

Red Cafe's Fine—If You Don't Like Food

By ANN LANDERS
(This is the ninth in a series of twelve articles by the author of America's most popular human relations column.)

MOSCOW—Dinner in a Russian restaurant is fun—if you don't care about food. The requirements are simple for dining out in Moscow. You need a few rubles, the patience of a saint, and a cast-iron stomach. If I could only make one recommendation to an American who plans on dinner in a Soviet restaurant it would be this: Eat something first.

The better restaurants are always packed. This calls for a 30-minute wait before you get inside to wait. Russians do not dress up to eat out. Men frequently appear in the dining rooms in checked sport shirts, and without neckties.

The table linen, silver and dinnerware are "bolabotish" (aristocratic in appearance) but salt and pepper shakers and sugar bowls seem to be in short supply. The waiters jockey them from one table to the next.

IN RUSSIA (as elsewhere in Europe) it is customary to sit at any table where there is a vacant seat. A woman dining alone is a likely target for loquacious tourists as well as wolves—American and indigenous. I managed to dispose of both varieties by simply saying "Nyet ponyem-myeh Paroskiy" (I don't speak Russian) or "No speak English"—depending on the situation.

If you want water you must ask for it. You will get tap water unless you specify bottled mineral water. Most bottles drink bottled water "lemonad," which is not lemonade but soda pop.

TEA IS ALWAYS served in a glass, never a cup. You can get a large glass of tea with "varenyeh" (berry jelly) and all the bread you can eat for 10 cents. But a chocolate candy bar is \$2.60.

Blinichiks or blintzes (rolled dough fried with cheese inside) are served in a casserole of sour cream. This is a choice dish and costs 60 cents.

Russian pastry made me suspect a conspiracy between the pastry chefs and the dentists. It's hard as granite and a threat to bridgework. Most Americans stick with compote (stewed fruit) for dessert or ice cream, which comes in two flavors, vanilla and coffee.

THE MOST fascinating aspect of a Russian restaurant meal is the atmosphere. There is always a fight in the kitchen. Loud, unrestrained arguing among employees is a familiar part of the scene. I noticed this not only among waiters, but elevator girls, hotel maids, luggage porters and sales people.

There seems always to be an intramural rhubarb and no one is embarrassed about it.

It's cheaper to eat in a first class restaurant in Moscow than to cook at home. I came to this conclusion after a day of grocery shopping.

A PRICED of purple grapes was \$1.50, red plums 10 cents each, a box of raspberries \$1, peaches 35 cents each, a large honeydew melon \$2.90. Carrots are 25 cents a bunch and onions the same. Small green apples are 35 cents a pound. When I pointed out to the woman that the apples she was trying to sell me had worm holes she said, "Only on one side." Lettuce is \$1.60 a pound.

I REMARKED to Pat Rothenberg, an Embassy wife (and my shopping companion for the day), that the prices for fresh fruits and vegetables were shocking. She said, "Don't forget this is in season. Eight months of the year they're not available at any price."

Beverage prices run like this: Vodka is \$3.10 a liter (quart); beer is 30 cents a bottle; wine (good grade) 70 cents a liter and up. Milk is 22 cents a liter.

The meat show cases in the free-market butcher shop were not refrigerated and much of the meat was outside the counters. Flies swarmed all over and the sight of this was enough to make me a vegetarian for the duration of the trip.

I RECALLED the sight of the butcher shop when I later heard that Coty of Paris was not permitted to give away free samples of lipstick at the American exhibition because the Russian health department wouldn't OK it.

Meat prices went like this: (grainy and with bone) \$1.70 a pound, hamburger \$1.60 a pound, veal ribs \$1.15 a pound. Cow's heads and feet were 25 cents a pound. "This makes fine soup," a salesgirl told me.

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THE WOMEN, however, do make an effort to gussy up a bit. They wear hose rather than bobby socks; I saw most women in high heels.

Although tipping is frowned upon as "capitalistic bribery" every waiter I tipped smiled and said "Spaseeba" (thank you).

Russian waiters are courteous and friendly and they seem to have the best interest of the customer at heart. They will tell you if the herring doesn't loog good or if the chef who makes the best apple pancakes is on vacation. When I ordered chicken soup in a Leningrad hotel the waiter whispered, "Don't have it. The chef is drunk today and he put in too much seasoning."

RUSSIAN Bread, both white and dark, is a delight and plenty is served, without extra charge. When I asked the waiter for Russian rye he told me there is no Russian rye in Russia. "What Americans call Russian rye is a recipe some baker took from the Ukraine to Milwaukee."

Butter is not served unless it is ordered. It is 10 cents extra. Black caviar is delicious but it's no bargain. A caviar appetizer adds \$1.10 to the bill.

A good steak or a cut of roast beef is out of the question. Fried chicken is \$1.15 for a generous portion, including fried potatoes and fried egg-

I ORDERED a bowl of borscht and got one of the major shocks of the trip. No beets. I thought perhaps the waiter had misunderstood the order.

"You wanted borscht," he said. "This is borscht."

"Where are the beets?" I asked.

"You want beets in your borscht, go to Poland. Here we use cabbage."

I didn't see a single glass of milk in Moscow. After watching the milk (there is no cream) curdle in the coffee repeatedly, I didn't ask for any. Russian coffee is a disaster.

Most hotel dining rooms have dinner music. The Ukraine has a seven-piece band

IN ORDER to do a complete day's food marketing a woman open-air free market and a gastronomie. The free market sells fruits, vegetables, and fresh flowers. Some free markets have adjoining butcher shops. Russians buy flowers as readily as most Americans buy a stalk of celery.

A gastronomie is comparable to an American grocery. It offers canned goods, cleaning agents, milk products, eggs, meat, fish, poultry, vodka, beer and wine.

The gastronomie and the free market look as if they belong in different centuries. At a free market one finds peasants in ragged head scarves and faded cotton dresses who make

and Embassy people are assigned to Moscow for three years. They bring a freezer loaded with American food. When that runs out they buy cartons of canned goods in Copenhagen and have it shipped in. I can see the point.

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Public Notice

TH 469
ORDINANCE NO. 1138
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SECTION 11.0 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO FILING CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY.

The City Council of the City of Torrance does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1.
That Section 11.0 of "The Code of the City of Torrance, 1954", entitled "Filing of Claims Against City" is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2.
That provision of the Torrance City Code, or appendices thereto, inconsistent herewith, to the extent of such inconsistency and no further, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.
This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days after the date of its adoption and prior to the expiration of fifteen days after the date hereof, shall be published at least once in the Torrance Herald, a semi-weekly newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

Adopted and approved this 10th day of November, 1959.

ALBERT ISEN
Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:
A. H. BARTLETT
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF TORRANCE)
A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and approved at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 3rd day of November, 1959, and adopted and approved at a special meeting of said Council held on the 10th day of November, 1959, by the following roll call:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bousley, Bensead, Blount, Bradford, Dralle, Jahn and ISEN.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A. H. BARTLETT
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

S—Nov. 22, 1959.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Torrance Planning Commission at 7:30 P. M. on Thursday, December 3, 1959, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, on the following matters:

CASE NO. 511: Petition of J. E. Kettler for a Variance and Conditional Permit to add 35 spaces to existing parking on the property legally described as "That portion of Lot 'B' Rancho San Pedro starting at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 3rd day of November, 1959, and adopted and approved at a special meeting of said Council held on the 10th day of November, 1959, by the following roll call:

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Sports

Hubert, Mooney Lead North to Bee Grid Crown

Freshmen Bee quarterback Carey Hubert sparked North High to its first unbeaten season in football Friday, capping the campaign with a solid 32-0 victory over Inglewood for the Bay League championship.

Hubert, who scored 12 touchdowns in the team's eight touch-down games, passed for two TDs, ran for another, and passed for a PAT.

He hit Skip Mooney on a four yarder, tossed to Mooney for 40 yards, and ran 62 yards to climax a perfect season.

PERFECTO	WARREN	19
26	Warren	19
40	Morningside	0
13	Santa Monica	6
36	Leuzinger	12
18	Hawthorne	0
33	Redondo	12
12	Mira Costa	0
—	Inglewood	—
217		49

Reserve QB Jeff Bell also ran for a TD, and passed 35 yards to Mooney for another as Mooney scored three times in the afternoon.

Score by quarters:
Inglewood 0 0 0 0—0
North High 0 12 7 13—32

Scoring—TDs: Mooney (3), Bell, Hubert. PAT: Saunders, Moore.

Torrance Sends Out Call for Basketball Refs

Basketball referees, or persons who may be interested in becoming basketball officials, are urged to contact Elmer S. Moon, Torrance Adult Athletics Director at FA 8-4108, or Al Nash, Gardena Sports Director, Nash may be reached at 1651 Market Street, in Gardena, or by phoning DAVIS 4-6266.

A series of three classes on the subject will be conducted on Tuesday nights at the Gardena address. A three dollar tuition fee will be charged to cover all costs for the course. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

West Torrance Pony League Elects Officers

The newly formed West Torrance Pony League is planning a general meeting for Monday, Nov. 30 at Sepulveda School, according to recently elected president Bob Myers.

Myers and his staff are moving ahead with plans for the following year. They have already announced the selection of seven managers, and drawn up boundaries for the 1960 baseball season.

The officers are: Tom Thomas, vice-president; Maxine Watkins, secretary; George Wells, treasurer; Bob White, players' agent; Roy Mosher, chief umpire; Bob Junker, ways and means; and Edith Fink, publicity.

The managers are Al Whalen, Jim Walker, Tommy Thompson, Bob White, Hank Schuster, Jack Mann, and Bud Junker.

Pony League baseball is for boys 13 and 14 and is played on a diamond with 75 foot bases. Parents of boys in that age bracket may call Frontier 5-6757 for further information.

Standings

PIONEER LEAGUE (Final)

	W	L	PF	PA	
South High	5	1	0	132	74
Aviation	5	1	0	71	38
El Segundo	4	1	1	78	49
Torrance	3	2	1	91	47
Beverly Hills	1	5	0	44	108
Culver City	1	5	0	39	85
Lennox	1	5	0	49	114

PIONEER LEAGUE (Bees)

	W	L	PF	PA	
Torrance	5	0	1	98	13
South	4	1	1	84	51
Aviation	3	2	1	86	51
Culver City	3	2	1	59	82
Lennox	2	3	1	61	108
El Segundo	1	4	1	55	106
Beverly Hills	1	5	0	57	120

MARINE LEAGUE

	W	L	PF	PA
Banning	4	0	131	12
San Pedro	3	1	46	68
Gardena	1	3	44	70
Jordan	0	4	12	80

FRIDAY FOOTBALL RESULTS

PIONEER LEAGUE
South 18, El Segundo 7
Torrance 25, Culver City 6
Aviation 19, Beverly Hills 13

BAY LEAGUE
Inglewood 12, North 7
Redondo 14, Leuzinger 0

CATHOLIC LEAGUE
Serra 44, Loyola 0
Mt. Carmel 18, St. Anthony 7

MARINE LEAGUE
Narbonne 7, Jordan 6
San Pedro 18, Gardena 12

METROPOLITAN CONFERENCE
Santa Monica 36, Valley 22
Harbor 26, East LA 0.

SUPERMAN

11-19

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RED RYDER

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TH 475
CITY OF TORRANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Torrance, California, until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 1959, for providing the following painting services and materials: Painting—Fire Stations, 1959, and must be accompanied by a bidder's bond or cash in the amount of 12 percent (10%) of the total bid amount.

All persons interested in the above matters are requested to be present at the hearing or to submit their written approval or disapproval to the Planning Office, City Hall, Torrance.

TORRANCE PLANNING DEPARTMENT
George C. Powell—Director

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Public Notice

TH 476
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at the premises described as follows: 17807 So. Vermont, Los Angeles 1959.

(OUT)
Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for issuance of original application of an alcoholic beverage license for these premises as follows:

ON-SALE GENERAL
Bond: Fide Public Eating Place

Anyone desiring to protest the issuance of such license may file verified protest with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control at Sacramento, California, within the time provided by law. The premises are not now licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages. The form of verification is hereby obtained from any office of the Department.

J. JOSEPH W. COFFEY

S—Nov. 22, 1959.

Public Notice

TH 478
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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