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How Soviet Journalists Rate U.S. Newspapers

MOSCOW (UPI)—So far as the Russians are concerned, the St. Louis Post Dispatch and the Des Moines Register are America's two top quality newspapers.

The Post Dispatch was described by Zhurnalist, the monthly magazine of the Soviet Journalists Union, as an "independent" daily newspaper, which "sometimes criticizes certain aspects of the (U.S.) government's policies."

The Des Moines Register was described as a paper with "moderate outlook."

All other leading American dailies appeared less independent and distin-

guished to the Russians, according to Zhurnalist's brief account about the U.S. press:

—The New York Times "is an influential paper closely tied with big capitalist monopolies."

—The Los Angeles Times "holds conservative positions."

—The New York Daily News is "a boulevard newspaper which expresses the sentiments of the

extreme right circles."

—The Chicago Tribune has "a boulevard character, pursues policies of conservative monopolistic circles in the Middle West."

—The Washington Post is "formally regarded as independent. It supports the liberal wing of big bourgeoisie."

—The Baltimore Sun is "closely tied with financial circles."

—The Washington Evening Star "reflects the views of big industrial and financial circles."

—The Washington Daily News "supports reactionary circles."

—The Denver Post and the Chicago Sun Times were classified as organs of "liberal bourgeoisie."

—The New York Post "practically supports policies of the Democratic Party."

—The Wall Street Journal is "the organ of business circles. Reflects rightist views."

—The San Francisco Chronicle "reflects views of big bourgeoisie" and so does the Christian Science Monitor, which "though formally a religious newspaper, is in practice an influential political daily."