Idaho when a prospector just down from Canada brought a glittering piece of ore into his office.

It was one of the first pieces of ore to come out of the Siocan Valley, which a few years later was to become one of North America's greatest treasure troves of high grade silver ore.

Harris packed up and headed north. He traced Sandon Creek back to its source and began digging.

When Harris amassed a moderate fortune, he went back to Virginia and built a mansion. But he returned a few years later.

The Klondike gold rush and the decline in silver prices finished off Sandon. Operations continued on a minor scale for years and then died altogether.

"There's still plenty of ore here," Harris says. "It's a little hard to find but when big money starts rolling again, Sandon will come to life with a bang." Until that happens, John Harris is loath to leave the familiar ghosts that inhabit this silent city.

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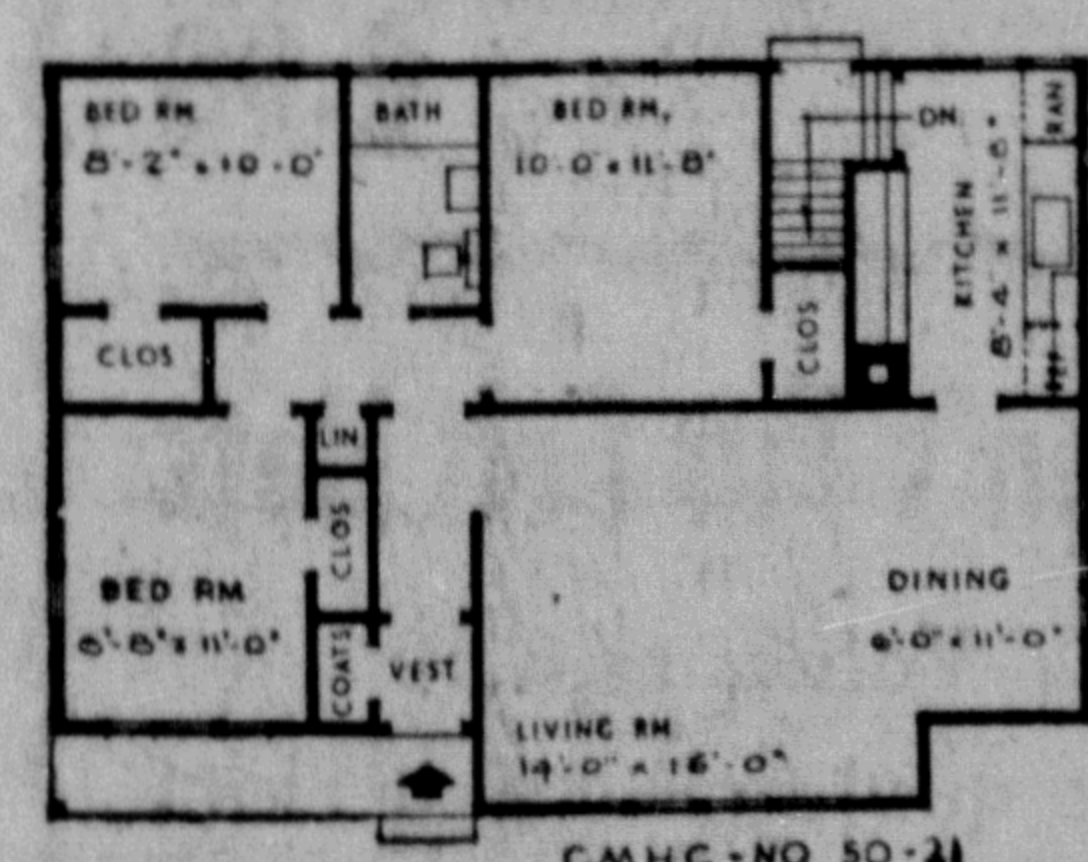
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## N.H.A. DESIGN-OF-THE-MONTH



Homebuilders today are looking for modern appeal combined with moderate costs. The dream of every builder is the house with an air of spaciousness, which will fit into the average city lot. The floor plan must utilize every inch of available space to give a comfortable moderate-priced home.

There is a touch of newness, of 'something different' in the exterior appearance of this bungalow and the interior carries through the theme of modern roominess.

A wide front overhang, the most striking feature of this design, suggests a location with sunny southern exposure. The view-catching windows in the living room are protected in the summer by the extended eave but the design still permits full advantage of solar heat in the winter-time. The entrance vestibule is also roofed by a three-foot overhang which lends itself to a porch or patio effect.

The vestibule with adjoining clothes closet, opens into the entrance hall which is separated from the living room by a shallow partition. The good sized living room and dining section are bright and the unbroken wall space allows many variations in furniture arrangement.

Three moderate sized bedrooms and the bathroom plus three clothes closets and a linen cupboard complete the bedroom part of the house. The bathroom is located conveniently close to all the bedrooms.

The well-appointed kitchen has a compact layout for greater ease and efficiency. Steps lead down to a grade entrance and on down to the basement. The back entrance opens into the landing formed by the stairs down.

The exterior finish of this Ottawa home is brick veneer. The window section at the front of the house is emphasized by white cement feathering to give a clapboard effect. Stucco or frame construction could also be used as exterior finish.

The design is adaptable to either a large lot or smaller city lot with a pleasant view. The house frontage is 38 feet not including the garage or driveway. It is 26 feet 8 inches long with an area of 960 square feet.

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