

European Satellites Lacking in Background of Democratic Rule

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The countries of Eastern Europe seem to be heading toward a new period in their political evolution. The revolts in Hungary and Poland against Soviet Russian domination have assumed historic significance.

It even appears quite possible that, within a few years, Communism itself may well lose out in some of the countries which have been under Red rule since the end of World War II.

If that happens, a new question will arise: What sort of governments will replace the Communist dictatorships?

They would not necessarily all become real democracies. It is a notable fact that in

none of the countries concerned is there any deep background of democratic self-rule.

Hungary a One-Time Kingdom

Before World War II, Albania, Bulgaria and Romania were monarchies. So was Yugoslavia, now under Communist rule though no longer a Russian satellite.

Hungary was a kingdom until a king, under the rule of Adm. Nicholas Horthy as regent. Its government became increasingly authoritarian along Fascist lines.

East Germany, after some years as part of the unstable Weimar Republic, became a part of Hitler's Nazi dictatorship.

Poland and Czechoslovakia were republics. Poland, however, became a virtual dictatorship. Czechoslovakia alone had a stable democratic government.

Countries Were Monarchies

The lack of deep democratic background is emphasized when it is remembered that until the

end of World War I every one of the countries concerned was a monarchy or part of a monarchy.

It is pretty certain that if some of the satellite countries freed themselves of Communist rule they would turn into dictatorships of one kind or another. Those which did not would be likely to follow the multi-party system of parliamentary government which has made politics so turbulent in France.

It is a curious part of the European political picture that, aside from Switzerland, most of the countries which are really stable are monarchies — The Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Belgium and Great Britain, which does not regard itself as part of Europe.

It is curious also that Americans, who regard themselves as citizens of a new country, seldom stop to think that politically the United States is an old one.

Of the great powers of Europe, Britain alone has a democratic constitutional system older than that of the United States. France's birth as a republic followed that of America. Until World War I, Russia and Germany were autocratic monarchies. Italy became a republic only after World War II.

The people of Eastern Europe have still to acquire, by experience, the political education which is necessary for democratic self-rule.

It is likely to take them a long time. But, at least, their freedom from the ugly pestilence of Communism would be a gigantic step forward.

Quotes From the News

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Budapest—Hungarian doctor treating 220 fellow Hungarians and 22 Russians wounded in street fighting: "Why, oh, why was this necessary."

Washington—Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas hinting he will upset a New Jersey congressman's plan to appoint a girl to the U.S. Naval academy: "I can't conceive of one girl over there with all those midshipmen."

Peoria, Ill.—Sen. Estes Kefauver congratulating President Eisenhower on skipping campaign trips to stay close to Middle East developments in Washington: "The president should be in touch with matters in the Middle East."

Washington—President Eisenhower on cancelling his Southwestern campaign trip: "The turn of events leaves me no option, in the interest of working for peace, but to remain at the White House Wednesday to deal with the situation developing in the Middle East."

Warsaw—Wladyslaw Gomulka, leader of Poland's new Communist regime, fighting for dismissal of high-ranking Russian officers from Polish armed forces: "The Polish army will be all Polish."

Columbus, Ohio—Dr. Ernest L. Wynder on causes of mouth cancer: "Heavy smoking, particularly of cigars and pipes, and heavy drinking, particularly of whisky, are major factors in the development of mouth cancer."

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Mrs. Boliou's home and possessions were destroyed in a fire last April, and she has been living in a trailer since then. Neighbors have been donating time to build her a new home with mostly donated material, but bad weather has set in, and they wish to complete the house as soon as possible.

Neighbors said the Rogue Valley State Bank has offered to set up a Boliou Building fund for which donations in any amount will be accepted. Donations for labor may be made by contacting E. T. Garrison, telephone TA 6-4873, neighbors said.

Mrs. Boliou is about 73 years old.

Employment Said Up 66,174,000

Washington — (U.P.) — The government has reported that employment rose to 66,174,000 this month, an October record.

It said this represented a 103,000 increase over September and was only slightly below the all time record high set in August when 66,752,000 persons had jobs.

The Commerce Department's Census Bureau said about 1,013,000 more persons had jobs this month than in October, 1955.

Unemployment was put at 1,909,000, down 89,000 from September and 222,000 below October a year ago, the report said.

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