

Prospects of War in Balkans May be Centered in Macedonia

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Russia, after letting her satellites take most of the initiative in the Cominform split, has finally declared war herself—in the modern economic, diplomatic and propagandist fashion—on the government of Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia.

Tito an Enemy
Short of an old-fashioned rupture of diplomatic relations or physical attacks no more drastic step could have been taken than the note informing the Belgrade government that Russia considers it an open enemy.

At first glance the Russian action seems a blundering and profitless thing.

To be sure it serves warning on the European satellites against Titoism—which holds that Communism is separable from Russian domination.

It suggests a belief in Moscow that Russia can insulate herself between Tito and the Yugoslav people and perhaps stage a coup in favor of a pro-Moscow regime. But Tito holds his people by the same methods used by Russia, which give mighty small room for successful revolt.

The note specifically bids Tito

to turn to the west for his economic needs, something he already has been doing. Coupled with Tito's seizure of Russia's share of the Yugoslav assets of the Danube Shipping Company, the situation would seem to eliminate the last western doubt that the Cominform split is real.

In this respect Moscow's action should enhance Tito's chances for western loans and trade, and may turn out to be the greatest favor Russia has done him since the war. There is an air of unreality about the situation which makes one wonder whether there is something in it which we cannot now see.

A Balkan War?
Is Russia preparing for some dramatic move in the Balkans, perhaps concerning Macedonia or the Greek guerrillas? Or might she be anticipating some move by Tito himself against Albania?

There is a good chance that an attempt to carve out a Macedonian state from Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greece would start a war and a Balkan war would almost certainly mean a world war, which it is inconceivable that Russia should contemplate.

The evidence recently has been that Russia is withdrawing from, rather than increasing her interest in, the Greek civil war.

Students of Russian practices have pointed out that with Communism is not only an economic and political theory, but



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Policeman Makes Christmas in Summer

SUNLAND, Cal. — (UP) — It's Christmas in summer at police officer Bill Torrence's workshop, where he is busily rebuilding scores of broken-down toys for underprivileged children he knows.

He got the idea last Christmas when he found lots of youngsters on his beat had empty stockings Christmas morning.

Unexpected help in his drive for discarded toys came this summer when actress Gale Storm and her three-year-old son Peter started the campaign with a big contribution.

Other neighbors' contributions came in shortly afterwards and now Torrence is busier than Santa Claus' elves.

He expects to have plenty of free toys for children on his beat come next Christmas.

also involves a strange sort of logic. It is perfectly possible under it for Communists to take steps which actually seem to violate their self-interest. This is a strange anomaly in their materialistic approach. But it seems to be there. Thus, in their fanatical logic, Tito is a heretic. And for a fanatic there is only one possible way to deal with a heretic. Wipe him out.

By this note, then Russia draws the issue squarely. If Tito survives, he proves to all the world's Communists that Moscow and Communism are separable. It would be a blow to Russia's idea of world revolution which might well prove fatal. Russia, therefore, now takes the position that Tito cannot and must not survive. The question in world chancelleries is, what risks will she take to see that he does not?

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Yugoslavs Called Enemy of Soviet

MOSCOW — (AP) — Soviet Russia has denounced the Yugoslav government as an enemy of the Soviet Union and charged that Premier Marshal Tito's regime more and more is throwing in its lot with the West.

This sweeping Soviet attack, made public by the Moscow radio, was contained in a Russian note to Yugoslavia.

The note stated that Tito's regime as early as April, 1947, had been willing to abandon its basic claims for Austrian territory as compensation for war losses, but wished to shift the responsibility for this decision to the Soviet government.

The note was the fourth in a series of bitter diplomatic exchanges between Moscow and Belgrade over what the Yugoslavs regarded as Russia's abandonment of Yugoslav territorial claims at the recent Big Four Foreign Ministers conference in Paris.

Although Tito and the Kremlin have been at odds for more than a year, the note marked the first time that Russia had used the term "enemy" in referring to the Yugoslav government.

(Diplomatic observers in London wondered whether this latest outbreak of name calling signaled a sharper Soviet policy against the Tito government.)

Last week Tito alerted his troops in Yugoslav Macedonia, between Communist Bulgaria and Albania, and said his Soviet-dominated neighbors were spreading rumors of a possible Red Army invasion there. The Yugoslav leader was quoted by his offi-

Defects in Speech Called Mental

BERKELEY, Calif. — (UP) — Stammering, stuttering and similar speech disorders are largely psychological in nature and can be corrected by personality development, Mabel Gifford, speech supervisor in California schools, reports.

Mrs. Gifford, now teaching her methods to educators at the University of California, said speech disorders were once thought to be wholly physiological in nature. However, her work with children, she said, has shown that much of the affliction is due to arrested or blocked personality expression.

For corrective treatment, Mrs. Gifford puts the children to puppetry, finger painting, and other relaxing activities which teach

to bear the responsibility for sacrificing national interests, but wanted instead to have the Soviet Union play that role. Russia refused to be cast as a "political swindler," the note said.

Yugoslav's Communist government, which was intimately associated with the other Communist regimes of eastern Europe in the immediate postwar period, was expelled from the Moscow-directed Cominform (Communist International Information Bureau) a little more than a year ago. The Kremlin accused Tito and his followers of nationalistic deviations from orthodox Communism.

Russia and the countries in her sphere then put an economic squeeze on Yugoslavia.

skill and co-ordination and at the same time allow much-needed personality expression. "Amazing and gratifying" results have been obtained, she said. At the end of six weeks children, and even adults, have been able to stand before the class and give extemporaneous talks.

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