

Soviet Threat Viewed As Effort To Heal Cracks In Communist Structure

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The defiance of Moscow by Yugoslavia, Finland and the moderate Communists of Soviet occupied Germany gives one to pause for consideration of the significance.

We shall be rash, I think, to jump to conclusions in trying to figure the potentialities of this "revolt" against Moscow, or how far Russia may be prepared to go in maintaining her prestige. For example, take Russia's threatening note to a politically rebellious and defiant Yugoslavia:

Moscow lashed out at Marshal Tito with the warning that Russia is prepared to take "effective measures" (measures unspecified) to protect the rights of Russian citizens in Yugoslavia. A portion of the British press immediately said this sounded like the worst threat of war since Hitler's blasts in '39. However, informed British diplomatic officials, who are watching the situation closely, said the dispute wasn't likely to lead to war. They figured Moscow wanted Yugoslavia to think she was threatened with attack, whereas Russia was bluffing.

Well, this column doesn't like the term "bluffing" as applied either to Russia or Yugoslavia. I think both are mighty determined. Moreover, when the gods of war are playing at ten-pins with stick dynamite and hand-grenades, there's always the possi-

bility of an explosion.

Still, as I see it, there's nothing to justify the belief either that Russia intends to make war (which would mean world war) at this juncture or that valiant but comparatively small Yugoslavia is prepared to undertake the role of giant-killer.

The real importance of the current developments lies in the fact that they represent open defiance in Russia's own sphere of influence. They represent cracks in the communist structure. This importance is multiplied when we consider that great discontent has long been making itself evident in other satellite states like Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, and that they are bound to take fresh courage.

Finland Move Hits Soviet
Finland's bold and energetic stand, coming on top of Yugoslavia's refusal to knuckle under, is a tough and dangerous blow to Soviet imperial ambitions in Europe, both these nations are essential to the red structure, not only politically but militarily, for they are strategically located.

Of course Russia could take Finland over by force, but such a move assuredly would result in another world war. Finland must be absorbed by indirection. Thus we see red leaders in Finland precipitating a wave of strikes which the Helsinki government says represent a maneuver towards revolution and the establishment of a red regime.

The Finnish authorities promptly announced that they



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PRAYER FOR A HAPPY HOME

Judy Ann Bonif, 4, kneels in prayer in corridor of Suffolk Probate Court, in Boston, Mass., near the courtroom where a judge was hearing the petition of a Chinese laundryman and his wife to raise Judy and whose mother is opposing their adoption of the girl. A Rhode Island couple also want the child.

Coal Supply Drop Bolsters Lewis' Hand For Parley

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Aug. 23.—John L. Lewis head of the United Mine Workers, is here to take personal charge again of contract negotiations with the soft coal industry scheduled to resume today.

Whether Lewis would make any definite proposals toward ending the stalemate over a new working agreement was anyone's guess. With Lewis on the scene, developments might come quickly.

To date his wishes have been expressed only in general terms—a shorter work week, more pay, and an increase in the 20-cent-a-ton royalty on coal now paid into the union's welfare fund.

For more than six weeks, soft coal miners east of the Mississippi have worked only on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This was at Lewis' direction. The operators and union negotiators resumed their sessions with one eye on the dwindling stockpile of soft coal.

Under the three-day week, production has averaged slightly better than 7,000,000 tons weekly, or about 5,000,000 tons less than normal.

This means a loss of about 30,000,000 tons in the six weeks the "Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday" week has been in force.

The existing stockpile (coal above the ground) is estimated

First 'Chute Jump Elates Bernarr M'Fadden, Now 81

DANSVILLE, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Bernarr MacFadden has passed another milestone in his goal to prove "this growing old idea is all nonsense."

The physical culturist who got his private pilot's license at the age of 74, celebrated his own 81st birthday and his wife's 44th Saturday by making his first parachute jump.

As he successfully chuted from a plane to field a half mile from

Dansville airport, Mrs. MacFadden ran up to him shouting: "Oh, you wonderful man, you!"

MacFadden, who operates a hotel here, had waited all afternoon for an 11-mile wind to die down before making his 2,000-foot leap.

Wearing a business suit, MacFadden added for safety a football helmet, shin guards and jump boots with four-inch-thick crepe rubber soles.

at between 40,000,000 and 45,000,000 tons by various industry sources.

It is being whittled down at the rate of about 2,000,000 tons a week, as the country is now consuming about 9,000,000 tons weekly.

When the weather turns cool, the rate will step up.

The smaller the stockpile, the stronger Lewis' hand will become.

Many operators believe that Lewis will not put his new contract demands in concrete form until the stockpiles are well down. They set a possible time for a showdown at "well after Labor Day."

United States Travel Increases 10 Percent

CINCINNATI (AP)—The nation's vacation travel income this year will exceed \$11,000,000,000, an increase of 10 percent over 1948, it is estimated by auto-

builder Powell Crosley Jr. "Present indications are that between 65 and 70 million people over the nation are taking vacation trips in their family automobiles and another 10 million are going by train, bus, airplane and boat," he said. "Vacationers will spend, all told, more than \$11,000,000,000 at hotels, resorts, camps, restaurants, motor courts and gas stations."

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Billion Dollar Flood Control Bill Passed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—A billion dollar flood control and water navigation bill, carrying \$106,031,100 for projects in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, was passed by the House last night. Senate action this session is doubtful.

Among the northwest projects listed in the bill were \$14,722,000 for flood control on the lower Columbia river; \$31,070,000 for the Albeni Falls, Idaho, dam and reservoir, and \$4,900,000 for lower Columbia river bank improvement.

would "inflict a crushing defeat on the communists" and proceeded to implement this so successfully that the strikes haven't matured as expected. Washington believes the Bolshevik attempt won't succeed because of Finnish resistance.

What must be equally staggering for Moscow is the astonishing move in the Soviet zone of Germany by German communists who hate Russia. These Germans have formed a new party which, like that of Marshal Tito, represents nationalistic communism that refuses to recognize the sovereignty of Moscow. Not only that, but this new party promptly sent Tito a message pledging him support in his fight against "imperialist Bolshevism."

Will this revolt against Moscow's dictation spread in eastern Europe; that is possible and, I believe, even probable in due course.



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