

Russ Break Off 1945 Slav Pact

Diplomatic Break Seen Next Possible Step

LONDON, Sept. 29 (UP)—The Soviet government today broke off its 1945 treaty of friendship with Yugoslavia on the grounds that Marshal Tito had become a puppet of foreign imperialistic and aggressive powers.

The latest move in the Tito-Stalin cold war, was announced by Moscow radio. It broadcast the text of a note handed to the Yugoslav charge d'affaires in Moscow yesterday by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The Soviet action followed by one day Tito's charge that Soviet troops were digging trenches in Hungary and Romania and "rattling their arms around our border."

Break Expected
It also came less than a week after the United States and Britain announced that Russia had an atomic bomb.

Renunciation of the treaty made a break in diplomatic relations the next possible step. The increased intensity of the row led diplomats to believe "such a step might be forthcoming soon."

Dispatches from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, said diplomatic quarters there expected Russia's eastern European satellites would quickly follow Russia's lead and renounce their friendship treaties with Yugoslavia.

Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria now are linked with Yugoslavia by friendship pacts. Albania alone among the satellites has none.

Diplomatic quarters in Belgrade refused to admit there was a possibility of open hostilities in the near future even though the Soviet troops were reported parading along sections of Yugoslavia's frontiers.

Scope of Charges
The Soviet note accused Marshal Tito's regime of:

ONE: Carrying on "profoundly hostile disruptive activity" against the Soviet Union. Moscow charged this activity was masked by mendacious assurances of friendship.

TWO: Continuing hostility against the U. S. S. R. "not only on their own initiative but under the direct instructions of foreign imperialist circles."

THREE: Complete dependence upon foreign imperialist circles. It said Yugoslavia had been transformed into an instrument of western aggressive policies.

Lions Club to Sponsor Henry County 4-H Show
Times State Service
NEW CASTLE, Sept. 29.—Seven Lions clubs of Henry County are again planning to sponsor the annual 4-H Corn Club show and banquet at Memorial Park Nov. 16 and 17.

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GOP Chief Talks With Hoosiers



Guy G. Gabrielson (seated), National Republican Chairman, discusses the GOP's political future with Hoosier party leaders.

Convict Who Once Asked For Chair Seeks Release

Prisoner Challenges Hasty Conviction In Robbery Death of Uncle 10 Years Ago

By ROBERT BLOEM, Times Staff Writer
MICHIGAN CITY, Sept. 29.—The state prison convict who 10 years ago demanded the electric chair for the killing of an elderly uncle has changed his mind.

Now Robert James Otstot, 31, formerly of South Bend, wants out of prison. He thinks "10 years is long enough." He believes he can best repay society for his confessed act of violence by becoming a useful, free citizen.

He has petitioned the Circuit Court in South Bend, where on Dec. 14, 1939, he was indicted, convicted and sentenced in a single day, to set aside his first degree murder conviction as void. Nearly 10 years in the state prison here have convinced him that his speedy trial and conviction went beyond the bounds of swift justice.

It amounted, he charges now, to a denial of his constitutional right to "due process of law." Yet less than a week after he robbed his elderly woodworker uncle of \$38 with fatal results, he pleaded to be given a death sentence.

To his quick conviction, following a plea of guilty, he asked only that the state add "a little shot of current which wouldn't cost much."

Consent Is Free
In prison youthful appearing, 31-year-old Otstot says his conscience has been relieved. "I didn't mean to kill him," he says.

Even at the time of the "trial," the prosecutor agreed that this statement probably was true. To the four smashing blows which Otstot admitted striking his aging uncle, fate added a fifth and fatal blow. The elderly man fell to the floor of his workshop in such a way that death was caused by strangulation, not directly by his assailant's fists.

The court's agreement saved his life. Fate had taken another hand, this time in favor of the prisoner, because only six months before the legislature had acted to change the murder penalty. Had the speedy trial occurred in May instead of December, a death sentence against Robert James Otstot would have been mandatory.

Becomes Nature Writer
A little more than a year ago, convict Otstot began writing on his favorite subject—nature. He wrote of the outdoors, animals, things he remembered from his studies of natural history in high school but with which he had had no contact for many years.

He sold some articles to a New York sporting publication. He now writes a regular column for that paper, also sells occasional other articles. An article on

\$45,000 Fire Hits Grain Elevator

Worker Escapes Unhurt In Mt. Comfort Blaze

Fire today destroyed an estimated 10,000 bushels of grain and the Mt. Comfort grain elevator, located 12 miles northeast of Indianapolis.

Officials estimated that the total loss would exceed \$45,000. A workman escaped to safety when flames enveloped the wooden interior of the elevator at 8:30 a. m. A boxcar nearby also burned.

Clyde Wilson, elevator manager, said that 10,000 bushels of stored oats, corn and soybeans were destroyed. Cause of the fire was not immediately determined.

Flight Fire An Hour
Firemen from Greenfield, Fortville, Oaklandon and Lawrence battled the flames for more than an hour. The tin-covered, wooden elevator burned to the ground.

The fire was discovered by Russell McKeehan, who was working inside the tall structure. He said he saw the top of the interior in flames and escaped to safety.

A scheduled eastbound New York Central passenger train was delayed by the fire.

The elevator was owned by G. A. Pritchard & Sons of Fortville.

District Postmasters Elect Officers

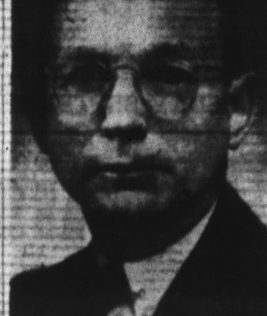
Indianapolis Postmaster George J. Reas today announced organization of 11th District postmasters and election of officers for the group at a meeting held Tuesday in his office.

Officers elected were: Southport, president; Maurice L. Plummer, postmaster; West Newton, vice president; and Mrs. Mary Rutledge, postmaster; Beech Grove, secretary-treasurer.

Service medals were given to Arthur Condrey, Ft. Wayne; Purdy Miller, Fred B. Grace, Sheldon Book, Herschel E. Greene, Miss Genevieve Towey and Miss Evelyn Stack, all of Indianapolis.

Honorable mention awards were presented to Don Zegafuse, Walter L. Fischer and Royal H. Hunt, Indianapolis, and Eugene Snyder, Ft. Wayne.

Medical Chieftain 'Sundae' Contest In Semifinals



Dr. Alfred S. Ellison, South Bend surgeon, is the president-elect of the Indiana State Medical Association, chosen by the association's House of Delegates today. He will assume office at the 1950 meeting of the Indiana Medical Association in French Lick.

U. S. Rubber Employees Honored for Service

Seven veteran employees of the Indianapolis branch sales office of U. S. Rubber Co. have been honored for 25 years or more of service.

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'Sundae' Contest In Semifinals

'Dream' Concocters Cut to Twelve

Twelve concocters of the small boy's idea of a "dream sundae" will compete in the semifinals of a statewide contest Saturday in the Indiana Theater.

The contest is being held in conjunction with the International Dairy Exposition, Oct. 8-15. The state finals will be Oct. 8 at the State Fairgrounds.

Three Indianapolis newspaper columnists will serve as judges for the semifinals at 9 a. m. They are Ed Sovola, The Indianapolis Times; Bill Wildhack, Indianapolis News, and Lowell Nussbaum, Indianapolis Star.

Bicycle Is Top Prize
The grand prize winner will receive a bicycle and the other 11 finalists will get consolation awards. The contests are sponsored by local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Contestants and the names of their creations include Robert Thomas, 1501 N. Bosart Ave., Los West End; "Ruckus," Shirley N. Smith, 221 N. Beverly Ave., "Zombie's Dream," Sherry Lee Johnson, 1614 N. Shannon Ave., "Down Shannon Way Sherry," Gloria Temple, 314 N. California St., "Date Delight," Orlando Rodgers, 1403 N. Keating Ave., "Rosie's Bufface," and Thomas Clements, 1315 E. Vermont St., "Glove Beach."

Other contestants are George Bloomfield, 2204 Barrett Ave., "Rainbow Sander," Bertrise Davis, 1115 W. McCarty St., "Vanilla Pineapple Special," Rosemary Bufface, 1403 N. Keating Ave., "Rosie's Bufface," and Thomas Clements, 1315 E. Vermont St., "Glove Beach."

Election Tomorrow

Annual election of officers will feature the meeting of the Indianapolis Exchange Club at 6 p. m. tomorrow in the Chateau Room of the Claypool Hotel.

The evening meeting will be held instead of usual weekly luncheon.

Two Girls Accuse Bogart Of Dumping Them on Floor

Summons Follows Night Club Incident

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (UP)—Movie toughie Humphrey Bogart was served with a summons charging simple assault today for dumping two New York glamour girls on the floor of the El Morocco night club. He said he will see the girls in court tomorrow.

The summons was served on Mr. Bogart today in his hotel suite.

"I thought this was a tempest in a teapot," he said. "But it has grown into a full-sized hurricane. Sure, I'll appear in court tomorrow. They tell me I'd better or else. They send policemen after you, put you in jail and other bad things."

Mr. Bogart said he had no comment on the night club sitdown on which he allegedly gave the girls an assist.

"I think they are both very pretty. Too pretty to have to do anything like this for publicity. So I don't know what the score is. I'll tag along and see."

The summons was obtained against the screen star by Model Robin Roberts.

Search Lasts Hours
Service of the summons climaxed an hours-long search for Bogart in Manhattan's night spots last night and early today.

Miss Roberts, a pretty brunette, said Bogart sent her sprawling on El Morocco's plush carpet early Sunday morning when she playfully picked up a large panda doll he had put in a chair at his table.

Bogart and Bill Seeman, a playboy pal, had entered the night club, each carrying a panda doll. They seated the dolls at their table and introduced them as their "girl friends."

Bogey allegedly shoved Miss Roberts and Peggy Rabe, a bank-



Robin Roberts displays her bruises.

er's daughter, when the girls playfully picked up the dolls.

In the melee that followed, Miss Rabe's escort had some crockery smashed on his shoulder.

Enrolls 60 Pupils

Sixty new members have been enrolled in the Future Teachers Club at Shortridge High School.

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