

Communists Oust 23 from Bulgar Assembly

Charge Legislators Were 'Tools' of Secretary Petkov

SOFIA, Bulgaria. (AP)—The Communists extended their purge in Bulgaria yesterday with the ousting from the national assembly of 23 opposition agrarians on charges the legislators were "tools" of the jailed Nikola Petkov, agrarian party general secretary.

The basis of the action by the Communist-dominated parliament, taken late Wednesday night was the alleged discovery by government investigators of signed resignations by the 23 among Petkov's private papers. Pro-government members declared the 23 thus had resigned "voluntarily," but the ousted legislators said the resignations were routine party practice. They added defiantly, "we do not resign."

The 23 legislators were regarded as among the most active in the ranks of the opposition party headed by Petkov, who was placed under arrest last week on charges of plotting against the state.

Petkov's arrest was denounced Wednesday by the United States department in a statement which lauded him as a foremost advocate of civil liberties in Bulgaria.

A resolution adopted by the assembly, in which the Communist-dominated Fatherland Front party has an overwhelming majority, declared that owing to the resignations found in Petkov's papers the ousted legislators had "lost quality" and prestige and are no longer members of the grand national assembly.

Fatherland Front legislators declared during debate that the 23 "have abdicated their personal rights and voluntarily gave up their rank as deputies, becoming tools of Nikola Petkov."

In September, 1946, Bulgaria held a plebiscite which resulted in defeat of the monarchy, and Oct. 27, 1946, the voters elected a national assembly to write a constitution for the Bulgarian republic.

In this election, which also brought expressions of displeasure from the British and Americans, the two parties in the Fatherland Front won 368 seats and the entire opposition 99 seats. The Communists won 279 seats in the coalition group, while Petkov's Agrarians accounted for 90 of the opposition.

RFC Bill Killed In Committee

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The senate banking committee yesterday killed a bill to give the Reconstruction Finance Corp. preferred rights to buy surplus property, it intended for resale to small business. The vote was 7 to 2.

Sen. Ferguson (R), Mich., opposed the measure on the ground that it would lead to favoritism and discrimination among would-be purchasers of surplus property.



SNOW IN JUNE. (AP Wirephoto)—Marian Grey of Salt Lake City had to go only a dozen miles from the heart of the city to find snow in June Wednesday.

Princes Warned States Must Remain in New India Union

NEW DELHI, June 12. (AP)—The standing committee of the States Peoples Congress warned India's princes yesterday they will not be able to take their states out of the Indian nation as independent countries when Britain leaves.

The States Peoples Congress, a creation of the Congress party, is headed by Jawaharlal Nehru, chief active leader of the Congress party, and is composed of representatives of nationalist organizations within the borders of the hundreds of princely states.

"On the lapse of paramountcy," a committee resolution said, "it does not and cannot follow that any state is free to go out of the union. Any such conception would meet with fantastic results and India would be reduced to a state of anarchy."

Under paramountcy Britain has been the paramount power and protector of the princely states. The States Peoples Congress resolution demanded that this authority be transferred to the central government. "This would in effect nullify the independence of the states which Britain has said they would regain when British authority is transferred."

"Any ruler declaring his state independent," the resolution said, "will thereby express his hostility not only to the Indian union but to his own people. Such an act will have to be resisted."

A highly placed official said tension in India had greatly subsided in the last few days and that establishment of new dominions in Hindustan and Pakistan promised to come off without great trouble. Four persons were killed in Amritsar and one in Calcutta yesterday, however.

Eight days hence the legislators of Bengal will meet to decide whether the province will be partitioned into Moslem and Hindu areas.

France, Bulgaria Sign Agreement

PARIS. (AP)—A commercial agreement between France and Bulgaria has been signed, the French foreign office announced.

French exports of pharmaceutical and chemical products, electric and mechanical machinery, books, thread, and rail cars were provided for in the agreement, in exchange for Bulgarian tobacco, wood, lead, drugs and agricultural products.

TRAWLER SINKS

REYKJAVIK, Iceland. (AP)—The British trawler Loch Hope sank yesterday off the east coast of Iceland when a mine caught in its trawl. Seventeen of the 18-man crew were rescued by another British trawler, but many were injured.

Secret Weapon With A-Bomb Blow Reported

AUCKLAND, N. Z. (AP)—The Canadian Press said today that development of a secret weapon, "with capabilities approaching the atomic bomb in effectiveness," lay behind the naming of an Auckland university professor to the birthday honors list of King George VI.

The professor, T. D. J. Leach, received a commandership of the order of the British empire. He was identified as director of research for the weapon project.

The weapon did not "reach the stage of practical application during the war, but work still is being pursued in the strictest secrecy by scientists in the United States, Britain and New Zealand," the Canadian Press said.

"No hint of the details of the weapon has been revealed, but it is stated that one means of application would have some similarity to one method of using the atomic bomb."

"The secret weapon project originated with the idea of a Wellington, N. Z., man who communicated the plan to Britain and the United States. Both countries immediately made development plans. The project was to have been carried out in Florida, but was moved to New Zealand and Pacific areas owing to the fear of espionage."

Leach was selected to lead the research because he had previously done work distantly related. He had a team of 170 American and New Zealand experts, most of whom were given no idea of the ultimate objective, for security reasons.

DECISION RESERVED
NEW YORK. (AP)—Supreme Court Justice Benjamin F. Schwartz reserved decision yesterday on the plea of a war veteran, an admitted Communist, to bar the American Legion and Gen. Duffy post 1141 from trying or expelling him.

Rep. Rankin Wants Chaplin Deported

WASHINGTON. (AP)—Demanding the deportation of Charles Chaplin to Britain, Rep. Rankin (D) Miss., told the house yesterday the movie actor's Hollywood life "is detrimental to the normal fabric of America."

Rankin praised Lloyd T. Blifford, head of the censor bureau of Memphis, Tenn., "for banning a rotten picture made by Charlie Chaplin." The film was not identified.

COLUMBUS, Ind. (AP)—Irwin Miller, president of Irwin Union Trust Co., informed stockholders at a special meeting yesterday that sums by depositing him "he can be kept off the American screen and his bezzled from the bank and that a

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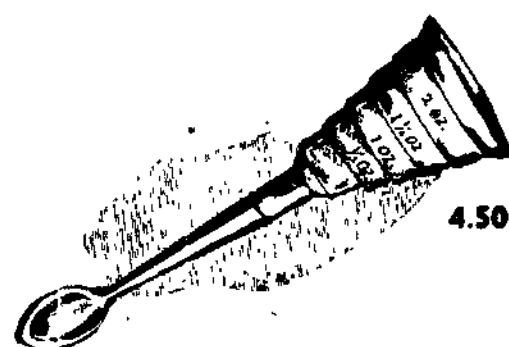
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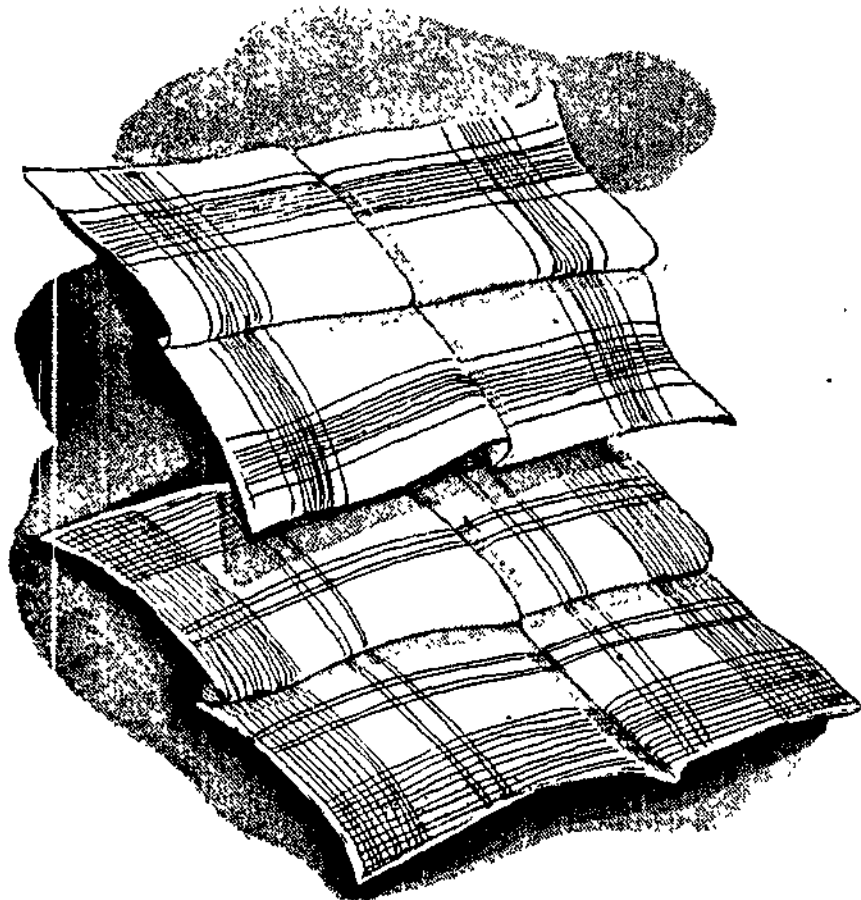


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