

Notes on People Albin Krebs

Want a lesson in nomenclatures? Frank Shakespeare, director of the United States Information Agency, in a memo, has come forth with

instructions, for agency personnel, on what to call the people who live in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. In the first place, said Mr. Shakespeare, don't call them "Soviets." "There is no such thing," he said. "The people of the major nations within the Soviet Union should be referred to by their nationality, i.e., Ukrainians, Georgians, Latvians, Russians, Uzbeks, Armenians, etc." Mr. Shakespeare added: "This is a semantical absurdity. There is no 'Soviet Nation' and never will be... To call it so, apart from being grammatically incorrect, is to foster the illusion of one happy family rather than an imperialistic state increasingly beset with nationality problems, which it is." Senator J. William Fulbright, who released the contents of the memo, said it was an indication of a U.S.I.A. effort "to stir up trouble" for the Soviet Government.