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Romanian King's Abdication Paves Way for Soviet Control

Communist Cabinet Proclaims Country As Democratic Republic

King Michael Abdicating in the Interests Of the People, Now Free to Choose Own Form of Government

BUCHAREST (CP)—King Michael abdicated today and the Communist-dominated cabinet immediately declared Romania was a "popular Democratic republic." He is the second living monarch of Romania to abdicate.

In a broadcast proclamation, King Michael said he had abdicated in the interest of the people.

He explained that changes in Romania made necessary an alteration in the constitution, and he would not stand in the way of the people, who must be free to choose their own form of government.

King Michael, 26 years old, was twice monarch of his country. He was not quite six when he first succeeded to the throne upon the first abdication of his father, Carol II. The latter renounced his rights rather than give up his love affair with the auburn-haired Mme. Lupescu.

Three years later Carol reconsidered his abdication and ascended to the throne. In 1940 Carol abdicated and once more Michael was king. The young monarch, then 19, wept bitterly when his father fled, crying out that he did not want to be king again.

King Michael learned from experience the truth of Bismarck's observation that "a Romanian is not a nationality but a profession."

Years of domination by German sympathizers during World War II followed by Soviet influence taught him that no Balkan monarch could rule without a foreign hand on the sceptre—Balkan territory is too strategic.

Michael learned also that in addition to being strategic his own realm was too richly endowed with economic assets—oil and grain, coal and wood, the Danube, a Black Sea harbor and Carpathian Mountain passes—to escape the close interest of great powers.

ARREST YOUNG WOMAN IN MASS SLAYING CASE

Storm Centre Charged as Incurrable

KITCHENER, Ont. (P)—Nineteen-year-old Eleanor Springer, sole survivor of Sunday's mass slaying at nearby West Montrose, who told a terrified story of being held captive by a man who slew four relatives before killing himself, was arrested last night.

The young woman is held on a charge that she is incurrable. She will appear in court tomorrow.

Secretary to Hart Given New Position

VICTORIA—Percy Richards, private secretary to John Hart since 1934, has been appointed assistant to the deputy minister of railways for B.C. James Stewart.

Stewart was one of the engineers engaged during the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway through Central and Northern British Columbia.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis: Temperatures returned to normal and winter again touched the interior of B.C. as the mercury registered 15 to 20 degrees of frost at several interior localities. A Pacific storm approaching the coast has brought rain and strong winds to the northern coastal regions this morning. Rain is expected to reach the southern mainland this afternoon and scattered snow flurries will occur in the central and northern interior today. Continued unsettled weather is expected on Wednesday with some modification of temperatures at night over the interior as the Pacific air moves across the province.

Northern B.C.—Overcast with intermittent snow today. Cloudy with scattered snow flurries tonight. Cloudy Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Telegraph Creek 10 and 20. Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Continuous rain becoming intermittent during the morning. Cloudy with showers tonight and Wednesday. Winds southeast 30, gusty, shifting to southwest 20 this afternoon. Little change in temperature. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy, 35 and 46; Massett 33 and 45; Prince Rupert 35 and 43.

EXTRA POLICE DUTY: VANCOUVER—Two hundred additional policemen will be on duty in Vancouver New Year's Eve.

U. F. A. W. U. New Year's Eve DANCE: Oddfellows' Hall. Dancing 10-2 Admission \$1

Wallace To Run For President

CHICAGO (P)—Henry Wallace says he will run as an independent candidate for the Presidency in 1948. In a platform address here he declared: "A greater menace than ever before can be met and overcome by a new political alignment, requiring the organization of a new political party. To that end I announce my candidature."

Wallace catapulted the foreign policy into the United States presidential campaign by embarking on the first serious third party effort since 1924, amid Democratic jeers and fears and Republican cheers.

Wallace's announcement propelled American relations with Russia into the race as an issue. Politicians were almost unanimous that Wallace has even a smaller chance of being elected than the late Robert M. LaFollette Sr., who carried only his home state of Wisconsin under the Progressive banner in 1924.

JOHNSON NEW B. C. PREMIER

VICTORIA (CP)—Byron Johnson, at a Government House ceremony on Monday, became British Columbia's Premier, succeeding John Hart who retired.

Lieut. Governor Charles Banks administered the oaths of allegiance, secrecy and office to Johnson and eight other cabinet members.

Mrs. Johnson and Byron jr. attended.

United Nations Council to Study Kashmir Problem

NEW DELHI (P)—The government of India has decided to refer the Kashmir issue to the security council of the United Nations.

Pakistan and other dominion representatives in Delhi were informed of the decision after a meeting of the Indian cabinet this afternoon.

Hindu India's report to the security council is understood to refer particularly to Moslem Pakistan's participation in what now is regarded as "undeclared hostilities against a friendly neighboring country."

FRANCE AGREES TO INTERIM AID

PARIS.—The French cabinet today authorized Foreign Minister Bidault to sign an agreement under which France will receive interim aid voted by the United States Congress pending implementation of the Marshall plan for construction of Europe.

The agreement will mean aid for France to the extent of more than \$300,000,000.

FORESEES GREAT OIL FIELDS IN CANADIAN PLAINS

OTTAWA (P)—The flat prediction that Western Canadian plains may become the site of "hundreds upon hundreds" of rich oil fields as yet undiscovered went on the record of the international gathering here of geologists.

The forecast came from Dr. A. I. Levenson, professor of Stanford University in California, who told nearly 600 Canadian and American geologists it is "inconceivable" that this should not be.

FIVE MEN FEARED DEAD IN PLANE CRASHES IN NORTHLAND WASTES

SIX OF EIGHT MEMBERS OF WRECKED SUPERFORT SAFE

NOME (CP)—Six of eight crew members of the crashed B-29 are back safely today through the heroism of two Alaska bush pilots, but five other men are still missing and feared dead in the frigid wastes of Seward Peninsula, 95 miles to the north.

Bodies of two men, thought to be members of the three-man parachute team that leaped to the aid of the stricken fliers Saturday night, are believed to have been sighted less than 500 yards from the scene of the crash.

A driver and dog team will make an attempt to locate them today.

An extensive search also will be continued for the pilot and navigator of the superfortress. Neither has been seen since they set out together Christmas night, 48 hours after the big ship plowed into the side of a low hill. They told the rest of the crew that they would seek aid at an Eskimo village 50 miles north.

RATIONING GRAIN FOR U. S. WHISKY: WASHINGTON (P)—Agriculture Secretary Anderson today ordered United States whisky manufacturers to ration grain for food.

Run Supplies Into Besieged Konitsa City

Greek National Forces Claim Outer Forts Still Intact

ATHENS (P)—Using grenades, bayonets and knives, Greek troops punched a small hole in the guerrilla siege ring around the battered city of Konitsa in Northern Greece today, and immediately started a trickle of supplies into the beleaguered city over a snowy mule trail.

Military authorities declared the town, which had been virtually isolated since Christmas, was still in the hands of national forces and that outer defenses were intact.

EIGHT OFFICERS CHARGED UNDER SHIPPING ACT

VANCOUVER (P)—Officers of two Canadian deep sea vessels were charged last night under the Canada Shipping Act with delaying the sailing of their ships from B.C. ports.

The eight-officer complement of the Seaboard Pioneer, docked at Vancouver, and Capt. T. Quinn and seven officers of the Seaboard Star, docked at Port Alberni, are charged.

The vessels, owned by the Seaboard Shipping Co. Ltd., are two of seven ships tied up at B.C. ports as officers seek a new wage agreement with the ship owners.

It is understood that the other five owners are considering similar action.

Former Premier Of Burma To Die

RANGOON, Burma (P)—U. Saw, pre-war premier of Burma, today was sentenced to death by a special tribunal which convicted him of abetting the murder of U. Aung San and another Burmese minister last July.

Eight others accused of the same case also were convicted and sentenced to die.

FARMERS AND FISHERMEN

About fourth-fifths of the population of Bulgaria live by agriculture or fishing.



STUDENTS PROTEST "RACIAL DISCRIMINATION"—Chanting and carrying placards which speak for themselves, students of the University of Chicago take an unscheduled "sit-in" to protest against the organization of a new political party. To that end I announce my candidature.

Added Costs Cut Railway Revenues, C.N. Head Says

Increased Traffic Offset by Expenses, R. C. Vaughan Asserts

MONTREAL—The Second World War ended more than two years ago but it continues to exert powerful influences on our economy. Nowhere are these influences more strongly felt than in the railway transportation industry, R. C. Vaughan, Canadian National Railway president, said Monday in a review of 1947 business.

During the past 12 months, the national income to the railway industry has been reduced by \$436,000,000. After the payment of operating expenses, the net revenue amounting to the sum of \$39,031,000 (before interest) will be lower than in 1946.

The reason for this can be expressed in two words—rising costs. Mr. Vaughan said, "The cost of fuel for locomotives amounted to \$1,230,000 for the year. A severe winter added \$1,900,000 to our expenses for snow removal, the total cost being more than \$5,000,000. Meanwhile, on its Canadian routes, the company had to con-

Table with columns for 'TODAY'S STOCKS' and 'STOCKS'. Lists various stocks and their prices.

CIVIC CENTRE DINING ROOM: TO TREAT MY WIFE TO DINNER AT THE CIVIC CENTRE DINING ROOM AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK DURING 1948.

TAXI 13 BLACK AND WHITE CABS

ember Gale Buffets City No Damage Reported: most boisterous gale of the month buffeted Rupert last night and today, bearing with it a blanket of rain, but no damage was reported today this morning.

BS RUN AMOK AND SLAUGHTER AFTER EXPLOSION OF BOMBS: Arab laborers waiting main gate to the works. Casualties were officially at 11 dead and 47 injured.

STILL IN HEAD: Following his resignation as Premier Monday Johnson said that former John Hart would continue as president of the government.

Life After Plane Into Seas: NINE—Eleven persons rescued from a large plane that crashed in the sea at Copenhagen yesterday. All passengers and crew were reported well after their experience.