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New Red Government of Czechoslovakia Condemned

"Disguised Dictatorship" Says U.S., Britain, France

LONDON (CP)—It was made known today that Great Britain, the United States and France condemned the new communist regime in Czechoslovakia as a "disguised dictatorship" which "placed in jeopardy the principles of liberty" and can only be disastrous to the Czechoslovak people. However, there is no move as yet to break off relations.

In a joint declaration, the three governments also said the communists had seized power in Czechoslovakia through "a crisis artificially and deliberately instigated."

As a result, the statement said, Czechoslovakia has suffered "suspension of free exercise of Parliamentary institutions and the establishment of disguised dictatorship of a single party."

With an apparent reference to earlier communist power grabs such as in Hungary the three western powers charged that the crisis had served as a cover for "use of certain methods already tested in other places."

As a British Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain will have to consider the question of recognizing the new government of Czechoslovakia. A spokesman said that the communists had forced their government upon Czechoslovakia, using undemocratic means.

Britain has been in consultation with France and the United States on the Prague crisis.

REVISION COURT ENDS HEARING

Canadian National and Other Appeals Dealt With

Civic Court of Revision concluded its hearings into appeals against 1948 property assessments this morning by sustaining the assessments levied by City Assessor H. D. Thain against nine pieces of property and reducing the assessments against five.

Appeals by the Canadian National Railways against three waterfront properties were pressed by W. D. Meyers, counsel for the railway tax commissioner's office, Winnipeg. These appeals were in behalf of lessees of railway property.

The 1948 Court of Revision, which was resumed this morning after a two-week adjournment, was featured by a far smaller percentage of revisions than was the 1947 hearing which followed re-appraisal of property in the city by a Vancouver appraiser.

This morning, the court made the following decisions:

Provincial Department of Mines, former ore essay office, reduced to \$400.

Armour Salvage Co., waterfront, reduced to \$3,500.

Both of these properties were reduced because the buildings in question are being demolished at the present time.

Assessment on the former R.C.A.F. warehouse at Seal Cove was reduced to \$10,000 on appeal by Canadian National Railways.

Dry dock assessment was sustained at \$300,000. Assessment of \$6,670 against Swift Canadian Co. property was confirmed. This appeal also was entered by Canadian National Railways.

William King, 976 Ambrose Avenue, improvements confirmed at \$1,500.

R. C. Wilson, 1143 Ambrose Avenue, improvements confirmed at \$2,160.

J. L. McEwen, Sixth Avenue East, land reduced from \$1,100 to \$1,000.

David Crocker, two lots on Park Avenue, one confirmed at \$225, one confirmed at \$250.

Mrs. Olea Dybhavn, 2104 Atlin Avenue, improvements confirmed at \$5,500.

Olof Hanson, two lots on Atlin Avenue, confirmed at \$400 each.

Peter and Borghild Knutsen, 325 Eighth Avenue West, improvements of \$1,920 confirmed.

Joseph Naylor, 1010 First Avenue, improvements reduced from \$4,060 to \$3,860.

Robert McCarthy, Fifth Avenue East, improvements confirmed at \$5,075.

Immigration For Alberta

Prairie Province May Take 400,000 Britons In Ten Years—Starting Now

LONDON (CP)—A. J. Hooke, minister of economic affairs in the Alberta government, said yesterday that his province plans to begin a movement of immigrants from Britain by sea or air in June with the goal 5000 for the first year.

If the economic development of his province permits, Mr. Hooke said that Alberta should be able to absorb 400,000 emigrants in ten years.

ASK RUSSIA FOR ACCOUNTING

LONDON (CP)—Diplomats said yesterday that the western powers intend to ask Russia for a detailed accounting of what the Soviet government had taken out of Austria since the war. They said that such a list is essential as a basis for discussion for the Big Four deputy ministers trying to reach some agreement on the terms for an Austrian peace treaty. The attempt to get an accounting may be made today.

FOUR DEAD IN PLANE CRASH

MERIDIAN, Texas (CP)—Four members of the twelve-man crew of a United States Air Force B-29 bomber were killed near here last night in a crash. Eight members of the crew paroled in the rain and fog to safety.

U.F.A.W.U. WHIST, CRIBBAGE and DANCE
Oddfellows' Hall, Friday, February 27
Cards 8 to 10 Dancing 10 to 1
Admission 50c Refreshments

Would Cut Off Czechs

Export Controls May Be Imposed By United States Against Communist Regime

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—The United States government may clamp rigid export controls on goods going to Czechoslovakia.

Officials say they are considering this move as a way of expressing displeasure at the communist overturn of the Czechoslovak government.

Such controls would limit the amount of heavy machinery and equipment Czechoslovakia can buy in the United States. Czechoslovakia spent \$49,000,000 in the United States last year.

URGE CANADIAN FILM INDUSTRY

OTTAWA (CP)—Trade Minister C. D. Howe told Commons that the government hopes to see the development of motion picture production in Canada, and said that the country's "interesting possibilities are obvious."

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said that Canadian dramatic art had reached "a very high level" in radio and urged the government to encourage filming full-length stories of Canadian life, such as the "epic" settlement of the prairies.

They spoke during consideration of the government's emergency program to conserve United States dollars.

PROBE STEEL PRICE BOOST

WASHINGTON (CP)—On White House instructions, Attorney-General Thomas Clark sent Federal Bureau of Investigation agents to 16 leading steel companies to inquire into last week's advance in steel prices.

Ketchikan Plane On Mercy Flight

Mrs. A. T. Holland, wife of a Massett building contractor, was flown here Wednesday afternoon by an American Coast Guard plane from Ketchikan. She is in Prince Rupert General Hospital where her condition, according to her physician, Dr. W. S. Zergin, is satisfactory. The flight was made in a PBY, American counterpart of the Canoe amphibian, in command of Lieut. Robert A. Lemmon.

With Massett community irking under the heavy charges that are made for Canadian commercial aircraft to make "mercy flights," an appeal was made to the United States Coastguard in this case and there was quick and ready response.

SWARMED OVER PRAIRIES

It is estimated there were about 30,000,000 buffaloes in North America when the white man first arrived.

JUDGE RULES AGAINST UNION

INDIANAPOLIS (CP)—Judge Luther W. Wygert yesterday ruled against the International Typographical Union (A.F.L.) in its effort to deadlock the Taft-Hartley injunction filed against it. Wygert denied the union's motion to dismiss the petition for an injunction filed by the office of Robert N. Denham, general counsel for the National Labor Relations Board. The judge announced that he would hold a hearing on March 3 on the injunction petition.

DOCTORS ARE HOLDING OUT

Not Favorable to National Health Scheme in Britain

LONDON—The British Medical Association and the British government cannot agree on the National Health scheme. The former represents the majority of British physicians. The Minister of Health charges that the Medical Association can be best described as a "small body of politically poisoned people."

The start of the fireworks occurred when the Minister moved a resolution welcoming the carrying out of the scheme next July.

The chief controversial issue is over the proposed payment to the doctors of a retaining fee of £300 annually. The doctors feel the plan is aimed at making them "a branch of the government" and imperiling their professional freedom toward patients.

Minister of Health Bevan says the opposition of the Medical Association "looks more like a squalid political conspiracy than representation by an honorable and learned profession." Their opposition was nothing more or less than attempted sabotage of an Act of Parliament.

The chief Opposition Speaker, R. A. Butler, accused Bevan of using words such as "squalid politics" because he knows that it is in "the waters of squalid politics that he most enjoys himself."

Iraq Combatting Smallpox Outbreak

BAGDAD (CP)—Boundaries of eight districts of Iraq have been ordered sealed and compulsory vaccination imposed throughout the country to stop the spread of smallpox in the area. By last Friday, 100 cases had been noted and eleven deaths had occurred.

RUSSIAN PIRACY IN BALTIC IS SUSPECTED BY SWEDISH PAPERS

STOCKHOLM (CP)—Suggestions of "piracy in the Baltic" were made Wednesday by Swedish newspapers following the mysterious disappearance of crews of two small Swedish merchant ships which left Stolpmuende, former German Baltic port now in Poland, a week ago.

The evening paper Aftonbladet suggested that Russians might have seized the ships and taken off their crews.

The Swedish foreign office has instructed its embassies in Moscow and Warsaw to ascertain whether the seamen, 18 in all, have been picked up and landed at some Russian or Polish port.

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BLACK AND WHITE CABS



OUTPOST MANNED BY HAGANAH—Photo shows a typical Tel Aviv defence point, Haganah, the still illegal Jewish army, with a man and a girl. This outpost, like all camouflaged and connected by telephone with Haganah's defence headquarters, is on the northern border.

Urges Trans-Canada Road

ONTARIO MEMBER CALLS FOR FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL CO-OPERATION
OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government was urged in the House of Commons yesterday by G. K. Fraser (Progressive-Conservative, Peterborough) to co-operate with the provinces in building a hard-surfaced, all-weather highway from Halifax to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Fraser said that Canada was losing millions of dollars annually because there was no TransCanada Highway. The Department of Resources should draw up plans for such a highway and seek co-operation of the nine provinces in bringing it into being.

GIRL ROBBED OF \$6000 IN SATCHEL

Daring Daylight Hold-up On Street in Vancouver Today

VANCOUVER (CP)—A daring daylight robbery of a woman messenger netted two and possibly three thugs about \$6000 in cash and checks here this morning.

Audrey Blaikie told police that she was going to the bank with the money when a man grabbed the satchel she was carrying, jumped into a waiting car and was driven away by a confederate. A third man may have been in the car, she believed.

BRISCO TRIAL IS CONCLUDED

Case of Gill-Netter Ends in Reconviction

VANCOUVER—The Briscoe trial, involving a Vancouver fisherman and having a Prince Rupert angle, ended yesterday when Edison Brian Briscoe was again convicted in Supreme Court of British Columbia on a charge of retaining a stolen fishboat.

Briscoe had been previously convicted of the charge at Prince Rupert before Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson in the Assizes there last fall but successfully appealed a sentence of two years.

Briscoe was arrested last July in possession of a 34-foot gillnet boat bearing the name "Guess Who" which he said he had purchased in Victoria. The Crown alleged that the "Guess Who" was the boat "Rio II" which was stolen from two veterans at Steveston.

Briscoe was charged with retaining the stolen craft but denied the "Guess Who" was the "Rio II."

Last week Judge A. M. Manson and jury, hearing the case in the Assize Court, visited the premises of the Johnston National Storage Co. under the Cambie Street Bridge, and personally inspected the boat. Last summer it was moved from Prince Rupert to Vancouver, being taken 1,255 miles by train.

WEATHER

Strong storm moved south from British Columbia today. A broad front of clouds and rain developing in advance of disturbance. Clear, cloudy skies and westerly winds are the wake of the storm. Improvements are expected on the prairie today.

POINT SAL

Premier Manning's Alberta Legislative Council of R. E. Ansley provincial cabinet regarding this viewpoint being "variance" with the question of necessary procedure for the establishment of Credit economy. Mr. Ansley had requested as Educational emphasis in a request that the reputation from a change of allegiance be denied.