

'The U. S. A. Really Helps'—

Tito Praises American Aid, Assails Soviet

Yugoslav Assures His People Washington Imposed No Strings

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct. 30 (UP)—Communist Yugoslavia appeared today to have lined up squarely with the United States against Russia in the East-West cold war. Premier Marshal Tito for the first time publicly praised the United States last night in a speech before the 3d Congress of the joint Anti-Fascist Women's League in Zagreb.

He indirectly promised Yugoslavia's full support to the United States against any attempted Soviet aggression if America carries out its promise to aid this drought-plagued country without attaching political strings.

Criticized Russia He lauded the United States for responding to his plea for help with deeds and criticized Russia for its history of "promises with words."

Tito also warned that Yugoslavia will complain to the United Nations if Moscow-inspired provocations by Yugoslavia's Communist neighbors increase.

Authoritative diplomatic sources said Tito's praise of the United States was a major step for Yugoslavia "in the direction of the community of free nations." They called it Yugoslavia's most important foreign policy development since its break with

the Cominform. They said it would serve as a signal for the country's entire propaganda machinery to follow suit.

'No Conditions' The speech was Tito's first since he asked the United States for \$105 million in food relief to offset the recent drought.

"We have undertaken measures to make sure our people do not starve," he said. "We have asked the American government for long-term credits or some other means to supply a corresponding amount of food."

"We have met a favorable attitude and reply from the American government. We are going to get these things."

"I can tell you frankly the American government did not put any conditions."

"The U. S. A. really helps other people and does not use this merely for propaganda as some people do."

Congressman's Letter Tells Of Interview With Tito

By REP. LAURIE BATTLE (D. Ala.)

BELGRADE (By Mail)—Marshal Tito says that Russia is not prepared to fight a world war at this time.

He believes the reason Stalin did not want China to come into the Korean War was that he feared it might start World War III, and Stalin was not ready for this step.

Tito said that, of course, the Communists have lost face in Korea, and China may become another Yugoslavia by not knuckling under to the Kremlin. He said the quick United Nations action surprised Stalin, who had planned on a quick victory in Korea.

Tito says he has a good army and is improving it as quickly as he can. He does not want to send pilots to America to train as he believes it would heighten the tension between Russia and Yugoslavia.

He says his armed forces can and will hold Russia off for months if attacked, thus giving other nations time to get into any war against the Kremlin.

Certain of Help

In case of such attack, he has no doubt that he will receive help from the West. His military equipment is somewhat obsolete, but Tito says his forces are well prepared for guerrilla warfare tactics, which he will use in case of attack. He says nobody can whip them in the mountains of Yugoslavia.

Practically every young person we have seen in Yugoslavia is in uniform. This is a great contrast to the lack of armed forces in other countries, especially in our allied nations. However, Tito says his army is not out of proportion to the population.

Tito said that Russia has not jumped on Yugoslavia for several reasons:

ONE: Yugoslavia is a tough nut to crack, and she is determined to be independent.

TWO: He says it is hard for the Communists to get other Balkan peoples stirred up to fight against his socialist country, especially since he worked with them so closely in the past (he prefers to be called a socialist rather than a Communist at this stage of the game).

THREE: He said Yugoslavia would tie up at least 30 Russian divisions and start World War III if Russia does attack him.

FOUR: Russia is not prepared to fight an all-out war at this time.

FIVE: Yugoslavia has not and will not crack under Russian economic pressure.

Tito says that Yugoslavia will participate in the United Nations police force if and when it is created. He indicated faith in the ability of the world organization to maintain the peace, with added confidence since its effective action in Korea.

Marshal Tito recently was interviewed by a group of U. S. Congressmen. Rep. Laurie Battle (D. Ala.) reports it in a letter to Jim Daniel of the Scripps-Howard Washington staff.

We interviewed Tito for an hour and a half in his home. After passing through four sets of guards, we were ushered into his conference room, which is about 30 feet by 60 feet.

It is beautifully decorated and has model planes, tiny anti-aircraft guns and ships. To Tito's left is a towering statue of Lenin. Under a tremendous painting of a 16th Century peasant uprising is a contour map of the world made out of copper. Over it hangs a silver sickle and hammer with an airplane in a nose-dive.

Tito served us coffee in small copper pots with long brass handles, and we poured the coffee into small china cups. It was thick and good. As we talked he smoked cigarettes incessantly—American ones which I had swapped him for the Yugoslav brand.

208 Federal Workers

Fired as Security Risks

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (UP)—The Civil Service Commission reported today that 208 government employees have been fired as security risks since the federal loyalty program was started in March, 1947.

It said 1593 other employees resigned while being investigated by the FBI and 1171 more quit while their cases were pending before loyalty review boards.

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Miss Stenographer Yearns for Home



Ole Olsen and Miss Mary Bosiak (center) ... the star of Broadway's "Pardon My French" meets Indianapolis' Miss Stenographer backstage. Miss Bosiak is in New York as winner of the Miss Stenographer contest sponsored by The Times and the Indianapolis Typewriter Co. Oh, yes, pardon-nez moi, at right is Denise Darcel, feminine star of the Olsen and Johnson show.—Acme Photo

By EARL WILSON

Times Broadway Columnist

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—"I've had such a good time. I'm tired out and ready to come home," Mary Bosiak, Indianapolis' "Miss Stenographer," said here last night sitting in Toots Shor's restaurant.

At the next table was Toots himself and former heavy-weight contender Billy Conn. Nearby was the screen actor, Dean Jagger.

With Miss Bosiak were her chaperones, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cockrell.

During her visit here, Miss

Bosiak saw another Hoosier—Bill Shirley, the singer, who is in the cast of "Pardon My French," the Olsen and Johnson show.

They went to see that show Saturday night, and had a long talk with Ole Olsen, A. Peru, Ind., native.

"I love New York, but I don't see how anybody stands the pace here," Miss Bosiak said.

Miss Stenographer and the Cockrells were to leave for Indianapolis on the Spirit of St. Louis Monday afternoon and be back in Indianapolis Tuesday.

Red Control Board Set to Start Work

Registration Question Group's First Problem

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (UP)—

The new Communist control board meets for the first time Wednesday, but Chairman Seth W. Richardson admits he isn't sure what will happen when it tackles the problem of registering the nation's Reds.

President Truman created the board to decide which persons and groups are covered by Communist registration provisions of the new anti-subversive law.

Mr. Richardson told the United Press he will "let the chips fall where they may."

"We will organize Wednesday morning," he said. "We will be prepared immediately—within 24 hours—to proceed. But the Justice Department must unlock the door by sending us its registration cases."

Republican Heads Board

Mr. Richardson, 70-year-old Republican, headed Mr. Truman's Loyalty Review Board until he was selected to direct the new Communist control group. He and the other four board members must be confirmed by the Senate after Congress returns next month.

The board will decide whether organizations considered Communist or Communist fronts by the Attorney General must register.

Mr. Richardson noted, however, that it has been given no money with which to operate, and must ask Congress for funds.

The Justice Department's first registration target will be the Communist party. The department then will turn to "front" organizations which support it.

Ho's Reds Push to Encircle French

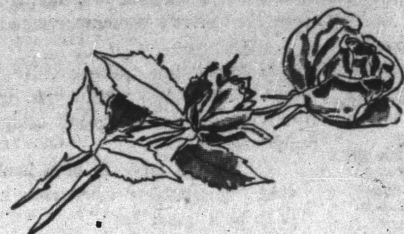
SAIGON, Indo-China, Oct. 30 here said one Communist force crossed the Red River on rafts near Pholu, 12 miles southeast of Laokay, despite a French aerial bombardment.

The French have said they would abandon the fortress if there were danger of the garrison being slaughtered. It guards the best invasion route down the rich Red River to the southeast.

A French military spokesman said that he died when his denture broke in half and lodged in his throat.

LONDON, Oct. 30 (UP)—Motorcyclist Frank Alfred Wood, 24, was choked to death by his own false teeth in an automobile accident. A coroner ruled today that he died when his denture broke in half and lodged in his throat.

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