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World Report—
Tito Expects
Czech Aid as
Hostile Agent

U. S. Approves
Steel Mill Deal
With Yugoslavia

Marshal Tito's government today stripped a Czech consular official in Zagreb of all diplomatic privileges after accusing him of encouraging anti-Tito saboteurs in Yugoslavia.

An official announcement charged that Stefan Horvat, Czech deputy-consul general in Zagreb, had committed "unlawful acts and worked towards straining relations between Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia."

The Yugoslav Communist organ Borba said Horvat "established close connection with hostile and saboteur elements in Yugoslavia to whom he extended support and incited (them) to commit offenses against Yugoslavia."

U. S. OK's Sale

Borba also charged that Mr. Horvat had urged Ljekra Popovic, a Yugoslav citizen, to flee the country and had provided her with forged travel documents bearing the name "Sofia Neslavka."

The forged papers allegedly described Popovic as a "Czechoslovak citizen who was re-emigrating to Czechoslovakia."

(At Washington, meanwhile, the United States agreed to let Yugoslavia buy a \$3 million steel mill in this country as a move to bolster Marshal Tito in his stand against the Kremlin.)

(The decision marks the first time since the start of the cold war that the United States has authorized shipment of "war potential" materials to any Communist-led country. The agreement was disclosed last night. Actual shipment of the mill components is still a year away.)

Egypt

REPORTS reaching Cairo, Egypt, from Damascus said today that Col. Sami El-Hinnawi, leader of the latest coup d'etat in Syria, had been shot and killed by an assassin.

El-Hinnawi led last Sunday's army coup which ended the 133-day reign of President Hosni Zaim, who also had seized power in an army coup. Mr. Zaim and Premier Moushie El-Barazi were executed.

Unlike Mr. Zaim, who set himself up as virtual dictator, Mar. 30, Col. El-Hinnawi turned over the government to a civilian cabinet.

Japan

A "considerable number" of former Japanese soldiers and air force men have asked for a chance to fight with Nationalist forces in China, the Chinese mission in Tokyo claimed today.

Minister Yorkson Shen denied, however, reports published in Hong Kong and London that the mission was recruiting Japanese fighters and bomber pilots with a view to smuggling them from Japan to Formosa and south China.

A spokesman for Allied headquarters said there was no way in which Japanese could legally be allowed to become mercenary soldiers in Chinese forces.

China

More than 80 American consular officials will evacuate South China, including the Nationalist capital of Canton, and come to Hong Kong within the next two days, it was announced at Hong Kong today.

U. S. Consul General George D. Hopper said the evacuation will pull all American officials out of the Canton consular district, covering four provinces in South China.

Java

GUERRILLA attacks against the north Java port of Semarang have been beaten back by Dutch troops. Dutch military quarters reported today.

SWIM SHOW SET

The swimming team of the Indianapolis Athletic Club will perform tonight for servicemen at the Benjamin Harrison Air Force Base.

Champ Horseshoe Pitcher



Betty Tuggee (left) is city teen girls' champion horseshoe pitcher and Zola Reynolds is runnerup, they proved yesterday during the tournament at Brookside Park.

Finals in the Boys' Teen Horseshoe Pitching Tournament were scheduled to be run off today at Brookside Park after rains postponed their playoff yesterday.

Girls completed their tournament before the rains came. Betty Tuggee, 14, of 1223 Bellefontaine St., became the champion with a score of 39 with 50 shoes. Runnerup was Zola Reynolds, 15, of 1222 Bellefontaine.

Margaret Mitchell Buried At Simple Funeral Rites

Carefully Selected Group of Relatives, Friends Pay Final Tribute to Author

ATLANTA, Aug. 18 (UPI)—Margaret Mitchell, renowned author of "Gone With the Wind," was paid final respects today at simple, private funeral services.

A carefully-selected group of 300 relatives and close friends, assembled in an ivy-covered chapel, heard Dean Raimundo DeVoe's, the Episcopal service for the dead.

The noted writer, who died Tuesday of automobile injuries, was buried in the century-old Oakland Cemetery, resting place also for 5000 Confederate war heroes.

Were No Eulogies

There were no eulogies. By request, there were few flowers. Funeral services were brief.

(Continued From Page One) and that Mrs. Edwards was involved.

According to other sources, Mrs. Edwards, held without bond in Marion County jail, asked to talk with the sheriff last night. It was said she told him "my conscience is troubling me."

At the funeral hour, a 29-year-old old taxicab driver paced a cell in city jail. He was Hugh D. Gravitt whose private automobile struck Miss Mitchell the night of Aug. 11 as she and her husband, advertising executive John Marsh, crossed Peachtree Street to attend a movie.

At first jailed on charges of drunk driving and later released on bond, Mr. Gravitt was rearrested on murder charges following Miss Mitchell's death Tuesday.

Mr. Gravitt said he had prayed "quite a bit lately" before and after Miss Mitchell died.

Praying and Preaching

He spent the morning reading his Bible, sent by an unidentified woman. Mr. Gravitt said he had not read the Bible much in the past, but "praying and reading the Bible makes me feel better now."

He said he wanted to attend the funeral but knew it would do no good to ask the jail keepers.

Mr. Gravitt also disclosed for the first time that he was on the way to a druggist for medicine for a sick son when his car hit Miss Mitchell.

ON IN THEM THERE HILLS

Rocky Mountain regions, long known as sources of other minerals, are now becoming important because of petroleum deposits.

Polio Group OK's Opening Of State Fair

Planning Committee Also Sanctions Schools Starting

Opening of the Indiana State Fair on Sept. 1 got the green light today from the Indiana Polio Planning Committee.

At the same time, opening of schools also was approved. The committee said schools in the state never have been closed or their opening delayed by polio outbreaks.

The committee declared there is "no reason" at present to delay opening of the nine-day exposition here which annually attracts huge crowds, following a resumption of the state polio situation.

Urge Caution

However, the committee suggested that health officials urge persons from epidemic areas not to attend the fair. Children suffering from any illness also will be asked to remain at home.

Dr. Leroy Burney, State Health Commissioner, pointed out that parents should make sure their children do not become exhausted during fair activities.

Other statewide meetings and camps, which bring children together, were advised by the committee to go ahead with scheduled plans. But it was urged that gatherings exclude children from polio epidemic areas.

The committee learned that Indiana is not considered in the worst epidemic areas in the national picture. Only 10.6 per cent of the state polio cases have died this year.

But Dr. George M. Brother of the State Board said the 1949 outbreak already was the second worst in recorded Indiana history. The number of cases today stood at 471 and there had been 48 deaths.

Oklahoma and Arkansas had the nation with the highest polio death rates, according to State Board of Health statistics. And Texas had the highest number of reported cases—1324.

Nineteen representatives of the State Board of Health, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Department of Public Welfare and American Red Cross attended the group's second meeting yesterday to "pool all polio knowledge."

Trucker Burns To Death in Crash

Times State Series

WABASH, Aug. 18—Howard Persley, 38, Wabash, was burned to death this morning, when his truck left the road, overturned and caught fire, state police said.

The accident occurred near the intersection of Treaty Road and Ind. 15, five miles south of here. Mr. Persley, who was driving a tractor-trailer owned by the Brown Trucking Co., apparently failed to make a curve in the road. The heavy vehicle crashed through a concrete bridge abutment and plunged down an embankment where it came to rest in the bed of a small stream, officers said.

Firemen and state police worked for several hours before they were able to remove the charred body from the truck's gutted cab.

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Inspector O'Neal, in charge of the investigation in the Edwards case, knew nothing of the statement until informed of it by The Times.

The white-haired, fiery-tempered Irishman exploded when he was told Sheriff Cunningham was reported to have taken the statement.

"What the hell business does he have taking a statement from our prisoner?" he said. He then added that he would "check into it immediately."

While Mrs. Edwards is in the custody of the sheriff awaiting trial on a first-degree murder indictment, she still is a city police prisoner, the inspector said.

Her husband, Billie Burke Edwards, was declared insane by two court-appointed examining physicians. They reported the result of their sanity hearing for Edwards to Criminal Court Judge Saul I. Rabb.

The physicians' report left Mrs. Edwards to face trial alone in the death of her daughter.

16 KILLED IN FLOODS

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 18 (UPI)—At least 16 persons were drowned in floods which swept through Slovakia Monday and Tuesday, the official news agency said today.

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Loading Up On Aches for Club Picnickers



Bob Droe, Indiana University alumni field secretary; Clyde Smith, football coach; Paul (Pooch) Harrell, athletic director, and Claude Rich, alumni secretary (left to right) load a truck with athletic equipment to bring to the annual stag picnic of the Indiana University Club of Indianapolis to be held Saturday at 3 p. m. on Paul DeVeau's farm, E. 96th St., four miles east of Road 37. The picnic will feature various types of athletic events.

Ruth Nichols, Pilot Wrangle Strike of Finnish Reds Cripples Port

Plane's Captain Denies Aviatrix' Statement She Handled Controls

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn., Aug. 18 (UPI)—The crew of the airplane which crashed in the sea off the Irish coast with the loss of eight lives Monday, arrived here today wrangling over whether Ruth Nichols, famed flier, actually had piloted the four-engine craft.

Miss Nichols, who gained international fame as a pioneer woman

flyer, insisted that she did not pilot the plane on the trip from Rome, both with and without the aid of the automatic pilot.

But Capt. Edward Bessey, chief pilot of the Transocean Airlines Skymaster, said Miss Nichols did not.

Miss Nichols said she flew the plane for two hours after it left Rome Sunday with a load of passengers including 45 American immigrants on their way to Venezuela. She said she was in complete control of the ship because she "twisted the dials controlling the altitude, speed and direction."

"Sat As Guest Only"

She said she was again in control of the plane at an unspecified time after it overflew Shannon, Ireland, and "I flew without the automatic pilot."

Capt. Bessey, who was in control of the plane when it ran out of gasoline, when he had to ditch it, said Miss Nichols was allowed to sit in the co-pilot's seat as a guest only and was sitting beside First Pilot John Hall and guided the plane through his advice.

"Hall showed her what knobs to twist," Capt. Bessey said. "At all times the plane was in control of Hall."

Miss Nichols, who drew Capt. Bessey's criticism in Shannon yesterday, because she said she had piloted the plane, would not yield the point.

"Even though the plane was an automatic pilot as Capt. Bessey said, I was really piloting the plane because the various dials must be set to maintain speed, altitude and direction," she said.

IN INDIANAPOLIS—VITAL STATISTICS

EVENTS TODAY

1949 Annual Indiana Ten Little Shaw Opening at 8 p. m., Indianapolis Stockyards.

National Society of Public Accountants Convention—Through Saturday, Lincoln Hotel.

Wabash Art Institute Students' Exhibition—Sept. 5.

State Board Room Luncheon Meeting—Sept. 5.

Charleston High School Band Concert—8 p. m., Spader Park.

Silver Star Review—15, Women's Benevolent and Missions Benefit Dinner—4 p. m., Brookside Park.

Fleming Garden Volunteer Fire Department—Meeting—Sundays, from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m., Fleming Garden School grounds, 4200 N. Washington St.

Elkhorn Club—Neon Luau—Severin Hotel.

Clarendon Club—Neon Luau—Severin Hotel.