

Red Delegations Pour Into Belgrade; Tito's Regime Rides Popularity Crest

By BORIS BOSKOVIC
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct. 7 (AP)—Communist delegations are pouring into Belgrade so fast these days that this capital is be-

ginning to resemble a competitor to Moscow as a seat of world communism.

On hand today are delegations of leading Italian and Bulgarian Communists. Hungarian, Romanian and French delegations are due in a week.

Even the Soviet Union has sent a top-level group, and Soviet party boss Nikita Khrushchev made a "vacation" trip here last month.

It is a far cry from the days of 1948, when Yugoslavia was booted out of the Soviet-controlled Cominform and "Titoism" became a crime in the Communist lexicon.

That was when the Yugoslav president, Marshal Tito, broke away from Moscow control.

"The seeds sown eight years ago are reaching fruition now," one of the leaders of the Italian delegation said today.

Among the Italians are experts in all areas of political, social and economic life, indicating that the visit was based, at least partially, on an attempt to study all aspects of the Yugoslav version of communism, which insists, among other things, on national independence.

This was recalled in connection with a recent report to the Communist Central Committee of Italy by its leader, Palmiro Togliatti.

In that report, Togliatti neglected to mention Russia at all and stressed "the Italian road to socialism."

The conflict between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia eased last year when the Cominform was dumped overboard and the Soviet Union began its "de-Stalinization" campaign.

Tito was resurrected in Moscow favor and shortly thereafter, the Eastern European satellite countries began "rehabilitating" the leaders who had been ousted and executed for "Titoism."

But this brief honeymoon ended when the Soviet de-Stalinization program slowed down in the wake of the "bread and freedom" riots in Poznan, Poland, last June.

The famed Bow Bells of London's church of St. Mary-de-Bow, historic since the time of William the Conqueror, will soon be replaced. They were destroyed by Nazi bombs in World War 2.

A real estate broker said the whole transaction totaled 2 1/4 million dollars. King Tower has 212 rental units and 13 penthouses. Expansion plans call for construction of a rooftop restaurant.

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Nixon Urges Non-Partisan Handling Of Middle East Problems by U.S.

By EDMOND LE BRETON
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Investment Banker Dies

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y., Oct. 7 (AP)—Charles E. Merrill, 70, investment banker and directing partner in the Wall St. brokerage firm of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane, died last night at his summer home here.

Death was due to complications from a heart condition.

Merrill, an investment banker all his adult life, was one of the founders of the Safeway Stores, Inc., grocery chain.

U.S. Woman Faces Israel Spy Charges

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector, Oct. 7 (AP)—Mary Frances Hagan, a chic, brown-eyed American student of Middle East affairs, awaits a verdict Thursday on an Israeli charge that she spied for Syria.

The 29-year-old former employe of Syrian diplomatic delegations in the United Nations and in Washington pleaded innocent before the presiding judge, Benjamin Halevy of the Jerusalem District Court in a secret trial last week.

Conviction on each of two counts under Israel's Official Secrets Act could mean a total of 20 years in prison.

Wife of Syrian
Miss Hagan, who has identified herself as the wife of Galeb Kazali, a Syrian diplomat once stationed in Washington, was arrested in a Tel Aviv hotel Aug. 27 after a nine-day swing around the country that stirred suspicion among Israeli security officers.

The U. S. Embassy was notified of the arrest and the State Department advised her family in Huntington, W. Va., but otherwise censorship veiled the proceedings through the end of her three-day trial Friday. Her family was reported to have financed her defense, handled by Tel Aviv attorney Max Kritzman.

The censorship was lifted somewhat last night and Israeli newspapers were permitted to tell of the case of what they called "the first U. S. citizen ever to have been charged by an Israeli court with espionage on behalf of an Arab state."

Photographs held
The Jerusalem Post reported Judge Halevy had confiscated photographs of the main participants in the trial, including a representative of the U. S. Embassy present as an observer.

Reliable sources who declined to be quoted by name said Miss Hagan, a former student at New York's Columbia University who has lived lately at Aleppo, Syria, made no attempt to hide pro-Arab sympathies, but testified she came to Israel on her own simply to find out the truth in Middle East differences and not to spy.

Langer Defends Two-Term Limit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (AP)—Sen Langer (R-ND) said he sharply disagrees with President Eisenhower's remark that the constitutional amendment limiting presidents to two terms was "not wholly wise."

Langer, who often is at odds with party leadership, was one of the senators who helped push the two-term limit through the GOP-controlled 80th Congress in 1947.

"I think it's a very wise amendment and I doubt very much that the American people will ever want it repealed," he said. "I believe that Franklin D. Roosevelt was a very good president his first two terms and a very poor one the last two terms."

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House Fire Kills Three Little Girls

PRAIRIE DU SAC, Wis., Oct. 7 (AP)—Three little girls died yesterday as fire swept their home in this central Wisconsin community.

Their mother, Mrs. Edgar Walch, was hospitalized with burns.

The dead children were identified as 3-year-old Veronica Lynn, 2-year-old Wanda June and Cathleen, 3 months. Firemen carried Cathleen from the blazing house in her bassinets, but the baby was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital.

Police Chief Raymond Block said the fire, of undetermined origin, swept the house in minutes. Walch was away at the time of the fire.

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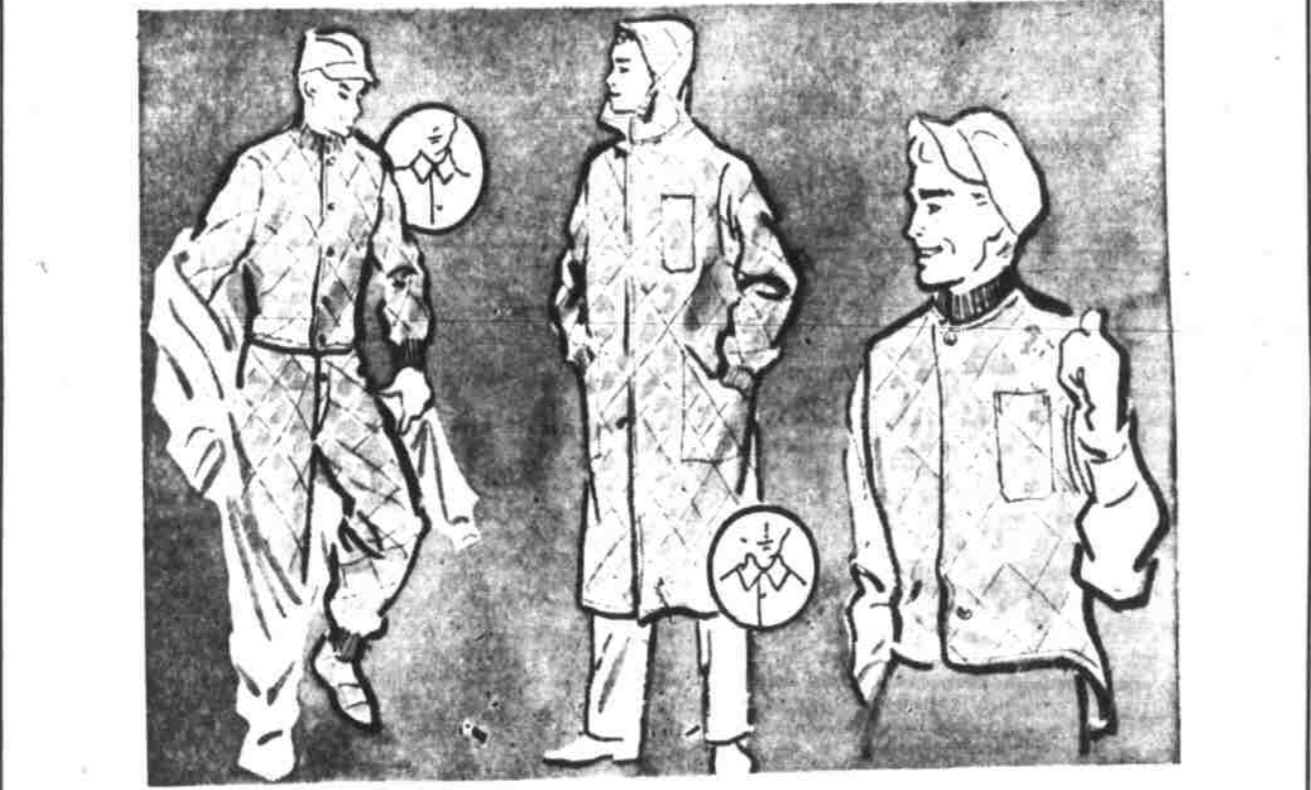
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