

JUGOSLAVIA

*E.T.-P.+M. Monday, Aug. 22, 1949.  
Good Evening - (The Morrow gave to.)*

The new climax in the Stalin-Tito feud increases, with continuing word from Moscow today. The big headline is the article in Pravda, official newspaper of the Russian Communist Party, a demand for the execution of Red Marshal Tito of Jugoslavia. The article, written by the Secretary of the Albanian Communist Party, is the more menacing because it announces the doom of a number of sympathizers of Tito - one, a general, prominent in Red Albanian affairs. They were tried and shot, and the article threatens Tito and his collaborators with the same fate. "They, sooner or later," says Pravda, "must stand trial before the people and pay with their heads for the crimes they have committed against the camp of Socialism and Proletarian Internationalism."

But that blast is only one of a number of others. Pravda today devoted seven full columns to Tito, that much in its limited space. The various articles were filled with dispatches from nineteen countries, and

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here are examples of the headlines: "Tito's treasonable deal with Greek monarcho-Fascists", "Tito clique conducting secret negotiation with Vatican", "Tito clique increases terror in Jugoslavia." One article featured a Stockholm dispatch stating that Tito is preparing to provoke war against the Soviets, but that the Yugoslav people and army will not permit him to turn the country over to American Imperialists.

All this produced a lot of diplomatic activity in the Soviet capital. American ambassador Kirk met with British Ambassador Sir David Kelly for a discussion of the latest in the Stalin-Tito feud. Diplomatic opinion in Moscow is that the Soviets are determined to crush the revolting Red Marshal.

Certainly, today's language by Pravda is the most beligerant and incendiary ~~language~~ we have heard from official quarters since Hitlers attack on Poland,

## FOLLOW JUGOSLAVIA

The new Soviet assault is followed by a counter-blast in Jugoslavia. where the opinion is stated that the threatening attitude of Moscow is an attempt to discourage the Western countries from going into economic deals with Tito, by creating the impression that Jugoslavia is a bad financial risk.

## SAN MARINO

The cold war has hit the Republic of San Marino. That smallest nation in Europe has a <sup>Communist</sup> ~~red~~ Government - which uttered loud wails of protest today. San Marino is in the mountains of northern Italy, and claims the Italian authorities are playing a dirty capitalistic trick against the proletarians of the tiny republic.

The trouble stems from the fact that the Communists have established a new and sumptuous gambling casino. San Marino thrives on the tourist trade, and there is nothing like a roulette wheel and the baccarat table for separating the tourists and their money. But now the charge is that the Italian police are keeping the tourists from getting to San Marino, pretending credentials are not in order. Snarling the visitors in red tape. Today the Communist Government stated, "Italy is using every means to keep tourists out of our Progressive State." "Progressive State" meaning -- the <sup>official</sup> ~~red~~ gambling house.

## ISRAEL

It is confirmed that the U.S. Government has put forward the suggestion that the Jewish State of Israel should make territorial concessions to the Arabs -- also concessions in the matter of the Arab refugees. In Washington today, Lincoln White, a spokesman for the State Department, reported on statements made by Assistant Secretary of State George Magee to Daniel Frisch, President of the Zionist Organization of America. He said the Assistant Secretary told the Zionist leader that both Israel and the Arab states may have to make concessions - "if a real peace agreement is to be reached."

"It is obvious," said he, "that both sides should be motivated by a spirit of constructive compromise and be prepared to make concessions in order to reach a general settlement."

## TRUMAN

President Truman struck a blow today for his program of a billion and a half dollars to arm the free countries of western Europe. At Miami, addressing a rally of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he stated that Soviet Russia has blocked every effort to establish a genuine peace, and must be discouraged from starting a war. For this, the arms-for-Europe program is needed. The President saying that the billion and a half is part of a bill we've got to foot for our won safety.

## FOLLOW TRUMAN

Returning to Washington by plane, the President was asked about a newspaper report that the United States is considering a proposal to store atomic bombs in Britain, under strict U.S. control. This - as part of joint British-American defense under the North Atlantic Security Pact. We hear there is a strong bi-partisan group in Congress in favor of such a move, though everything is being kept a close secret. The President was sharp in saying that he did not know anything about it.

## FINLAND

In Finland, the Red plan for a general strike has collapsed. That was virtually assured, when today two big unions, scheduled to join the walkout, cancelled the plan. Moreover, strikers already out, are streaming back to their jobs.



ADD BRITAIN

Meanwhile, Britain reports another drop in exports, July showing a lower figure than June, for the amount of goods exported. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has postponed his trip to Washington for British-American conferences, so that he can join in discussions on economic matters - including this new slump in British business abroad. The decline in July is attributed in part, to the London dock strike, which tied up transport. But now the coal strikes in Yorkshire and Lancashire may cripple production - another threat to foreign trade, which Britain must have in order to exist.

GERMANY - JUGOSLAVIA

Berlin reports the forming of an anti-Soviet Communist party. A dispatch tonight names the founder as Carl Heinz Scholz, who is described as a veteran worker in the Red underground. Four thousand German followers of the Marx-Lenin doctrine have formed what they call "the free Communist party". And its first official act is a message of support sent to Marshall Tito of Jugoslavia. This free Communist party is organized in the French sector of Berlin, and is said to be carrying out propaganda in the Soviet sector.

## ARAB LEAGUE FOLLOW ISRAEL

From the side of the Arabs, we hear of a meeting to be held in Cairo, in a few days - a gathering of the Arab League. This follows the revolution in Syria, in which the two top heads of the government were seized and executed. The Arab League was to have met over the weekend, but that was called off because of the trouble in Syria - and Egypt wanted a further delay, because of suspicion that the new regime has "large ambitions."

There is talk of what is called - a greater Syria, a merging of Syria with Iraq. This has aroused misgiving in the other Arab states - a high degree of jealousy existing among the Moslem nations. The matter is so ticklish that the government of Iraq has ordered its foreign minister to change his route of travel - on his way to the conference at Cairo. He was to have called first at Damascus, visiting

the Syrian officials. But this, it was feared, might be misinterpreted as having to do with the project of "greater Syria." So the Iraqi Foreign Minister has changed his plans and is going straight to Cairo.

All this is a major importance in the affairs of Israel - giving graphic sign of disharmony and dispute among the states of the Arab League.

## BRITAIN

More strike trouble in Britain, seventy coal mines closing down today because of a wildcat walkout. Half the mines in Yorkshire are idle, others in Lancastershire - adding to the labor trouble woes of the Labor Government.

L. T.

Some of you may be wondering what I am doing sitting behind the microphone of my friend and neighbor Lowell Thomas. Most of you will know that he's been travelling, (for you have heard him from Honolulu and Tokyo.)

When he left, he said he was on his way to a destination he thought wise not to mention - (not until he actually got in.) Publicity might cause a slip-up, difficulties at the last moment - it was that kind of jaunt, that unusual, that hard to arrange, something that might have seemed impossible. But now Lowell Thomas has arrived. He is in the forbidden land of Tibet, the hermit city of Lhasa - (the Tibetan City of the Gods.)

The whole thing is like a tale of romance. When this Proctor and Gamble program took a vacation of seven weeks during the summer, it gave Lowell a chance to take a vacation of his own, the first in years. He wanted to make it something special, the more so as -- oddly enough-- this year happened to be an anniversary. Twenty-five years ago Lowell Thomas, a young traveler and reporter, had what

seemed like the break of a lifetime. He was named Official Historian for the First Flight Around the World. The Army Air Force was sending four planes to make the first aerial circumnavigation, and Lowell was appointed to write the official story. That was a dazzling honor, but it had one painful drawback (in Lowell's mind). I've heard him tell how much he wanted to go on that flight around the world, how much he wanted a place in one of the planes on the first aerial circumnavigation. But that was impossible - for lack of space.

That pioneer circumnavigation through the sky was achieved in glory, back in the summer of Nineteen Twenty-Four. So this year of Nineteen Forty-Nine was the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary and, as it happened, it brought Lowell his first vacation in nearly twenty years on the air. The two things put together suggested a celebration - flying around the world. He wanted this to be something special for the anniversary of that First World Flight, for which he had been the Official Historian, (and on which he had been unable to go.)

So he tried to think up an idea - and one thing came to mind, a notion that's a dream for any traveler. Years ago Lowell had made a journey from India to Afghanistan - closed country that was hard to get into. There he had a further ambition - of reaching the most difficult goal of all, getting into Tibet for a trip to Lhasa, the forbidden city. Few adventurers have ever made it - (that classic for the traveler to distant lands.) Lowell made inquiries, made attempts to get permission - but it was no go. The closed-in land of Tibet, on the roof of the world, was shut tight.

But the ambition lingered on, and Lowell thought that some day he might be able to make the journey to Lhasa.

Add it all up, and you have the answer - only it seemed an impossible answer. Early this summer, Lowell sent an inquiry out to India - "would it be possible to get into Tibet?" He addressed letters to a high official of the Indian Government whom he knew, and to the American Ambassador to India, Loy Henderson, an old friend. He



didn't expect anything to happen, not a chance in a thousand - just shooting in the dark. Tibet had always made it a policy to keep out Westerners - and more so of late than ever. Some thirty years ago they had let in two British parties, let them in just a little way - for attempts to climb Mount Everest. There was tragic failure, men lost in the eternal ice. The Tibetans understood. To climb the sacred mountain was a sacrilege, the Goddess of Everest was angry. Still worse, there were earthquakes in Tibet soon afterward - the Goddess of the mountain was angry indeed. So the Tibetans closed their borders more tightly than ever. And the state of international affairs encouraged the Tibetans to keep their frontiers sealed. In Lhasa, the ministers of the Dalai Lama noted turmoil in Asia, the struggle for power, the wars and aggressions, the menace of Communism. They said - foreigners are not welcome.

That's the background for the surprise which hit Lowell Thomas during the summer. His thousand-to-one-shot

came through. To his amazement, word came from India that the ministers of the Dalai Lama had invited him into Tibet for a visit to Lhasa.

It seemed so incredible that Lowell didn't want to talk about it - afraid that, if there were any publicity, there might be a change of mind. The Tibetan officials might cancel the invitation. Hence the secrecy, with Lowell flying around the world, and not telling what the secret stop-off would be - a trip up into Tibet, a pilgrimage to Lhasa.

He's there now. The last we heard of him, he was leaving by caravan. He was at the town of Gangtok, in the native state of Sikkim, at the foot of the high Himalayas - from which, passes up to seventeen thousand feet lead to the vast Himalayan plateau called Tibet. There is no airline to Lhasa, not even motor traffic into Tibet. There are no wheels in that country of monasteries and Lamas, Buddhist monks. The only means of transportation are yaks, Mongol ponies - travel by caravan. Ten days of

that through dizzy passes on the Himalayan road to Lhasa.

Since Lowell left, news has been filtering through - how the government of the Dalai Lama has ordered intense vigilance against a spread of Communism in China, where the Reds have been rolling on. The Lamas in the monasteries have been directed to seek the protection of prayer against the Red menace - and keep an eye open for Communist agents infiltrating the monasteries.

For here..as elsewhere in the world the spread of Communism disturbs spiritual and temporal leaders..the Communist successes in China -- their shadow over Sinkiang and Mongolia..caused the rulers of Tibet to purge the lanaseries..close the country to foreigners..start a new crusade, Budahism against Communism.. Lowell Thomas, who set off on a romantic travel adventure may be in the middle of a first class story..and he'll have it all to himself.

Tomorrow night we may have a report from Lowell, recorded enroute to Lhasa. There is no radio, no telephone, or telegraph in Tibet, so until Lowell comes out, he has arranged for various men to substitute for him

on this program. I'll tell you who they are going to be tomorrow night.

Of course, Nelson Case will be here every night. Nelson, I wonder if Lowell is going about Tibet handing out little cakes of Ivory soap?