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INTRIGUE IN PRAGUE

THE stories from Czechoslovakia this week sounded as if they might have been written by E. Phillips Oppenheim, the old master of European intrigue. To hear the rumors you would think that at least half the population of ancient, stony Prague is skulking over the cobblestones with clubs and dagger.

by the Communists and less directly by Moscow.

Clementis is accused of "Titism" and so are those arrested with him. That there are other "Titists" in Czechoslovakia is certain. "Titism" is a creeping paralysis in the Soviet satellite system also appears probable.

Purges on a larger scale are also taking place in the Balkans. Hungary has announced that it has dropped 100,000 from its Communist Party rolls in recent months.

The Russians are bending every effort to strengthen their hold on the Balkans. That so much effort is necessary, that so much fear is evident, indicates that there is more than minor opposition to Russian domination.

IT WAS a good story, but the truth of all of it was not certain. Prague denies that Gottwald and Zaptovsky are under arrest and, while admitting that Clementis is under arrest with Mrs. Svemova, Sling and a few lesser officials, Prague asserts that Clementis is still alive.

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STARTING PLACE FOR ECONOMY

THE other day a top writer for the Wall Street Journal, Alan Otten, asked this question: "Will Congress make any real cuts in President Truman's \$71 billion budget for the coming fiscal year?" He answered, "Probably not."

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"I will vote for any appropriation necessary for the defense of the country. I don't believe anyone who is convinced the money is necessary for national defense. But I believe there are some places where the money should be reduced. I intend to vote accordingly. If it will help the defense effort, I am for it. If it will not, and it is not absolutely necessary for the welfare of this country, I am for postponing it."

Rep. Rankin of Mississippi, outspoken enemy of various foreign aid bills, was highly displeased when President Truman cut out 16,000 new veterans' hospital beds authorized by Congress, and twice pushed bills through the House to force the Administration to build the hospitals.

Crisis In The Postal Department

Force Ike's Candidcy

By STEWART ALSOFF

IT MAY seem like cruel and dragging punishment to have dragged into discussions of domestic politics the name of a man who is doing a supremely important and wholly non-political job.

The key figure in the draft-Eisenhower movement is likely to be Sen. James Duff of Pennsylvania rather than Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York. Dewey is of course publicly on record for Eisenhower. Dewey is not personally close to Eisenhower; Dewey has inevitably made innumerable enemies in the national Republican Party, and these enemies equally inevitably suspect him of being a political chameleon.

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Collected By Bill Sharpe

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Is Debate On European Aid Part Of Plot?

By MARCUS CHILDS

IN THE CLICHE department one of the most used numbers is the one about striking down the Communist by using particular force to the relationship between Western Europe and Russia... "General, I am considering the introduction of a resolution providing that the House of Representatives as well as the Senate must have a vote in authorizing the use of American troops to be part of a unified North Atlantic defense command."

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WORTH PONDERING (Key Thompson, Winston-Salem Journal)

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A SPECIAL correspondent of the New York Times has sent his newspaper a check amount of a patrol action south of Seoul. "It suddenly struck the commander," he says, "that Seoul was just within tank range. So orders were given for two tanks to fly fifteen rounds each into the city."

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AND nowhere in the village have they buried any more because there was no room to do so... The inhabitants throughout the village and in the fields were caught and killed. He kept the exact procedure they held when the bicycle and motor man got on his knees, 80 boys and girls playing in an orphanage, a housewife strangely untroubled, and her hand a page torn from a catalogue.

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