

Dulles, Czech Debate Soviet Iron Curtain At World Church Meet

American Says Communism Breeds War; Adversary Insists West No Longer Leads

By WILLIAM McGAFFIN, Times Foreign Writer
AMSTERDAM, Holland, Aug. 24.—Assembled here today for the first official session of the first World Council of Churches, the world's Protestant and orthodox leadership received startling and specific word pictures of problems it must face in future, as viewed from the Eastern and Western sides of the ideological iron curtain.

From the West came the man who will represent the United States at the World Council of Churches in 1950, John Foster Dulles. From the East came a theologian from the capital of Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia—Joseph L. Hromadka of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren.

Mr. Dulles, who is a United States delegate, is convinced that churches everywhere should aim to expose the evil and futility of war. He pointed out that "the Soviet Communist regime is not a regime of peace and indeed does not purport to be." While expressing the hope that Russia does not want war, he emphasized that "violence and coercion are the accepted methods of class war."

"Peace," said Mr. Dulles, "can never be established except by institutions that seek to reflect moral law and that respect the dignity of the individual."

"And," he declared, "the present method of Communism, its intransigence, its intolerance, its incompatibility with peaceful change."

"The problem cannot be solved by trying to crush communism by force," Mr. Dulles continued. "The solution is for those who have faith to exert themselves more vigorously to translate that faith into works."

The Rev. Hromadka, speaking right after Mr. Dulles, asserted that the world is witnessing "the realm of international order."

He talked of the "millions of underprivileged underdogs of society" and of a western world becoming "either self-complacent or reliant increasingly on material power, either economic or military, rather than on moral and spiritual resources."

Warns of Deception
Three years after World War II, the western man, according to Mr. Hromadka, "is losing more and more the last remnants of his world leadership."

"Even the enormous wealth and the military and atomic power of the American nation must not deceive us," he said. "The enormous challenge of the present historical situation has found the western nations either morally and politically exhausted, weakened or misguided."

"Much of the western weakness is due to social or class greed-

ness, and to an almost metaphysical horror before the new approaching world and to the enervating decay of social and family morals," Mr. Hromadka added.

"The world cannot be organized on an anti-Communist, anti-Soviet basis... individually bourgeois people may be decent and honest but as a class they lost their prestige and forfeited in the era of 1918 to 1938 their chance to be political architects of the world."

He admitted that dialectical materialism "carries in itself many perils for the sacredness of the human personality and for the majesty of justice and love."

"Nevertheless," he insisted, "communism represents, although under aesthetic form, much of the social impetus of the living church."

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Spy Probers Quiz Budenz In Secret

Seek Truth in Hiss-Chambers Feud

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (UP)—House investigators questioned ex-Communist Louis Budenz in secret today in an effort to find out which of two key witnesses in their search for Reds in Government is telling lies.

Subcommittee Chairman Richard M. Nixon (R. Cal.), said that Mr. Budenz was called to testify in secret session on what he knows if anything about the House group's investigation. He declined to say what information Mr. Budenz is presumed to have.

Mr. Budenz, former editor of the Communist newspaper Daily Worker, left the party a few years ago to return to the Catholic church. He has testified several times before the Committee.

Meet Tomorrow
The witnesses whose stories do not mesh are Alger Hiss, ex-State Department official, and Whitaker Chambers, former Communist who is now a senior editor of Time magazine.

Mr. Chambers has charged Mr. Hiss with membership in an "elite" Communist underground he said operated among government employees and officials prior to 1937. Mr. Hiss denied the charges but admitted that he knew Mr. Chambers in 1934 and 1935 as a free-lance writer named "George Crosley."

The committee plans to confront Mr. Hiss and Mr. Chambers with each other at an open session tomorrow morning.

Refuses to Talk
Mr. Budenz refused to talk to reporters before the subcommittee session.

Rep. Karl E. Mundt (R. S. D.), an influential committee member, said the group "is about ready to issue a public report" on the charges of Elizabeth T. Bentley, confessed ex-courier for two Communist spy rings.

She has testified that at least 30 government officials were involved in her espionage activities.

'Bumps and Grinds' Closes N. J. Taproom
CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 24.—A Camden taproom was ordered closed for 15 days yesterday after state agents saw a woman patron doing "bumps and grinds" to the melodies of a juke-box.

It's illegal in New Jersey, Alcoholic Beverage Commissioner Erwin Hock ruled.

The agents testified a woman customer called "Frenchie" lifted her skirts and went into her dance. The juke-box broke down, but "Frenchie" kept on bumping and grinding, they said.

4 Yanks Killed In Reich Air Crash

RAVOLDHAUSEN, Germany, Aug. 24 (UP)—Two C-47 twin-engine transport planes returning to Frankfurt from the Berlin supply run collided over a sugar beet field here today and crashed, killing four American fliers.

There were no survivors. Each plane carried a crew of two men. U. S. Air Force headquarters at Wiesbaden withheld names of the dead pending notification of next of kin.

Ravoldhausen is about 15 miles northeast of Frankfurt. Neither of the planes carried any cargo.

Police said one of the two planes exploded when it hit the ground. German farmers said one plane emerged suddenly from a cloud and hit the other from the left rear. Its left engine clipped off the port wing of the second plane and its right engine smashed the tail assembly.

Pvt. Richard Whitesell, Terre Haute, Ind., was the first U. S. soldier to reach the crash. An M. P. he was patrolling the road outside Ravoldhausen, when the planes collided.

U.S. Move to Ease Tension in Berlin

Urges Withdrawal Of Border Riot Squads

BERLIN, Aug. 24 (UP)—High level negotiations are under way to "pacify" the border between the Soviet and western sectors of Berlin where violence flared over the week-end, it was learned authoritatively today.

The secret negotiations are aimed at settling on a local level the inflammatory issues raised by a series of Soviet kidnapping raids into the American and British sectors.

The discussions still were being handled by junior officers, it was said, but they were lifted from their original informal status when Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov, Russian commandant in Berlin, replied favorably to an American suggestion that the whole business might be settled easily.

Proposed by U. S.
The proposal now being studied was said authoritatively to call for:

ONE: Withdrawal of all but normal Soviet, American and British military police patrols from the Potsdamer Platz area, where the three occupation sectors meet.

TWO: Joint Soviet-American-British raids on the black markets along sector borders to prevent black marketeers from crossing from one sector into another.

The negotiations were proposed by U. S. officials.

As an initial move, the United States withdrew its military police "riot squads" from the trouble area.

Rankin Faces Fight to Keep Seat in House

Close Vote Seen In Mississippi

By United Press

Political attention centered today on Mississippi where Rep. John E. Rankin, the South's most outspoken champion of white supremacy, appeared facing the fight of his life in the state's Democratic primary.

Opposing him in his bid for nomination to his 15th consecutive term in the House were 38-year-old former Judge Claude Clayton and Circuit Judge Raymond Jarvis.

Mr. Clayton lost to Mr. Rankin by only 2000 votes in 1946 and some observers gave him the best chance of upsetting the man whose skill in parliamentary maneuvering has made him a power in the House for 25 years.

Mr. Rankin predicted victory. If none of the three gets a majority in today's balloting, a "run-off" primary will be held in two weeks. Nomination on the Democratic ticket in Mississippi is tantamount to election.

Other political developments: New York—Political leaders expect a light turnout in today's almost contest-free New York primary. Only eight incumbent Congressmen were opposed for renomination.

Dewey—An aid of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York hinted that the GOP presidential nominee will make one of the shortest campaigns an out-of-power candidate has waged in recent political history.

Mr. Dewey's supporters were said to be so confident of victory that they have advised a short, hard-hitting campaign which would get under way in late September.

Truman—President Truman was reported to be seriously considering assailing the Taft-Hartley Labor Act in his campaign opening speech in Detroit on Labor Day at a CIO-AFL rally.

Mr. Truman, now on a nine-day yacht cruise, has already begun drafting the address.

Presidential Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told newsmen who have been trailing the Williamsburg aboard the tiny yacht Wanderer that Mr. Truman is having a "very good time" and is "very well."

He said the President is getting more sleep than usual and is enjoying daily sun bath and movies.

Mr. Truman is expected back in Washington Saturday or Sunday.

Democrats—Democratic strategists are counting on Sen. Alben W. Barkley, their vice presidential nominee, to do most of the tough campaign in fight against GOP nominee Dewey. This would leave President Truman free to concentrate on issues.

Mr. Truman was understood to be entirely willing to hold any personal controversy with Mr. Dewey to a minimum. Gov. Dewey is said to feel the same way.

Wallace—Henry A. Wallace, Progressive Party presidential nominee, appealed to the nation's 15 million Negroes to vote for him and "turn the Jim Crow bigots out."

He spoke before the Negro Elks convention in Cincinnati.

Around the World—Troops Urged to Quit Berlin Trouble Spot

Junior U. S. Aids Make Proposal to Russia; Soviet Chief Puts Election Off One Year

BERLIN, Aug. 24 (UP)—American authorities proposed informally to Russia today that the troops of all four powers be withdrawn from Berlin sector boundary lines to ease East-West tension.

The proposal was placed before Russian junior officers by American junior officers. It was understood the recommendation had been transmitted to Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov, Russian commandant in Berlin, with the approval of high American authorities.

The recommendation was that only German police of the three main sectors patrol the areas where the American, British and Russian sectors converge.

On the political front, Russian Marshal Vasily D. Sokolovski ordered the Berlin fall elections postponed one year. Observers immediately interpreted this as a Soviet admission that its position has been weakened by the Berlin blockade.

Marshal Sokolovski's unilateral decision is not effective in the three Western zones, however.

China
MORE than 100 vegetable, fish and meat vendors were arrested and jailed for four hours this morning as Shanghai authorities attempted to hold the price line at the Aug. 19 level.

Early jubilation at the large amounts of U. S. gold and silver being surrendered in exchange for gold yuan currency faded somewhat today when it was disclosed that large operators, armed with the new Chinese money, began raiding commodity markets.

Instead of hoarding U. S. gold dollars—ownership of which is to be outlawed after Sept. 30—merchants were resorting to hoarding commodities.

Japan
JAPANESE Premier Hiroshi Ashida today asked Gen. Douglas MacArthur to buy more rice with U. S. funds so the Japanese could have an extra bowl a day.

One official at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters described the request as "totally unreasonable" in the light of the heavy American contribution to Japan's food ration. This contribution amounts to about 15 per cent of the nation's staple food needs.

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Canterbury 'Red Dean' Raps U. S. on Visa Ban
LONDON, Aug. 24 (UP)—The Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, "Red Dean" of Canterbury, said today that refusal of United States authorities to grant him a visa was an indication the U. S. was not interested in friendship with Russia.

The elderly Church of England official said he hoped to go to America "when Henry Wallace is President, which I think is sure to be within three years."



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