

Communist-Rigged Free Elections In Poland May Result in Uprising

Editor's note: United Press Staff correspondent Anthony J. Cavendish covered the October upheaval that brought Wladyslaw Gomulka to power in Poland. He then flew to Hungary, walking the last five miles to Budapest to cover the Hungarian rebellion. Back in Warsaw, he tells what is at stake in Sunday's Polish elections.

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Warsaw, Poland — (U.P.) — Tension is rising in Poland on the eve of the first free elections since the war.

Anti-Communist incidents have been reported in many major cities. There has been some violence including one reported lynching. Groups in several parts of the country have threatened to boycott the voting.

But the Communists cannot lose this election. The setup is so rigged that the Communists

are guaranteed 52 per cent of the vote.

The real showdown is between the diehard Stalinists of the "tough" school of Communism and the "liberal" Communism of Wladyslaw Gomulka.

Western observers fear that if the Stalinists replace Gomulka as a result of the election, Poland might become Hungary all over again.

Gomulka, the bald Communist party secretary, is popular and Poland does not wish to go the way of Hungary. But very many Poles are bitterly anti-Communist and will have a chance to show it Sunday.

Stalinists Gain

This anti-Communism and the outbreak of incidents could play into the hands of the "tough" Stalinist Communists who want to suppress opposition to the regime. The results are expected to make or break Gomulka, the "Titoist" who came out of a Communist prison to lead the Polish people to their first taste of freedom since the German invasion of 1939.

Observers believe Gomulka

must get much more than the 52 per cent the Communist party is guaranteed if this is to be considered a true vote of confidence in him. If he fails to get a solid majority — and it is a question whether he will — the Stalinist wing of the party could say, "We told you so" and try to oust Gomulka by a coup.

The Stalinists — and the Russians — are just waiting for Gomulka to make a mistake.

Little Control

Gomulka is fighting something over which he has little control — Poland's disastrous economic situation. He needs economic aid quickly, from Moscow or the West. Compulsory wheat deliveries have irritated peasants. Workers' pay is low. Some factories are using machines that were brought from Britain in 1898.

The majority of the people can say, "We have almost achieved political freedom. Why cannot we have what goes with it?"

They mean they want a decent life. Many live seep to a room. There is little to buy in the shops.

Forty per cent of the nation's 22 million inhabitants are expected to vote. The actual balloting will be free. But the choice is limited. The three contesting parties are all Communist.

One hundred and twenty independent candidates mostly Catholics, are also in the race, however. The independents cannot win. But their protests may be heard.

California-England Non-Stop Flight Made

Brize Norton RAF Base, England — (U.P.) — A mammoth U. S. Air Force B52 atom bomber landed here today after a non-stop flight from California.

"This is the first time a B52 has landed in England," an Air Force spokesman said.

The eight-jet, 650-mile-per-hour Stratofortress, attached to the 93rd Heavy Bombardment Wing of Castle Air Force Base, Calif., has a range of 6,000 miles and can be refueled in flight.

It was piloted by Maj. Ben H. Clements of Castle and touched down here at 4:30 a.m. PST.

An Air Force spokesman said that the Strategic Air Command bomber was on a "routine training mission," and would remain several days before returning to the United States.

Grace and Prince Select Baby Names

Monaco — (U.P.) — Prince Rainier announced today the baby born to Princess Grace will be named Gregoire if a boy and Caroline if a girl.

And he said it will be born in the same hilltop palace where he was born and not in the Monaco Maternity Clinic as previously planned.

Princess Grace is expected to have the baby in a week to 10 days.

Rainier said the child will be "Monegasque."

"It will not be American," he said firmly.

It previously had been understood the baby would have dual nationality at least until early adulthood.

Rainier told newsmen at a press conference that his first born, if a boy, will have four Christian names: Gregoire Georges Pierre Richard; if a girl, she will have three: Caroline Louise Marguerite.

The Prince said he himself would shoot the films of the princess and the baby for worldwide television and newsreel distribution.

4-H Club News

Chowder Chicks

The chowder chicks, cooking club of Central Point, held a meeting January 12, at the home of the leader, Joan Dobrot.

We talked about flags, planned our next meeting for January 24, and a Valentine's party February 9.

Karen Griggs and Allison Pinkham will plan games for meetings.

Carol Straus, Reporter

Nimble Fingers

The Talent 4-H sewing club, Nimble Fingers, met last Monday, Jan. 14, at the Howell home. Six were present. At our next meeting Feb. 11 Carolyn Bergen will give a demonstration on how to fold a sweater. Larry Ford will tell how to take care of your clothes.

Linda Hazelton, Reporter

Talent Jolly Chefs

The Talent Jolly Chefs 4-H cooking club met at the Howell home Jan. 7 with 12 members present. The meeting was called to order by Marilyn Paff. It was decided to wait until good weather to meet out of town. Judy Bagley and Linda Hazelton will give a demonstration at our next meeting. Each member brought three cookies that they had made, and after the meeting we judged them, and everyone helped make hot chocolate. The cookies and hot chocolate were our refreshments.

Paulette Creel, Reporter

Boy Scouts

Pack 44

Cub Scout Pack 44 held its regular meeting on Jan. 3 in the Lone Pine school gym. Doug McGinty was awarded his wolf badge and gold arrow; Tom Childers, a gold arrow and Paul Gasparotti, a silver arrow.

Two films were shown on forest conservation.

FLEES WOMAN DRIVER

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Norman Opstad was stopped Wednesday when he said he attempted to escape from a woman driver. His car struck a house, veered into a parked car, rolled onto the sidewalk, and smashed a traffic signal.

Economy-Minded Congressmen Promise To Try To Trim Eisenhower's Budget

Washington — (U.P.) — Economy-minded congressmen promised today to try their utmost to trim President Eisenhower's record peacetime spending budget of \$71.8 billion. But they conceded it would be a tough task.

No one believed that the budget could be trimmed enough to justify a general tax cut and still keep the government operating in the black.

Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.), a leader of the economy bloc in the Senate, said, "My experience has been that it is very difficult to cut a president's budget."

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) agreed, particularly "in times like these" when the nation is prosperous.

Foreign Aid Main Target

Foreign aid funds will be the principal target of the economy advocates.

Mr. Eisenhower proposed spending in the new fiscal year beginning July 1, \$14.3 billion on foreign military and economic aid, an increase of \$250 million over this year. He requested \$4.4 billion in appropriations, or new obligatory authority, as against \$3.7 approved by Congress for the current year.

Neuberger Criticizes Lack of Yaquina Fund

Washington — (U.P.) — A report that the Budget Bureau "seriously questions the advisability or necessity for authorization at this time," of Yaquina bay harbor project was criticized yesterday by Sen. Richard Neuberger as "typical Eisenhower administration logic."

Neuberger asserted that the report was based on the fact that a planned Alaskan pulp mill which would utilize the harbor has not yet been built.

He said it was typical of the present administration because "it does not desire to build dams until factories are built to consume the power or to dredge harbors until industries line those harbors."

Neuberger said he was still optimistic, despite the bureau's recommendation, that the \$19,000,000 project will be authorized by the present Congress.

Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) said this request "ought to be drastically reduced." Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) proposed cutting it in half. Byrd questioned whether foreign aid has been benefiting this nation very much.

Cites Britain, France

"Britain and France have been the big recipients," he told a reporter. "And they almost set off World War III without even telling us in advance." He was referring to the recent attack on Egypt.

Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey, the President's chief fiscal adviser, already has invited Congress to cut Mr. Eisenhower's proposed budget wherever it can do so without impairing national security or essential government services. He said that invitation extends to funds for the armed services.

Armed Forces Support

What will work most strongly against an appreciable budget cut is powerful congressional support for giving Mr. Eisenhower what he wants for U.S.

Timberline Lodge Not To Get New Wing

Washington — (U.P.) — Addition of a wing to Timberline lodge to expand facilities at the mountain resort is not included in any current plans of the Forest Service, a spokesman said yesterday.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce earlier led a drive to secure the addition along with other improvements to the ski resort area.

COOGAN PLAYS COOGAN

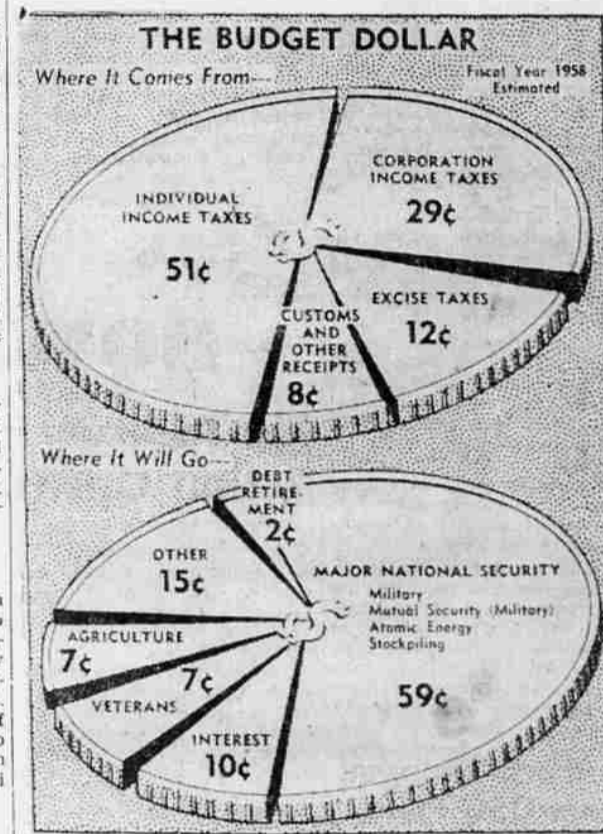
Hollywood — (U.P.) — Jackie Coogan is not playing himself in "The Jackie Coogan Story" but a Coogan is, the former child star announced today. Coogan, who is filming his life story, as an independent production, said his four-year-old daughter will portray him as a child.

armed forces. Indeed, Congress may again allocate more money than the President has asked for the military.

Congress last year added \$900 million to the President's request for the Air Force. But the Budget Bureau only recently gave clearance for its expenditure.

Mr. Eisenhower estimated military spending in fiscal 1958 at \$38 billion—the biggest item in the budget. He asked for \$38.5 billion in new money, an increase of \$2.1 billion over fiscal 1957.

But although their expenditures will be increased, the Air Force and Army will be cut from 133 to 128 wings and from 19 to 17 divisions, respectively. The high cost of powerful new atomic age weapons accounts for most of the increase in the defense budget.



OUR 1958 DOLLAR—Newschart shows where the basic dollar will come from and how it will be spent in financing President Eisenhower's proposed budget for fiscal 1958. Record estimated receipts of \$73.6 billion will finance the biggest peacetime spending program in history—\$71.8 billion—leaving a \$1.8 billion surplus to apply on the \$275 billion federal debt.

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