

Foreign Students Relate Homelands' Views of US

Foreign students from France, Czechoslovakia, Turkey and China met to express briefly Tuesday what they and their countrymen think about U. S. foreign policy.

Results were bitter-sweet. Holbick, Czech, said that average countryman, faced with a choice of endorsing either American or American foreign policy, would choose Russian. The prime reason, Holbick said, was U. S. policy to reconstruct German industry immediately.

"We fear," Holbick said, "that the United States might, consciously or unconsciously, bring our most dangerous enemy back on his feet."

"With Russia we had to accept political rule which we didn't like, but political actions are temporary and what is done today may be changed tomorrow."

One Choice

"Czechoslovakia had really only one choice: food or starvation, food or freedom."

Holbick based his talk on three points of American foreign policy: 1. Soviet - American relations (which he said produced the Czech coup d'etat); 2. The U. S. decision to reconstruct Germany, which Czechs distrust because they see Germany as an enemy whose aim is to annihilate, while Russian policy involves merely political and economic subjugation; 3. The Marshall Plan, which Holbick saw as good because:

Might Help

"Regardless of hooks, it might help Europe."

"And Europe needs help."

Holbick illustrated his reference pointing out that the U. S. lost 300,000 men in Europe in World War II, while Czechoslovakia lost 500,000 men in concentration camps, etc., under German rule without a chance to fight.

"Every Czech," Holbick concluded, "would take anything in preference to a second Munich."

Sylvia Londynski saw her native France as "squeezed between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R., and forced into a hesitation waltz."

Not All Soviet

She advised her audience to remember that "all leftist movements do not originate in Moscow and that all strikes do not start in the Kremlin." Some of the French political and labor disturbances of recent months she believes to be home-grown.

Miss Londynski said that France, like Czechoslovakia, was

as an ideological war move. They think that it is a move to build up the country as a whole.

Joe Mow said that the Chinese are fearful that the United States "may fight Russia to the last Chinaman." He considers the Chinese civil war to be indignant, not made in Moscow.

Mow said that Chinese people believe U. S. help to Chiang Kai Shek during World War II to be one of the chief causes of the civil war.

"Now," he said, "China feels like a girl jilted by her best boy friend. Not only is the U. S. cutting off aid to China, but she is reconstructing China's enemy, Japan. The Chinese are very jealous."

Mow said there is also a growing feeling among Chinese people that the U. S. and Britain should mind their own business.

"Feeling is very strong," Mow said, "against the imperialism represented by the British control of Hong Kong, and by foreign troops in China."

Mow sees no hope for China except in the group of intellectually alert, honest people who are trying to build up the country. He said it has become apparent that the Communists are winning the war.

The four talks were followed by a lengthy question-answer period

during which other foreign students who, with the four speakers, are attending an eight-week seminar sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, expressed their views.

CONTRACTS SIGNED

Culinary alliance, AF of L, Wednesday listed the Elite Cafe, Highway 99 North, among those that have signed contracts with the waitresses' union. Also new on the list of some 40 organized restaurants in this area was the Loggers' Cafe at Marcola, the union said.

Iowa Packing House Locks Doors to Plant

OTTUMWA, Ia. —(U.P.)— John Morrell & Co., involved in a wage contract dispute with the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, locked the gates of its packing plant and posted guards in front of it Wednesday.

The action was taken before the first shift reported for work.

There was no immediate explanation from the company. Police said that the gates to the big plant were locked.

Ed Filliman, chief steward of

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CIO United Packinghouse Workers Local No. 1, said its 3000 members "would not try to go to work."

Since the union's contract with the firm expired a week ago, the company has charged the union with conducting a "planned program of sitdown strikes" while the union claimed it was the victim of a "lockout."

Illinois farmers used about one-sixth of the total limestone tonnage spread on American farms during 1947.

Mt. Hood Tramway Expected in December

GOVERNMENT CAMP — (U.P.) — Mount Hood's aerial sky cars may be in operation by December 1 between here and Timberline Lodge.

Dr. J. Otto George, president of the company financing the three-mile cable tramway, reports felled trees along the southwest slope are being trucked away. A survey has begun for the 38 towers to support the cables.

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