

Tito Offers To Help Bulgaria, Albania Shake Off Red Control

By ALEX SINGLETON
 BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 3 (AP)—Premier Marshal Tito forecast yesterday that Bulgaria and Albania would quit the Moscow-led cominform and offered them a helping hand in shaking off Russian domination.

Tito has been tilling with the cominform (communist international information bureau) since June of last year, when Yugoslavia's communists were expelled from the Moscow brand of Marxism-Leninism.

Both Bulgaria and Albania have had recent purges among high communist leaders who were charged with heresies similar to the accusations levelled against Tito.

The Yugoslav leader spoke yesterday at Skopje before an audience estimated at 350,000 by Yugoslav officials. It was the first time in recent months he appeared in Macedonia, which has been subjected to propaganda from anti-Tito factions using an independent state made up of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greek Macedonia.

Tito declared the Bulgarian people ultimately would ignore "slanders against Yugoslavia and extend their fraternal hand to us and we will help them remove whatever individuals have so far put obstacles in the path of the creation and preservation of brotherly relations."

He said this statement also ap-

plied to Albania, Yugoslavia's tiny neighbor to the south.

Tracheo Kostov, former vice premier of the central committee of the Bulgarian communist party, was expelled from the party in June after being charged with nationalism and an unfriendly attitude toward the Soviet Union.

At about the same time, former Deputy Premier Koci Xoxe of Albania was executed after being convicted of treason. Xoxe had been reported siding with Tito in his quarrel with the cominform.

Referring to two other communist neighbors of Yugoslavia, Tito said the cominform campaign against him had unleashed "chau-

vinistic passions" in Hungary and Romania.

He said leading communists in those countries were "quite audibly whispering" that something could be wrenched from Yugoslavia because it was "capitalist," while their countries were "socialist."

"We tried with the greatest sacrifices," Tito declared, "to create the closest relations with the peoples of those countries. But it was in the interests of some people to spoil those relations."

He said the Yugoslav people "cannot be shaken nor intimidated from firmly persisting in their struggle for the freedom, integrity and independence of their socialist homeland."

The occasion for Tito's speech

was the fifth anniversary of the people's republic of Macedonia, a federal state within Yugoslavia.

He has gone to considerable lengths to assure this part of the country of equal treatment, but his speech dealt sternly with the question of an independent Macedonia.

DIES
 EUREKA, Calif., Aug. 3 (AP)—James Arron O'Connors of Grants Pass, Ore., was found dead in a parked truck here yesterday.

A physician reported the trucker apparently had died of a heart attack. His identification cards gave 23 East B Street, Grants Pass, as his residence.

Legionnaires Jam Salem For Confab

SALEM, Aug. 3 (AP)—Salem was as noisy as it ever has been today as 3000 men and women were here for the opening of the 31st state convention of the American Legion and auxiliary.

The legion will get down to business tomorrow at sessions in the state house of representatives. Today is devoted largely to meetings of the 40 et 8, the legion's fun-making organization.

The 40 et 8 will put on the first of several legion parades late to-

day. Tonight it will hold its convention banquet, and there also will be a convention dance.

The 8 et 40, women's honor society, elected Mrs. Lillian Otterbein, Klamath Falls, as its president last night. Other officers are Gretchen Robins, Junction City, first vice president; Marie Tatom, Portland, second vice president; Eva Stewart, Lebanon, historian; Florence Dickey, Portland, chaplain; and Thelma Andersen, Salem, sergeant-at-arms.

The legion's main item of business for the convention is raising more money for its child welfare program.

BODY FOUND
 PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (AP)—The body of 12-year-old Sammy Fong, missing since last Thursday when he went to pick up his newspapers for street sale, was recovered last night from the Willamette river.

The coroner's office reported an autopsy would be made to determine cause of death.

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