

COMMUNISTS MOVE IN ON CZECHS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
As you will note from the headlines, communism is moving in on Czechoslovakia today as it has already moved in Romania and Bulgaria. It is TAKING OVER BY FORCE.

Up to last week-end, Czechoslovakia has had a coalition government—that is, a government by SEVERAL parties. There was a communist premier.

The break came Friday, when three of the parties opposed to communism undertook to withdraw from the government. At the same time, 12 anti-communist ministers resigned. Presumably, they saw the handwriting on the wall. At any rate, Saturday and Sunday were consumed by these moves and counter-moves.

This morning the communists moved in their customary decisive manner. Headquarters of the Czech National Socialist party, the leading opponent of communism, were seized by SECURITY (communist) police armed with sub-machine guns. Armed security police appeared before all government buildings and foreign embassies.

There the matter stands as this is written.

WE don't need to ask what it's all about. We think we KNOW.

Russia is moving up to the Elbe river, which for all practical purposes is to be hereafter her western boundary. East of the Elbe, reaching to the formal boundaries of Russia, will be communist-dominated SATELLITES of Russia. Those satellites will be firmly in the grip of the communist party, which centers in the Kremlin.

The communist party in RUSSIA. Therefore these communist-dominated small countries will be part of Russia.

IT will be perhaps just as well if we remember how and where the line of the Elbe river was established. It was done at Yalta, when we were appeasing Stalin. At Yalta, the Elbe was set up as the point at which the Russians would stop in their westward drive and where we would stop in our eastward drive.

The agreement, as made at Yalta, was rigidly lived up to by Moscow. So far as anybody knows, no Russian ever stepped so much as a toe over the line. Our record was not quite so perfect. At various points, our rampaging armored divisions, pursuing the fleeing Germans, overshoot the mark. Always they were called back on political orders from Washington.

If you'll go back in your mind, you'll probably recall some of these instances in the news of the spring of 1946. They doubtless puzzled you then. It is all quite clear now.

AMONG other things, it is pretty clear that appeasement seldom pays.

If we had smacked Hitler hard, at the proper strategic moment, there will in all probability have been no World War II. Hindsight makes that rather plain now.

If instead of appeasing Stalin at Yalta we had merely gone ahead fighting Germans, the war would have been over just as quickly and just as cheaply and the present menace of Russia in Europe would have been far less than it now is.

Gang Kills Man On Street

MANNING, Ia., Feb. 23 (AP)—A gangland-style shooting occurred on the streets of this quiet Western Iowa town of 1800 last night.

After telling their victim on a main street with three shotgun blasts, the assailants placed him in a car and drove off. Sheriff Tom J. Finegan reported.

The identity of the principals was not known.

The sheriff said three witnesses viewed the shooting. He said he was convinced it was not a hoax.

The witnesses told the sheriff a tall man ran down the street, pursued by two others. One of the two fired three times with a 20-gauge shotgun. The tall man fell.

A car roared out of an alley and stopped alongside. The two assailants placed the fallen man in the car when they drove off.

The sheriff said he found the empty shotgun shells in the street. No one has any idea who the men were, the sheriff added.

Heavy Rains Flood Pacific Highway, Isolate 3 Towns

By the Associated Press
Willamette valley lowlands were flooded today and on the Oregon coast some 2500 residents of Bay Ocean, Netarts and Oceanside lost their bridge and had to resort to boats to reach the mainland.

The high water was caused by heavy Saturday rain which drenched already-saturated ground. It was not a major flood, however, and little damage in the Willamette valley was anticipated.

Several rural roads in the valley were inundated, and the Pacific highway south of Eugene was closed for a time yesterday.

WEATHER
Max. Feb. 23, 30 Min. 21
Precip. last 24 hrs. 0.11
Stream year to date 0.86
Last year 5.30 Normal 7.49
Forecast: Fair tonight; cloudy, with rain Tuesday.

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Southern Demos in Fighting Mood

Big Steel May Be Raked Over Coals By Angry GOP Members For Price Boost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—Angry republicans may rake Big Steel over the coals this week for boosting prices.

The senate-house economic committee has arranged to question three "typical" steel executives at public hearings Thursday.

Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) said Big Steel, Little Steel and independents will be represented. He ruled out any circus atmosphere.

But there are signs that Taft himself feels the steel industry may have put the republican congress over a political barrel by boosting some prices after the lawmakers had voted to rely on voluntary action to keep down the cost of living.

Some republicans think that steel has given President Truman and the democrats a new argument for government controls. They blame Big Steel primarily for the price jump.

It came at a time when other commodities showed signs of leveling off. Hence the republicans were beginning to breathe easier about facing the cost of living as an issue in November.

But steel people may have spoiled it all, the GOP members fear. Their product goes into so many manufactured items that a price boost is likely to be reflected all along the line.

It also adds fuel to organized labor's demands for wage increases. CIO President Philip Murray served notice, meanwhile, that his unions will press their twin drive for (1) a new round of wage hikes and (2) an effective anti-inflation program in congress.

Murray's statement made no mention of the steel price boosts.

Storm Hits Power Lines

Cooks in the Hot Springs area of Klamath Falls prepared their Sunday dinners in start-and-stop fashion yesterday as power came on and off during the heavy afternoon wind and snow storm.

The high wind whipped wires together on Melrose street between Pacific Terrace and Eldorado and created a short. The longest period of time between power supply was 25 minutes, according to Sam Ritchey, district manager of The California Oregon Power company.

A similar condition was reported early yesterday morning east of Eplanade on the distribution line running toward Hillside hospital. It was necessary for Copco repairmen to replace all street lights in that circuit. Copco reported a one-hour interruption in the Langell valley area, the outage also contributed to high winds.

Copco reported a maximum of 36 miles per hour at about 2 p. m. yesterday as the northwest wind whipped through town. The average for a two-hour period, 6 to 8 p. m. last night, was 27 miles per hour, Ritchey advised.

Weather Slows 'Sun' Flight

Planes for the flight "Operation Sunshine," destination Mexico, were grounded all over Oregon over the week-end due to the statewide storm.

The flight was to leave Saturday morning but Portland pilots were weathered in for some hours. Eleven pilots finally took off from the Troutdale airport Saturday and two planes, a Stinson from Lexington and the Mike Housers' Ercoupe, left from Klamath airport shortly after noon Saturday.

Seven planes were grounded at Redmond Sunday. Two were down at Burns and some went on to Lakeview before the storm stopped them.

Two planes of the flight with three passengers got in to Klamath airport Sunday during the storm and left early Monday. Five others from Yakima, Walla Walla, Redmond and Corvallis stopped, to refuel here this morning en route south.

There were to be 30 private pilots flying on the air tour with 90 persons in all and it was planned to rendezvous in Yuma, Ariz., before crossing the U. S.-Mexican border at Nogales, Ariz., to the destination, Hermosillo, Mexico, where the governor of Sonora was to greet them.

Rocket Plane Pilot And Fiancee



Chalmers (Slick) Goodlin, 25, one of the first pilots to fly the army's X-S-1 rocket-propelled fighter plane, applies for a marriage license at Los Angeles with Jacquelyn Waldron, 23, a Hollywood model. —AP wirephoto

Beer Heiress Weds Consul

STARNBERG, Germany, Feb. 23 (AP)—American beer heiress Wilhelmina Busch, 54, was wed amid feudal pomp yesterday in her ancient German castle to 52-year-old Sam Woods, U. S. consul in Munich.

The newlyweds intend to fly to Zurich, Switzerland, today and then to the United States.

Eight German policemen barred the public from the antique-filled castle while the civil ceremony was performed.

Miss Busch was born in the mid-west, the daughter of Adolphus Busch. Many years ago she came to Germany where she was married twice. She always retained her American citizenship and during the war the Nazis confiscated much of her property. It has since been restored to her.

Rail Officer Prexy Timber

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 (AP)—The magazine Advertising Age today said Robert R. Young, railroad executive, is willing to run for president.

A magazine article quoted Young, chairman of the board of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, as saying: "I am primarily concerned with putting the railroads back on their feet, but would be willing to take the bigger job" if it is offered.

The article was written by Lawrence M. Hughes, New York executive editor. It said Young gave his views in an interview at Palm Beach, Fla.

Young was quoted as saying: "There are 10,000 business men who would be better president than any of the men now considered."

Asked if the 10,000 included him, Young nodded.

Father Held In Fatal Shooting

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23 (AP)—William H. Moore, 62, was held today following the fatal shooting of a 23-year-old man Moore claimed had been "hounding" his daughter.

Moore was booked on suspicion of murder last night after the death of Gerald Murphy.

"He had been threatening my family and hounding Phyllis, my daughter," police Officer J. P. Murtha quoted Moore as saying.

Murtha had been called to break up a fight he said involved Murphy and Charles Moore, 27, brother of Phyllis. Murtha said he had just left the scene when he heard a shot, returned, and found Murphy shot in the chest outside the Moore home.

Dixie Solons See Trouble For Truman

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The wallop behind the Dixie revolt appeared to hinge today on whether any of President Truman's civil rights program becomes law.

Angry southern governors frankly proclaimed their "fighting mood" as they waited to call Democratic National Chairman McGrath on the carpet at a mid-afternoon session (11:30 a. m. PST) with newsmen on hand to witness the fireworks.

But two Dixie senators who are active in fanning the flames told a reporter privately that if congress does nothing about such things as anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and anti-discrimination bills, the insurrection may never amount to much.

Real Trouble
On the other hand, they agreed that if any of those things are written into law—and they look for that to happen—there will be "real trouble" for Mr. Truman in the south.

As an example, one of these senators told the legislature in his state undoubtedly would vote to remove the name of both the president and his running mate from the ballot. The voters then would cast their ballots for presidential electors who could vote as they choose.

There are increasing signs that the southerners fear they have been caught in a political cross fire from which they may not be able to escape.

A secret senate poll has convinced some of them, however, that the most effective weapon—the filibuster—may fall because of lack of republican support.

"We really mean business," Governor Thurmond of South Carolina told a reporter as the five-man delegation went into a huddle yesterday to plan the presentation of the Dixie case.

McGrath showed no signs of giving in to the southerners.

This Guy Really Wants His Nickel

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Feb. 23 (AP)—Police received a call early yesterday that someone was attempting to break into the Marblehead telephone exchange building.

They rushed to the scene and found a man pounding on the door and shouting, "Gimme my nickel back."

The man explained that he tried to make a phone call at a diner and that he not only didn't get his party but the coin was not returned.

After a brief lecture, police sent the man on his way—still without the nickel.

'Watchdogs' May Go Into Action

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP)—The house rules committee today urged creation of a special "watchdog" committee for 1948 congressional elections. It has been done in the past.

If set up, the committee will check on candidates' expenditures and observe the campaigns for possible election law violations.

Ice Causes Head-On Wreck On Highway — Four Injured

Klamath county still is getting by without an automobile fatality this winter, but four persons were cut and bruised in a two-car crash on Riverside just south of the city limits this morning. A San Francisco car skidded on the icy pavement and smashed head-on into a second vehicle on the highway.

That accident occurred about 9 a. m. as the five San Franciscans, Mr. and Mrs. Morgella Leslie Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Erickson and Mrs. Pearl Heideman, were heading back to California after spending the week-end here.

Potter was driving when his car hit the icy stretch, veered into the left lane and struck an oncoming car driven by Charles Louis Boatman, 325 Commercial.

Boatman and Mrs. Heideman were taken to Klamath Valley hospital by a passing motorist and treated for head cuts. Mrs. Potter received a slash across the bridge of her nose and her husband a cut on his forehead. The cars were considerably damaged.

Inside the city limits during yesterday's snow storm a car and a truck collided at the Elm-Commercial intersection, doing little damage but causing the arrest of Ralph Taylor, 39, Airport cafe, for running a stop sign and having no operator's license. He posted \$10 bail for a court hearing.

The truck, a Consolidated Freightways vehicle, was driven by James H. Rainey, 38, of Medford.

Tom O'Connor, 47, of Klamath Falls, was cited by city police for running a red light and having no operator's license on his person early Saturday night as a result of a minor collision at Main and 11th. O'Connor's car struck a vehicle driven by Cecil Albert Law, 3141 LaVerne.

Early last night considerable damage was done to cars driven by Bill Hilton, 17, 1436 Lookout, and Kyle Molgard, 19, of 1434 Johnson, in a collision at 7th and High.

Bill Southwell Valedictorian Of KUHS; Cameron Stewart Named 1948 Salutatorian

For the first time in the history of Klamath Union high school, and for at least two years previous to that time, the three top honor spots for graduating seniors went to KUHS men students.

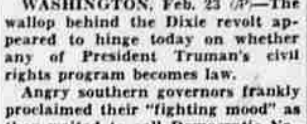
Announced as valedictorian of the senior class today by Principal Stanley Woodruff, is Bill Southwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Southwell, 1147 Pacific Terrace. Salutatorian is Cameron Stewart, son of Mrs. Laura Stewart, 2112 Home, a teacher at Altamont elementary school.

The third top place went to John Epley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Epley, 604 N. 7th. From that point on the girls took over and of the remaining seven, five high point students were girls.

Young Southwell graduates with a grade average of 1.194; Stewart, 1.212; Epley, 1.344. The seven others placing in the first 10 are: Mary Lou Case, 1.371; Edith Wissenbach, 1.448; Gilbert Joyce, 1.469; Ruthie Huston, 1.515; Loy Larson, 1.543; Marian McIntyre, 1.636; Donna Rae Worden, 1.657.

The valedictory address will be given by Southwell the night of Wednesday, June 2, at Pelican court, when commencement will be held, it was announced by Woodruff. The salutatorian's address will be given by Stewart at that time also.

Japanese Premier



Hitoshi Ashida (above), foreign minister and president of the moderate democratic party, was elected prime minister of Japan. —AP wirephoto

Armed Reds Surround All Main Points

PRAGUE, Feb. 23 (AP)—Communists bidding for supreme power put their security police today before all Czechoslovak government buildings and foreign embassies. Opposition speech was at least partly stifled.

Headquarters of the Czech national socialist party, one of three which withdrew Friday from the government coalition, was seized by police armed with sub-machineguns.

Czechoslovak nationals virtually were frozen inside the country by a ministry of interior order requiring new stamps of approval on valid passports.

Foes Arrested
Police, directed by communists heading the ministry of interior, arrested notable foes of the Reds.

Dr. Zdenek Marjanko, ministry of justice employe who involved a communist in the pretense box bomb plot last fall against three ministers, was jailed.

Zdenek Uhl, president of the medical students' union, and Jiri Plak, former head of the engineers' union, also were arrested.

Several hours after socialist headquarters were seized, Dr. Vladimir Krajin, secretary general of the Catholic people's party. The account said he had gone to the American zone of Germany.

The display of arms was the first since the political crisis started Friday night with the resignation of 12 anti-communist ministers from the coalition of Premier Klement Gottwald, a communist. President Eduard Benes was trying in conferences to save the situation.

Communist controllers were in charge of radio and press centers in Slovakia.

Armed police surrounded the Czech wireless in Prague. It was reported, without confirmation, that all non-communist workers had been ordered not to report at the wireless station, which always has had a majority of communist employes.

(A British foreign office spokesman commented in London that the presence in Prague of V. A. Zorin, Russian vice minister of foreign affairs, "recalls the presence of Vishinsky in Bucharest in 1946.")

Communist Premier Petru Gроза seized power in Romania during a visit of Andrei X. Vishinsky, first vice minister of the Russian foreign ministry. Zorin reached Prague last night for the announced purpose of checking Russian grain deliveries.)

The appearance of police carrying rifles and sub-machineguns before foreign embassies was unusual even in Prague.

Anti-Red Probe End Demanded Throughs Ask For Dog Job

Recently The Herald and News carried an item about the city needing a man to take over a job as dog pound operator, a job paying \$238 a month plus house to live in.

The crowd of applicants that showed up at the city hall to put in bids for the job simply floored Chief Orville Hamilton and the city dog pound commission. The applicants were both numerous and worthy.

But the commission dug in and interviewed all comers. Today it announced its selection.

The new dog pound operator is Larry Mueller, a former employe of Rose Motor company. Mueller is a war veteran, has a wife and two children.

Bus Service To Be Upped

More schedules will be added and fares substantially lowered by Pacific Greyhound Lines, which is taking over the Klamath-Reno line of OC and N Stages tomorrow, it was announced today by F. W. Ackerman, Greyhound president.

New time tables providing for the increased service and new tariffs are being prepared for filing with the various regulatory commissions, and will be instituted as soon as approved, Ackerman said. He said he hoped the changes could be made within 30 days, and will be announced as soon as approved.

New Route
"By taking over the franchise between Klamath Falls and Reno, Greyhound will establish an entire new Greyhound route from San Diego and Los Angeles in the south to Klamath Falls and Portland in the north," Ackerman said today in San Francisco.

"Greyhound has recently acquired the Inland Stages routes between Reno and Los Angeles on highway US 95, as well as the Inland route between Los Angeles and San Diego. With the addition of the OC & N route from Klamath Falls to Reno, Greyhound can now offer travelers a new direct north-south route through California, Nevada and Oregon.

"All of this will bring more people to and through Klamath Falls and other cities of this area, with all the benefits that increased traffic always brings." He predicted substantial long-range benefits from lower fares, increased schedules and Greyhound advertising.

The bus executive said that personnel of OC and N Stages would be retained under the new ownership. The bus depot at Ninth and Klamath will continue as the terminal for all Greyhound stage operations here.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23 (AP)—Americans for democratic action (ADA) today adopted a platform urging the abolition of the house committee on un-American activities.

The new political party, at its first national convention, branded the Thomas committee "a proved threat to freedom on political opinion."

In its domestic policy platform, the organization headed by Wilson Wyatt announced it opposes all proposals to outlaw the communist or any other political party.

ADA, which described itself as a political party "independent non-partisan and non-communist," asserted that while it does not want the communist party outlawed, it favors registration of all communists and disclosure of the sources of funds and backgrounds of active members.

The ADA platform, adopted by the more than 500 delegates, recognized the government's "power to conduct investigation in any field of federal interest."

The organization announced it also is urging congressional and state action to abolish poll taxes, equality of opportunity for all despite race, color, creed or national origins.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—Security and commodity exchanges throughout the United States were closed today in observance of Washington's birthday. Various livestock markets were open.

Canadian security and grain markets operated as usual and the London stock exchange also was open.

Fire Destroys Two Cabins In Stewart Addition Today

Fire destroyed two cabins at the A. E. Osburn service station in Stewart's addition about 7:30 a. m. today, but all occupants, including four small children, escaped without injury.

The fire started in a 3-room structure occupied by Mrs. Ford Fleming and her three children, of whom the oldest is four years of age. The children were sleeping when Mrs. Fleming, after starting a fire in a cookstove, stepped across to another building. Almost immediately the cabin was on fire, but members of the family removed the children without incident.

The blaze then spread to a house occupied by Mrs. Lucy Sears and a four-year-old boy, who also escaped unhurt. The county fire department as called and prevented spread of the fire to other cabins on the property on the highway west of town.

Klamath county chapter of the Red Cross immediately moved into the situation to give aid to the homeless families. Otto Smith, disaster chairman, and Dorothy Dearborn of the Red Cross staff went to the Osburn property to arrange temporary shelter, clothing and other essentials.

Ford Fleming is in the local hospital with a broken leg, and A. E. Osburn, owner of the cabins, is also in the hospital, seriously ill.



BILL SOUTHWELL CAMERON STEWART —Jones-Miller

Woodruff said today that he had checked records back to 1928, year KUHS was established, and this is the first time that men students have held the top three positions.

Under Klamath county high school's records available in 1928 and 1927, girls also featured in the top spots. Records were not available after that year.