

World Peace Plans Receive Setback From Soviet Effort To Oust Tito In Yugoslavia

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World peace has received another jolt as the result of the Soviet Cominform's call to Communists in all countries to join in a wholesale effort to unseat rebellious Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia.

The Cominform—successor to the Comintern, or general staff for world revolution—hasn't disclosed details of its program. However, foreign diplomatic quarters in New York say they have received reports that an anti-Tito coup is planned for sometime between Christmas and Easter.

This scheme is said to call for a revolt in Yugoslavia. That would be followed up by a call from the leaders of the rebellion for help from orthodox Communists in neighboring Hungary and Romania.

The crossing of Guerrilla troops from a foreign country into Yugoslavia obviously would create a terribly explosive situation.

British minister of state Hector McNeill gave the Cominform move a hot shot in the United Nations assembly yesterday—the first time, by the way, the subject has been brought up in that body. He was discussing the recent Soviet peace speeches and remarked that the Cominform attack was "most remarkable" for a peace campaign, adding:

"It is more like a war manifesto than a peace manifesto."

Be that as it may, Moscow's anxiety over Titoism is understandable. It is a great threat against Orthodox Communism, which provides that all Red countries surrender their sovereignty to Moscow. Tito, of course, while subscribing to Marxian Communism, is a red-hot nationalist who refuses to surrender Yugoslavia's sovereignty to anybody.

Tito Prefers Own Brand
The Cominform charges that the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade has become the nerve center of a country-revolutionary movement against Red countries, as well as a center of American propaganda. In short, Russia claims that Tito is trying to destroy the Soviet conception and substitute his new brand of nationalist Communism in the satellite countries.

Whether the two-fisted marshal has any such sweeping project in mind remains to be seen. He certainly is bent on establishing his own brand of Communism in his own country.

And it is true that Tito Communism is trying to raise its head in some of the satellite countries, among them being Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Moscow has reason to worry.

While the Cominform hasn't indicated how it expects to unseat Tito, there may be a hint in the report by the Moscow newspaper Pravda that there are substantial groups of anti-Titoist Yugoslavs in all countries of eastern Europe working for his overthrow. Pravda also says these groups, which are well financed, have cells in every village and institution in Yugoslavia.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claire Morley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morley of Portland have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Morley, Dolph Morley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morley.

Mrs. Eva Kinsel spent a few days last week at Corvallis visiting at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Will Howard.

Mrs. D. P. McKay has gone to Eureka, Calif., to spend a time visiting at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bailey spent the weekend at Sweet Home visiting at the home of Mrs. Bailey's daughter.

Mrs. Gladys Sands of Roseburg spent Wednesday visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Sands.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Emmitt and family have moved into an apartment in the old hotel building. They came here recently from Arkansas.

Mrs. Lois Palmer is ill at her home in north Wilbur. Mrs. Moffitt is taking her place teaching the upper grades of the school here.

The Wilbur school is getting busy starting to practice for its Christmas program. With a larger attendance than ever in school a very good program is anticipated.

The naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., is expected to be out of action indefinitely. He was stricken yesterday with a cerebral hemorrhage, three months after being summoned from Nanking for consultations.

The 73-year-old diplomat was born in China and was a missionary-educator there for four decades.

Railway Men In Doukhorob Area Want Protection

NELSON, B. C., Dec. 5.—(CP) A demand for protection against bombing terrorists was made by railwaymen in the West Kootenays.

Disturbed by a series of track explosions in the last three weeks, the rail workers called on Federal authorities to take immediate action.

"The men, it was reported, may refuse to handle trains in the Kootenays, running through Doukhorob districts where Sons of Freedom, a radical branch of the religious sect, have been blamed for acts of terrorism."

"The men are very disturbed," said D. D. McLean, district president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. "They are giving serious thought to refusing to handle trains."

In the latest explosion Tuesday night, a section of Canadian Pacific railway track was torn out 19 minutes after a freight train had passed the point.

The explosion, in a rock cut near a dangerous curve, ripped out a 30-foot stretch of track. It left a crater six feet wide and two feet deep.

Police investigators reported that all traces of the explosive disappeared with the blast. In the earlier explosions dynamite was used.

Convicted of a series of burning and bombing charges, five Doukhorob, members of the Sons of Freedom, Wednesday were remanded to May 1 for sentence.

The charges against them include destruction by fire of a new school at Tarrys, B. C.; the Easter day bombing of the tomb of Peter (The Lordy) Verigin, Doukhorob leader who was killed in a train bombing in 1924, and the 1943 burning of a \$300,000 jam factory at Brilliant, B. C.

Warning Issued Against Christmas Tree Cutting

A warning was issued today by Regional Administrator Daniel L. Golby of the Bureau of Land Management against cutting of Christmas trees from bureau lands without proper written authority.

"While it is possible," said Mr. Golby, "that authority may be granted by Bureau of Land Management officials for Christmas tree cutting, the B. L. M. lands are managed for the growing of timber crops, and as such are not good sources of Christmas trees. The best Christmas trees are open grown to give a symmetrical shape, while timber-tree crops are grown in dense stands to force longitudinal growth. While thinning of some overcrowded stands would be welcomed by bureau foresters, cutting in such thickets would produce few if any acceptable Christmas trees."

Dr. F. A. Magruder, Of Controversy Note, Dies

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 5.—(AP) —Dr. Frank A. Magruder, 67, whose textbook "The American Government" was center of a controversy at Houston, Tex., recently, died here Friday.

Death was unexpected and was presumed due to a heart attack. A teacher, professor and author, he had been on the faculty of Oregon State college for 30 years prior to his recent retirement.

Of his numerous textbooks, the one on American government was best known, its 34th edition now being in preparation. A phrase in that book—deleted in later editions—caused the Houston school board to ban it. It referred to public free education and old age assistance as examples of Communism. Other educators defended the phrase as fact.

Willamette Plan Funds Doubtful, Cordon Thinks

SALEM, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The Willamette valley project needs \$50,000,000 annually.

So asserted Ronald E. Jones, chairman of the Willamette river basin commission, in a meeting of the commission and the Willamette project committee Friday night.

He urged Oregon's congressional delegation to make that sum their goal.

Sen. Guy Cordon (R-Ore) told the 200 at the session that he concurred, but added, "I doubt if we can get it."

Col. O. E. Walsh, division engineer for the army, suggested that Oregon aim for "at least \$75,000,000 for the next two years or \$125,000,000 for a three-year period."

He said that to continue work at present dam sites would require \$20,000,000 next year for Detroit dam, \$16,000,000 to \$20,000,000 at Meridian (Lookout Point) and additional sums for the Green Peter and Cougar Creek dams.

Jury Gives \$100 To Man They Acquitted Of Murder

NEW ORLEANS — (AP) — A jury acquitting a man of a murder charge here has given him \$100 so they can "start life over."

The trial judge, Frank T. Echezabal, says the jury's action is "noble and unusual" and "it will go down in the annals of criminal court as most charitable."

Acquitted Friday night was Donald Easterwood, who was tried on a charge of fatally stabbing a fellow filling station operator. Easterwood's wife testified he was at home at the time Samuel

Southern States Ravaged By Fires

Jones was killed last March. The prosecution contended Easterwood and Ernest Howard, now dead, killed Jones during a dispute about division of money stolen from the filling station where Easterwood and Jones worked.

The jury deliberated 25 minutes.

Negro Murderer Dies In Missouri Gas Chamber

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—(AP) —A 35-year-old Negro was executed Saturday in the Missouri penitentiary gas chamber for his part in a gun fight that cost six lives.

George U. Bell, who earlier had said he wasn't afraid to die, went to his death with outward calm.

He was convicted of killing a policeman during the fight at a Kansas city apartment house Sept. 20, 1948.

The shooting broke out when police went to the apartment house to arrest Bell's brother, William Bell, four policemen and a bystander were killed in the fight that followed.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 5.—(AP)—Forest fires continued to make inroads today in timberlands stretching from western Louisiana almost to the Georgia line.

Dry weather was blamed for the increasing number and extent of the blazes.

Mississippi appeared to be the hardest hit, and the state forestry commission predicted things would get much worse by Sunday.

Alabama authorities reported forest fires in every one of the state's 67 counties. In Alabama's Talladega national forest, foresters said, a man-made fire was raging.

Some of the fires were started through negligence, authorities said, and several arrests have been made in Alabama and Mississippi.

But generally the spread of the fires was attributed to drought conditions, and weather forecasts promised no immediate relief.

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