

progressing as it should. A communication printed in the newspaper "Izvestia" announced a possible crusade against the Soviet, with emphasis regarding Papal influence. The article referred to recent executions, stating that these executions were not due to anti-religious activities, but to a suppression of anti-Soviet actions."

There had also been cases of arrests among peasants, who, contrary to communistic principles, would not deliver their crops to the Soviet, wishing to sell them instead. Those peasants, known by the name of Kulaks, are enemies of the Soviet, as they represent small capitalists. The article stressed the necessity of further Communistic propaganda among the peasants. As an example of an anti-communistic spirit among some of the peasants the paper cited the following incident:—A few days ago at a meeting in a village some Kulaks and a few old peasants had a lively discussion with a Communist. As the discussion was becoming too threatening to the Communist, he called in a cavalry company and had the meeting suppressed.

Then followed a talk by a woman deputy on an automobile factory which had been started in May last. This factory was intended to produce 40,000 cars a year. 10,000 workmen were required to build the factory, and 10,000 more for building a railroad. Houses would have to be built to accommodate the workers, but it had not been accomplished so far, and the situation was difficult; besides, there is a lack of specialists, and the work is progressing slowly.

Then followed a discussion between women peasant delegates. These women were discussing the plans of spring sowing. Some were in favour of getting men to help with agricultural labour, but owing to a difficult situation in the country it was decided to leave the men to do building and other such works and leave the field labours to women.

A report was then presented regarding Ural works. Ural is a very rich area, but owing to lack of specialists the works there are slow in progress.

The speaker, Comrade Ivanchenko, mentioned the possibility of a war between the Soviet and other European countries and stressed the willingness of Ural workers to join the Red Army. The speaker also mentioned that it was the Ural workers who suppressed the peasant rising last month, and would assist the Soviet Army at all times.

Comrade Kozloff spoke next in the same strain, then followed Comrade Batkin. A woman Communist in control of a regiment reported about the state of her regiment in the following words: "All soldiers and commanders are ready to fight. Ammunition and equipment are now in a sufficient quantity."

The same woman said that the soldiers of the French army are asking for improvement in their (the French) conditions, and she stated that amongst the Warsaw police every twenty-fifth man is a Communist.

Speeches and music in a Tungusian language were then heard; this portion of the broadcast being most unique, extraordinarily weird and intensely interesting and clear. At times the singing resembled a New Year's Eve revelry amongst drunken people.

A picture show programme was then relayed, this including amongst other items, the usual news, which incidentally stated that Europe was preparing for a crusade against Bolsheviks. Some pictures taken at the Chinese war were also screened and the audience was very enthusiastic. Musical items were broadcast from the Russian studio of the broadcast station in between the speeches and relays.

Colonel Shebalin and Mr. Jones were most interested in the disclosures made. Reception was perfect at loudspeaker strength on Tuesday, February 25, but on the previous Saturday there was some static.

COMMON sources of scratching sounds are badly-fitting wander plugs in "B" or "C" batteries.

Marlborough Air Pageant

Power Amplifier Renders Service

AT the Marlborough Air Pageant, which was held on Saturday, February 21, a power amplifier fitted with four powerful moving coil speakers did good service, both in connection with the Pageant itself and in summoning aid to extinguish a fire which broke out in the vicinity. As could be imagined in the vast crowd that congregated to see New Zealand's third aero pageant, numbers of small children strayed away from their parents. One little fellow found his way to the operator working the amplifier, and asked him if he would find his parents for him. The announcement was immediately put over, and the parents promptly rescued the boy. Once the example was set, a suspiciously large number of children lost themselves and had to be found by this means. Likewise several anxious parents had their children restored to them.

During a lull between the announcements several small boys climbed up the posts holding the four Wright de Coster speakers to see what was doing. When the installation was called into

use again, and the speakers bellowed forth, there was a scuffle as though a cat had appeared amongst mice. They certainly came down those poles more quickly than they went up, for one can imagine the tremendous power sent out from four heavy speakers, and a huge amplifier.

When the disastrous fire that destroyed several buildings in Havelock broke out, the installation was used to call out the Power Board men and local firemen. And many of the youths attending the pageant hastened to the scene of the fire and, rendering prompt service, aided to extinguish the threatening blaze.

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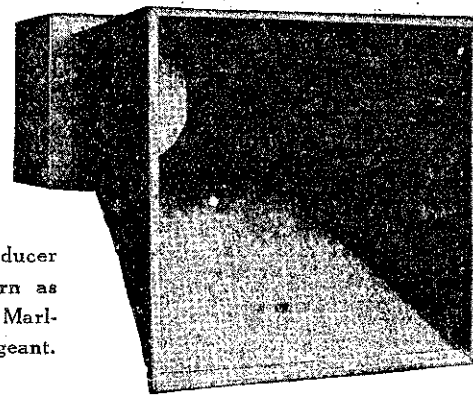
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