

# REDS TIGHTEN DOWN ON CZECHS

## In The Day's News

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## Finns Lay Plans For Red Meet



Pictorial Proof—Spring Ain't Here—Yet

A casual drive to the highlands north of Hot Springs hill yesterday led one unwary motorist and two wreckers into a sticky problem despite recent hints of moderating weather. First call for help from the luckless motorist was received shortly past noon by the Balsiger Motor company's wrecker, who started towing operations about 1 o'clock, only to bog down himself. Lombard's big wrecker sped to the scene to tow out Balsiger—and mired down. Last, but far from least on the list, was the Oregon Avenue garage's wrecker, driven by Vinton Karnes, who managed to drag Lombard out. The two of them then hitched onto Balsiger, who was hooked up to the car, and dragged them all to safety.

**By FRANK JENKINS**

YOU have read in the papers and heard on the radio that Czechoslovakia's government has been taken over by the communists—by force, not as the result of an election.

That was abstract news—from a long way off.

Today we are beginning to get the grim and bitter details.

THE government (communist) radio in Prague loses no time in telling the people what's to be what hereafter.

It predicts ACTION this morning A T I N S T A N Y B O D Y W H O M A K E S S P E E C H E S A G A I N S T T H E S T A T E.

Just what does that mean?

Well, it probably means that if you say ANYTHING against the (communist) government you will be overheard by a member of the secret police. After that, in communist states, anything can happen.

Concentration camps, for example. Or even rifle men and a stone wall.

THE new (communist) minister of education goes on the air.

"Schools," he says, "must hereafter be political—just as the army must be political." NEW textbooks, he adds, will be prepared.

HOW about that?

Well, hereafter, if you are a Czech, you must face the fact that your children won't be just educated in the sense that education is knowledge. They will be molded into a pattern. The pattern will be communist. They will be taught, for instance, that the only democracy is communism.

Such indoctrination, you see, makes it possible for a few communists at the top to enjoy all the power and all the privileges.

AS an American, how would you like to have to look over your shoulder ALWAYS before speaking your mind—to make sure you were not being overheard by the secret police?

Remember that the people of Czechoslovakia have been as FREE as we have been. They have spoken their minds, as we have. They have known the precious dignity of in-

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## U. S. Forced To Take Down Copy Of Denunciation

PRAGUE, Feb. 28 (AP)—By request, the U. S. information service removed from its windows today a copy of the three-power denunciation of events in Czechoslovakia.

The foreign office made the request. A large crowd had gathered outside the information service's offices in one of the main streets of the public square, and it was represented that they were hostile to the display.

These other developments came today:

1. Dr. Prokop Drtina, minister of justice until last week, was found badly injured—an attempted suicide, according to the official police account.
2. The government withdrew broadcasting privileges from foreign radio men. Dr. Oscar Kozla, head of the foreign press section of the ministry of information, said: "They did not show in their broadcasts a true understanding of the situation."
3. Premier Klement Gottwald, addressing a farmers' and peasants' rally, sounded a keynote of a campaign against "domestic and foreign reaction." He said: "We will have a complete change."

## People Take Attitude Of Resignation

HELSINKI, Finland, Feb. 28 (AP)—President Juho E. Paasikivi is expected by Tuesday to name a delegation to discuss with Moscow a friendship treaty requested by Prime Minister Stalin.

It seems likely the delegation will be headed either by Premier Mauno Pekkala or by Foreign Minister Carl Enckell, Russian-speaking diplomat of long experience in Moscow negotiations.

Persons close to the cabinet said the president, meanwhile, has asked parliamentary groups to tell him their attitude toward the proposed treaty by Tuesday.

The mood of the Finnish people seems resigned. Outwardly they are just preparing for another fine week-end, with skating championships as the main issue. But wherever two Finns meet, the Russian proposal is the principal topic of conversation.

**Logical Result**

The general attitude thus far seems to be: this is not a Russian ultimatum, but a logical result of the strained international situation.

"The decision is no easy one, since Finland has only one goal: to stabilize her position and retain her sovereignty," says the conservative newspaper Uusi Suomi.

Sources close to the government said yesterday Stalin sent his note Monday.

The conservative newspaper Kauppalehti called for calm. It said, "We do not know what is in reality happening." The paper spoke of Finland's parliamentary traditions and said, "We will not yield from this, our right."

Finland already has a trade treaty with Russia. She has lost two wars to the Soviet Union since 1939. They were in 1939 and 1940 and from 1941 to 1944.

She has surrendered to Russia by peace treaty the Karelia and Petsamo areas, including mines and timber; given a 50-year lease on the Porkkala area near Helsinki for a Russian naval base, and undertaken to pay the Soviet Union \$300,000,000 reparations in six years.

A defense treaty with Finland would give Russia a chain of such pacts with neighbors from the Black sea on the south to far north of the Baltic.

## Rebels Plan For Battle

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—Southern democrats mapped further offensives today against President Truman and his civil rights program.

Although the congressional battlefront was momentarily quiet, these developments pointed to intensified intraparty strife:

1. The Mississippi democratic executive committee called a special meeting Monday to consider a headquarters site for the "true white Jeffersonian" democratic movement. Representatives of eight southern states banded in this drive already have contributed \$51,500 towards a \$100,000 war chest.
2. The southern governors' conference was summoned to meet in Washington March 13 to hear a special committee's report on the civil rights fight. National Party Chairman J. Howard McGrath refused to yield to the committee's request Monday that President Truman withdraw his proposals.
3. The governors will meet the day after McGrath confers with a newly appointed executive committee of the democratic national committee. Although this group has been named to "implement the operations" of the national convention, the status of the southern democrats presumably will not be overlooked. On the committee are such party stalwarts as Edward J. Kelly of Chicago, David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh, Frank McCall of Indianapolis, and former National Chairman Edward J. Flynn of New York.

Members of the government, including Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, saw him off at the airport.

The new communist-controlled government began to spread its influence over schools and other institutions.

The government radio kept giving announcements indicating the pattern for the future.

Zdenek Nejedly, new education minister, said "schools must be political, just as the army must be political." He said new textbooks would be prepared.

**SHOWING ENDS**

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The showing of Princess Elizabeth's wedding gifts ended tonight. More than 300,000 persons had seen the display since November, paying a shilling (20 cents) most days. Proceeds will go to charity.

## Potatoes And Pears Stakes In Klamath-Medford Challenge

Klamath county Red Cross campaigners, who are getting set for their annual financial drive, threw a friendly challenge at the Jackson county Red Cross chapter at a meeting in Medford yesterday—and everything is all set for a race for quota with pears and potatoes as the prizes.

Art Reinhart, chairman of the Klamath drive, led the delegation to Medford, and the challenge was accepted by Fitzhugh Brewer, chairman of the Jackson campaign.

Klamath is putting up \$100 worth of potatoes, and Jackson \$100 worth of pears. The winning county to distribute the products among veterans' families. If Klamath wins the Jackson pears, they probably will go to families of veterans at OVS.

The contest between the counties was undertaken in the spirit of the new hands-across-the-GreenSprings policy that prevails in the relationships of the two communities. It will be strictly friendly, but it will be rivalry. The two drive officials indicated in tossing challenge and acceptance back and forth. Klamath's quota of \$34,950 is much larger than that of Jackson's, but the contest will be run on a percentage of quota basis, rather than specific amounts.

To start things off, the Klamath group presented a gift-wrapped baker potato to Mrs. Helen Minkler, the secretary of the Jackson chapter, telling her that that was the last potato she would get free from this neck of the woods. She countered that she would be ready for \$100 worth of spuds the day the contest ends.

Those making the trip from here were Reinhart, Mrs. Frances Palmel, Klamath chapter secretary; Rev. David Barnett, president of Klamath chapter of the Red Cross; Mrs. Barnett; Malcolm Epley, chairman of the challenging group; Wesley Guderian, Herald and News photographer; Otto Smith, Klamath Red Cross disaster chairman.

**Crater Weather**

A Friday night storm left nine inches of fresh snow in Crater Lake national park but rangers reported this morning that it was clearing and prospects for a fine week-end were good.

Chains are required from Annie spring to the rim and snow depth on the ground is 125 inches. Skiing should be good once the trails are broken and both the tow and lunch room will be in operation.

## Metzger, Terrill File For Assessor's Job; Van Vactor To Run For District Attorney

A contest was assured in another county political office this morning when Otis M. Metzger, 3661 Altamont, filed his candidacy for the democratic nomination as county assessor, on the republican ticket.

They are unopposed as yet in their parties, but the contest will come in the November general election.

Terrill announced some time ago that he would run for the office, but Metzger is a newcomer into the political picture. He resigned a post with the state unemployment service to make the race for office.

Metzger has lived in the Klamath area 28 years. He farmed at Tulelake in the 20s and was later a member of the Klamath Falls city police department. He is a veteran of World War II in military intelligence and also the navy. He is married and has no children.

From Salem comes word that Dayton E. Van Vactor, local attorney, has filed for the republican nomination as district attorney. Van Vactor announced several days ago he would seek the job and he probably will be unopposed. The present district attorney, Clarence Humble, is not expected to file for re-election.

Carl Engdahl of Pendleton has set his sights on a republican party job, that of delegate to the national convention.

He has announced he would be a candidate from the 2nd congressional district, which includes Klamath county.

## California Gets Rainfall

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28 (AP)—Rains fell over much of Northern California today but whether they would be heavy enough to relieve the state's record drought remained to be seen.

The welcome precipitation followed by a few hours Governor Earl Warren's announcement that he would ask the legislature, convening Monday, to adopt an emergency daylight saving time measure to help relieve pressure on mid-state power systems.

Earlier the governor said he planned to add Sacramento, Yolo, Napa, Glenn and Butte counties to the 28 already proclaimed an emergency drought area. The rains may relieve the necessity of adding still more counties to the area.

Meantime, despite a brownout decreed by the public utilities commission to save power, heavier pumping for irrigated parched farms caused increased use of electric energy.

The worst dry spell in weather bureau history has lowered water for hydro-electric plants below the danger level and only abnormally heavy rains and snows could relieve the crisis.

## Collins Named Medford Mayor

MEDFORD, Feb. 28 (AP)—The new mayor of Medford is J. C. Collins, Medford realtor and former city councilman.

Collins was appointed to fill the unexpired 11 months of Mayor C. A. Meeker's term. Meeker died Tuesday night.

Collins' post on the city council was filled by Diamond Flynn, an electrical contractor.

## Klamath Presents Just One Potato



Art Reinhart, (left) Klamath county Red Cross drive chairman, is shown presenting a Klamath potato to Fitzhugh Brewer and Mrs. Helen Minkler of the Jackson county Red Cross chapter at Medford yesterday, when Klamath challenged Medford to a contest in the Red Cross drives this year. Klamath put up \$100 worth of potatoes against \$100 worth of pears in the contest, and presented a single, gift-wrapped potato to the Jackson folk just as a sample.

## Car Plunges Off Sun Grade

Three Klamath youths escaped injury early last night when their southbound car struck an icy stretch on highway 97 half way down the Sun mountain grade, rolled over once and careened down a 50 or 60-foot embankment, state police reported today.

Driver of the sedan, Norman Stratton, 20, 6453 Summers lane, told officers he was coming toward Klamath Falls at about 6:45 p. m. when the car went out of control. His passengers included John D. England, 24, and Clifford Schmidt, 23, both of Shevlin. The three young men were able to crawl from the wreckage of the machine and summon help from the highway. Their injuries are considered minor, police said today.

## Traffic Death Figure Drops

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (AP)—The nation's traffic deaths dropped 13 per cent in January compared with the same month last year.

The January toll was 2130, compared with 2460 in January, 1947.

The National Safety Council, in announcing the figures, said the state of North Dakota provided a "highlight" of its report by going through the entire month without a traffic death.

The council said this was the only time in its history that a state has had a death-free month, except for the war years when travel and gasoline were restricted.

## Mayor Gets Room But Suddenly—!

BOSTON, Feb. 28 (AP)—The Hunnefelds have abandoned squatters' rights to the mayor's office for an apartment in a city housing project.

Mrs. Adeline Hunnefeld, her two baby girls and a boy settled on a bench in Mayor James M. Curley's outer office yesterday.

"We'll sleep right here," she declared, "until we find a suitable place. I've got plenty of slippers and things for the children."

Within two hours the mayor had arranged for the apartment.

Mrs. Hunnefeld, wife of a merchant seaman, said that after she had been evicted from her home the only place she could find were rooms renting at \$115 to \$125 each a week.

## Good News

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28 (AP)—President Edward F. Wilson of Wilson and company, Chicago meat packers, here to inspect his Los Angeles plant, had this cheerful word for housewives:

"We had some pretty fancy prices. But I think the day of the high-priced steak is over. I do not think we are going back to high prices."

## Awards Presented At Farmers' Banquet



Little Betty Brandesky, Henley eighth grade pupil (left) named 1947 4-H club home garden queen, and Adele Brown, sophomore at Bonanza high school, selected as 1947 4-H club annual queen, show The Herald and News check awards. The checks were presented at the Kiwanis club dinner banquet held at the Willard Thursday night attended by 191 Kiwanians and their guests. Kiwanis President Ted Reeves (right) and Ray Best, chairman of the committee in charge of the banquet congratulate the girls on the ability that won them the awards.