

Romanian Legation Invasion Example of Power of Little Men

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The invasion of the Romanian legation in Bern, Switzerland, by anti-Communist Romanians is a reminder of the trouble little men can cause in the relations between nations.

It was a Croatian terrorist group of little men, like those concerned in the Bern incident, who caused World War I when they assassinated Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary.

It is a reminder also of the system under which a country is conceded sovereignty over the premises its embassies and legations occupy in foreign capitals.

The Bern police, for instance, had to get the permission of the Romanian charge d'affaires to enter the grounds of the legation from which he and his staff had fled.

Archduke Slain
Archduke Francis Ferdinand was slain at Sarajevo on Austrian soil by little men who were Austrian subjects. But the assassins were Bosnian Serbs, who

opposed Austrian rule. Austria blamed Serbia, holding that a Serbian terrorist organization fomented the assassination and provided the weapons for it. The resultant crisis caused the first world war.

Between the two world wars, there was an international crisis involving France, Yugoslavia and Italy when little men belonging to a Croatian terrorist organization assassinated King Alexander of Yugoslavia and French Foreign Minister Louis Barthelemy at Marseilles, France, on Oct. 9, 1934.

It developed that the terrorist organization had its headquarters in what was then Fascist Italy, and was encouraged by Mussolini. Italy refused to surrender the men behind the assassination plot.

Little Man, Again
It was a comparatively little man, Boris Savinkov, who tried to get Bolshevik Russia and Germany at war again in 1918 by organizing the assassination of the German ambassador to Russia.

The Bolsheviks and Germany had signed a peace treaty, while the war continued in Western Europe. Savinkov, a veteran social revolutionary terrorist of Czarist days, had turned against the Bolsheviks. He organized the



WEeping after arraignment on charges she slew Mrs. Katie Hayden, her wealthy mistress, Peggy King, 25, is comforted by sobbing common-law mate, Roy, following Los Angeles superior court hearing. (International)

assassination, on July 6, 1918, of Count Wilhelm Harff-Mirbach, the German ambassador. Savinkov hoped Germany would declare war against the Bolsheviks—but at that time, the Germans were too busy fighting on the Western Front to bother much about Mirbach.

Incidentally, it was Savinkov who organized the plot to assassinate Nikolai Lenin on Aug. 30, 1918, by a girl named Kaplan. Had Lenin been killed, instead of being merely wounded, the course of world history certainly would have been changed.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
Today's biggest news:
No shooting—yet.
No atom bombs dropped.

It seems to me that in the world of today, which is torn by a fundamental conflict between the free way of life and the slave way of life, our country should keep in mind two supremely important courses of action. One is a must. The other is a must not.

Let's deal first with the must: We MUST find a way to live with Communism until the inevitable time comes when it will fall of the weight of its own foulness.

We MUST NOT permit ourselves to fall into (or be led into) the delusion that we must DESTROY Communism—by preventive war, if necessary.

HEADLINE stuff:
In the nation's capital, Oregon's junior senator Richard Neuberger (Senator Morse is no longer Junior; he's now SENIOR) proposes that everybody get together on how to abbreviate Oregon. He suggests that news outlets and other joint federal agencies in using Ore., as the abbreviation for our state, rather than Ore., which is more common.

He points out that Ore. is the form used by the government printing office and other federal outfits.

I HAVE no objection to his idea, and I think that as a freshman

senator he is wise in tackling the little things first.

But—
I can't help thinking that Oregon faces weightier problems than changing the abbreviation of its name from Ore. to Oreg.

IN Salem, the highway committee of the house of representatives has postponed action on a bill to provide for COMPULSORY motor vehicle inspections.

State police superintendent H. G. Maison and representatives of the AFL machinists union testify against the proposal at a committee hearing, contending that it would require too many policemen to enforce the law and would cost too much money.

I think that's true.

Besides, let's leave SOMETHING to individual responsibility.

I SUPPOSE, of course, that if everybody HAD to have his car inspected from stem to stern every so often or go to jail there might be fewer accidents due to faulty brakes and such.

It's doubtless true that if we had a traffic policeman for every mile of our highways there would be less reckless driving. But also there would be a lot more taxes to pay.

I can't escape the feeling that education of the public is the best approach to the problem of reckless driving, and I think the same is true in the case of fre-

Coast Guardsman Joins Army; Lands in Brig
Norfolk, Va. — (U.P.)—Edward C. Huff of Louisville, Ky., came to Norfolk on his first week end pass after joining the Coast Guard and joined the Army.

Huff landed in the Army stockade. He protested the Army could not rightfully hold him because he was a Coast Guardsman.

Military authorities straightened it out — Huff was transferred to the Coast Guard brig.

Development of MAN-MADE DIAMONDS is announced by research scientists of the General Electric Company. These diamonds are said to be indistinguishable from the genuine article.

If you have a diamond (or a slug of them) don't get panicked yet by the thought that factory-made diamonds may destroy the cash value of your possessions.

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Firestone's Widow To Wed Baseball Man

Miami — (U.P.)—Mrs. Dorothy Firestone, widow of rubber company heir Russell A. Firestone, and John W. Galbreath of Columbus, O., president of the Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club, were to be married here today.

The couple said the wedding would be "just a family affair" and they would not reveal where the ceremonies would take place.

Mrs. Firestone's late husband was the son of Harvey Firestone, of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.

Galbreath, a Columbus real estate executive, is the father of Mrs. James Phillips and David Galbreath of Columbus. His wife was Helen Mauck.

Pills Said Cause of Abigail Adams' Death

Hollywood — (U.P.)—Actress Abigail Adams, 37, girl friend and protege of comedian George Jessel, died of an accidental overdose of sleeping pills, the coroner's office said today.

A preliminary autopsy failed to determine the exact cause of death after Miss Adams' was found dead in her apartment last Sunday, and further tests were ordered.

The body of the actress was flown back to her Charlotte, N. C., home for funeral services scheduled Friday.

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