

Czechs Purging Middle Class

'No Work—No Food' Order Hits Women

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VIENNA (AP)—If they don't want to work in factories and farms, Czechoslovak housewives without children may be denied food and clothes by the Communist government.

The country's few remaining homeowners and small shopkeepers also have been denied food ration cards and soap. A new directive says that food and clothes ration cards can be withdrawn "from those persons who refuse to do work they have been asked to do in the interest of the Czech economy," Czech newspapers report.

CAUSES HARDSHIPS

The hardships caused by the "no work-no food" order on women found their way to the newspaper Lidove Democraie. A worker wrote:

"My wife is aged 50. She is now deprived of her ration book because she could not go to the collective farm to help with the sugar beet crop. She could not because she is sick, has high blood pressure and takes care of two other members of my family."

The Communist editor ignored the plea and commented bureaucratically: "The local authority has the right to refuse a ration book to anyone who refuses to help on the farms."

REFUSED RATION CARDS

The paper also disclosed that the Ministry of Interior has excluded from food and soap rations all homeowners receiving more than 1,440 crowns (\$28) a month, and small businessmen employing anyone older than 18 years—even if they are members of his own family. Members of his family also are refused ration cards, if they are not "employed in the public sector."

The aim of the decree is to force the remnants of the middle class out of business.



(AP Wirephoto)

PLEADS GUILTY—Mrs. Wanda White, 20-year-old mother, heads back for jail in Albuquerque, N.M., after pleading guilty in district court to charge of conspiracy to hang her third husband from a tree so she could wed Cpl. William Oliver, 22, (right, background). Oliver also pleaded guilty. Mrs. White says she still loves husband William White, 41, even though Oliver wants to marry her.

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Civic Music Assn. Announces Three Attractions Before Drive

For the second season, Civic Music Assn. has announced part of its program in advance of the week-long membership campaign. T. McKenzie Alexander, president, said these three attractions have been signed for the coming season:

DePaur Infantry Chorus, Dec. 8, Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, Feb. 13, James Melton, tenor, March 2.

The association has been able to do this, he explained, through advance payments on membership cards. The organization is non-profit, all workers being volunteers, and all money collected each year is spent to sign talent. Only when money comes in early as

happened last year and this, may options be taken on artists, Alexander said.

The announcement was made at a dinner in the Osburn Hotel Thursday night for workers, captains and division chairmen. Members of the board were introduced,

Police Arrest Youths

Two juveniles, a 16-year-old boy and girl were arrested by city police Friday night for illegal possession of intoxicants after a patrolman noticed beer leaking from under their car door.

They are scheduled to answer the charge in municipal court.

including Mrs. Clifford Constance, newly elected to the board. Mrs. Charles Sikes, secretary, introduced several workers whose efforts have been outstanding, and Mrs. Charles A. Rickabaugh, who annually sells about \$200 in memberships, was named "queen for the night," and given a gilt crown. Division chairmen also were introduced.

George Fowler, Civic Artists representative, outlined the plan of operation of Civic Music Assn. and complimented the Eugene association on its fine record. He noted that the city of New Orleans has a comparable series each year, but its members pay \$50 per ticket, not the \$6 which suffices here.

Baby Struck By Streetcar, Man Collects

DALLAS (AP)—Twenty-three years ago little Jackie Boucher, 3, was struck by a street car here. His father sued for damages. But only Wednesday did Jackie—a 26-year-old now—get his money.

In 1930 a district judge approved a \$50 settlement but ordered the money withheld until Boucher became of age.

Boucher, who now lives in Houston, dropped by Wednesday saying he'd like his money. He showed an Army discharge and other papers to prove his identity. Boucher said he just hadn't got around to it earlier.

Gov. McKay to Speak in Eugene Monday

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