

Spain Seen As Next Member Of European Anti-Soviet Bloc

Observers Believe Her Strategic Location an Enormous Advantage

Writer Says Country Was First Nation to Receive 'Czech Treatment' During 1936 Civil War

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 15—Spain soon will join the 16 Marshallian nations of Western Europe in the fight to halt Soviet aggression, according to informed sources here.

Portugal already is one of the 16. And she could be of immense help. Absence of Spain from the line-up, however, virtually cancels Portugal's usefulness in isolating her from the rest of the continent.

Early yesterday morning, the Senate voted \$3.3 billion for the ERP. It has long been axiomatic on both sides of the Atlantic that Dollars alone can't save Europe. Since the Red coup in Czechoslovakia, it is realized more than ever that the only thing Russia respects is force at least approximately equal to her own.

Does Not Mean War

This does not mean that force will have to be used to save the West. It does not necessarily mean war. It does mean, however, that the ERP nations must be prepared to defend themselves adequately.

Thus Spain could be of enormous value in the Western line-up. With Portugal, she comprises the entire Iberian Peninsula, with almost 40 million population. The peninsula could become an almost impregnable base from which to defend Western Europe and the basis of the Mediterranean, including North Africa.

The principal obstacle in the way of Spain's membership in the Western European bloc is psychological. She stands accused of collaboration with the Axis and has been blackballed from the United Nations.

No Whole Truth

There is much truth in the charge. But it is not the whole truth. Spain was the first country of Western Europe to be given the Czechoslovak treatment. Liberal Republicans overthrew the reactionary monarchy in 1931 and set up a constitutional regime. In 1936, however, Spanish Communists, directed from Moscow, seized the power and set the stage for a Soviet puppet state.

The civil war followed. While the Reds had the help of Russia, Gen. Franco was aided by Italy and Germany. Franco won and established a totalitarian regime somewhat similar to those in Berlin and Rome. Also, during World War II he was charged with playing ball with Hitler and Mussolini.

As between Axis collaborators, however, a better case can be made for Franco than for Stalin. At least Franco is not attempting to overturn governments in overwestern Europe, which is more than can be said for the boss of the Kremlin.

J. D. Adams Firm Aids Foreign Postal Service

The J. D. Adams Co. is sending a shipment of motor road grader parts to the firm of W. S. Thomas & Taylor, Pty. Ltd., Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, to help inaugurate foreign parcel post service from Indianapolis to-day.

The shipment will be sent by Ted Taylor, son of the managing director of the South African firm, who is here for a year's apprenticeship in the plant. Marvin Hummel is assistant export manager for the Adams Co.

Film for Scientechn Club

Robert Kryter will show colored pictures of his trip to Yellowstone Park and the Black Hills before the Scientechn Club at 8 p. m. Mar. 31, in Cropey Auditorium of the Central Library.

Mrs. Eva Collins Rites Planned for Tomorrow

Rites for Mrs. Eva Collins, 2206 N. Illinois St., will be held at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in Kryter & Akin Mortuary. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mrs. Collins, who was 69, died Saturday. She was a former employee of Royster & Atkin Mortuary.

Born in Shelby County, she had lived here 40 years. Mrs. Collins was graduated from Indiana College of Mortuary Science and was a member of the Mutual Service Association, Indianapolis Business and Professional Women's Club, Joy Lodge #2 and Sylvie Chapter, Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors are a cousin, Mrs. William H. Armitage, Indianapolis; and a niece, Mrs. Robert Fink, Anderson.

Clarence J. Bolin

Requiescere high mass for Clarence J. Bolin, a salesman for the Altertorf Brokerage Co., for the last 15 years, will be sung in St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church at 9 a. m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mr. Bolin, who was a life-long resident of Indianapolis, died yesterday in St. Vincent Hospital. He was a member of the St. Joan of Arc Church and lived at 104 E. 46th St.

Survivors are his wife, Charlotte; a daughter, Mrs. Suzanne Fly; a son, John D. Bolin; and his mother, Mrs. R. M. Bolin, all of Indianapolis.

Henry Jones

Henry Jones, 816 Darnell St., died yesterday in General Hospital. He was 70.

A native of LaGrange, N. C., he lived here 45 years and was an employee of the Furnace Ice Cream Co. 35 years.

He was a member of Mt. Paran Baptist Church, Meridian Masonic Lodge and the Independent Order of St. Mark.

Services will be held at 1 p. m. Wednesday at the Mt. Paran

U. S. Supports Chile in UN On Czech Coup

Debate Wednesday To Force Issue

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. Mar. 15 (UPI)—U. S. support of Chile's charges that Russia engineered the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia virtually guaranteed to day that the issue would be aired before the United Nations Security Council with the debate starting Wednesday.

An official source disclosed yesterday that the United States would back up Chile's demands for a debate on the Czech issue and little difficulty was expected in lining up the seven votes necessary to raise the question before the council.

Britain, France, Belgium and Probably Colombia, Argentina and Syria were expected to follow this country's lead.

Some officials believed the Czech debate would determine whether the United Nations remains an international organization or is transformed into a western anti-Russian coalition.

Whether the United States would support some sort of Security Council intervention in the Czech case—a commission of investigation, for example, or a resolution of condemnation—was not clear.

The American delegation and the State Department were believed to have some doubts about whether the Security Council can take such action without infringing on the most jealously-guarded article in the United Nations Charter, the one which prohibits the United Nations from meddling in the domestic affairs of any sovereign nation.

Michael F. Dalton Dies Here at 72

Michael F. Dalton, former deputy coroner and constable, died yesterday in his home, 1041 S. Senate Ave. He was 72.

A life resident, he was a car-penter for the Gibson Co. and Capitol Motors Co.

He was 13th ward Democratic chairman many years. He was market master during the Bell administration 32 years ago and a deputy coroner and constable under the late John J. Blackwell and Dr. C. O. Durham from 1909-12.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church.

Services will be held at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday in the Blackwell funeral home and at 9 a. m. in St. John's Church. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, Katherine; two daughters, Mrs. James Lydia; two sons, Robert, Indianapolis, and Capt. F. A., recently returned from Germany; a sister, Mrs. Arthur Everingham, Toledo, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Merrill W. Webster

Services for Merrill W. Webster, 2224 W. Washington St., will be held at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday in the Oinely, Ill., Christian Church. Burial will be in Summer, Ill. He was 43.

Born in Claremont, Ill., Mr. Webster had lived here five years and was an employee of Chevrolet Commercial Body Division here. He died last night in the Methodist Hospital.

Survivors are his father, W. C. Webster; and a sister, Mrs. Alma Reeser, both of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Nettie Hoffman

Services for Mrs. Nettie Hoffman will be at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow in Moors Mortuaries North-east Chapel. Burial will be in Ebenezer Cemetery.

A lifelong resident of Millerville, Mrs. Hoffman died there Friday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Shirkey, the sole survivor. She was 74 and was a member of the Bellane Methodist Church and the Sisterhood of Lawrence Township.

Mrs. Lena Fritz

Services for Mrs. Lena Miller Fritz, life-long resident of Indianapolis who died last night, will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. in the Second Evangelical and Reformed Church. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mrs. Fritz died in her residence, 1859 Singleton St., after an illness of eight months. She was a member of the Second Church and its Ladies' Guild.

She is survived by her daughters, Miss Lena (Dolly) Fritz and Mrs. Mary Jane Wild; her sons Louis (Jack), Carl and William Fritz; her brother, Frank Miller; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of Indianapolis.

Mrs. John Lacey

Services will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow for Mrs. Josephine Elliot in Moore Mortuaries North-east Chapel. Burial will be in Memorial Park. She was 85.

Mrs. Elliot died yesterday in the home of Mrs. Roy Pete, 418 N. Bradley St. She was a native of Johnson County.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Frances Sargent, San Gabriel, Cal., and one son, William Foxworthy, Martinsville.

Sorority Alumnae To Meet Tomorrow

The Indianapolis Alumnae of Sigma Alpha Iota will be held at 6:30 p. m. tomorrow in the DAR chapter house. A board meeting will precede the dinner.

Entertainment will be provided by Mrs. Lowell Springer, Mrs. Russell Paxton, Miss Helen Dailey, Miss Irma Herrmann, Miss Mildred Shultz and Miss Helen Robinson.

Mrs. Florence Rettig is dinner chairman.

CORINTHIAN OES TO MEET

Corinthian OES will meet at 8 p. m. Wednesday at 2515 W. Washington St. in appreciation of the 1947 officers and members.

Mrs. Sarah Hollon is worthy matron, Maurice Hollon, worthy parlor. Prior to entering service.

Survivors are his father, William H. Bowles; two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Pringle and Mrs. Wilma Colestock, Rushville, and four brothers, Roly, William L., Chester and Elvin Bowles, all of Indianapolis.

Services will be held at 1 p. m. Wednesday at the Mt. Paran

Local Man's Son Missing In West; Foul Play Feared

An elderly Indianapolis carpenter whose face is worn with worry planned today to go to California and continue a never-ending search for a missing son.

Although trying to consider "the sweet side of things," Robert A. Byard, 63, of 446 S. Alabama St., has almost decided his 44-year-old unmarried son has been slain.

Mr. Byard first learned his son, Alvis A., was with Indianapolis police notified him of a message received from the New Mexico State Police.

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