

ASSASSINATION ROUSES FOREIGN EXPERTS HERE

Butler Professor Predicts Double Tragedy May Lead to War.

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might result, because relations between Yugoslavia and Italy were badly strained. France and Yugoslavia had enjoyed friendly relations and both belonged to the encirclement of nations around Germany.

"As it is, I am astounded and shall await other details with interest," Dr. Oxnam declared.

The Rev. E. J. Unruh, executive secretary of the Indiana Council of International Relations, pointed out that it is almost impossible this early to conjecture about the effect of the assassination on European affairs.

Grave Results Feared

"If the assassin is identified as being affiliated with any of the revolutionary groups in Europe," he said, "King Alexander's killing may have grave results."

"There is the chance that the assassin may be wrongly or correctly identified as being a Nazi sympathizer. There also is the possibility that the killing may have been so calculated as to throw the responsibility on France, because it occurred on French soil."

Like Dr. G. Bromley Oxnam, De Pauw university president, who recently returned from Europe, Mr. Unruh expressed surprise that the killing occurred in France.

It is practically impossible to judge the significance of the assassination until the killer's political sympathies and connections become fully known, the Indiana council head pointed out.

"Although Germany is showing a strongly militaristic attitude, Europe is not very anxious for war," Mr. Unruh asserted.

Yugoslav Native Horrified

Steve Yovanavitch, 474 West Washington street, a banker and native of Yugoslavia, said today that the large Yugoslavian settlement here would be deeply shocked at the news of their beloved king's assassination.

He said that relations between



Yugoslavia and France were those of close friends and that his people regarded France warmly. Italy, he said, was regarded by the country as an enemy to be watched. The relations with Russia, Mr. Yovanavitch asserted, were friendly.

Abbot & Hoppin, stock brokers, reported a frantic selling as the result of the assassination. There was much confusion in the brokerage offices when the news flashed through the ticker.

"The assassination of King Alexander will have a good effect on the Balkans because the monarch was a tyrant disliked by the Macedonians," Christo Nazimoff, editor of the Macedonian Tribune, published here, said.

Cupid and European politics will be disturbed by the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia.

That is the opinion of Bertita Harding, author of "Phantom Crown," a story of Maximilian and Carlota of Mexico, which will be published Friday by the Bobbs-Merrill Company.

In private life the author is the wife of Jack Harding, 3518 Balsam avenue.

"The assassination of King Alexander will decidedly affect the gaiety of the coming wedding of Prince George of England and the Princess Marina," Mrs. Harding said today.

CORN-HOG PRODUCTION CONTROL IS FAVORED

Approximately 65 Per Cent of State Farmers Approve.

By United Press

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 9.—Approximately 65 per cent of Indiana farmers favor continuation of the corn-hog production control program of the AAA in 1935, official tabulation of the federal referendum in eighty-seven of the ninety-two counties in the state showed today.

With only Tippecanoe, Floyd, Randolph, Starke and Rush counties to report returns, the vote stood 24,022 in favor of the plan and 13,257 against.

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Screen Mesh Too Large

Because of a shortage of supervisory personnel it could have been possible for a visitor to have passed the blades through the screen separating the visiting room from the enclosures in which prisoners are placed.

The mesh of the protective screen is too large to be effective in preventing the passing of such an article as a hacksaw blade.

A similar size mesh covers the exterior barred windows of the jail.

By dropping a weighted thread through this protective mesh to a confederate below, prisoners plotting escape might easily haul one or more hacksaw blades into the jail without discovery.

Frustration of Saturday night's jail break can be attributed wholly to a hunch by Buster Lee, Negro night jailer, he has said.

The plotters carefully had observed the custom of the night jailer in making his rounds.

The dash for liberty was made at a time when the plotters had no reason to believe Mr. Lee would not follow his usual customs.

This would have given them a whole hour to saw away the corridor bars and lower themselves to the ground below.

Lee, however, altered his usual schedule.

He made his rounds on the third tier at 7:40 Saturday night instead of at 8.

The prisoners, sawing the restraining bars, heard his approach. Using their crude key they opened the doors at the head of the corridor, thus keeping ahead of the night jailer as he walked down the enclosure.

Weapons Are Exposed

One of the desperados was late in passing through one of the doors. Mr. Lee saw him.

Mr. Markey described the administrative practices to this writer in the Marion county jail in his private office on the first floor.

This office is separated from the first cell block only by a barred steel door.

On the walls of the office are two wooden cases containing machine guns, rifles and other firearms for use by prison employees in the event of an escape. The locks are of the weak mortised type.

There arose the uncomfortable question of what would happen if another prisoner fashioned a key from another spoon, unlocked the barred door after overpowering the single guard, and crushed in the door of these cases with his fists.

It would be much more comfortable if these guns were kept in steel, barred, locked cases, safe from escaping prisoners, the reporter reflected as he walked to the comparative safety of the city street.

The secret of Mr. Boyce's resignation had been guarded closely at Sheriff Charles L. (Buck) Sumner's office.

Chief Deputy Ralph L. Hitch confirmed news of the resignation after a Times reporter had been told at the jail that Mr. Boyce no longer was there.

Mr. Hitch said he was not certain the exact date the resignation had been offered and accepted, but was of the opinion Mr. Boyce had resigned "a week or ten days ago."

It was admitted at the sheriff's office complaints had been received that Mr. Boyce, who recently opened a tavern on West Washington street, had been devoting part of his time to his private business enterprise while on the county pay roll.

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BOYCE RESIGNS SECRETLY AS CHIEF JAILED

Quit Several Days Before Break, Times Probe Reveals.

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its original container. Mr. Markey said it was possible the coffee sack containing the contraband had not been emptied according to custom.

Failure of the jail's parcel inspection system to disclose the pumice also may account for the comparative ease with which the escaping prisoners obtained two hack saw blades, penal investigators insisted.

Another section of a hack saw blade was discovered in the waist band of "Red" Gibson's trousers after his escape had been thwarted.

Mr. Markey admitted the jail system also was found failing in checking spoons issued to prisoners for their meals.

A crude key, capable of opening the locks on the barred doors leading from the "prisoners' runs" to the corridor of the jail, had been manufactured by the Gibson gang from a jail mess hall on the third floor of the jail.

Mr. Markey declared that the pincers, used by prisoners during their meals, as well as the spoons, are checked by civilian employees of the jail as the prisoners file from the mess hall on the third floor of the jail.

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CHEMIST, 31, TAKES POISON, DIES AFTER BOAST TO DOCTORS

By United Press PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9.—Rodney R. Hickman, 31-year-old jobless chemist, who defied physicians to save him from the effects of poison he swallowed Sunday, died today at Presbyterian hospital.

Physicians worked all day and night, attempting to administer effective antidotes.

"It's no use," Hickman told them. "I am going to die. I know all about poisons. When I took this stuff, I made sure no doctor would fix me up."

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Yugoslavia has a navy, including submarines, which operates on the Adriatic. Many of the ships were inherited from the extinct Austro-Hungarian fleet, along with the Austro-Hungarian naval bases on the Adriatic coast. There is a large army (200,000 men), well trained and equipped. Relations with Italy have not been good, due to territorial disputes affecting the Adriatic region, and the Italian and Yugoslav dictatorships have glared at one another ever since their very inception.

Yugoslavia is a member of the Little Entente alliance, which also comprises Czechoslovakia and Rumania. These three states received war territories at Hungarian expense, and their compact calls for centralized staff work and co-operation in diplomatic matters to consolidate their gains.

The Little Entente, in close accord with France, has played an important part in the League of Nations; and economic agreements are indicated as following military developments. Czechoslovakia supplies heavy industry. Rumania has wheat and oil. Yugoslavia enjoys farms and seaports; and the three countries have a combined population of more than forty-five million, which constitutes a tripartite great power. Communism in Yugoslavia is almost

nonexistent, but sectionalism is a pressing national problem.

King Alexander I, assassinated in France.

Area—96,135 square miles, comprising the former kingdoms of Serbia and Montenegro, and the Yugoslav provinces of Austria-Hungary. The area approximates that of Oregon.

Population—13,930,000, of whom

almost ten million are Slavs, about

half a million each Germans, Hungarians and Albanians, and the rest Rumanians and Italians.

Capital—Belgrade, population 241,000.

State Woman Dies in Plunge

By United Press

NORTH VERNON, Ind., Oct. 9.—

Mrs. Daisy Hurst, 25, leaped or fell to her death from the second floor of her father's downtown restaurant late yesterday.

Acted as Dictator Backed by Army: No Reds in Country.

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