

JUGOSLAVIA

Early Oct. 46.

From Belgrade, Jugoslavia, behind the Iron Curtain - we hear that Soviet Premier Josef Stalin got a telling off by the official newspaper of the Yugoslav Communist Party. Now, for a communist newspaper to rebuke the ~~greatest living~~ ^{Number One} communist of them all, ^{- that surely} is equivalent to treason - ~~a mighty treason and probably a most~~ risky business, even in Red Jugoslavia. So how did the Belgrade newspaper "Borba" couch its disapproval of the man in the Kremlin? ^{It was done with} ~~careful~~ ^{careful} choice of words, plus a few verbal bouquets, ~~then~~ ^{then} ~~carpet of flowers leading up to the whipping stool, as~~ ~~there~~.

"We declare, without any hesitation, that Stalin is nowhere so loved and respected outside the U. S. R. K. as in Jugoslavia," says Borba's unsigned editorial. And it goes on: "we have written nothing about Stalin in our press up to now - not because we had any illusions about his attitude - but because we consider it would be very bad form on our part to use his name to a greater extent than he has done himself." The article then hails

Stalin as the greatest living authority in the whole democratic world. Finally, comes the kick ~~in the~~ ^{at} ~~exalted red pants?~~ "In the dispute between the Central Committee of the Jugoslavian Communists and the Central Committee of the Bolsheviks," ~~propos~~ ^{says} the ~~Jugoslavian~~ ~~papers~~ editorial, "the right is not on Stalin's side." ~~seven words of respectful agreement to differ,~~ ~~written by some anonymous journalist behind the~~ ~~Iron Curtain.~~

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FRANCE

Three hundred and fifty thousand coal miners are on strike in France today. The greater part of France's coal production ^{shut down} ~~was stopped~~ at the instigation of the Communists, who rejected Premier Queuille's last minute effort to negotiate the dispute over wages.

But the French Government is taking no chances this time. Tanks and armored cars have been sent to the coal fields, with mobile guards and garrison troops erecting road blocks. ^{This to} ~~to~~ prevent a repetition of last December's violence when Communist "flying commandos" rushed from pit to pit, beating up strike-breakers and destroying machinery.

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The Western Powers' reference of the Berlin crisis to the Council, he charged, was illegal, a violation of the U N Charter, as well as of the Yalta and the Potsdam Agreements -- a violation of everything. Further, he cried, the Western Powers were stirring up war fears, increasing a war psychosis and trying to junk the big four council of Foreign Ministers. And then he added in defiance: -- "The Soviet Union will not be a party to such violations of the U N Charter."

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Which the delegates took as a threat, that Russia ^{may stage a} ~~will~~ walk out of the U N. ^{before the debate starts.} The line of talk taken in Paris today by Vishinsky being similar to that which the Russians adopted in Nineteen Forty-Six, when they walked out of the U N debate on the Iranian issue.

To which the British and U S delegates replied that the Allied charges would be pressed before the Council, regardless of the Soviet representatives tirade. United States delegate Philip Jessup telling the council that the Soviet union is apparently still unwilling to have world public opinion ~~and~~ examine the record in this case.

"If the Soviet Union wants peace" said he, "let it welcome a ~~resort~~ resort to this organ for world peace -- the U N."

FOUR POWER FOLLOW LEAD

And while all this was going on in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, the representative^s of England, the United States and France were meeting at the French Foreign Office. Britain's Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, our Secretary of State Marshall, and French Foreign Minister ~~Robert~~ Schuman, considering the Russian surprise demand for a Big Four Conference in Berlin. Which was ~~asked~~ delivered last night in Paris. The Kremlin asking them to discuss the Berlin situation with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov - instead of putting it before the United Nations.

The Western Ministers of Foreign Affairs
To which ~~our~~ gave a firm no. No discussions

with Russia, no big four meeting, while the Berlin blockade continues.

MONTGOMERY

(In London today, Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery, - Monty of El Alamein, was officially named Supreme Commander of the Western Union Defense Countries.) This in spite of opposition from France. The Paris Government wanted an American in the role of Supreme Commander. French military leaders seem to feel that Montgomery, as a Britisher, if war came, would be inclined to defend the British Isles, perhaps pull out of Europe and let France and the Low Countries be overrun again. However, France is well represented in the new command. A French General to command all ground forces. Another Frenchman to be in charge of the Western-Union Navy. And a British Air Marshal at the head of the five power air force. All of which does not include the United States.

MARSHALL PLAN

(Our European recovery program is doing okay, so far, in spite of everything Russia and Communists everywhere are doing to wreck it. So Mr. Truman told Congress today in the first quarterly report of the Economic Cooperation Administration - which administers the Marshall Plan.

Some of the countries of Europe are now able to supply themselves with coal and steel)-- and this Mr. Truman hails as an important step forward.

One difficulty faced by the administrators of the plan is telling the people of Europe the story of what we are doing. This, because the most important newspapers in many countries are allied with or controlled by the Communists and violently hostile to the Marshall Plan. So, said Mr. Truman, it still will require months of painstaking effort to create a real understanding of the program -- really get it over to the people of the nations we are trying to help.

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The President also told Congress that Western Europe's foreign trade is still far below the pre-war average of nineteen thirty-eight. Further, that although Western Europe's industrial recovery picked up considerably early this year, Italy, Austria, Germany and Greece are still seriously lagging. Because of manpower shortage, lack of transportation, lack of money to finance imports, the heavy cost of fighting Communism.

As for China, Mr. Truman says that the thirty-eight million dollars already given to Chiang-Kai-Shek's government will not by any means solve China's problems.

And what are we getting from other nations in return? The President's report says that the United States is building up its stockpile of scarce materials: manganese, lead, tin, copper, industrial diamonds, palm oil, and so on. All of which we must have.

ADD BASEBALL

And you can imagine what the good news meant in Cleveland today -- the end of twenty-eight years of longing for the American League championship banner to fly there again. The news wire tells us that the game ended at three-fifty-eight this afternoon, it was like New Year's eve at midnight in the city. The streets crowded with ~~many~~ people, horns, sirens and whistles, and screams. Girls getting kissed in the streets, fire wagons, and factories sounding their sirens. Even a solemn parade of five thousand Knights Templars holding a convention in the City, couldn't ~~max~~ stand up to the enthusiasm of the Indian fans. The procession breaking up in pandemonium.

Surely
A great day for Cleveland, eh, Nelson?