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Czechs "Close the Book?"

Under the pressures of the Moscow-directed Communist regime, Edouard Benes has resigned as president of Czechoslovakia. The Communists' Clement Gottwald becomes president. Gottwald will sign the Communist Constitution for Czechoslovakia, which, Benes in a last gesture of gallantry refused to sign. Benes is a sick old man. They say he will be allowed to live out his life with honor at a government villa.

European correspondents are describing democracy in Czechoslovakia as "a closed book." The Communists are conspiring to the coal mines boys and the young men who have dared to "imitate American customs and ideals." Others who dared to cast protest votes in the recent one-party elections are receiving summary punishment.

We doubt the accuracy of that "closed book" expression. The Czechs have survived and surmounted many previous periods of suppression and tyranny. It is true that Communism claims many Czechs, just as it claims many Americans, on the pretense of being an international movement for the uplift of the proletariat. But even from Russia we get occasional intimations of protest and dissent.

"How long can any idea survive by force?" In Russia, the Communists have ruled for 30 years and there is not much sign of weakening. In the span of history 30 years is a mere dot.

To date our policy in relation to Czechoslovakia and other nations seized by the Russians has been lamentably weak, completely futile, and the only excuse is that we are not ready, either at home or abroad, to meet the issues.

In Czechoslovakia we have a dread example of how dangerous is the Communist technique. A news dispatch recalled the other night how Benes welcomes the Communists to participation in the government after Czechoslovakia had been freed from the Nazis by Russian arms. At one of the first meetings of the Czech cabinet, Benes asked Gottwald to explain his objectives: "My objective," Gottwald said, "is to break your neck." Figuratively he has accomplished that aim.

East-West Rivalry Must End

By JAMES THRASHER
"The Atomic Energy Commission reports that it has reached an impasse."

With these words, a branch of the United Nations confessed failure for the first time in the UN's troubled history. The deadlock on international atomic energy controls has long been an actuality. Yet the admission of defeat, while not unexpected, is deeply disheartening.

It means, for one thing, that the world's brave and abiding hope in the UN has received a setback. Following the unhappy handling of the Palestine affair, it further deflates the world's great expectations and focuses attention more intently on the East-West rivalry that dominates world affairs.

It also means that the workable Baruch program of atomic control faces a long and indefinite postponement, with some question that it ever will be revived. At the same time, it does not mean that the Russian program will triumph. Except for the Soviet Union and its satellites, most of the UN members favor the American plan. There is little possibility that they would adopt in its place the pious, cynical "gentleman's agreement" put forth by one of the world's least trustworthy governments.

But if Russia has not won acceptance of her atomic control plan, she has brought about an impasse. That probably suits the Soviet leaders just as well. Their tactics have forced the United States and their own country into an atomic armaments race. They have won what they needed most—time. For it is assumed that Russia's big problem now is to develop the industrial capacity to put her atomic scientists' knowledge of bomb production into practical operation.

This is a frightening prospect. But it is not a prospect created by the Atomic Energy Commission's statement that Russian stubbornness has ended any present hope of agreement. The commission's failure has long been apparent.

We do not rejoice in this UN body's public admission of defeat. But we do not think that it signals the end of the world organization. Rather, it seems to indicate that the UN will have to mark time and busy itself with less vital matters until the most pressing problem in international relations has been settled.

That problem, of course, is the differences between the United States and Soviet Russia. It colors, in some way, almost every international relationship. And it will have to be settled before the UN can begin to play the peace-protecting role that was written for it.

Another Delay for Hawaii

Hawaii has been seeking statehood for 45 years, and has presented 14 petitions in that time. There have been numerous congressional investigations of the subject—five since 1935. The islands' wartime record tends to support their request, which already has been approved by the House of Representatives.

But once again Hawaiians' hopes have

been dashed, this time by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. It has heard a parade of witnesses in favor of statehood. But now it does not want to take any action until its members have a chance to visit the islands. So there seems no chance of action until next year.

Congressional committee after congressional committee has visited Hawaii. One would think that all the needed evidence was in by now. Another inspection tour raises the suspicion that there is about to be another congressional junket to the Pacific paradise—at the taxpayers' expense, of course.

The public has footed the bills for such junkets a good many times without complaining. Now, in the interest of economy as well as justice, it seems time for some action.

Reader Editorial

SAGE OF SWISSHOME HAS BRIGHT IDEA

SWISSHOME (To The Editor)—Well this daylight saving time certainly is wonderful. Just a naive country boy, I had always supposed that TIME was inexorable in spite of man made clocks, sun dials, hour glasses, or other mechanical devices. It certainly is awe inspiring to learn that the city council of Eugene or any other body can change time at their will.

And think of the hours that can be saved by getting up an hour earlier. We can store up all this time and save it until Jno. L. Lewis and his miners, or Walter Reuther and his U.M.W. bunch decide to call a strike. And when they've wasted what would be a month, it really won't amount to that much because part of that time will have been "stored up" by daylight saving. It's much more important to our productive future to save a few hours than it is to keep from wasting weeks or months.

But the more I think about it, I believe I've got a better idea than daylight saving. If a mere group of men have the power to change TIME, why not turn it back instead of forward. Why not turn it back about forty years instead of forward one hour. Let's go back to about 1908 when Taft and Bryan were running for president, when people were singing "Come with me Lucile in my Merry Oldsmobile," and when the U.S. had a national debt of less than two billion. Why worry about a debt of \$270,000,000,000.00 when all we have to do is perform a sort of transmutation and change it to an insignificant amount.

Now if you like this idea and want to string along with me, maybe we can put it over. I'm sure a lot of folks will be for it. And if we succeed, I don't know of any better way to show my appreciation than to challenge you to a game of marbles, for keeps.

All of which reminds me of a quotation. I don't know whether it's from Shakespeare, Browning or Smith & Wesson, but it goes something like this:

Oh time, turn backward in thy flight,
Make me a child again, just for tonight.
Youthfully yours,
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Swisshome.

WASHINGTON LETTER

BY PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent

Stern Gang Radio Propaganda Indicates Commie Influence

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—How much Communist strength there may be in the new Palestinian state of Israel is attracting Washington attention. A recent Stern gang clandestine radio broadcast from Palestine, monitored in the United States, praised Soviet recognition of Israel, while belittling American recognition.

"Russia's attitude was clear," said this propaganda broadcast. "This was an attitude of friendship and support. . . . Russia has helped us in the political battle at Lake Success. . . . Real friendship with the Soviet Union will enable us to be victorious in the struggle for our country's independence."

Concerning the U.S. attitude, the secret radio of this Stern group declared critically, following the Moscow line, that "More than once did they try to enslave us and obtain concessions for construction of bases and for oil trusts." And so forth.

SMALL BUT RUGGED OUTFIT

In appraising this kind of stuff, it is of course necessary to consider the source. The Stern gang is an extreme left wing group of terrorists. It was founded during the war by one Abraham Stern, a Pole. He is now dead, having been shot by the British.

Membership in the Stern gang has been estimated as high as several thousand, but the Jewish Agency in Washington says it has never been over 1000 and is probably not more than 700. It has operated principally in the Tel Aviv area. While it was started by immigrants from Eastern Europe, its membership is now believed to be largely recruited from Oriental Jews from Iraq, Iran, Yemen, Egypt and the rest of the Middle East.

The Stern gang was formed originally in a split from the Irgun Z'vai Leumi. Irgun, for its part, had been formed in the 1930's in a split from Haganah, Jewish Agency semi-official defense force now being converted into the Army of Israel.

Though a secret army, Haganah has twice been armed by the British and used as police to quell riots. During the war General Wingate of Burma raided Haganah night fighters to guard the British pipelines. Haganah also furnished paratroopers for Allied missions behind the Nazi lines, and recruited a Jewish brigade of 30,000 which fought with the British against the Germans in North Africa and Italy. Today Haganah claims a membership of some 70,000 men, now fighting the Arabs.

But the early methods of Haganah were not considered severe enough—not anti-British enough—for the faction that broke off to form the Irgun Z'vai Leumi. This group has been more intensely nationalistic in its aims, more violently anti-labor and opposed to the mild British type of socialism fostered by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, David Ben-Gurion, Moshe Shertok and the other Jewish Agency leaders. Also, Irgun never recognized the splitting off of Trans-Jordan from Palestine, by the British.

IRGUN MAY MERGE WITH HAGANAH
Since last March, Irgun has been clearing its activities with the leaders of Haganah, and may eventually be absorbed into the Jewish army. Irgun numbers about 4000 men.

No such union is considered likely for the Stern gang. It has always considered Irgun too moderate. That is why the Stern gang broke away to engage in anti-British terrorism. It is generally credited with the murder of Lord Moyne, British minister in Cairo, with bank robberies, train wrecks, bombings and other acts of violence. It has fought and been fought by the Haganah.

How much Communist support the Stern gang may have is unknown. Total Communist party membership in Israel is said to be less than 4000. This is about half of one per cent of the total Israeli population of 750,000, and smaller than Communist party membership in neighboring Middle Eastern countries.

When the new 37-member Provisional Council of Israel was recently formed, one Communist was appointed. This was in accordance with United Nations instructions that the Council represent every political party.

At the first meeting of the Council, it was reported that Chairman Ben-Gurion shook hands with all the members, except the Communist. When the first elections are held this fall, it is claimed no Communist will be elected.

Until November, 1947, Palestine Communists were against formation of a Jewish state. This was in accord with the Moscow line. Then when Gromyko at Lake Success announced that Russia favored formation of a Jewish state, Palestine Communists switched.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Mrs. Don January Receives Gift

Girl Scout Troop Number 90 had a picnic at Skinner Butte Park recently. Mothers of the troop gave Mrs. Don January, the leader a fruit bowl of crystal.

Roberta Walker who had been unable to receive her award earlier, was given her second class badge.

Others present were Mrs. C. H. Bennett and Myrtle, Mrs. M. G. Long and Joan, Mrs. Budd Kompp, Delores Vaughan, Mrs. U. Blechschmidt, Mary Walker, Mrs. Gladys Brunken and Bonnie, Mrs. Nellie Pederson and Helen, Mrs. Blanche Skene and Patricia Ann, Mrs. A. R. Clow and Carolyn, Mrs. A. McMillan and Pat, Mrs. C. Rogers and Marian, Mrs. W. L. Casey and Anita.

SUV Initiates New Member

Twenty were present at the Sons of Union Veterans auxiliary meeting Thursday when Mrs. Aurelia Davis DeMoss was initiated into the organization.

Plans were completed for the departmental convention June 21-22 in Portland. It was announced that the convention headquarters will be in the courthouse building. Seven delegates from Eugene will attend.

Guests of the evening were Mrs. Charles MacFarland, Ellis MacFarland, Mrs. Duane Rowe of Seattle, and Mrs. Marie Cagana of New York who is with her daughter who is teaching at the University of Oregon.

Mrs. Cagana told the group of flag making as she has formerly worked at making flags for the government.

Mrs. Thompson Named To Post

Mrs. Ralph C. Thomson was installed as president of the Typographical Auxiliary recently. Mrs. H. F. Garrett, past president and hostess at the ceremonies, was installing officer.

Also installed were Mrs. A. F. Bremer, vice president; Mrs. Keith Brunig, secretary; and Mrs. Oliver Spies, treasurer. Guests were Mrs. B. M. Kellogg, Mrs. Dorothy Nestell, and Mrs. Glen Watson, member of the Phoenix, Ariz., auxiliary.

Recipe

Chicken with Curried Noodles
¾ cup fat or drippings
¾ cup enriched flour
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 3-pound frying chicken (cut up for frying)
1½ tablespoons salt
3 quarts boiling water
6 ounces medium noodles
1 teaspoon curry powder
2 cups milk
Heat ¾ cup fat or drippings in skillet. Combine ¾ cup flour, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper. Coat chicken with flour mixture. Fry in hot fat until golden brown and tender. Remove chicken from skillet and keep hot. While chicken is frying add 1 tablespoon salt to boiling water. Gradually add noodles and cook until tender (about 6 minutes). Drain and rinse. To ¼ cup drippings in skillet add ¼ cup flour, curry powder and 1 teaspoon salt. Mix well. Gradually add milk, stirring constantly. Cook until slightly thickened. Fold in noodles. Heat thoroughly. Arrange on hot serving dish with fried chicken on top. Yield: 4 servings.

WOMEN'S BENEFIT HONORS FOUNDER

The birthday of Mrs. Bina West Miller, founder and supreme president of the Women's Benefit Association, was observed Thursday by a potluck picnic dinner at Skinner Butte.

Husbands of the women of the association were invited guests, and twenty-five in all attended the picnic. Cards followed the meal.

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Veneta Couple Wed in Eugene

VENETA — Miss Rosa Lee Standeford was married to Joe E. Grantham at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Harold Powell, in Eugene on May 8.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion F. Standeford of Veneta, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Grantham of Veneta, Route 1.

The bride wore a beige suit with brown accessories, and an orchid corsage.

Her sister, Miss Anna Mae Standeford, was her only attendant and was dressed in pink.

Mr. and Mrs. Grantham traveled to San Francisco for their wedding trip and are now at home near Cheshire.

INSURANCE WOMEN MEET

Insurance Women of Eugene-Lane County will meet Tuesday evening in the Sigman, Fell, Winter offices at 848 Olive Street, at seven-forty-five o'clock. New committees will be appointed.

MISS FORSYTHE HONOR GUEST AT BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Helen Forsythe, who is to be married June 20, to Carroll Bradley of La Grande, was guest of honor at a kitchen shower given Wednesday evening by Misses Nadine Krenn and Dorothy Anderson at the Anderson home.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Keith Parks, Misses Martha Nurre, Helen Fritch, Clydene Darby, Carol Miller, Mrs. Bessie Fry, Mrs. Sue Reich, Mrs. Virginia Hanson, Mrs. Nadine Bennett, and Mrs. Birly Fields.

MR. AND MRS. CLARK'S ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson 207 Washington Street, entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Clark at dinner Saturday evening, the occasion being the Clarks' fourth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Clark is an author of cowboy stories, "Girl from Beyond the Coulee" being one which he sold recently. Several others will be published in England.

Vows Exchanged At Junction City

HALSEY—Ceremonies at the home of the Rev. Irvin Emory of Junction City married Miss Trava Mae Falk to Clifford A. Yada. Miss Falk is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Falk of Halsey, and Mr. Yada is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Yada of Halsey. Only close relatives were in attendance.

The bride wore an aqua wool suit with gray suede accessories and a gardenia corsage.

The couple left for a short wedding trip. Mrs. Yada was a member of this year's Halsey High School graduating class and was queen of the Achievement Day.

Mr. Yada, a former Halsey resident, is employed at a mill at Brownsville.

ALPHA OMIKRON PI HAVE POTLUCK AT WYATT HOME

Eugene Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Omikron Pi held their annual Spring Pot Luck Supper at the home of Mrs. Dale Wyatt, Emerald Heights, Springfield recently. Attending were Mrs. Fred E. Brown, Mrs. Gail Elliot, Mrs. Ed Siegmund, Mrs. Bernard Stain, Mrs. Gordon Reeves, Mrs. Stanley Marshall, Mrs. Evelyn Wilhelm, Mrs. Lytell Young, Mrs. Charles B. Ryan, Mrs. L. A. DeMers, Mrs. James Lill, Mrs. Lester Hixon, Mrs. Frank B. Reid, Mrs. George Williams (Maribeth Rodway) of Tacoma, Washington, and the hostess.

LEGION GROUP MEETS

Eight and Forty will have a no-hostess dinner meeting Thursday evening at six-thirty o'clock at Del Rey Cafe. A business meeting will follow at eight o'clock.



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