

Non-Communist Members Resign From Czech Cabinet

Fight Grows Against Red Control Of Republic

First Open Break Since War's End

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP)—Members of three outspoken anti-Communist parties resigned from Czechoslovakia's cabinet today in the growing fight against Communist attempts to dominate the coalition government.

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Leaders of the National Socialist Party, the Slovak Democratic Party and the Catholic People's Party quit the government of Communist Premier Klement Gottwald, a seven-party coalition which has governed by compromise and barter.

Earlier these leaders had refused to sit in the cabinet in a cabinet meeting called by Gottwald in an atmosphere of pre-election tension.

The parties resigned in letters to the cabinet members in which they called the cabinet a "coalition of the unwilling."

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Shopping Survey

\$ Buys More Than Month Ago, Less Than Year Ago

By LARRY ELDRED CHICAGO (AP)—The housewife's shopping dollars buy more purchasing power than a month ago, but won't buy nearly as much as a year ago, shortly after removal of price controls.

They're still worth less than when price controls were in effect and are steadily recognizing what compared with the big dollar just a few months before World War II, seven years ago.

That was when there was 21 cents a pound margarine two pounds for 17 cents, butter and beefsteak 33 cents a pound, and tomatoes seven cents per capita income.

Pood prices went places after that—as also did the cost of living. A companion also was made with a month ago when price averages were around their record peak.

A basket of 41 items with potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread, butter or margarine, and coffee or milk would cost like this at the market:

Beefsteak is advertised at 49 cents a pound this week-end. A month ago it was 79. A year ago, four months after price controls went under, it was 53. Under price controls in February, 1946,

Price Range

New Emphasis On Is Narrow

Citizenship Urged

NEW YORK (AP)—Prices were regular on major commodity markets today, but the changes continued.

When prices were at a 2 to 4 cent level, corn was sold for 41 cents yesterday and a month ago, 37 cents last year, 29 in 1946, and 21 in 1945.

But in the livestock market at Chicago, hogs were up 25 cents a hundred pounds over yesterday's price.

Commodity markets appear to be reaching their own high prices.

Development along the possibility that some price may be leveling off temporarily at a point far below January prices.

When he heard a man, like General Gorkov, talk about doing the impossible in attainment of the atomic bomb, then we can take courage in our own work and force ahead when the going gets tough.

Wallace Urges U. N. Oil Control MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace, third party Presidential candidate, said the United Nations should control oil in the Middle East to lessen the possibility of war.

Addressing a crowd estimated at 8,000 in Bayfront Park here last night, Wallace charged that oil policy is "to protect the big oil interests."

He said the men in power "have been waging psychological warfare against the American people," and asserted, "this warfare has reached fantastic proportions."

He said J. C. Long of Charleston cancelled his reservations for a party of ten, Gov. Thomas Thurmond refused to head a committee of Southern Governors coming here Monday.

On Oriental Affairs

President Raps Soviet Role In U. N.

'Disturbing' Problem Raised

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman said today Russia's refusal to carry out United Nations decisions has raised a "disturbing" new problem.

But despite the failure of the Soviet Union and its satellites to co-operate, "the United Nations is making headway," the Chief Executive said.

Mr. Truman outlined his view in a 300-page report on the work of the world agency during the year. The report had been given first to the secretary of State, Marshall.

Marshall said the "record offers no basis for complacency." But also he said the "record offers no basis for pessimism."

"Some of the accomplishments noted in the report," the Cabinet officer wrote, "were made despite the intransigence of a numerically small minority, which has extended the record to carry out certain major recommendations."

In their formal letters of transmittal, neither the President nor the cabinet members referred to the Russian bloc of nations by name. However, the report said the "Soviet Union refused to accept the U. N. commission to unify Korea."

The document relates other instances of the clash between the United States and the Soviet Union. These include the persistent dispute over the veto in the Security Council and the loss to Russia of the "war-monger" attack on the United States at the Assembly meeting.

The report notes that on only one major issue—the decision to reduce the atomic bomb stockpile—Major and the United States agreed.

Both Mr. Truman and Marshall emphasized the need for a meeting to discuss the world situation on the least controversial matters or (2) to deal boldly with the outstanding problems.

The President said in the international relations arising this past year in the meetings of the United Nations were met rather by evasion "rather by meaningless compromises."

Fireman-Killed In Rail Accident PORTSMOUTH, O.—(AP)—The steamship "Fowhatan" of the Norfolk & Western Railroad jumped the track near here today, killing a fireman and injuring the engineer.

The railroad's office here said that so far as it was known, the fireman was killed by a falling beam.

House Body Would Consult M Arthur

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—The House Foreign Affairs Committee indicated today it wants General Douglas MacArthur to come home and advise it on Chinese and Far Eastern problems.

Chairman Eaton (R-N.J.) asked Secretary of State Marshall how to go about bringing MacArthur back from Tokyo.

The Secretary said he did not know whether the request should go to the President or to the Secretary of the Army.

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About 50 Congressmen Back Dixie Governors

Pledge Support In Resolution

WASHINGTON (AP)—About fifty Democratic Congressmen from eleven states formally declared war today on President Truman's civil rights program.

They met and adopted a resolution pledging "co-operation" with the Dixie Governors in opposing the President's program for anti-lynch, anti-riot and anti-segregation legislation.

Rep. Colmer of Mississippi, chairman of the group, announced the resolution of opposition to the President's program at a meeting in the South.

The Southerners met behind closed doors of the House Banking Committee room.

These states were represented: Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

But not the entire membership of the House. For example, only Rep. Smith was there from Tennessee.

The group authorized Colmer to appoint a committee representing Dixie to co-operate with the Southern Governors.

For themselves, the Congressmen pledged to do nothing to obstruct the enactment of any such legislation as that proposed by the President.

Their resolution also: "I. Dixie and respectability but firmly caution against the Democrats' policy of putting us on a platform that would assuredly jeopardize its success in the South where it has been historically maintained throughout its existence."

It declared "either one or all" of the President's proposals "would constitute an invasion of the sovereignty of the states and would most unfortunately interrupt the progress being made by the several states in the adjustment of their mutual and troublesome problems arising from inter-racial differences."

Colmer told newsmen there was "free discussion of the whole issue" and that the Dixie Governors were "lured almost two hours."

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Landis Tragedy

Trio Bludgeoned; Husband Accused

LANDIS—Rufus Helms of Landis was placed in the Rowan County jail at Salisbury today in connection with the bludgeoning of his estranged wife and her parents at their home in the Concordia Church community near China Grove.

Marjorie Helms and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Ritchie, were taken to the Lovance Hospital in Mooreville, where they received their wounds.

Police said Mrs. Helms left her husband and the two children and went to the home of her parents.

Reports from Police Chief Bill Demareus of China Grove and Deputy Sheriff Howard Barnhardt charged the Helms went to the Ritchie home about 2 A. M. today, broke in through a window, removed his wife and the two children and went to the home of her parents.

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Seek Smoke Engineer

Determined effort to locate a qualified smoke abatement engineer for Charlotte was disclosed today by City Manager Henry A. Vance who said that letters have been written to thirteen prospects.

The names of eligible engineers who might be interested in the local job were advanced a fortnight ago by Councilman Claude L. Albee, who was named as chair of the committee in securing a competent engineer.

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Conspicuously Missing

South Carolinians Absent From Jackson Day Dinner In Doves

WASHINGTON (AP)—General prominent South Carolina political leaders were conspicuously absent from the Jefferson-Jackson Day Democratic dinners in Washington last night.

Members of the dinner committee, had said before the dinners that the national Democratic chairman, Senator McCarran (D-R), had refused to participate with Murray.

The dinners were held in the U. S. District Court. He set March 23 as the date for Murray's trial in case the charges are not dismissed.

Philip Murray Pleads Innocent

WASHINGTON (AP)—CIO President Philip Murray today pleaded innocent to charges of violating the Smith Act.

Murray's attorneys then moved that the charges be dismissed. They argued that the ban on membership in the union was unconstitutional.

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Grain For Whisky

Ration Advanced

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bill to advance the whisky ration was passed by the House today.

The measure would allow a 40 percent increase in the whisky ration for the year ending June 30, 1949.

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Weather

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