

YUGOSLAVIA IS MIXING POT OF EUROPE'S RACES

New Nation Formed At Close Of World War—Area Equal To Oregon—13,930,000 Population.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Sp.)—Yugoslavia, whose king was assassinated in Marseille recently, is southeastern Europe's cauldron of races, a mixing, but not melting, pot of many contrasting tongues, religions, customs, and traditions," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

"Immediately following the close of the world war, the new nation was formed from Serbia, Montenegro, and several provinces of the former Austro-Hungarian empire. Serbia, with its capital, Belgrade (Belgrade), was used as a nucleus, and to it were added Croatia-Slavonia, Slovenia, Bosnia, Dalmatia, Herzegovina, and several other units. This loosely-knit union was named 'The Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.'

"In 1930 a reorganization of the kingdom took place. Its 33 provinces were consolidated into nine 'banats' or states, and a federal district around the capital, Beograd. The kingdom itself took on the name 'Yugoslavia.'

"Although Yugoslavia is the second largest of the Balkan states, with an area equal to that of the state of Oregon, much of the land is mountainous, rocky, or barren, and the bulk of the population is composed of small peasant farmers, herdsmen and foresters.

"It is easier to understand the problems that have beset the new nation since its birth when it is considered that of its 13,930,000 population about 10,700,000 speak Serbo-Croatian, 1,135,000 Slovenian, and other large blocs German, Hungarian, Albanian, Italian and assorted Slav languages.

"Like a warp through the woof of these divergent tongues run several different religions, chief of which is the Serbian Orthodox. The total of other creeds, however—including Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, Moslem, Jewish and Protestant—outnumbers that of adherents to the state religion.

"The kingdom lacks adequate communications. Many of its principal highways are of Roman origin, and do not meet the needs of modern motor traffic. Of its 6000 miles of railroad, almost a third is narrow gauge. The Danube and the Sava rivers, however, carry considerable commerce and along the Dalmatian coast the nation has several excellent harbors.

"Yugoslavia's key industries, based on timber, chemicals, iron and sugar beets, are retarded by her lack of fuel. Costly importations of coal must supplement her inadequate output of about 5,000,000 tons a year.

WINS SECOND IN AIR DASH



A pair of determined Dutchmen, P. P. Moll (left) and K. D. Parmentier (right), took second place in the London-to-Melbourne air race. (Associated Press Photo)

"The output of the key industries, together with live stock, cereals, bauxite and cement, form Yugoslavia's exports. Her imports consist chiefly of raw materials for her textile and other industries, to which purchases the United States contributes about 4 per cent.

"After many hours' passage across the Serbian central plain, one is left with the impression that it alone might suffice as the granary of Yugoslavia's 13,000,000 people. The farming folk of this region were among the initiators of agricultural co-operatives about 4 per cent.

"The Serbs' native adaptability to co-operatives may in part be due to their traditionally small (30 acre) farm holdings. Even more it may be traceable to the 'zadruga,' under which time-honored arrangement married sons or sons-in-law simply 'built on' to the patriarchal dwelling, until a family of perhaps 60 might be living beneath one roof.

"Belgrade, or Belgrade as the capital and chief city is known to the English-speaking world, occupies a strategic position at the meeting place of the Sava and the Danube, the kingdom's two most important rivers. Founded during the third century B. C., it has been held successively by Celts, Romans, Huns, Goths, Bulgarians, Byzantines, Hungarians, Serbians and Austrians. Other important Yugoslavian communities are: Agrani (Zagreb), Subotica and Sarajev— the latter the place where the Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated, an event which led to the world war.

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RFC HURRIES LOAN IN MEDFORD DIST. REFINANCING PLAN

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—(P)—In order to insure disbursements this month, deviation from general practice of requiring delivery of refunding bonds by the drainage, levee and irrigation districts of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation will be followed in the cases of the Medford and Ochoco projects.

Congressman Charles H. Martin received this word today from Jesse H. Jones, RFC chairman.

Jones said the division is concentrating on the problems of the Medford, Ochoco, Gold Hill and Hood River irrigation districts, as they are the most advanced.

In the Medford and Ochoco districts the hope is held that disbursements will be made this month, Jones said, providing requirements for closing the loans are promptly met by the districts.

The message from Jones said: "Drainage, levee and irrigation division is concentrating on such loans and especially those to Medford, Ochoco, Gold Hill and Hood River irrigation districts, since these are farthest advanced. We are deviating from general practice of requiring delivery of refunding bonds and will purchase the old securities of Medford and Ochoco in an effort to make disbursements to these two districts this month, and indications are that we will be successful provided necessary requirements in closing such loans are promptly met by districts. You may rest assured there will be no delay at this end."

YEARS TINKERING WITH GOLD GIVES NO CLEAR RESULT

Economists Split On Benefit Of Move—Price Of Metal Up 12.5 Per Cent, Commodities Only 7.3.

By BENJAMIN COLBY
WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(P)—The first anniversary of the American drive to restore prices by lowering the gold value of the dollar finds economists still quarreling about it.

It was just a year ago today that the RFC began buying newly-mined domestic gold with paper dollars. Since that time the price of the metal in terms of dollars has been pushed from \$31.09 an ounce to \$35.21, a rise of about 12.5 per cent.

Wholesale commodity prices, as compiled by the bureau of labor statistics, have moved up 7.3 per cent, standing on October 13 at 76.4 per cent of the 1926 average.

Since the March, 1933, bank holiday and suspension of the right to receive gold for paper money, wholesale commodity prices have gone up about 28 per cent. Most of these increases occurred before the beginning of the gold purchase program.

Economists Differ.
There is decidedly no unanimity among economists on the subject. Some say cheapening the dollar is bad business. Others say the way to bring back prosperity is to raise the dollar price of gold.

Prof. George F. Warren, presidential adviser, came into prominence as an exponent of the latter school. Before the gold-dollar buying campaign began he wrote a magazine article urging that the government "simply change the price of gold."

"Why not raise it from \$20.67 an ounce (the old statutory price) to a higher level?" he asked. "Then prices will rise in proportion. A 75 per cent increase to \$26.17 an ounce would bring quick recovery, quickly put men back to work and quickly balance the national budget."

At the time the gold buying started, there was much talk here of a "commodity dollar"—that is, a dollar whose gold content would be altered to meet changes in price of a selected list of commodities.

Commodity Dollar Falls.
This, according to the theories of many new-school economists, would mean a dollar of constant purchasing power. In recent months, there has not been so much talk of such a commodity dollar.

The RFC began buying newly-mined domestic gold a year ago at \$31.36 an ounce, paying 27 cents above the world price—far above the old statutory figure of \$20.67.

It did not represent an abrupt jump, however, for the decline in the dollar's value had been about one-third since the nation suspended gold payments.

After raising the price of domestic gold for a few days, the government began purchasing foreign metal. The rest of the world scrambled for gold, also, and sometimes the figures offered elsewhere outstripped what the United States was willing to pay.

The buying figure was advanced almost daily until the middle of November, but as a price of \$35 an ounce was approached changes became less frequent, only one occurring between the first of December and formal dollar devaluation by congress late in January.

SCHOOL WARRANT DEBT OF OREGON NOW \$3,353,935

SALEM, Ore.—(UP)—School warrants outstanding on June 30, 1934, totaled \$3,353,935. C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, reported today.

During the past year, however, warrant indebtedness was reduced \$2,701,427.

Warrant debt by counties follows:
County 1933 1934
Baker 46,209 30,064
Benton 39,810 38,862
Clackamas 222,266 94,674
Clatsop 155,348 56,150
Columbia 241,021 190,031
Cooks 435,096 386,576
Crook 19,292 19,708
Curry 102,943 112,299
Deschutes 56,708 33,426
Douglas 239,670 132,340
Gilliam 44,873 30,740
Grant 118,280 107,157
Harney 78,703 121,190
Hood River 52,290 44,073
Jackson 159,544 139,483
Jefferson 18,529 18,306
Josephine 80,980 72,970
Klamath 44,291 7,427
Lake 20,805 4,218
Lane 396,298 133,863
Lincoln 57,358 6,136
Linn 56,024 36,240
Malheur 86,421 52,401
Marion 368,940 124,987
Morrow 136,643 100,687
Multnomah 1,365,208 215,726
Polk 101,237 67,464
Sherman 51,281 35,792
Tillamook 207,299 233,898
Umatilla 369,844 260,728
Union 122,460 99,603
Wallowa 118,708 99,424
Wasco 35,273 17,308
Washington 225,619 158,910
Wheeler 26,275 18,543
Yamhill 169,514 60,916

LUTHERAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIQUOR AND BAD FILMS PLANNED

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 26.—(P)—The United Lutheran church in America has committed itself to a campaign against the "insidious evils and dangers of the liquor traffic," and will strive for a boycott of improper films.

In convention here the church laid a series of plans directed toward betterment of social conditions and support of Christianity. One of its objectives involves closer affiliation of Lutheran church bodies in America.

The decision to conduct an educational fight against the liquor traffic church in closing session yesterday.

The convention decided at that time to meet in 1935 in Columbus, Ohio. It referred to the 1936 meeting the proposition of whether women should be seated in church councils and conventions.

The convention, which re-elected Dr. F. H. Knobel of New York as president, also adopted resolutions protesting the "reported efforts of the leadership of the German Reichskirche to force pastors of the German church into the service of a political program."

Widely Known Preacher Dies

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The Rev. Daniel M. Helmick, 80, widely known throughout Utah, Washington, Idaho and Oregon as a Methodist church preacher, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. G. Countryman, here today. Physicians attributed his death to a heart attack.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. G. Countryman, here today. Physicians attributed his death to a heart attack.

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