

Do You Know That—

- ▶ Pacifism, neutralism, and militarism are all crimes behind the Iron Curtain.
- ▶ Since 1904, when it was acquired by the United States, the Panama Canal has shown 75 million dollars in net earnings.
- ▶ American pilots at a northern Japan base have verified reports that the Russians are using a false radio beam to lure American planes off course in that area.
- ▶ Phi Beta Kappa, the most famous college fraternity, is also the oldest and largest in the United States. Founded in 1776, it has 115,000 members.
- ▶ Hong Kong sold Red China 305 million dollars' worth of goods last year.
- ▶ The Marx-Lenin Institute of subversion and sabotage, in Moscow, graduates an estimated thirty American Communists each year. Among its alumni are top officials of the "legal" party, convicted under the Smith Act.
- ▶ The *Mount Vernon* carried the first troops to travel on an American transport in World War II.
- ▶ Refugee reception officials in West Berlin estimate that 22,000 people fled the Soviet zone in January alone. The Communists admit that 39,000 escaped in the first half of 1952.
- ▶ One in every three youths examined for the draft is rejected. Commonest physical cause: heart and circulatory ailments.
- ▶ Ninety-six foreign merchant ships, on which the United States holds twenty-five million dollars' worth of mortgages, have been carrying materials to Iron Curtain countries for use against American and United Nations troops in Korea.
- ▶ There are five surviving Civil War veterans, ranging in age from 105 to 110 years. Four of them were in the Confederate forces.
- ▶ Authorities estimate that more than half the production of sleeping pills is used illegally, causing at least 1,000 deaths yearly.
- ▶ The Oak Ridge laboratories have produced the first atomic furnace capable of turning out useful amounts of electric power for industrial operation.

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Newest of the great Soviet inventions is the Cowgiraffe, which feeds in Poland, Rumania, or any other satellite state — but is always milked in Moscow.

The FALL of Ana Pauker



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ANA PAUKER, once the Red Queen of Rumania, sat on her hard bench in the old, worm-eaten State Prison in Bucharest. She munched with distaste the extra meat ration that had been given all prisoners to commemorate the succession of the new Red Dictator, Georgi Malenkov. In the isolation of those bleak prison walls, this paunchy, once powerful and brutal Red Mistress of Rumania must have asked herself many questions as she tried to understand the tragedy that had overtaken her.

The Bucharest State Prison has been called a "blood-dungeon," for decades. Here the victims of "white fascism" had suffered; here the victims of the Hohenzollern Prince Carol and his mistress Madame Lupescu had cried out in pain. The Nazis had martyred many Rumanians behind these same walls. Anti-Nazis, Communists, Jews, and Christians had all felt the terror of coming death in this black prison.

The enemies of Ana Pauker's own Soviet rule were thrown into this dark building, often by the command of Ana herself. Now she was the prisoner.

Though Ana Pauker had given

thirty years of her life to the world Communist movement, now it was her turn to be purged.

Thirty years in the life of this woman revolutionary included six years in this same brutal Bucharest prison where now she waits her doom. It included a decade of underground work for Communism and battles with the Bucharest police. Twenty years ago she was shot in the leg. She still carries the bullet in her flesh.

There were also many men in her life, for she believed a revolutionary cannot do without a full life. A true revolutionary must not be a bourgeois sticking to only one mate. Yet Ana Pauker had a legal husband once.

In her prison cell she must have thought of him, Marcel Pauker. He was a party worker still in Moscow in 1941, but he was dead by 1945. He was liquidated as a cosmopolitan, counter-revolutionary, Trotskyite, and spy for the Western Capitalists.

Thousands of party members knew it was *she* who had testified against her own husband's "deviationism," though she always denied this. But she had never pleaded mercy for him, never tried to help him, never went