

TITO

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From London comes news of plans to form - a Fifth International. That is, a Titoist organization - in competition with Stalin's International. The new movement would line up Communists and Left Wing Socialists who oppose domination by Soviet Russia. There are said to be thousands of these, who sympathize with Red Marshal Tito's attempt to establish Communism in his own country - free of any dictation from Moscow. In a broader sense, it's a revolt against the world leadership that Russia claims over Communist movements everywhere - Stalin the global boss of the Left.

Marshal Tito is said to be taking a hand in ^{this} ~~the~~ formation of a new International, independent of Soviet Russia - ~~a Tito International~~. During the past week, delegations of Leftists have been visiting Yugoslavia, confabulating with the Red Marshal. One, a group of Italian wartime Partisans, who fought in the Left Wing resistance against the Nazis, and some of them were Communists. Another delegation came from France, and included Communists - all prospective members

of an anti-Stalin International.

Well, it's an old idea to have a worldwide organization of advocates of social revolution. The First International was founded nearly a hundred years ago, in the days of Marx and Engels. It got into feuds, split into factions, and presently disappeared. The Second, an orthodox Marxian affair, was founded in Eighteen Eighty-Nine, and lasted until the outbreak of World War One, when Socialists, for the most part, supported their own countries in the conflict, and the Second International ^{ing}foundered~~x~~ on the rocks of patriotism. Number Three began when the Bolshevik Revolution occurred in Russia. It was founded by the Red government under Lenin - the notorious Comintern. The Fourth International was begun by Trotsky, after he was ousted by Stalin, and became Stalin's bitterest enemy. It never amounted to much. ~~so~~ Now the prospect of a Fifth International - Titoist.

This rumbling and stirring in the world of the Left Wingers can only excite screams of rage in Moscow - and the

screaming was loud today. Soviet propaganda exhausted its vocabulary in calling down curses on Tito. He is ^(excoriated as) ~~one of~~ one of the bloodiest despots in history - vainglorious, corrupt, lecherous, a coward, a traitor. These compliments are bestowed by a Soviet publication called the Literary Gazette, which adds the spicy mention of what it calls - "an American female spy." She is described as an opera singer, who goes around with Tito, bedecked with diamonds. She is said to have a fleet of expensive automobiles, ^{cars} - ~~a~~ in many colors, to match her gowns. This alleged American spy is also described as the dictator of fashions in Yugoslavia, right now.

But, who is she? The answer is interesting. She is identified as a soprano, who during recent years was a singer with the Metropolitan Opera, ~~House,~~ in New York. Opera goers will have a vivid recollection of Madame Milanov, ^a ~~the~~ first rate soprano. She is a native of Yugoslavia, and married General Ilitch, who at one time was a member of ^{the} ~~a~~ staff of the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington. Today in New York, friends

of Madame Milanov laughed at the charge that she is an American spy in the entourage of Red Marshal Tito.

FOLLOW TITO

In Washington today, Secretary of State ^{Dean} Acheson denounce
Red stories of American spies -- in Communist Czechoslovakia.

This applies in particular to an employee of the American

Embass. at Prague, Samuel Meryn, who has been thrown into jail,
over there.

He's an American citizen of Czechoslovakian birth; and Embassy
officials have been trying in vain to see him.

The Czechoslovak Reds claim they have confessions, and
today Secretary of State Acheson told what he thought of the
confession business in vogue behind the Iron Curtain. He said
the espionage story is a pack of lies to provide material for
~~some more~~ some more purge trials.

Virtually every adult human being in this country has wondered - what would happen if war should come? What would our strategy be? What American military moves? There has been much talk about relying on an atomic blitz - the possibility of a quick victory by long range bombers and atomic explosions. Is that what our military command has in mind?

Today at Montgomery, Alabama, General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff, ~~had a few things to say~~
addressed
~~to~~ a convention of the National Guard. He told them what would be expected of the National Guard - if, by some unfortunate mischance, there should be a war. General Bradley was talking in the practical sense of giving directions; - and it's a revelation of what American strategy would be.

"If war comes," said he, "the first troops to go overseas, naturally, would be those of the regular Army."
To which ~~the General~~ ^{he} added that the next to go would be
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soldiers of the National Guard. [^]preparations should be made;

~~for this line of action~~, General Bradley declaring: "The National Guard should be ready to move some divisions to combat areas, upon short notice."

This, obviously, is according to plans made by the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff of the nations lined up under the Atlantic Security Pact. General Bradley told the National Guard that, under the treaty, our American first line of defense is, in his words - "in the heart of Europe."

So we would not depend altogether on an atomic blitz. The atom bomb would be used, undoubtedly - but there would be a military campaign along traditional lines - an army sent overseas, as in the two previous World Wars. But the Chairman of our Joint Chiefs-of-Staff ^{said} ~~declared that~~ he did not believe a war ~~was~~ probable. He thinks that everybody is trying to avoid one, Soviet Russia included. But, there might be a miscalculation, or what he calls - "some unfortunate incident." So we've got to plan - while doing everything to prevent the plan from being put into effect.

Here are some figures ^{for} ~~relating to the~~ Displaced Persons admitted into the United States. President Truman claims that the law discriminates against Jews and Catholics - which is denied by Senator McCarran, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The figures indicate that of the D.P's brought into the United States, fifty per cent are Catholics, and twenty-six per cent are Jews - the remaining twenty-four per cent consisting of Protestants and a few members of the Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches.

These facts are given by the Displaced Persons Commission, established by the government in Washington - a break-down of more than ninety-five thousand D.P's, as classified according to religion. The percentages are said to correspond very closely to the religious ratio of the D.P. camps in Europe - about one-half Catholic, while more than one-fourth are Jewish. Percentages for the D.P's over there, ⁺ ~~percenages~~ for those admitted into this country.

ITALY

In Italy there's talk of working a miracle - this in connection with the celebration of Holy Week by the Roman Catholic Church this coming year of Nineteen Fifty. Tens of thousands of pilgrims will journey to Rome for the Papal festivities at St. Peter's. So, with these travelers to Italy in mind, the miracle is suggested - abolish tipping.¹

The proposal was made today by a parliamentary commission on tourism, which pointed out that it would be a boon to visitors, if tipping were outlawed. It is admitted that a drastic law with plenty of enforcement would be necessary, but the Italian government is asked to look into the matter - as part of the celebration of Holy Year.

BEATTY

In London today a plunge from a window ended a career that presented these utmost elements of drama -- the greatest of good fortune, the greatest of ill fortune. The victim ^{of} suicide, was the Honorable Peter Beatty, so brilliantly blessed by the whims of chance that they called him -- Lucky Beatty. But he also had the worst of luck.

His father was Earl Beatty, Britain's ^{dashing} hero-Admiral of the First World War -- whose bold strategy at the Battle of Jutland ~~was much disputed. But it~~ made him a favorite of the British public, and ~~he~~ ^{who} accepted the surrender of the German fleet at the end of the war.

The mother of the Honorable Peter Beatty was Ethel Field, daughter of a Chicago-multimillionaire ^{merchant} prince, Marshall Field Senior. From his father he inherited two hundred thousand dollars, from his mother eight hundred thousand.

In his twenties he went in for horse-racing,

When a gypsy fortune-teller predicted that he would win the Derby. He did, when he was twenty-eight. He paid thirty-two thousand dollars for a thoroughbred, the prize money came to fifty thousand, and he won two-hundred and forty-thousand on a bet. That same year he won the Royal Ascot -- another famous race. But he was born with an affliction of the eyes, and his vision ^{grew} dim. Darkness closed in on him, but he still was a fan for the races, though he couldn't see the running of the horses. He'd ~~must~~ have a friend describe it to him, and listen to the thudding of hooves and the cheers of the crowd.

He did everything to have his sight restored, but it was no use. During the past few days the doctors told him the worst -- total and incurable blindness. And today he made an end to that career of fantastic good luck -- and bad.

BRITISH JOKES

The old land of Britain may be short of dollars, but there ³ ~~is~~ ^{no} lack of jokes and ~~funny~~ quips. It's curious the way a lot of Americans like to say the English have no sense of humor - in the land of Sir John Falstaff, Charles Dickens, and Gilbert and Sullivan. / Today, the British people may not have much to laugh at, but they do manage to get some comedy out of the situation - as is illustrated by the jokes about the financial crisis and the dollar shortage. Here are a couple of the latest going around in London:—

One of them says: "Even if the streets were paved with gold, we'd need dollars to buy pick-axes."

Another glorifies the dark days of the Second World War, when Britain had to face the Nazi war-power all by herself. This one exclaims: "Good old Nineteen Forty, the days when Britain stood alone - and Oh, how she could stand a loan today."

Well, they may need a loan of dollars, but there's no shortage of a sense of humor.

Paratrooper,

Air Force Officers declare they are going to see that a medal is awarded to Sgt. Smith - and no wonder. At Eglin Field, Fla., Paratrooper maneuvers were being held before Sec. of the Army Gordon Gray. Sgt. Marvin Smith of Huntsville, Ala., bailed out and was coming down nice and quiet - when Private Chas. Dye of Akron, O., took the jump and landed on top of the Sergeant's parachute. In the mixup Dye's chute failed to open. He slid off the Sergeant's billowing silk, and seemed on his way to certain death. But he passed near Sgt. Smith, who reached out and grabbed him, and the 2 drifted down together.

ACTRESS

In England, an exploit was performed in the old Cathedral at Manchester - an exploit by an actress. You don't commonly associate a stage beauty with the ritual of a venerable shrine - but this was altogether Biblical. The actress was a stage player from Denmark, Louise Jorgensen - and, in the Cathedral at Manchester, she recited the Book of Job, from memory. The King James version, about fifteen thousand words - declaimed by the Danish actress, in the stately Seventeenth Century English.

But she made a mistake. At one point she said "only" when the word should have been "but". That was her only error - and, when it was pointed out to her, she apologized and said: "You see, I do not speak English well." I wonder - how many of us do speak English well enough to recite the Book of Job from memory, and get one word wrong.

About you - and your assistants
Nelson, how ~~are~~ your actresses tonight?

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At Wheeling, West Virginia, the town dogcatcher was brought up on charges, before the City Council. His name is Pete Grossenbecker, and the evidence showed that eleven dogs were listed as having been redeemed. That meant - two dollars each. But there was no sign of the twenty-two bucks. So the dogcatcher was asked - how come? Where is the money?

To this Pete Grossenbecker replied: "Young boys and girls called for the dogs, and I didn't have the heart to refuse them, just because they didn't have the two dollar fee."

Town Councilman Robert Plummer, who directed the inquiry, coughed a bit, dropped the case, and went on to something else. ~~So I suppose that hereafter, Dogcatcher Pete Grossenbecker is likely to continue his evil ways and, when a kid comes for his pooch, he won't be hard-hearted about the two bucks.~~