Underground Papers Reveal Lithuanian People's Struggle
Tell of Oppression and Torture of Reds

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LONDON.—Underground newspapers smuggled from Lithuania reveal the extent to which the inhabitants of this once free Baltic republic are undergoing torture and oppression at the hands of the Russian occupation forces.

We suffer the brutality of the bolshevik enemy in the blood of our brothers and in the cries of the innocent who are massacred or deported. We wonder if the world knows of our misery and our hard hard heroic battle for the rights of freedom and humanity, which are real democratic ideals openly declared by the great men of the western democracies. Each drop of blood spilled in our battles against bolshevism is an offering not only for the freedom of Lithuania but also for the freedom of the rest of the world. We are in the forefront, the vanguard of the struggle against bolshevism.

Partisan Forces Grow

Altho the Partisans have sustained heavy losses in clashes with superior forces of Russian soldiers and police, they have increased rather than diminished in number, the Lithuanian informant said. He attributed this to the fact that the movement gets recruits from the youth of the country and not just from soldier groups, who remember the freedom of the country in the days before the republic was overrun by the Red hordes.

The movement is described as a kind of maquis (French underground). Its spirit is kept aglow by the underground newspapers.

Another of these papers is called On the Road to Battle. The banner on the front page bears the slogan: "Lithuania for the Lithuanians," as well as the shield with a cross, which the Partisans wear on their armbands.

One issue of this paper reveals a boycott of the election, which the Lithuanian puppet government attempted to carry out last February.

EXEMPLAR FOR PEACE

America, more famed in war than peace,
With greater power the body's than the soul's,
Traditionally the pioneer whose goals
To conquer nature's forces never cease
Let your virile manhood mellow now
By growth of mind and spirit linked with might;
Of peace, of happiness, and then know how
To live and reap the grain that brawn has sown.
Refine the erude, let substance be not all
Of peace, of happiness, and then know how
For which strong hearts are set lest a deep pall
Of vain and selfish strife makes them disown
Their heritage of loved democracy
While communism spreads its leprosy.

James Patrick McGovern

Says State Socialism Can Happen Here

Socialism can happen here "if our people aren't awakened from indifference and lethargy to take steps, through their elected representatives, to stop the drift toward statism," according to Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to Great Britain.

Neither Communism nor English state socialism have anything to offer America, the former ambassador said. Among our alarming domestic factors he listed a tax burden "sufficient to destroy all initiative", labor disputes which have slowed recovery, and "indifference of our people toward manifest dangers."

Sees Highest Take For Farms This Year

Net income of farmers in 1946 "will probably be the highest on record, in spite of a rise in operating costs," according to the results of a study announced by Dr. Earl L. Butz, head of the Agricultural Economics Dept., Purdue University.
CROATIA ON THE CROSSROADS

By: The Observer

"The present attack on the Catholic Church in Yugoslavia is a part of the general communist campaign launched against Rome. Its immediate objective is to force the Catholic clergy of the various countries in the Soviet zone to give up their allegiance to the Vatican and institute national Churches fully subordinated to local communist dictators. These endeavors, however, will meet with complete failure," this is how Dr. Vladimir Macek, aged Catholic leader of the Croat Peasant Party, now visiting this country, interpetes to this writer the recent wave of anti-Catholic terror in Tito's Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia is considered by Moscow as the foremost bastion of the Soviet offensive against the west, a kind of junior partner in the Cominform general staff all rigged for world conquest. Thus it is not surprising that also the long expected war on the Catholic Church was opened by the arrest and persecution of the Archbishop and clergy of Croatia. It is a signal that will most probably be followed by similar acts in other Catholic countries in the Russian zone.

Why did Moscow choose the Balkan Slavs as its communist vanguard? Is it only the matter of geography? It seems that no. The reason could very well be, that this is a multireligious group of Slav peoples which never found a satisfactory working relationship among themselves and often used to look to the outside for help. It is tragic indeed, that precisely the Croats, a Catholic outpost in that area of the world, should become the center of this Titoist movement directed by Russia and that in a similar way they have been used by the Nazis to form during the war the puppet state of Pavelich, with its dreaded and sadistic gendarmes and its Ushakian and Burgessian patriots, who, as Dr. Macek, rejected any collaboration with the dictators, did not succeed to form an independent resistance movement, as did the Orthodox Serbs under Gen. Drajic or the Jews under Dr. Mihailovich.

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Why is this pattern of collaboration with sinister forces and the loneliness of her noblest lead, the mark of unhappy Croatia? The explanation seems to be, that they are placed on the crossroads between western and eastern civilization. The ghastly experience of two totalitarian regimes one after another, may have taught them the lesson, since to-day they are reported to be turning against Tito, when it is late.

It indeed is a cynical excuse for the communist forces to throw the blame on the Church for all that was happening in Yugoslavia under the Nazis and Pavelich. Tito is using to-day identical methods, only under a different name. The Croat Church as a whole and the Croatian hierarchy kept always away from politics, opposing the Nazi philosophy as much as they could and carrying out ecclesiastical duties and work of charity toward all. According to Dr. Macek, Tito made up his mind about Archbishop Stepinac already in May 1945, when after their first encounter he received no response to the tempting assurance, that should the Archbishop decide to break off with Rome, that fate of the Church in Croatia would be much easier. The rest was only a matter of time. "Today Tito is the best propagandist of faith," said Dr. Macek, because as a result of persecution, the Croat people were never as intensely religious and the churches never as filled as they are now".

Dr. Macek is a strong believer of a united Europe, especially in the geographical and economic bloc of all people of Eastern, Central and South-Eastern Europe. As a peace- maker of old standing, he places particular faith in the rural countries, as a bulwark against C. m.m.n.n. He quotes three principal reasons for this conviction. First, that the peasantry, both on and off the soil, is specially aware of man's dependence on God and hence inclined to religion. Second, that his attachment to family life is very strong. Third, that having struggled for centuries for emancipation and ownership of his strip of land, he is immensely attached to private property and jealously of his possessions. "The Western Democracies should realize, that they have a natural and most staunch barrier against Communism in the countries with peasant populations, missionary efforts should differ politically, socially, or morally from their own."

Communists have infiltrated their sinister influences and domination over every small, helpless nation which they "liberated" or conquered.

(From Francis Cardinal Spellman, American Magazine, July, 1946).

Victors Beware!

It is as clear to the Russian leaders as it is to us victims of their tyranny abroad, that they are not finished with the Russian zone to give up their allegiance to the Vatican and institute national Churches fully subordinated to local communist dictators. These endeavors, however, will meet with complete failure. They told no tales of Communist plentiness, equality, and justice. Theirs were stories of hunger, oppression, and death. Deprived of all but life itself, culled down by the gas chambers, they had been driven from their plagued and plundered homeland.

I have also seen the terror morale in the tear infected eyes of women, men and children who, when told they were going to be repatriated preferred suicide in exile to enslavement, brutality, and death at home.

Communists unaniurnously revile and execrate everyone whose opinions and actions differ politically, socially, or morally from their own.

(From Victor's Beware! By Jonathan Cape, quoted in the Fortnightly, London, May 1946).

Don Herold says

TWO HORES

I just saw two horses standing side by side in a field under a tree, facing in opposite directions, switching flies off each other's faces. It made me feel hopeful about the human race.

If horses can cooperate, why can't people learn to cooperate? Maybe the countries of the world could learn to cooperate. Maybe capital and labor can some day learn to supplement each other, like two horses.

Yes, I'm optimistic; maybe in a million years people will be as intelligent as horses, said Dr. Macek, but these nations need defense and help. Under the present totalitarian regime in Yugoslavia, no political activity whatever is possible.

In a statement to the press, the aged Croat leader expressed his hope, that the American public opinion will condemn the policy of spheres of influence and demand from the U.S. government full participation in solving the problems of countries in the Soviet zone, "along the principles of the Atlantic Charter and in accord with the pledge given the three Powers at Yalta."

The last words of the statement seem a bit too optimistic. The Yalta agreement cannot possibly form a basis for an effective U.S. intervention in behalf of independent Yugoslavia, since this very Yalta confirmed the partition of Europe and the spheres of influence, Dr. Macek is so justly against. There can be no domestic freedom without national independence, and as long as Tito is the recognized ruler of Yugoslavia, it is a mere Soviet dependency. Only repudiation of Yalta is a solution.
Mr. Burch has some concrete suggestions for remedying the situation:

1. The establishment, by the United Nations, of birth control clinics in every country of the world. (How about a Global AAA, Mr. Burch? Subsidies to couples for not having families, or bonuses for the smallest families, or a slogan like: "SAVE THE WORLD BY PLOWING UNDER EVERY THIRD BABY")

2. The punishment, by economic sanctions or otherwise, of those countries which do not keep their population down. (To illustrate: Newspaper headline, October 1st, 1955: "DUBLIN WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO QUADRUPELTS". Headline, October 2nd, 1955: "UN SECURITY COUNCIL, SENDS SHARP NOTE TO IRISH GOVERNMENT". "The Security Council today sent a sharp ultimatum to the Irish Government, accusing it of endangering world peace by permitting the birth of quadruplets to a Dublin woman, etc....")

3. The establishment of "humanistic and scientific" sterilization clinics in all countries. (Ah, fond memories of Dachau and Buchenwald, where "humanistic and scientific" Nazi doctors sterilized all "unfit" Poles, Jews et al.)

4. Correction, by the United Nations, of lax marriage laws throughout the world. (When we first read those lines, we were about to tell Mr. Burch, "You sure allibbed a bib-fal that time, Bob!", until we read further and discovered that what our esteemed "expert" had in mind when he spoke of "lax marriage laws" was "requiring a marriage candidate to be earning a liveable wage and to have at least an eighth grade education"!)

We believe that the above is about enough for the average reader to digest of the solution for the world's problems by these "population experts" in Washington. Unemployment has an extra stomach, a strong stomach, and a nausea will probably have begun to set in about now....

However, we were able to get the bad taste of Mr. Burch and his colleagues out of our mouth by recalling that there was once another "expert", infinitely more wise and experienced than the PRB could ever hope to be. Whatever alarm we were made to feel about the starvation and want that faces the "over-populated" world of the future was instantly dispelled by re-reading the words of that Expert: "...Do not fret over your body, how to support it with food and drink, over your body, how to keep it clothed. Is not life itself a greater gift than food, the body than clothing? See how the birds of the air neither sow, nor reap, nor gather grain into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them; have you not an excellence beyond theirs? Can any one of you, for all his anxiety, add a cubit's growth to his height? An why should you be anxious over clothing? See how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil or spin; and yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If God, then, so clothes the grasses of the field, which today live and will feed the oven tomorrow, will he not be much more ready to clothe you, men of little faith? Do not fret, then, asking, What are we to eat? or What are we to drink? or How shall we find clothing? It is for the heathen to busy themselves over such things; you have a Father in heaven who knows that you need them all. Make it your first care to find the kingdom of God, and his approval, and all these things shall be yours without the asking. Do not fret, then, over tomorrow; leave tomorrow to fret over its own needs; for today, today's troubles are enough..." (Matthew 6:31-34).

MARIANOPOLIS NEWS

Marianopolis is operating at full capacity for the first time since the outbreak of war. Among the record enrollment of students, 30 are ex-GIs.

Two new lay instructors have been added to the teaching staff. They are Mr. C. Kundrotavičius, a graduate of Holy Cross, who is teaching Chemistry and Mr. Stakūtis of Boston College, who is handling Physics and Mathematics.

Mr. Anthony Valciūnas, who spent last year doing graduate work at Fordham University, has returned to Marianopolis and is engaged in the department of modern languages.


Director of Athletics, Rev. Anthony Ignatius, M. I. C., has engaged "Al" Lisi, a star on the Brown University football team of last year as coach of football, basketball and baseball at Marianopolis. Although the coaching debut of Mr. Lisi was marred by a 19-12 defeat at the hands of Putnam High, the Maroon and Gold outscored its opponents in every department except the final score.

Amongst the Alumni who are making a name for themselves in the football world are J. Yonarok, of the Cleveland Browns, J. Cowig of Notre Dame, R. Mangene and B. Lanoue of Boston College.

Milton Stark, HS '43, is majoring in Journalism at U. C. L. A.

Chicago Opera Dates

FOURTH WEEK

Mon., Oct. 21 — MADAM BUTTERFLY — Kirsten, Tagliavini, Bonelli, Sachs.
It was nice seeing you all. Then and Now W. Somerset Maugham. certainty will follow the contest;

Edmund Wilson editorium, near 32nd and Lankus, Stan Kaczewick, Hotspur Rosamond Marshall Halsted. Curtain time 4:00...