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Moscow trying to fight illegal residents in city

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MOSCOW — One way to keep them down on the farm after they've seen Moscow is to make them get a permit to move.

That's how authorities control the growth of Moscow and other large Soviet cities, where better stocked stores and better jobs are a magnet for rural residents.

Moscow, with a population approaching 9 million, already is burdened with inadequate housing, despite the growth of endless acres of high-rise apartments. Even communal living has not been eliminated.

But conditions in the countryside and smaller towns are infinitely worse. The Soviet Union has never licked its transportation problems, and food supplies and consumer goods — often in short supply even in the capital — sometimes never trickle down to outlying villages.

For many, Moscow also is the cultural center of the Soviet Union with at least some semblance of nightlife. The more prestigious jobs can be found in the big cities as well as connections for better housing, or an "in" to top educational institutes. For some, Moscow is a place to meet a prospective mate.

But a Soviet citizen tired of life in Omsk can't simply pick up and move to Moscow. He needs a housing per-

mit. For that he needs a job. And he can't get a job without a housing permit.

One Siberian resident who graduated from Moscow State University got used to the better lifestyle in the capital. With her fluent English, she found a job at a science institute desperate for a translator.

Everything went smoothly until she applied for registration to live in Moscow. She was turned down.

"They knew that if I got the job, I'd have the right to ask for housing," she said.

Russians are famous for sidestepping bureaucrats, so she rented a room illegally for as long as her savings would hold out. Such tactics are dangerous, though, because authorities keep a close check on illegal residents.

People coming to Moscow to visit friends can legally stay only three days. After that, they must register with authorities.

One of the few ways for Soviets to move legally is to accept a menial job — especially construction work — for five years.

Or one can resort to marriage. The non-Muscovite gets the residence permit automatically and the spouse gets the right to a larger apartment. As much as \$1,500 also may change hands to seal the deal.

The couple may see each other

after the marriage only to sign the divorce papers.

For one Leningrad couple, the experience was excruciating. The bride didn't want to tell her parents about the arrangement, so once a month she and her reluctant husband visited her parents in an uncomfortable version of the newlywed game.

In another case, two students at Leningrad University fell in love, with each other and the city. Neither had permits to stay beyond graduation.

So the woman married a friend to get registration. By agreement, she divorced him six months later and married her sweetheart.

Western diplomats say Soviet authorities, apparently to rid the capital of undesirables in advance of July's Olympic games, have begun cracking down on illegal residents, conservatively estimated to number in the tens of thousands. The diplomats report stepped-up spot checks of documents at subway stops as well as door-to-door investigations at apartments.

Authorities usually just order illegal residents out of the city, but technically they could charge them with parasitism — failing to hold a job. That would apply to most illegal residents, since they can't find work without a housing permit.

Iran government will take hostage control

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WASHINGTON — Two members of Iran's Revolutionary Council said Thursday two council officials will go to the U.S. Embassy Saturday to take control of the 50 U.S. hostages. The militants said they would give up the hostages but not the embassy.

"We have many, many, more documents to examine to prove U.S. crimes against my country," a

spokesman for the militants said in explaining why they refused to vacate the embassy they seized Nov. 4.

Interior Minister Mahdavi Kani and presidential adviser Ezzatollah Sahabi were quoted in the Persian-language newspaper Kayhan as saying the Revolutionary Council "is prepared to take over the hostages" in 48 hours.

A militant spokesman identified only as Shahpour said that if the Revolutionary Council asked for custody of the hostages, "we would agree to that."

Asked whether the militants would insist, as they have in the past, on a direct order from Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Shahpour said, "Because the Revolutionary Council

is the council (in charge of) Iran, we (will) obey this order if they want us to hand over the hostages to the Revolutionary Council.

"We never said that we would hand over the embassy," Shahpour said. "We said that if the Revolutionary Council requests it, we hand over the hostages to them, not the embassy."

In Washington, White House press secretary Jody Powell said Thursday transfer of the hostages to government control this weekend "would be a step in the right direction." He also said President Carter and Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr have been keeping up a "government-to-government" stream of messages.

Gold drops, dollar rises

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LONDON — The price of gold plunged below the \$500 mark Thursday, and the U.S. dollar made slim gains on world money.

Gold opened in London at \$487.50 an ounce, down \$14 from Wednesday's close of \$501. In Zurich, its opening price of \$486.50 compared with \$500.50 Wednesday, a drop of \$16.

But the dollar moved slightly upward on all markets.

It opened in London at \$2.1495 to the pound, half a cent up on Wednesday's closing rate of \$2.1550. In Zurich, it opened at 1.85675 Swiss francs compared with 1.84825 francs.

Milan proved the exception, where the dollar slipped a tiny fraction, from 907.95 lire Wednesday to 907.75 lire at the opening Thursday.

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OFF-CAMPUS AGGIES: Parents Day Barbecue tickets are on sale in the MSC Box Office through April 18. Tickets are \$3.50.

ROWLETT LECTURE: The subject "Our State: The Present and the Prospect" will be discussed at 9:30 and 11 a.m., and 2 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

"THE IN-LAWS": Peter Falk and Alan Arkin star in this certified crazy person's comedy. A series of plot twisters combine with slapstick hilarity as Arkin, the father of the bride, meets Falk, the father of the groom. Chase scenes and general havoc ensue from then on. The feature will be shown at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

"EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SEX BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK": A comic tour de force in which Woody Allen dwells explicitly and probingly on the mysteries and anxieties of sex. The feature will be shown at midnight in Rudder Theater.

GROMETS: Will meet to play historical and fantasy wargames at 7 p.m. in 140-140A MSC.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION: Will sponsor a hamburger dinner followed by entertainment and a night of games beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Baptist Student Center. Tickets for the dinner are \$1.50 when bought in advance at the Student Center or \$1.75 at the door.

SATURDAY

AGGIE BASEBALL: The Aggies will play Houston at 1 p.m. in the Field.

CORPUS CHRISTI HOMETOWN CLUB: Will meet at 1 p.m. at Padre Island beach, off access road 3. Everyone is welcome.

MSC OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE: Will watch Donald, world-famous rock climber, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Enchanted Rock near Fredericksburg.

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SUNDAY

"ALLELUIA": The Adult Choir of the First Baptist Church in College Station will present this musical at 7 p.m. in the church auditorium at 200 College Main in College Station.

PAKISTAN CLUB: Will sponsor a children's Qur'an study class at 10 a.m. in 402 Rudder.

MUSLIM STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION: Will sponsor a Qur'an class at 10 a.m. in 410 Rudder.

For bids: license plates

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HONG KONG — Waves of "oohs" and "aahs" from bidders rippled through the city hall auction.

The merchandise was so valuable it was kept under cover. Each piece's number, written on a blackboard, had the audience squirming.

A \$2 black and white Hong Kong license plate was at stake.

Chinese who believe "lucky" numbers add years to their lives and produce fat bank accounts eagerly dole out tens of thousands of dollars for the right license digits.

Compared with the over-the-counter \$2 charge, it's a hefty price.

To facilitate demand, the government conducts auctions of prized license plates. Anyone can reserve a number and bid on it at one of the auctions, which are held every five to six weeks.

"The sense of luck brought by the license plate only is imagined by bidders," insists John K. C. Chan, transport department official in charge of the auctions. His department is careful not to advertise them as lucky license numbers, but auctioneers show no such constraint.

Proceeds from the auctions go to charity, and \$11 million has rolled in since the special sales began in 1973.

"I've been assured that this is a very lucky number. It means an easy life for someone," said an au-

ctioneer, pointing at CC 323 written on a blackboard.

The Chinese audience chuckled and the number was quickly disposed of for \$3,367.

The record price for a lucky license number is \$70,000, reportedly paid by Hong Kong movie mogul Sir Run Run Shaw for a lone 6. The digit connotes longevity, but Chan said the purchase also had personal sentiment.

To avoid profiteering, obvious lucky number plates are placed on a non-transferrable list and may not be resold to other car owners. If a purchaser moves or gives up his vehicle, the license plates must be returned to the government.

Numbers not on the nontransferrable list may be sold to car owners who seek digits with personal meaning, such as birthdates.

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