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When Communists Take Over

The Stalin answer to the Truman Doctrine is found in Hungary. The Communists have taken over the government in Hungary. Former Premier Nagy and others of the deposed coalition government are in flight. The Iron Curtain is closing over the Balkan states. The appeaser-liberals of the Wallace stripe will say:

"So what? People in the Balkans never knew what liberty was anyhow."
Hungary illustrates the riddle of Europe. Under the political coalitions which are attempting to govern, Communists are recognized and have rights. When the Communists take over nobody has rights but the Communists. Those in opposition must flee.

What is happening in Hungary may also happen in all the Balkan states, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland—until all of Europe takes its orders from Moscow. We try to set up a Mediterranean frontier against advancing Communism by substantial military and financial aid to Turkey and Greece. We try to checkmate the absorption of Hungary by cutting off economic credits and relief for Hungary.

Maybe that is all we can do, for the present. The Communists have a clever propaganda technique which keeps benevolent Uncle Sam behind the eight ball. We are "damned if we do, and damned if we don't". Almost with one voice, our statesmen and observers urge:

"Rush more relief to France, Italy and all the other countries in the path of the Communist advance."

Communists admitted to high places in many of these countries turn our own relief measures against us, according to William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to Russia and to France who gives a graphic description of the stratagems of confusion which have been employed to demoralize and bewilder the French.

Perhaps the "strong policy" for which President Truman and his advisers have been fumbling should include exclusion of Communists from high office in those countries which we are expected to aid, but that in itself involves a contradiction of our democratic creed. We have a hunch that the only point at which "economic pressures" will do any real good is Moscow itself.

Somebody once wrote a book entitled "You Can't Do Business with Hitler". The Communist technique is only slightly different. We do not share Eleanor Roosevelt's notion that it will wreck United Nations if we "by-pass Russia" in dealing with Western Europe.

We should never refuse to talk things

over, but where we are asked to pungle up maybe we have the right to ask that the other side talk sense.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON

NEA Washington Correspondent

The World Needs More to Eat

WASHINGTON, June 6—(NEA)—In well-fed America it is hard to get excited about food shortages in other parts of the world. Yet anyone with a nickel's worth of sense must realize that there can be no peace or stability until more people have enough to eat. Hunger is the world's public enemy number one.

The report which Sec.-Gen. D. A. FitzGerald has just made to the International Emergency Food Council meeting here in Washington points up some of the horrible truths of this situation.

World War II was seven times as destructive as World War I—\$132 billion as against a mere \$18 billion damage. Obviously, recovery cannot be as quick and easy as in 1920-21.

The world acreage under plow is no greater than it was 10 years ago, but the population has increased by from 5 to 10 per cent. In southeast Asia alone it is estimated there are 100 million more people to be fed than there were in 1939.

Living standards are rising all over the world. People want more to eat. People who used to be content with corn or rice now want more wheat and meat.

In the face of these conditions which tend to aggravate wartime food shortages, many old world countries are finding it necessary to continue food rationing. In some countries the ration may have to be cut, even though new crops will soon be harvested. If not cut now, there may be worse shortages next spring.

Importing Nations Fight for Food

The first rule of politics is that the nations must be maintained or the governments imposing them will fall.

Today there are only three areas in the world that have more basic foods—grains and meat—than they will consume. They are Argentina, the U. S. and Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The fights among the importing countries for larger shares of the exporting countries' surpluses have been long and bitter, behind the closed doors of IEFEC commodity committees.

Despite record wheat crops and exports from the U. S. and Argentina, lower production of cereals in the old world will make this year's total supply less than last year's.

This cereal shortage is made to appear greater by a number of complicating factors. Wheat must be used as a substitute for rice, meat, fats and oils. Grains normally fed to livestock had to be allocated for human consumption. That has made it impossible to build up livestock and poultry numbers to increase meat, dairy products, and egg supplies to prewar levels.

Meat production in Europe is still only 60 per cent prewar. That pulls world production down to 8 or 10 per cent below prewar. Meat prices are still so high that importing countries cannot afford to buy. That creates a still greater demand for cereals.

Fats and oils supply is estimated 20 per cent less than prewar in total tonnage, but 25 per cent less on a per capita basis because of population increases.

As Old Story to Congress

Production of pulses—peas and beans other than soybeans—is estimated slightly above prewar. But there will be a third less pulses than the importing countries are demanding to make up for shortages in meats, cereals, fats and oils.

Early estimates put next year's world sugar production at this year's level. European and Filipino production may be up, but Cuban production is expected to drop.

This is the sad picture that confronts food experts as they meet to divide up world supplies. What it indicates is that the world food production is not recovering nor correcting itself as rapidly as it should.

The hard fact seems to be that the governments themselves have not provided adequate machinery for dealing with these food shortage situations. Deficit countries have been lax in their controls. They have not controlled their imports and have not collected all indigenous food supplies. They have not rationed wisely and have not stopped black markets. Most of all they have not concentrated on getting their food production back to prewar levels. When shortages become acute they take the easy road of appealing to the U. S. for food or for loans to buy food. This is now an old story to which the U. S. Congress is showing less inclination to listen.

SHOWER EVENT

GIVEN FOR BRIDE

Miss Claudia Van Prooyon who was married to Vergil Swope, Thursday evening at the Santa Clara Church of Christ, was honored by a bridal shower, Monday evening. It was given by Mrs. Arthur Guthrie and Mrs. Brenton Chapman, at the Guthrie home. Twenty guests attended and refreshments were served.

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McReynolds of Cottage Grove will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Sunday with open house at their home from two to four o'clock. Friends are invited to call. They are the parents of Austin McReynolds of Eugene.

WINNERS TOLD

Women of the Moose card awards have been announced for the recent card party. For pinocchio, Mrs. Erna Maurer had high. Mrs. A. N. Young had low. For bridge, Mrs. C. A. Mackey took high honors and Mrs. N. R. Smith, low.

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Convention Reports Told at Breakfast

Reports of delegates to the Pacific Northwest Conference of Credit Women's Breakfast Clubs at Vancouver, B. C., formed the program at the Tuesday morning meeting of the Eugene Credit Women's Club. Miss Sara Hoffer, Miss Lois Hanson, Mrs. Fanny Marlette and Mrs. Jack Norris were the delegates. Mrs. Norris reporting as district chairman of the educational committee.

The trophy for perfect attendance was awarded to the Salem Credit Women's Breakfast Club.

A meeting of the executive board of the local club was announced, to be held June 10 at the Osburn Hotel.

MISS SWOFFORD PLANS TO ATTEND SESSIONS

Miss Lily Lu Swofford, who for the past two years has been a student at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, will attend the University of Oregon at the summer session. Before the term opens, she will spend two weeks with her parents on a vacation trip through Oregon and Washington.

Miss Swofford recently was elected president of Todd Hall at Monmouth. She served as secretary of the Associated Student Body for the year, and was chosen to represent her sorority, Phi Beta Sigma, as a princess in the May festivities on the campus. She also is a member of Staff and Key of Sigma Epsilon Pi.

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BOOK REVIEW GIVEN FOR ALL SAINTS GUILD

Members and guests of All Saints Episcopal Guild heard a review of Thomas Lamont's "My Boyhood in a Parsonage" Wednesday afternoon, given by Mrs. L. J. Temple following a luncheon at the home of Mrs. R. D. MacLay.

Mrs. Jessie Whitfield whose marriage to J. H. Pirsch, of Lincoln, Neb., will take place June 19, was presented a gift from the Guild.

Meetings of the Guild will be resumed September 17, following the summer vacation.

Job's Daughters Set Open Installation

Public installation of officers will be held Saturday evening at eight o'clock by Bethel 28, Job's Daughters, at McKenzie River Masonic Temple. Masons and members of the Order of Eastern Star are especially invited to attend.

Miss Marilee Williams will head the list of new officers, as honored guest. Installing officers will be Misses Dorothy Christensen, Patricia Hamilton, Betty Hillstrom, Marla Summers, Althea Hoadley and Janice Archibald. Mrs. John Chamberlain and Mrs. Dow the sale.

VISITORS COME FROM ALASKA

Mrs. John Hagmeier (Kathryn Liston) and twin sons, Lee and John, of Juneau, Alaska, are house-guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. (Judge) Wintermeier. Mrs. Hagmeier is Mrs. Wintermeier's daughter. She will remain in Eugene until after the pageant, and will also visit in Seaside at the home of her husband's parents, Dr. and Mrs. O. C. Hagmeier, before returning north in August.

TRAVELER RETURNS

Mrs. Kathryn Wilkins, Eugene, returned this week from a week's trip to Victoria and Vancouver, B. C. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Florenz Meyer, Portland, formerly of Eugene.

COMBINATION RADIOS & PHONOGRAPHS

LYONS

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Miss Ransom Feted At Numerous Parties And Gift Showers

Many parties have been given recently for Miss Delcie Ransom, whose marriage to Theodore Butler will occur Sunday at First Baptist Church.

Miss Betty Cole entertained at a miscellaneous shower, at which invited guests were Misses Betty Lou Robertson, Kathleen Watts, Beth Ann Stuart, Joanne Mannel, Mickey Marshall, Elsie Rhodes, Marian Hoxey, Marilyn Griffith, Patricia Hamilton, and Lonnie Malos; Mrs. B. S. Cole, Mrs. Preston Butler and Mrs. Walter Ransom.

Miss Patricia Hamilton gave an apron shower, inviting Misses Dorothy Christensen, Janice Archibald, Maecel Bissell, Joanne Mannel, Beth Ann Stuart, Billie Hamilton, Kathleen Watts, Betty Lou Robertson, Mrs. Hazel Archibald, Mrs. Preston Butler, Mrs. Walter M. Ransom, and Mrs. Allen Hamilton. Mrs. Harry Hamilton assisted her daughter.

Miscellaneous gifts were presented Miss Ransom in a shower held at the Harold Stuart home, when Miss Beth Ann Stuart was hostess. Guests included Misses Alice Cluster, Mary Holmer, Lois Ann Helikson, Nancy Lee Miller, Mary Lee Miller, Mrs. Walter M. Ransom, Mrs. Preston Butler, Mrs. A. F. Holmer and Mrs. Harold Stuart.

Mrs. Fred Chandler and Mrs. I. C. Richards invited guests to a dessert and shower at the Chandler home, honoring Miss Ransom. Guests were Mrs. Clarence Urey, Mrs. Samuel H. Tyler, Mrs. Hubert Totman, Mrs. Allen Hamilton, Mrs. Harry Hamilton, Mrs. O. P. Nordling, Mrs. Fred Koken, Mrs. Arch Lewis, Mrs. Lyman Palmer, Mrs. Frank Dunlap, Mrs. Mabel Hillstrom, Mrs. W. L. Hoadley, Mrs. Wayne Montandon, Mrs. Hazel Archibald, Mrs. Preston Butler, Mrs. Walter Ransom, Mrs. Aldula Robertson, Mrs. C. B. Swango, and Mrs. Lewis J. Mannel.

Mrs. Fletcher Skiller also was hostess at a dessert shower for Miss Ransom in the past week. Her guests included Mrs. Frank Bouck, Mrs. G. Helikson, Mrs. John Robertson, Mrs. Charles Hasting, Mrs. Walter Ransom, Mrs. Leo Christenson, Mrs. Kenneth Drew, Mrs. Chester Goodman, Mrs. W. S. Love, Mrs. Clarence Hanson, Mrs. John Skillern, Mrs. William Steele, Mrs. Fred Koken, Mrs. Harold Piper, Mrs. Ross Beeson, Misses Betty Lou Robertson, Greta Skillern and Imogene Love.

Marilyn Olson Given Boston Music Honors

Rex Underwood has received word that his former pupil, Miss Marilyn Olson will appear with the Boston Symphony Orchestra at the Boston "Pops" Concert, Monday evening, June 16.

Miss Olson is well known in Eugene as a brilliant young violinist. She left two years ago to accept a scholarship at New England Conservatory in Boston and has received many honors there. She has been concertmistress of the conservatory orchestra for two years, has appeared in several concerts at the Gardner Museum and already has made an enviable reputation as a young concert artist. She will be graduated this spring from the conservatory.

Miss Olson is from Everett, Wash. Her parents are flying east to be present at her graduation and at her appearance with the Boston orchestra.

This is the third student from Mr. Underwood's studio who has gone to Boston on a scholarship and has received the ultimate honor of an appearance with the orchestra at the Pops Concerts. Miss Frances Brockman and Miss Dorothy Louise Johnson were the other two.

MRS. MICHEL HAS LEAVE FOR SUMMER MONTHS

Mrs. C. H. Michel, executive director of the Three Rivers Girl Scout Council, has been granted a three months' leave of absence, the local Scout office has announced.

Mrs. Michel left Thursday for the McKenzie River area, where she will spend most of the summer. She plans to make a trip into California later in the summer with her husband, Dr. Michel, and will return to her office in September.

During Mrs. Michel's absence Mrs. Janet Stutz, Girl Scout field director, will serve as acting executive director.

RUMMAGE SALE SPONSORED BY P-TA

Lane County Parent-Teachers Association will have a rummage sale Saturday on the balcony at Kampfer's Drug Store, starting at nine-thirty o'clock. Each local unit is urged to contribute material to the sale.



MISS TIMMONS
Announced is the engagement of Miss Hilda Timmons of Westfir to Clayton Horn of Westlake.

LADIES OF ELKS ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Ladies of the Elks held a guest day Thursday at the Elks Club, where cards followed one o'clock luncheon. Card awards were received by Mrs. H. D. Smartt, Mrs. C. W. Godlove, Mrs. J. E. Turnbull, Mrs. Henry Pape, Mrs. Agnes Chambers, Mrs. William Frank, Mrs. R. L. Moon, and Mrs. Frank Polindexter.

The next meeting, June 19, also will be a guest day.

Catholic Daughters Plan for Picnic

Plans for a family picnic of members and their families and friends, to be held Sunday, June 15, were made at the meeting of Catholic Daughters of America, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Oliver Spies and Mrs. Henry Schnorenberg were appointed as co-chairmen of the event. The lodge will furnish coffee, cream and ice cream.

The picnic will be at Skinner Butte park, and dinner will be in the late afternoon, between four and five o'clock, but the gathering will start at one o'clock.

Miss Anastasia O'Farrell, new grand regent of the local court, took office at the meeting Wednesday. Officers were installed later by Mrs. Nellie Franzwa, court mother.

CHURCH WOMEN ELECT MRS. BURCH AS HEAD

Eugene Council of Church Women elected officers at a recent meeting; president, Mrs. H. R. Burch; vice-president, Mrs. L. L. Ray; secretary, Mrs. L. L. Wright; and treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Caswell.

Mrs. Helen Staples and Mrs. A. H. Norton are to serve on the membership committee.

SCOUT MOTHERS CLUB SPONSORS OUTING

Mothers' Club of Boy Scout Troop 103 will sponsor a basket luncheon at Swimmer's Delight, Sunday at one o'clock.

Girl Scout Material Is Sent to Austria To Aid Army Families

An appeal for material to help organize Girl Scout troops among children of American Army of Occupation troops in Austria was received at the Eugene Girl Scout office this week and was met with immediate response from the local Scout council.

A package of Girl Scout handbooks and arts and crafts materials is being mailed to Vienna to Mrs. W. G. Williamson, former Eugene resident, who has been instrumental in organizing a club of American army wives which wishes to include among its activities the sponsorship of Girl Scout troops.

"There are about one thousand American women here and five to

six hundred children of all ages to the Scout office. "We have found American women here handling the scout program for our American children. We need are manuals and program they can develop. They desperately need this character building program." Girl Scout troops are located in many countries throughout the world, according to Mrs. Williamson, president of the local Scout board of directors. Mrs. Fenn said that Lane County Scouts are very pleased to make this direct contribution to helping among American Army wives and children abroad.

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