

LEAD JUGOSLAVIA

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It's official now. All five United States Army fliers in the unarmed American transport shot down by Yugoslav fighter planes on Monday are dead. Marshal Tito himself has notified American Ambassador Richard C. Patterson that no survivors of the flaming crash have been found -- there is no trace of bodies -- no evidence that any members of the crew parachuted. Therefore they must have perished in their burning plane. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

## JUGOSLAVIA

*As for* The American ultimatum, <sup>it</sup> has been rejected. <sup>by Tito</sup>

Tito turns down this country's angry protest because of the shooting down of American planes. He says it's -- irrelevant. The ultimatum has no meaning, announces the Red Puppet.

Previously, of course, the Jugoslavs had released airmen and passengers -- and this was a major point demanded by the American ultimatum. So we had thought -- Tito gives in. But not at all -- not according to the Soviet satellite. He does the main thing we demand -- then rejects our demand. -- It sounds a little complicated, but ~~the~~ Communist reasoning goes this way:-- Tonight's announcement at Belgrade states that the prisoners were turned loose as a result of a Yugoslav investigation of the shooting down of the planes. They were released before Tito was handed our ultimatum -- the American Ambassador going to the vacation place of the Red Puppet, to put the document under his nose. To be sure, the American ultimatum had been broadcast to the world long hours before the release of the prisoners.

Tito knew about it, and Stalin knew about it. So what was the trick the Yugoslav Communist dreamed up? He gave in on the main issue before we could serve him with the ultimatum in an official way. Then Tito rejected it -- because the prisoners had been released. ~~As irrelevant?~~ <sup>well, it's</sup> ~~which is~~ rather like having a fist shaken in your face and doing what you are told to do, and then saying -- "Your demand is now irrelevant, so I reject it."

What are we going to do about it now? <sup>How</sup> ~~Are~~ we going to take this <sup>odd</sup> ~~twist~~ twist of impudence? In Washington today, before Tito's rejection of the ultimatum, the State Department made comment on the release of the prisoners. At that time, it looked as if Stalin's lackey had yielded in a hurry -- without finding anything irrelevant.

Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson <sup>today that we may</sup> ~~said the United States Government might~~ still take the case to the Security Council of the United Nations -- as threatened in the ultimatum.

He declared that ~~this~~ <sup>our</sup> country could not form a final opinion until it had learned definitely what had happened to still other Americans in a shot-down plane, ~~that is,~~ the unarmed transport <sup>shot</sup> ~~downed~~ by Yugoslav fighter planes on August Nineteenth. Tito has not returned those men -- the five Americans of the crew. Because he ~~can't. They're dead -- all of them~~ <sup>couldn't. They are all dead, as announced tonight.</sup> ~~announced~~ <sup>two</sup> ~~apparently. (It had been supposed that~~ ~~two~~ ~~of the five had bailed out safely but Jugoslave Military officers now give indication that all five perished -- were burned alive in the flaming crash to which they were sent by Tito's fighter Pilots. The Jugoslavs concede that we may investigate, make certain of the fate of the unfortunate American Airmen.)~~

Today in Paris, five American soldiers paraded before the Yugoslav Legation carrying a placard inscribed: "We American soldiers protest against the Yugoslav murder of our comrades." <sup>TP</sup> A couple of Tito's diplomats spoke to a French policeman -- trying, apparently, to have him drive ~~us~~ away the American

soldiers. That did not work. And later Tito's diplomats got into what the news dispatch calls "A slight scuffle" with the American Soldiers."

While all of this goes on, Tito makes a demand on us. Jugoslavia announces that a protest will be taken to the United Nations because of Jugoslav shipping detained by the American Army on the Upper Danube. We've been holding Danube River Boats because the Soviets and their puppets refuse to grant freedom of navigation. The Danube is cut off by the Stalin iron curtain, in spite of all protest by the Western Allies. So we hold the boats, and Jugoslavia now makes a demand -- which Uncle Sam may consider irrelevant.

All through the Yugoslav crisis we've been wondering -- why did they shoot down the American planes, why ~~did they~~ provoke <sup>us in this way?</sup> ~~America is such a brutal~~ ~~way? It was~~ risking war? -- Or did the Red Puppet and his Moscow master want to force a war?

Today a plausible answer comes -- from London. Ludwell Denny of the Scripps-Howard newspapers gives what sounds as if it might be a real clue. The Yugoslav and the Soviet Communists are in the throes of a spy scare. They know the kind of endless espionage they, themselves, conduct -- and are afraid that American planes may spot a few things going on in Jugoslavia.

But what is there to see in Jugoslavia? Ludwell Denny of Scripps-Howard answers as follows: "Marshal Tito and Joseph Stalin his Russian master, are prepared for war, if necessary. The area where Jugoslav Fighters have brought down peaceful transports, is the strategic top hinge of Tito's major military line! And the newspaper correspondent goes on to state that,

according to sound reports, masses of Yugoslav Troops are concentrated in positions from which they are prepared to move against British and American Soldiers in the Trieste Area, or against the American Army in Austria.

"This does not mean," cables Ludwell Denny, that Russia wants war". But it does mean," he adds, "That the Soviets are determined to control most of Europe and the Middle East, ~~reg~~ regardless -- and therefore are rapidly preparing for war, if they are eventually challenged by the Western Powers or by the Peace Conferences or by the United Nations."

In this country, meanwhile, we are given some glimpses of how Tito, the Red Puppet, has been built up over here <sup>in the U.S.A. --</sup> glorified, hailed as a hero in streams of propaganda. The job has been done under <sup>the</sup> cover of relief, under a blanket of charity -- sponsored by the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

That's one of those organizations which has procured the use of names of all sorts of important

citizens. You'd be astounded at the kind of people, some of the most prominent Americans, who are listed as supporting that Committee -- the activities of which are illustrated by the following example.

Frederick Woltman of the New York World Telegram relates that only yesterday an experimental contribution of two dollars was made to the Yugoslav Relief Committee, and in return a stack of Tito propoganda was handed out. One item was a booklet written by a Communist writer on The Daily Worker. The booklet is headed: "The incredible Tito -- man of the hour." ~~It is~~ Full of weird and fulsome adoration of the Red Puppet, and includes <sup>ing</sup> the following apostrophe: "A man of such stature as the storied ~~men~~ heroes of old -- Tito."

That's the sort of stuff shoveled out <sup>right</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>here in our own land as</sup> ~~this country, as the~~ headlines told of shooting down of unarmed American planes. I suppose the highly placed Americans who have lent their names to this committee have been painfully urprised -- most of them anyway.



To complete this gentle theme, let's take a look at the Daily Worker. That Communist newspaper, of course, runs wild in supporting Tito against the United States. The Daily Worker today devoted two pages to the defense of the Red Puppet. One headline reads - "A proud nation calls U.S. ~~in~~ bluff." No mention is made that American planes were shot down, one in flames, with American airmen perishing in the flames. <sup>- shot down by planes we gave to Tito. The Daily</sup> ~~The Daily~~ Worker covers that up by saying that the planes were, in its words, "Buzzed down."

The leading article, played up by the Daily Worker, is an accusation against this country made by <sup>what is called the</sup> ~~the~~ National Committee to win the peace. That outfit also, lists ~~xxx~~ prominent Americans as sponsors -- including Congressmen and Senators. The Committee denounces what it calls, "The unwarranted United States ultimatum to Jugoslavia." The Committee with prominent Americans as sponsors, declares that the ultimatum, plus the display of American Military power in the Mediterranean, has, in the words of the Committee, "Put

the security of our nation and the peace of the world in peril."

From all of which one surmises that this country is not in so much danger from enemies -- abroad.

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## MEDITERRANEAN

Powerful units of the U. S. Fleet, including one of our biggest aircraft carriers, the Franklin D. Roosevelt, are in the Mediterranean tonight. Also American submarines have been reported in the Far North in Bering Straits, between Siberia and Alaska. Does this show of sea-strength in the waters adjacent to Russian and Yugoslav territory mean anything?

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~~However Admiral Hewitt, Commander of our Naval forces in European waters, says that American Warships in the Mediterranean will continue war maneuvers with the British Fleet for what he terms an "indefinite time". Why? Well, our fleet maneuvers in the Mediterranean will be continued says the Admiral, because "peace has not yet been declared....officially".~~

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## CONFERENCE

The Peace Conference finally made a peace treaty decision today -- voting to express its opinion on one section of the pact to be made with Italy. There was a surprise -- the United States and Great Britain taking sides with Soviet Russia and the Soviet satellites -- and losing. The small nations lined up against the big powers, and produced a majority of eleven to nine.

The question at issue might seem to be the traditional difference between tweedle-dum and tweedle-due. In the preamble to the Italian Treaty, as drawn up by the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four, it is stated that Italy "Declared a war of aggression, and entered the war." The smaller nations wanted that changed, wanted to go easier with Italy. They proposed that the phrase be changed to read that Italy "Undertook a war of aggression." So it's a difference between "Declaring a war" and "Undertaking a war". The difference between tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee might seem to be greater.

## SOVIET PURGE

There are new signs of political stirrings inside Soviet Russia -- formidable signs. There seem to be upheavals behind the iron curtain. The latest is a mass purge of the Communist Party in the Ukraine. This is announced by Krushev, a member of the Political Bureau at Moscow -- that all-powerful committee of thirteen, The Politburo.

The purge consists of the ousting of local Communist Party functionaries in the Ukraine -- an amazing percentage of these. In the Provinces of Sovietland, things are run by the secretaries of the local committees of the Communist Party, and by the heads of the local Soviets. These are the small time autocrats, the petty despots that rule and bully the enslaved people of Russia -- and a huge lot of them have fallen from grace in the Ukraine. ~~They're on the~~ skids.

Krushev of the Politburo tells of the removal of thirty-eight per cent of the Communist Secretaries and sixty-four per cent of the chiefs of

local Soviets -- fired. The top figure is in the Sumi District, where Ninety-one per cent of the chiefs of the local Soviets have been kicked out.

Why the big Ukrainian purge? Because the provincial Communist Party, in the words of ~~xxxxxx~~ comrade Krushev -- "Failed to organize in the press widespread criticism of a hostile bourgeois nationalist ideology".

This would seem to apply to Ukrainian Nationalism. All the rigors of Stalinism have not been able to stifle Ukranian Nationalist feeling. The Moscow blast denounces Communist Party officials for not being sufficiently educated in Bolshevik ideology. <sup>TP</sup> ~~There is mention of "accidental people." That is officials who didn't earn their jobs by a complete adherence to party line Communism.~~

And the newspapers in the Ukraine are being purged -- ~~for not playing up the true tenets of Bolshevism in what are called -- "adequate articles."~~

The Communist Party in the Ukraine is

given two months to clean out its newspaper writers, and get a new set of scribblers more ardent in Stalinism. This reminds one of a recent suppression of Soviet literary magazines, which went in for poetry and art. They got the axe on the charge that they were insidiously putting forth the bourgeois heresy of -- art ~~is~~ for art's sake.

The purge is not only political, but also industrial. Two-thirds of the managers of machine and tractor factories in the Ukraine get the boot. This *is all* ~~is~~ part of a previously announced purge of Soviet industry and the same complaints are repeated. Fake production records were cooked up, prize-winning prodigies of Soviet industrialism-- all faked. Bonuses were paid to factory management, and Communist Officials shared in the bonuses in return for passing phoney production records. The Moscow blast states: "One deputy party secretary did not report that a coal combine was deceiving the state, because he was receiving bonuses from the combine."

## BED

In Chicago, Sam Selmon has a furniture store. Sam always likes to see a customer, and was especially pleased when a beautiful lady walked in and said she wanted to buy a bed. Sam has a fine line of beds, and was doubly agreeable <sup>with the thought of selling</sup> ~~to sell~~ one to such a handsome woman, pretty face, brilliant smile, well dressed, and all that.

Sam is sixty-one, sensible and sedate; maybe he was a bit lively and gay as he gave the beautiful lady a sales talk. He wasn't prepared, however, for what happened. Suddenly the lovely girl threw her arms around him, hugged him, and cried: "Oh Honey, do I love you."

Sam didn't mind the ardent embrace, although it did seem strange. He never knew he was so fascinating, at sixty-one.

The beauty then departed, saying she'd come back and pay a twenty five-dollar deposit on a bed. Later on, Sam felt for his wallet, but the wallet was gone, with a two-hundred-and-ninety dollar

backpack. So that's the explanation of the ardent



embrace in the furniture store.

And now Nelson will you ~~embrace this~~  
~~microphone and~~ tell us about lovely hands that will  
embrace you but not lift your wallet, I hope.