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## Two Systems

U.S. News & World Report has printed a number of photographs of Russian scenes ,taken by two Americans who recently spent a month traveling about the Soviet Union.

One shows a middle-aged worker and his wife window shopping in Stalingrad. They are peering at a motely display of odds-and-ends, including a teakettle. That tea kettle, the caption says, would cost the man 11 hours of wages. Another shows a young laborer. A tailored suit, this caption says, would cost him three weeks' wages.

These statements are in line with many authoriative surveys showing what a Russian must pay for clothes and food and other goods as compared with what an American must pay. In every case, measured by the authoriative barometer of working time needed to earn the money, cost to the average Russian is many times the cost of the average American.

In Russia all the means of production and distribution —which means agriculture, manufacturing and retailing —are either owned by the state or rigidly controlled by the state. The state fixes the prices—and, save for a few subsitence items, fixes them at very high levels in order to siphon off consumer purchasing power.

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## Now We Know

After scanning publications of all sorts during the past three weeks in vain, we have finally come across a statement which tends to confirm a suspicion voiced on many sides. Out weather has changed.

Philip F. Clapp, a meteorologist in the Weather Bureau's extended forecasts section, says one of the great "rivers of the atmosphere" has mysteriously changed its course over the past 20 years bringing the East Coast in the hurricane belt.

Meterologists are convinced that hurricanes, which are born in the superheated air of the tropics near the Equator, are steered by upper air currents. These so-called rivers of the atmosphere are vast winds that blow at altitudes of 25,000 feet or more, unfelt on the earth's surface.

Mr. Clapp explains that as hurricanes enter the temperate latitudes of North America, they usually are being steered by a band of air currents that tend to carry the storms westward to the Caribean. If nothing happens to disturb the pattern, there is a good chance that the hurricane may strike Florida or the Gulf Coast.

However, many hurricanes, upon reaching about 30 degrees latitude, perform a maneuver that meterologists call "re-curving." They turn about and hitch a ride on another upper air current which flows along the Atlantic seaboard.

For most of the past century, Mr. Clapp said, this particular air current blew predominantly from the Southwest to the Northeast during the late summer and fall. Hurricanes which fell under its influence tended to roar by Cape Hatteras, N. C., and then return out to the open Atlantic. Very few of them struck inland, and hurricanes were a rare phenomenon north of Hatteras.

During the past two decades or so, Mr. Clapp reports, the direction of the air current has shifted gradually until it now blows mainly from South to North. Hurricanes steered on this course are much likely to strike inland along the Atlantic seaboard, even as far north as New England.

Now we know.

We're in the hurricane belt until that river of the upper air changes course again.

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**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

OLIVE JOAN FRANCIS
Grasonville, Maryland
Vs.
RICHARD C. FRANCIS
Fort Hood, Texas
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
IN EQUITY
No. 4008

The object of the Bill filed in the above entitled case is to procure a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii for the Complainant, Olive Joan Francis, resident of Queen Anne's County, State of Maryland, from the Defendant, Richard C. Francis, whose address is Fort Hood, State of Texas.

The Bill states:

1. That the Complainant was married to the Defendant at Middle River, Baltimore County, Maryland, on the 19th day of May, 1952, and the said Defendant resided with the Complainant as her husband until on or about the 1st day of February, 1954.

2. That the Complainant is a resident of Queen Anne's County, State of Maryland, and has resided in said county since May, 1954.

3. That one child, Dale Scott Francis, was born of said marriage, and that the Complainant has had custody of said infant from the date of the desertion aforesaid.

4. That although the conduct of the Complainant towards the Defendant has always been kind, affectionate and above reproach, the said Defendant, without any just cause or reason, abandoned and deserted her, and has declared his intentions to live with her no longer, and such abandonment and desertion has continued uninterruptedly for more than eighteen months prior to the filing of this Bill of Complaint, and is the deliberate and final act of the Defendant, the seperation of the parties being beyond any reasonable hope or expectation of reconcilation.

IT IS THEREUPON ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, In Equity, and by the authority of said Court, on this 24th day of August, 1955, that the Complainant, Olive Joan Chapman, by causing a copy of this Order to be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in QueenAnne'sCounty, Maryland, once in each of four succesive weeks before the 1st day of October, 1955 next, giving notice of the object and substance of the Bill of Complaint to the Defendant, Richard C. Francis, warning him to be and appear in this Court, in person or by solicitor, on or before the 17th day of October, 1955, next, to show cause, if any she has, why a decree should not be procured as prayed.

T. SORDEN PIPPIN,
Clerk of Court

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