

Tito Assured Of Military Aid From U. S. If Commies Try To End Yugoslav Independence

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The United States probably will give limited military assistance to Marshal Tito if the Soviet-Communist bloc begins using armed force to try to crush Yugoslavia's independence.

While officials hope this won't be necessary, the National Security Council is reported to have cleared a stand-by program of measures the United States might take. These aim at the military field, supplementing aid already being given Tito in the economic and political phases of his struggle.

The security council, headed by the president, is the nation's top policy making body in foreign policy. Its members include Secretary of State Acheson and Secretary of Defense Johnson.

To date American aid to Yugoslavia has been limited to economic and political assistance.

American limitations on exporting industrial equipment to Communist eastern Europe have been relaxed for Yugoslavia. An air transport agreement has been signed with Tito's government and American influence has been used with western European countries to ease economic pressures on the Yugoslavs.

For example, it was learned today that Washington encouraged the British government to make its recent trade agreement with Tito and has also urged the Belgian government not to press for payment now on a loan made to Yugoslavia some time ago.

Barrier To Moscow
American assistance has been given Tito in line with an American policy decision that his existence as an independent national communist leader is a severe handicap to Moscow and a source of strength to the west in the cold war.

Kremlin leaders on the other hand have repeatedly predicted Tito's downfall and have sought by all sorts of economic and political pressures to bring it about.

Tito's trade ties with the Soviet-Communist bloc were completely cut in 1949 and he has strained his resources in order to get needed supplies, principally manufacturing and mining machinery, from the west.

Economic and political pressure from Russia have not been sufficient to shake Tito's position in view of his own determination to survive, and the support the west has given. In fact, American officials consider him to be in a stronger position inside his own country than he was before the break with Russia in 1948.

In the circumstances, top administration decided they had to face the possibility of Russian-inspired military action against Tito. There is still hope that the Russians will not resort to force. But if they do, American officials believe that it may take either of two forms: First and most probable, guerrilla warfare; second, an open attack perhaps by satellite troops.

Some reports say there are as many as nine Communist bloc divisions on the Yugoslav borders with Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. Several months ago the

Communist guerrillas who had been fighting the Greeks from Albania were transferred to Bulgaria.

Ellsworth On Committee For Draft Of Policy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The 19 Republican governors were invited today to sit in with GOP congressional and national committee groups to help draft a declaration of party policy.

National chairman Guy George Gabrielson announced that the policy committee of the national committee will meet here Jan. 18 and 19. At the same time he said the governors had been invited, along with John T. P. chairman of the Young Republican National Federation, and Louise O. Repligie, co-chairman.

Twenty-one House Republicans from all parts of the country except the Solid South were named to represent that branch of Congress in the parleys.

They will serve with a 15-member Senate committee and a Republican national committee group to write a "platform" on which the Republicans hope to regain control of Congress in the November elections.

Those on the committee will include Reps. Allen of California, and Ellsworth of Oregon.

Martin told newsmen that the committee is representative of the varied thinking in the Republican party in the house. While it is composed predominantly of so-called "old guard" members, it includes several younger men who in the past have refused to follow the Republican leadership on some major issues, and one freshman Congressman, Mrs. Harden.

Senator Taft of Ohio heads the Senate committee.

Cow's Ferments Studied

SACRAMENTO—(AP)—Does it matter to you what goes on in those extra stomachs of cows and sheep? It should, says C. F. Huffman, Michigan State college dairying expert. He told a recent animal industry conference here that not enough is known about just what takes place in the rumen, or first stomach of cows and sheep.

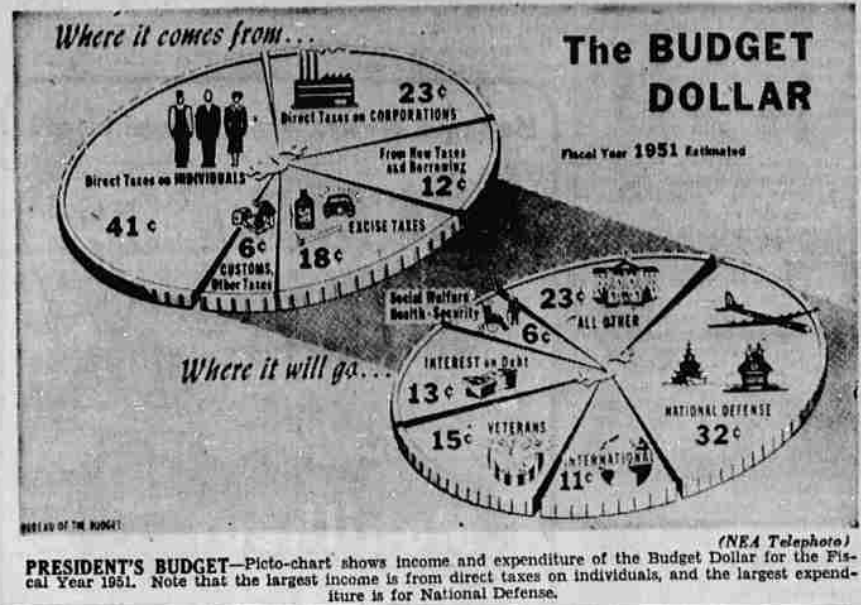
"The efficient fermentation vats of cattle and sheep make possible the utilization of one-half to one billion acres of ranch land in the United States which would otherwise yield little if any human food," he declared. What is not widely realized, says Huffman, is that ruminants do not get most of their nourishment directly from feed, but from the digestion and absorption of countless number of food-laden bacteria that work on the coarse food in the rumen.

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Liberalized DP Law Predicted

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Two members of the Senate Judiciary committee predicted the group again will override Chairman McCarran (D-Nev.) and recommend a liberalized displaced persons law.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) told a reporter he is satisfied that a bill removing so-called "discriminatory" provisions from the law will be placed before the Senate. He added: "I think we have the votes to get it through."

Senator Magnuson (D-Wash.), another member of the Judiciary committee, said he believed there were enough votes to bring the house-approved bill before the Senate—as was done once last October.

McCarran was in Europe making a personal investigation of the DP program last fall when his committee recommended the house bill. He tried to block approval with cable protests.

The Senate eventually sent the issue back to the committee with instructions to bring a DP bill back by Jan. 25.

McCarran, renewing his fight on the legislation, said in a report to the Senate yesterday that his European investigation shows a "complete breakdown in the administration" of the present law.

It provides for the admission of 205,000 war refugees in the two-year period ending June 30. The house bill would extend the program for another year and increase the number of DP's eligible for admission to this country to 339,000.

Close Election In Britain Seen

(By The Associated Press)
The British election campaign machinery has gone into top gear with the election date—Feb. 23—finally fixed. Labor Prime Minister Attlee announced the date.

Independent observers forecast a close election. Labor entered the fight a slight favorite in the betting. The issue is more socialism promised by labor and more free enterprise promised by Conservatives, led by former Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Labor has been in power nearly five years. During that time it has placed under state ownership coal mines, gas and electric plants, railroads, airlines, long distance trucking, the Bank of England and cable and wireless.

The Conservatives promise to stop nationalization. The election in Britain follows contests in New Zealand and Australia where the people turned out labor regimes. However, in Britain the issues are somewhat different. Labor has not lost a single by-election (to fill vacancies) since assuming power. But local municipal government elections went against labor last year and majorities have shrunk in special elections. Some opinion polls forecast a Conservative victory.

Mineral Harms Cattle

SACRAMENTO—(AP)—Molybdenum, a mineral valuable in industry, harms cows and sheep when enough is in the soil over which they graze. When enough gets into forage plants to be effective, red cows turn yellow, and black sheep and cattle turn

gray, reports Dr. Harold Goss of the University of California.

Molybdenum is found in toxic amounts in part of California's San Joaquin valley, in Nevada, Canada, and England, he reports. It causes scours and emaciation in cattle and sheep, and

seems to act like a copper deficiency, Goss says.

Dr. H. S. Cameron, also of the university, reports that tests have shown that a very small amount of copper sulphate in the drinking water will counteract the molybdenum.

Horse Gambles To Finance His Owner's Career

RENO, Nev.—(AP)—Lucky, the gambling horse, had even this blasé town talking.

And that's exactly what his owner, 24-year-old Susan Wallace, wanted. She admitted it was all a publicity stunt to further her singing career.

Miss Wallace arrived from Hollywood with a \$10,000 bankroll, Lucky and a car and trailer.

She found a gambling spot that didn't object to horsey customers. (It's run by a former publicity man.)

The customers made a double take when the white horse first walked in.

Even the croupiers at the roulette wheels admitted it took them a while to get accustomed to a customer wearing horse shoes on his feet.

This is the way Lucky does his playing: He takes a silver dollar in his mouth from Miss Wallace's hand. He moves up and down the table drops the dollar in a square. For each turn of the wheel he selects three numbers.

Miss Wallace bets on the same numbers.

Other customers play their cash on Lucky's horse sense, too.

Miss Wallace said Lucky first

learned to gamble shooting dice with the stable boys. He's sticking to roulette here.

The horse's 24-year-old manager said she hopes to get enough money to continue operatic studies—either through Lucky's winnings or through a job from the publicity. She says she does all kinds of singing.

Sunday, she won \$300. She was about even at last reports.

EX-SHERIFF WANTS JOE

PORTLAND—(AP)—Martin T. Pratt, long-time Multnomah county sheriff who was unseated in 1948 by since-recalled Marion L. Elliott, said he would run next spring for county commissioner.

Two of the three commission posts will be open. One is held by Frank Shull, a veteran on the commission who says he has no intention of seeking re-election but may change his mind, and Gene Rossman, serving under appointment. Rossman will seek election.

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