

Danube Traffic Ban on Western World Slows European Recovery

By JAMES THRASHER

By the lopsided score of 7 to 0, Russia's Andrei Vishinsky and a team of Soviet stooges shut out the western world from most of the Danube River at the Belgrade conference. Thus the great and important river has become a private Communist stream for about two-thirds of its navigable course.

The conference was a depressing but interesting example of Soviet technique when the Russians have a large and obedient majority on their side. It also was another illuminating illustration of what happens under such circumstances when the western powers sit down, according to Henry Wallace's cure-all prescription, and "talk things over with Russia."

Such as the UN and foreign ministers' meetings, compromise is almost unheard of. When they are outnumbered they are inclined to veto or walk out. When they are in power, as they were in Belgrade, they steam-roller their program through with scarcely a pretense of the diplomatic amenities.

All of the ten delegations included experts on law, shipping, engineering and other technical subjects. But, as U. S. Ambassador Cannon pointed out, all discussions were started down a political channel. Mr. Vishinsky brought the Russian draft of the convention, or agreement, to the conference. The western delegations were invited to take it or leave it. They left it, of course. And after some 20 days of fruitless talk, the Communist delegations signed the convention with scarcely a word, much less a basic idea, changed from the original draft which Mr. Vishinsky presented.

Thus the Danubian Conference has re-emphasized the fundamental and seemingly hopeless difficulty of settling any world problem in which Russia is involved. The closing of the Danube presents one of the major problems in the economic field. And while there was little likelihood that Russia would retreat by agreement from a position that she had taken by force, a small hope remained until it was erased by the Belgrade fiasco.

Two-Way Hardship
Now one of the main east-west arteries of European commerce is definitely and officially shut off. The act is bound to have a serious effect on Europe's health and recovery. The continent has no such railway network as that of the United States, which includes almost 100,000 more miles than the whole of Europe. Closing the Danube to non-Soviet in-

Ruthless Diplomacy
That, of course, is the Soviet pattern of government and diplomacy. At home they permit no deviation by the faithful, let alone any word of opposition. In their international discussions,



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Zot I. Chepurnykh, Soviet Vice Consul in New York, holds his daughter aloft as they sail for Russia aboard the Soviet freighter Marshal Gorkov. Chepurnykh told reporters he would fly, but turned up on the rusty ship in Jersey City, N. J. He was accompanied by his wife and two other daughters. (NEA Telephoto)

ternational traffic shuts one of the most important doors between the industrial west and agricultural east. This will undoubtedly slow up European recovery and make it more difficult. It will put a continuing burden on the United States. That is the goal that Russia was aiming for. But obviously

the hardship will work both ways. Russia and the Balkan countries have a problem of recovery, too. They need machinery and all sorts of manufactured products. If the process of getting them becomes slower and more costly because of this latest Soviet stratagem, Mr. Stalin may find that he has cut off a good chunk of his own nose to spite free Europe's face.

Blind Mother, Husband Accused of Child Cruelty

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30—(AP)—A blind mother and her husband were in jail today on child neglect charges after officers reported that their 10-year-old daughter had been hung by her feet, upside down, and sometimes chained to her brother, five.

Those held were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon G. MacDonald. The husband is an elevator operator. The children involved, said Policeman G. B. Barber, who arrested the parents, were Darlene and Jeremiah.

Barber said also that the couple's two-year-old son, Wayne, had been tied to a chair and sometimes was fed only once a day.

The youngsters all are being cared for in Juvenile Hall. Barber quoted Mrs. MacDonald as saying: "I'm sick and can't help it if my kids are mean. I've been working since I was four years old and nobody helps me or worries about me."

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Moscow Uses Romania as Tool To Overthrow Tito in Yugoslavia

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The vitriolic Yugoslav-Romanian row is worth watching, since it may well be a gauge by which we can judge how Moscow's world revolution is progressing and—equally important—what tactics are being employed to meet emergencies.

This Red upheaval represents the first serious break in the solidarity of Russia's satellite states. It had its inception in July when the Powerful, Moscow-dominated Cominform split with Tito, charging him with maintaining a hateful policy towards Soviet Russia and with departing from the Marx-Lenin philosophy.

Tito has denied the allegations and declared his devotion to Stalin. However, at the same time he has made it amply clear that Yugoslavia is running its own show, which is to say that Tito is running Yugoslavia's

show. In other words, the marshal has got too big for the breeches that Stalin had tailored for him.

So Moscow is bent on breaking Tito, and the latest development is Yugoslavia's charge that Romanian officials are trying to foment revolution for the overthrow of Marshal Tito's regime. Moreover a blistering Yugoslav note singles out Mrs. Ana Pauker, Romanian Foreign Minister and one of Communism's dominant leaders, as calling for Tito's elimination. Significant points emerge from

this situation. In the first place it is obvious that Russia contemplates no individuality for her subject states. They must toe the Moscow line precisely.

Another point which we shouldn't overlook is that Moscow is handling the Tito case by indirection. It struck first through the Cominform and now apparently has assigned a prominent part to Romania, which means Ana Pauker. In previous instances where punitive measures have been taken, Moscow has done the job itself. Why now does it hand the task to others?

It may well be that Russia is making a virtue of necessity. That is to say, it probably would take force to oust the Tito regime, and Moscow isn't prepared to stick its neck out that far. It prefers to try to create a situation in which Yugoslavs themselves would revolt against their leader.

As for Yugoslavia, Moscow has sent one of its most powerful

generals into action in calling on the 52-year-old Ana Pauker. She is smart; she is experienced; she is as hard-boiled as they make 'em. Tito has a fight on his hands.



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