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The Theory of Communism

The theory of Communism, as laid down by Marx and enlarged upon by his fol lowers and disciples, holds that all agencies of production shall be commonly owned by the peope; that goods and services shall be equitably divided, and each shall prduce according to his ability and consume according to his need. In other words, the living standards of a panitor shall be as high, or nearly so, as those of the manager who is responsible for the operation of a great factory. There can be little doubt that the early Russian Communist leaders, notably Lenin, believed this in all sincerity.

But, as history so often proves, theories are one thing, while practice can be enormously different. So it has been with Communist doctrine. Under the long reign of Stalin the social and economic gap between the masses of people and the relatively small number at the upper end steadily widened. Authority after authority has described this trend in innumerable books and articles. Instead of creating a classless society, Communism resulted in class distinctions to a far greater degree than is known in most of the non-Communist world.

Now, with Stalin dead and Malenkov and his accociates in power, it looks as if the gap between the many and the few is to be widened even more.

This may seem surprising to those who have read recent Kremlin pronouncements concerning big increases in the supply consumer goods, along with lower prices. But there is another side to this picture, and is given in Newsweek by Leon Volkov, who is one of the magazine's contributing editors.

Mr. Volkov's article carries the title, "But Who Can Buy Luxuries?" The average Soviet worker earns$175 a month. According to the Volkov account, Moscow jewelry stores are displaying rings and necklaces costing as much as $11,000. Gold—which a person must buy and take to the dentist if he wants it for a filling—is offered a $700 a fine ounce. A 12-invch TV set costs $563, a refrigerator $500. The government has bought a huge stock of oranges from Israel for 2½ cents each, and has priced them at 47½ cents at retail. And so far as production is concerned, Mr. Volkov says that the output of high-priced products is being raised 70 per cent and that of low-cost items only 5 per cent.

Who gets the luxuries then? Mr. Volkov answers: "Only the new aristocracy that is developing in the theoretically Communist state.' It includes top government and party officials, high-ranking military men, big-time executives and artists. They are extremely well-paid, and have lavish expense and vacation allowances. Mr. Volkov writes: "It is clear, in my opinion, that Malenkov is deliberately giving this class a vested interest in his government's future . . . In return, he expects the loyalty of the chosen few who benefit from his generosity.Thus the Malenkov regime is paying less attention to Communist ideology than to self-preservation."

Mr. Volkov's last paragraph gets to the point memorably — "George Orwell was never more penetrating than when h ewrote in 'Animals are equal but some ani- Communist state: ' All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others."

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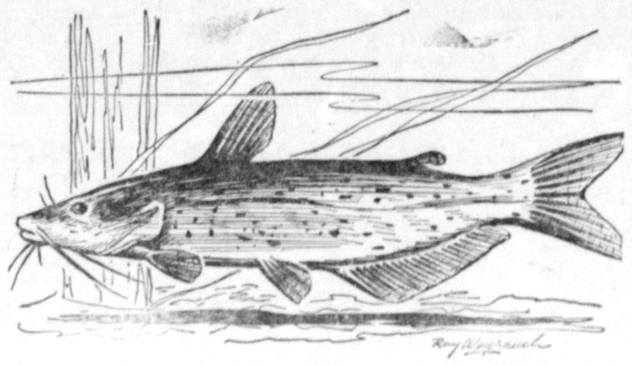

CHANNEL CATFISH

(*Ictalurus punctatus.*)

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DESCRIPTION: Usually gray, but in some waters light olive; forked tail, spots; no scales, average size 20 inches; eight barbels or whiskers on upper and under sides of mouth are very long and sensitive; very small dorsal fin.

BREEDING: They spawn in spring at which time there is a definite upstream migration.

HABITS: Feed during day, but most feeding is done at night; strike hook much like the black bass.

MANAGEMENT: Omnivorous: eats worms, frogs, crayfish, insects—a scavenger eating dead fish, mammal and aquatic life. Slow moving, prefers clean, clear, swift water like the waters below Conowingo Dam on Susquehanna River. Much of their feeding is done at night when they leave deeper parts of lakes and streams and move into shallows and along shore lines.

VALUE: Important as food; flesh is white, flaky, of a delicate texture and fine flavor; preferred to trout by many persons.

Rosi Meets Zulueta In Radio-TV Friday

Two highly successful foreign lightweights, Paoli Rosi of Italy and Orlando Zulueta of Cuba, will meet on Friday, April 30, as a Gillette Cavalcade of Sports feature. With the famous St. Nick's Arena as the locale, NBC television and ABC radio will bring a description of all the action beginning at 10 p.m.

Zulueta, regarded as one of the cleverest defensive boxers in the business, is now the world's third ranking lightweight. Since leavng Havana University and turnng pro in 1946, Zulueta has on 47 bouts. He debuted in this country in 1949 and in six TV appearances since then has impressed the fans with his exceptional speed and ability to throw almost any sort of a blow. Among his victims are such well-known as lightweight champion, Gy DeMarco, Wallace "Bud" Smith and Luther Rawlings.

Paoli Rosi's sensational professional record of 21 knockouts in 22 wins has established him as one of Europe's greatest prospects of postwar years. His speedy kayo of veter an Eddie Compo in his first TV appearance last April 9 gave fans from coast-to-coast an insight to the hard-punching ability that has helped accomplish this record.

An alert boxer with a sledge-hammer punch, Paoli will face his sternest test to date when he tries to catch up with the fast-moving Zulueta. All of the action as boxer Paddy DeMarco, Wallace "Bud" TV and radio fans by Jimmy Powers, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot.

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