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Suicide is Top Secret

By TOM REEDY

BERLIN (AP) — Suicide has become "top secret" in the Russian zone of Germany. The Communist government has impounded all records of suicides, has forbidden all newspapers to list suicide ever as the cause of death and in many cases has compelled doctors to falsify their reports.

An East zone doctor ventured an opinion that the suicide rate is "very high" but only the tight-lipped People's Police have any idea what it is.

The "outlawing" of suicide is in keeping with the Red philosophy that such things just don't happen in a Communist "paradise." The orders to keep up such a facade apply to Gerhart Eisler's propaganda ministry which controls the press; to the interior ministry which governs the police and to the central administration which handles statistics.

The ministry of health gets into the act by frequently certifying a suicide as a death from

heart attack or merely from old age. Known tuberculosis cases are never listed as such.

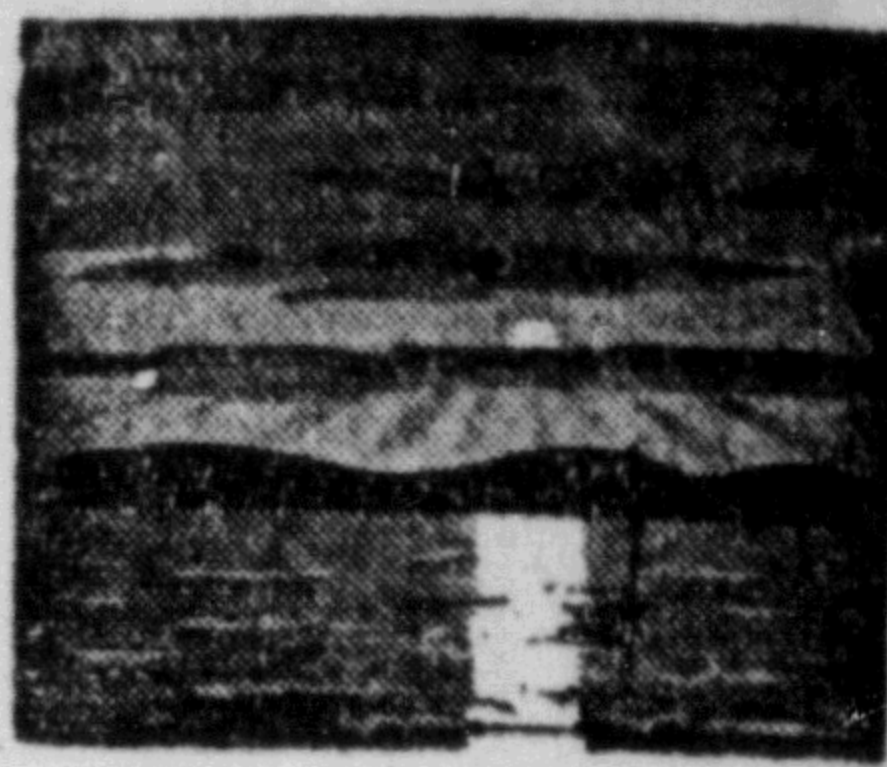
East Germans, still not accustomed to such tinkering with obvious truths, say that almost three-fourths of the suicides in the Russian zone are traceable to "the hopelessness" of life under tyranny.

A clergyman commented: "It is the hopelessness of the psychic, the spiritual and the economic situation which makes men and women throw their lives away so easily."

A farmer, for instance, cannot meet the Communist-imposed quotas. It may be that the quotas for him were deliberately fixed so high he couldn't possibly meet them. His farm would then be subject to seizure and be assigned to a favored political friend. He gives up in the face of what appears to him to be certain death.

Little business men or mechanics who have been squeezed out by the encroaching "nationalized" industry; the teacher fired for "political unreliability," the pensioner who can't make ends meet, are other candidates for suicide behind the iron curtain.

The harsh economic laws—five years in prison for tiny infractions—frighten the public and those too weak to resist or to flee to the west frequently take the suicidal way out.



WATERFRONT - WHIFFS

Worthwhile Treaty, Says Buchanan—Winter Fishing Active Here

One of the complaints of fishermen's organizations, which have been going on record as opposed to the acceptance of the tripartite international fisheries treaty, recently drawn up at Tokyo between Canada, United States and Japan, is that it does not settle the problem of Hecate Straits nor define the limits of territorial waters.

The Fisheries Association of British Columbia has come up with a statement from John Buchanan, president of the association, on various questions at issue in the North Pacific fisheries convention. In regard to the problem of Hecate Straits and territorial waters limits the statement has the following to say:

It did not propose to do so and it would have been difficult to settle a long-standing bipartite dispute at a short tripartite conference. I agree that the Hecate Straits problem should be settled, but it can be settled only through negotiation between the United States and Canada on a frank and amicable basis. The treaty does not prejudice in any way our claims in connection with Hecate Straits. The whole question of territorial waters is extremely complex. It involves international policy and any declaration by Canada would almost certainly be referred to the International Court. Settlement of the simpler Norwegian case took years; our case could not have been settled between three countries in six weeks. However, we make no commitment in signing the treaty. Article 1, Sec. 2, states: "Nothing in this convention shall be deemed to affect adversely the claims of any contracting party in regard to the limits of territorial waters or to the jurisdiction of a coastal state over fisheries." This provision was put in largely as a result of my own insistence.

Mr. Buchanan, who went to Tokyo with the Canadian delegation which included Hon. R. W. Mayhew and E. T. Applewhite, MP for Skeena, sums it up as a worthwhile treaty because:

It is based on sound conservation principles. It establishes a precedent of international co-operation in fisheries. It is a workable treaty, freely accepted.

It safeguards our basic raw material and makes possible the proper management and protection of other species important to our fishery. It should facilitate further collaboration with the United States on other important problems. It does not prejudice our claims with respect to territorial waters. It is a step forward in the right direction.

While much is being heard about restoration of German army strength, little or nothing is said of German shipping. It may, however, be said that last November, Western Germany had 434 ocean-going ships in service totalling 871,665 tons. These consisted of 401 dry cargo vessels, and 33 tankers. From this, it is expected that early in 1952 the German fleet should reach the million ton mark.

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Another source of activity is clams and never before has this type of sea food seen such a popular market. This also has attracted more people to clam digging than ever before.

Several companies can claim — B. C. Packers Ltd., for instance, have just opened a new clam-canning section at their plant. Miller's Cannery has specialized in that field for some time, but is busier than usual this season. Other sea-food houses freeze the clams after they are taken from the shell and packaged. Bacon Fisheries are busy at that process.

Clam diggers get 3 1/2 cents a pound, in the shell, "mud and all" as one of them put it. Best clam beds are found on Porcher and Dundas Islands. The diggers work with the tide, digging in the sand with a tined garden fork along the water's edge. Usually, at low tide the more fruitful clam beds are found.

"Just like digging potatoes," says Arden Smith, who landed 50 sacks (100 pounds each) at the docks after a week's work with his partner. "I dig 'em, Joe picks 'em."

Clams have been popular for centuries as a delicacy and perhaps the most popular dish made from this sea food is chowder. Clam chowder gets a big, hearty

welcome in almost any eating circle.

Clams can also be eaten as a main course, and often are. An age-old coined expression denoting a certain type of gathering is known as a "clambake." Originally, the term was applied in its exact meaning. Just like wiener roasts are popular today, so have clambakes been popular. Here is the recipe:

Find a sandy shore, get a crowd and a stack of shovels. Begin digging, everybody. Start a big fire, around which lay a circle of flat rocks. When the clams are dug, lay them on the hot docks and wait for the shells to open. Come and get it!

Such clambakes were often held right across the harbor where sandy shore will give up all kinds of clams, says Jim Bacon.

"And while some are digging clams, others could be crab-fishing," he suggests. He says Prince Rupert is the "greatest place on earth" for anyone with a taste for sea foods.

TO RUN HERE

To serve between Prince Rupert and Kitimat, the former Shelly yacht Cora Marie is now being modernized for passenger traffic. Purchased years ago by American interests and renamed the E. yeien she was bought by the Alcan organization to form part of the coastal industrial fleet.

In March, a thousand tons of steel intended for use in naval construction will be due in Victoria from Japan. The consignment is to be divided between Yarrows Ltd. and the Victoria Machinery Depot Ltd. and will be in a variety of shapes such as sheets, plates and bars. Cost is twenty per cent more than the Canadian product.

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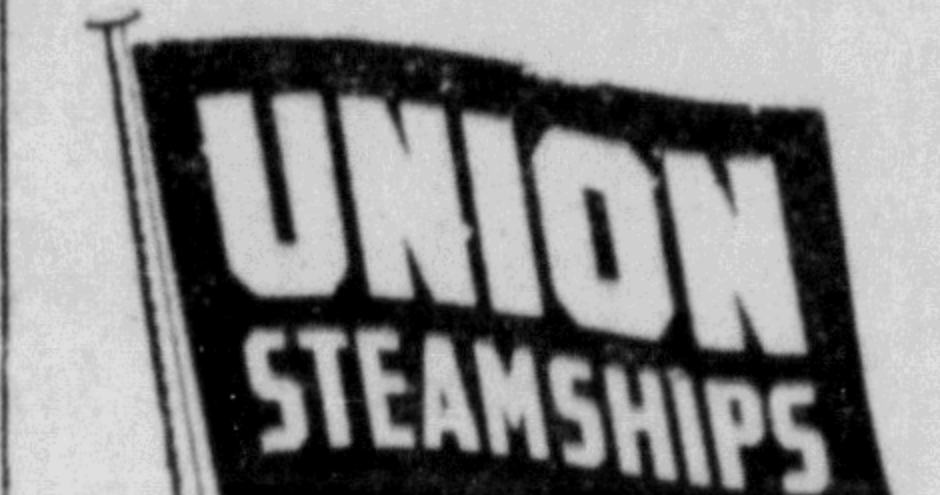
there will be some changes, as well as improvements, such as more than one teacher for the size of the present class as well as additional equipment, when practical demonstrations become essential. More practicing in arithmetic is needed.

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Its twenty-five years since the Pacific Fisheries Experimental station was established at Prince Rupert. Early in 1926, at Seal Cove a few technological investigations were started. This was in the basement of a boarding house and, so far as location was concerned, was on a temporary basis. In 1926 (November) an official opening of a newly constructed building to serve as a station took place. It was on the provincial government dock. The general expectation had always been that it would remain here but, in this, there was disappointment. In the summer of 1942 the establishment was moved to Vancouver.

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