

United States Aid To France Being Sabotaged By Communist Propaganda

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WASHINGTON, — (NEA) — Congress has received several reports this summer on the effectiveness and size of the Communist propaganda effort in France and how it is sabotaging American aid efforts there.

It poses the problem of whether to make American propaganda efforts in France as rough and tumble and expensive as those of the commies, or whether to continue the present dignified and scrupulously honest efforts to sell the French on the virtues of democracy.

There are many specific examples of just how the French Reds have operated. When a minor dispute between the U. S. and England over aluminum purchases with ECA funds developed, the Communist propagandists put out the following line:

"Behold capitalism and capitalists. Behold the titans of industry with no honor, ethics, or honesty, even when one (America) is allegedly bailing out another in order to preserve the solidarity of international capitalism. Even here these ruthless, instinctively competitive capitalists try to cheat each other. No, my friends, only in the communist faith is there true brotherhood, true selflessness, true identity of interests between countries."

The day after the French government announced a proposal to improve the tax program, the Red press said:

"The Marshall Plan gauleiters yesterday cracked the whip and the government quailings went through their paces. Our 'leaders' have surrendered the sovereignty of France to the carpet-baggers from Wall street."

Typical Red Comment
This is the typical Communist press line on the subject of East-West trade:

"American expansionists have found a new trick to prevent trade between East and West. The 'Marshallized' countries are forbidden to send goods to Eastern Europe on the flimsy ground that it might increase the military potential of the Soviet Union. This policy has dealt a severe blow to France, which has thus lost its historic eastern European markets."

Ineffective as these words appear to the average American, Congress has been told that the average Frenchman — even the non-Communist — is impressed with them.

A parliamentary deputy who is leader of one of an important non-Communist party makes this frank statement in a report:

"A mass of people, certainly 60 per cent, has heard about the Marshall Plan and has a scrambled, vague knowledge that it involves American gifts which must be viewed with great suspicion."

Descredits U. S. Faith

"If there is one categorical statement to be made on this subject it is that not one Frenchman in 500 believes that there is any element of good faith involved in this thing. They're sure that America is motivated only by its own economic needs."

"Another point: Despite the admirable effort of ECA to explain the objectives...the basic ideas of the Marshall Plan—the Frenchman's awareness of it stems from Red publicity. Volumewise it is all one-sided. Incidentally, I do not believe that there are 20 deputies among my colleagues in the chamber who have a knowledge of the principal provisions of the Marshall Plan. From the standpoint of its successes this may be a good thing."

It is reported that "there is not a single department of France without a communist newspaper." And where the community can't support a daily, a weekly is put out.

In addition, one of the most influential types of press propaganda used by the commies are the trade newspapers. The line is put out in the language of a miner, for instance, or a maritime worker. U. S. efforts have been noticeably shy in matching this device.

Chance Given Bride To Lift Ban Of Church

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—(P)—A pretty society bride, excommunicated from the Roman Catholic church, may, if she wishes, seek to have the ban lifted.

A chancery official of the Catholic archdiocese of New York, headed by Francis Cardinal Spellman, says the next move is up to her.

She is the former Claire Elizabeth McGinnis of San Francisco, who was married Monday to Ivan Obolensky, son of a former Russian Prince and an heir to the John Jacob Astor fortune.

The Catholic church declared her excommunicated Thursday because she had gone through a wedding in the bridegroom's church, the Russian orthodox, following a Roman Catholic ceremony.

If she wishes to remain a Catholic, a chancery official said, she must confer with church officials to find out what penance she must do to have the ban removed.

Friends of the bride said she was too upset to make any comment immediately.

The excommunication announcement said the couple had agreed in writing they would be only the Catholic marriage ceremony.

However, young Obolensky later issued a statement saying that if he signed any such agree-

Senator Morse Not Influenced By CIO Criticism

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(P)—Senator Morse told the Senate that he does not intend to sacrifice his personal convictions for a political future.

He said CIO leaders in Oregon were withholding endorsement of him for re-election next year because of his stand on C.V.A. legislation.

"I have never made a commitment to a labor organization, to a business organization or to any other political pressure group, and I don't intend to start with the CIO," Morse said.

"There is nothing about this job that would cause me to sacrifice my independence of judgment," he added.

Morse said he had been advised that the Oregon CIO convention failed to come out for him because, among other things, he has opposed a pending bill to set up a Columbia River Valley authority.

"This type of attack on me in my state isn't going to strike the political pay dirt that Democratic leaders within the CIO think they are going to strike with this type of snide attack on me," Morse asserted.

He said no labor organization "ever succeeded in conditioning its endorsement of me."

Morse has battled in the Senate for repeal of the labor-hated Taft-Hartley law. He said he had been told by a Washington representative of the CIO that the attitude of the Oregon convention did not mean that eventually he would not win CIO endorsement.

The Oregon lawmaker said he was informed that because of certain criticism of him at the state convention, it was felt best that there be no action with respect to endorsement until he returns to Oregon for a conference.

"Endorsement of me will have to be on my record," Morse said, adding that any conference in the state would contribute nothing if he were expected to make a commitment.

CIO Will Decide On Continuing With WFT Union

SEATTLE, Oct. 18.—(P)—Officials of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's union (CIO) said a special committee would be sent to the national CIO convention at Cleveland to attempt to keep the union within the parent organization.

They said the union faces possible ousting at the convention over its affiliation with the World Federation of Trade unions and the Maritime Federation of the World.

Harry Bridges is president of both the Longshoremen's union and the Maritime federation, an affiliate of the WFTU. The CIO withdrew from the latter group, charging it was communist-dominated. CIO affiliates have been instructed to follow suit. Bridges conferred with Longshore union leaders here last night.

William Gettings, regional director of the Longshoremen's union, said about 25 men from various ports would serve on the committee. The union has seven regular convention delegates, and the others would go as "observers."

Gettings said a referendum would be held among all ILWU members later to determine whether the union should drop its membership in the world organizations.

Body Of "Murdered" Man Discovered In Brush

SUMNER, Wash., Oct. 17.—(P)—The badly bruised and twice-shot body of a man about 35 years old was found on a rush-covered hill near here early today.

Pierce county Sheriff Lee Croft said the man, who was "either a Filipino or an Indian," had been shot through the heart and

ment "I can only say the effect of it was not fully realized by me."

Excommunication bars a Catholic from all the sacraments, deemed by the church to be essential to salvation.



AVERAGE WEST ROSEBURG HOME—This home at 1378 Umpqua Ave. will be one of those affected if residents of West Roseburg approve the proposed annexation measure Nov. 1. Owners Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Nesseth will pay an additional \$24.17 in taxes if their area comes into the city. Assessed valuation of this home is \$1,790. City officials told the Nesseths this increase in taxes will "buy" such advantages as police protection 24 hours a day and seven days a week, increased fire protection from the city's five fire trucks instead of the one rural fire truck which would now be sent to the area, zoning ordinances to regulate building in this residential district, maintenance and improvement of existing streets, and installation of street lights.

Polio War Fund Exhausted; More Millions Sought

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Epidemic aid funds of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis were exhausted some weeks ago. The drive to raise at least \$14,500,000 which is needed now is going on.

The Foundation reports over 23,000 cases of polio as of Sept. 3 this year, with estimates of upwards of 40,000 cases for 1949. There were 27,908 cases last year. Last year the Foundation provided \$17,000,000 for patient care. The 1948 hold-over cases, Foundation officials say, will take \$5,000,000 more for patient care this year.

Thus far this year polio shows an increase of 84 percent over the same period last year. The Foundation already has sent \$6,000,000 in epidemic emergency aid to chapters in 41 states and Alaska.

To date in the fight against the epidemic, the states heavily stricken have received more than 470 respirators, 390 hot pack machines, 330 cribs and 80 beds, sent from the organization's depots in Boston, Atlanta, Columbus, Denver, San Antonio and Portland, Ore. More than 1,190 nurses and

120 physical therapists have been enrolled for epidemic duty.

The Red Cross reports that since July 1 alone this year it has recruited and assigned more than 1,000 nurses to duty in polio stricken areas. Demands for qualified nurses to serve are continuing. Recruitment and assignment of these nurses to serve on emergency duty this year is far exceeding that of last year, and it is expected the total may top that of any previous year.

The Red Cross, by agreement with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, recruits for those communities where nursing resources have been depleted. The N.F.P. pays for travel costs, salaries and maintenance of the nurses recruited.

beneath the eyes.

"It was a plain case of murder," Croft said.

Croft's deputies reported the only identification was clothing which had been purchased in Long Beach, Calif., and several match folders from Seattle.

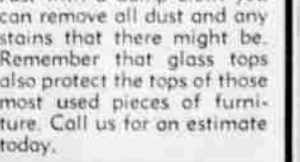
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Born at Three Rivers, Mich., October 14, 1855, he became a printer's devil when 10 years old. But for a man who set his first stick of type about the time Lincoln was assassinated, he is doing "right well."

He came west to the Harbor in 1908 and "retired" in 1921. But he still operates, two or three days a week, his small but well equipped job shop at his home and Floral company here.

He still turns out commercial work—including the Hoquiam Methodist church bulletin—worthy of a man much younger in years.

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By MRS. GEORGE EDES
Mrs. Minnie Vessey of Coos Bay is visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Waters, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Burns of San Diego, Calif. are visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peck of San Diego, Wyo., are visiting friends in Shoestring, enroute home after spending a month touring in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Daugherty have taken over what was formerly known as Hank's Service station, on the corner of Main street and the Pacific highway. The Standard Oil company has leased the property, and Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty will have charge.

Mrs. Tim Miller, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Marvin Hall and Mrs. Geo. Edes transacted business in Eugene Thursday.

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