

Communist-Inspired Strikes In France Menace Marshall Plan

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The Marshall Plan no sooner gets free of one danger than it is beset by another, a fresh threat being the Communist-led French strikes which Premier Queuille warns are assuming the character of a rebellion.

Those are grave words to come from the leader of a major government.

Acting under cover of the smoke-screen provided by the Red blockade of Western Berlin, the Bolsheviks have organized and got under way this new offensive which is further disrupting the already chaotic French economy. Minister of the Interior Moch charges that the strikes are engineered by the Cominform.

The Cominform is the successor to the Comintern, the general staff for world revolution which Moscow "abolished" in 1943 because of fierce objection to it by the democracies. The Cominform apparently began organizing the present upheaval last July, and French fifth columnists have laid the groundwork for the sabotage methodically.

French industry is being dealt a body blow by the coal strike which already has cost the re-

covery program 1,000,000 tons of fuel which is worth its weight in pearls. A railway strike is beginning to get a grip on the throat of national transportation.

Thus two vital elements of the French life-stream—fuel and transportation—are endangered. Without them the country would be helpless.

Aimed at Marshall Plan Obviously this new assault is aimed at the European Recovery Program. However, that is far from being the whole story, for dependent on that program is the military defense of Western Europe against further Communist aggression.

France is the key continental nation in the new Western European Alliance comprising Britain, France, The Netherlands,



PROSECUTION URGED—Prosecution on charge of conspiracy to commit espionage of (L. to R.) Dr. John H. Chapin, of New York; Marcia Sand Hiskey, of Brooklyn and Steve Nelson, of Pennsylvania, has been urged in a report by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Chapin was an atomic bomb project scientist during the war. Mrs. Hiskey is the former wife of Dr. Clarence F. Hiskey, atomic bomb scientist, and Nelson is the Communist party organizer in Pennsylvania. (AP Wirephoto)



PLAYFELLOWS—Freckles, the family dog of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis of Benton Harbor, Mich., gets his ear nipped by their pet raccoon as the two romp together on the lawn.

Belgium and Luxembourg. With France hamstringed, the alliance would be weakened to the point of near impotence. If the powerful Communist party of Italy should at the same time make good its boast of being able to take over control of that strategic country, the Russians would be in a powerful position, both politically and militarily.

The French picture fits in perfectly with the Battle of Berlin. The "neutral" countries in the United Nations Security Council have been running themselves ragged in an effort to mediate between the Muscovites and the Western Democracies. Thus far the sphinx of Moscow has kept the mediators fishing for an indication of how Russia regards the western offer to let the Berlin case go back to the foreign ministers' council—provided the Communists first lift the starvation blockade of the German capital.

This being the case, it's a fair guess that Moscow has been deliberately stalling to see how the French strikes progress. Should things worsen in France, we may be sure the Russians will capitalize the situation and become more exacting in their demands. So for the time being France is a barometer by which to tell how the storm goes.

Apropos of this thought, Britain yesterday issued a white paper blaming the breakdown in the Berlin crisis on a Russian desire to undermine the recovery of Western Europe. This paper declared:

"The Soviet government has no intention of reaching agreement save on its own terms."

Mid-Season Deer Kill in Oregon Reported Heavy

With the deer season just half over the Oregon State Game Commission reported a high return of deer hunter report cards, which are required this year for the first time. Well over 5,000 reports have been received. The great majority of these represent kills as hunters not yet making a kill will undoubtedly wait until the end of the season before reporting. Tillamook, Harney, Grant, Klamath and Lake counties continue to lead in number of kills reported.

Mr. Robert Mace, chief of big game for the Commission, expressed his thanks to hunters for their prompt reports and asked that other hunters continue this

fine cooperation. He pointed out that it is just as important that the hunters make a no kill report as well as those that are successful in bagging a buck.

Reservoir Salvaged

Last week more than 600 large rainbow trout ranging from 8 to 18 inches in length were salvaged from Balm Creek Reservoir in Baker County. A four-man crew, under the direction of H. J. Campbell, Game Commission fisheries agent in La Grande, seined out the trout from the receding waters of the reservoir. The trout were then transported by tank truck to the upper reaches of Catherine Creek.

Care Of Big Game Hides

Mr. C. A. Lockwood, Oregon state game supervisor, reports that many inquiries have been received as to the best method of preserving deer and elk hides. The hides of both of these big game animals make excellent leather for gloves or jackets and with just a bit of care can be held in the field for some time without spoilage. After skinning, the hide should be stretched out with the flesh side up and two or three pounds of fine salt sprinkled on it. Mr. Lockwood declared, Table salt will serve the purpose. Salting should be done immediately and every inch of the hide should be covered in order to protect against spoiling.

The average adult opossum weighs nine pounds and is about the size of a house cat. He likes to make his home in hollow logs.

North Pacific Is Lashed by Gales

SEATTLE, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Winds from 50 to 60 miles an hour churned the North Pacific last night and forecasters predicted little change today.

The Coast Guard said it has received no distress calls.

The weather bureau said disturbances ranged from a point on the Kenai Peninsula 140 miles northeast of Kodiak to Alaska coastal points and the Queen Charlotte Islands.

It followed a weekend gale that sank two ships and crippled six.

From Prince Rupert, B.C., came a report of the rescue of five American seamen after 12 hours on Lewis Island, 25 miles to the south, where their 93-foot ship went aground.

They were Capt. John M. Thornton, 34, Seattle; Clare Randall, 42, George Buttefield, 47, Willie Platt, 39, and Gilpin Sessions, all of Ketchikan.

The coast guard said it was fighting heavy seas in an effort to transfer from the Kodiak Island village of Uziak to a Kodi-

County School Supt. Cites Compulsory School Attendance

County School Superintendent, Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell today called special attention to the state compulsory school attendance law, which specifies that all students must remain in school until they have reached the age of 18 years or have finished the 12th grade.

While the law provides penalties of fines or imprisonment, or both, against the parents of delinquents, the aim of her office is to urge the cooperation of every parent and of the community to comply with the law, without the need of rigid enforcement.

Employers, also, she said, may be penalized for employing persons who have not met their school requirements. Mrs. Gorrell cautioned employers to make sure of the eligibility of any young person in their employes.

In some cases young people over 16 who have not completed high school may be excused, but special permission must be obtained from the school boards of their respective districts. Students from non-high school districts may make application thru the county school superintendent's office, said Mrs. Gorrell. Only in cases where it is considered advisable both from the standpoint of the student and of the school will the permission to withdraw be given.

While the difficulty has not been widespread in Douglas County, a few schools have reported delinquent children, Mrs. Gorrell said.

Funeral Held for Victim Of Automobile Blow

Funeral services for Charles Dow, 57, Oakland, who died Friday as the result of injuries when struck by a car Sunday, Oct. 3, were held Monday morning in Eugene. Burial followed in the Marcola Cemetery.

Dow was struck on North Stephens Street by a car reported by City Police to have been driven by Wayne Cramer, 450 South Main Street. Dow reportedly was walking along the center of the highway when the accident occurred during a rainy evening. He had been hospitalized locally.

Born in Alsea Feb. 16, 1891, he had been a resident of Oregon all his life and of Oakland the last year. Surviving are two sons, Harold of Sutherlin, and Donald of Oakland; a daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Goad, Oakland; his father, Alman Asa Dow, Eugene; three brothers, Levi and Marvin, of McKenzie Bridge, Grant of Blodgett; three sisters, Mrs. Leila Hobgood and Mrs. Ethel Coffman, both of Wendling, and Mrs. Mary Chambers, Grants Pass, and six grandchildren.

As a rule, the air moves as wind from west to east in the United States.

Ak hospital a boy reported suffering from an accidental gunshot wound.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

(Dr. Charles A. Edwards)

Man has been created with infinite possibilities and has been given dominion over a world of illimitable resources. The Creator alone knows the height to which man may attain, and the Spirit of Truth in all ages has been seeking to teach man the way to dominion and to a more abundant life, to reveal the truth, by which alone he can gain freedom and a peace that passeth his knowledge to imagine. God spoke to Ezekiel one day, saying: "Son of Man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee." So has He ever been speaking to men. But only a few prophetic-minded men have dared to stand upon their feet to become disciples through the self-discipline of love and truth. To those few the world's progress has been due, and succeeding generations have been ready to acclaim those whom their fathers had killed. To the church belongs the privilege and responsibility for creating a love of truth and for making clear the principles of the abundant life, not only for the individual but for nations and races. Amen.

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