

Russ Dummy Up

State Workers Told Not to Answer Any Questions Asked by Foreigners

By WALTER CRONKITE

Ministers upon application of the ministries of Foreign Affairs and Armed Forces. This apparently left the way open for each case to be ruled upon separately. Those exempted from the prohibition on talking, but not from the ban on general discussion, included workers at postal and telegraph offices, railway and air ticket windows, customs, police, fire departments, ambulances, first aid hospitals, savings banks, bookstands, restaurants, theaters, museums, exhibitions, information bureaus and the housing offices of buildings in which foreigners were living.

It was expected that VOKS organization for foreign cultural relations and the Soviet Information Bureau, which have been open to newsmen, embassy personnel and tourists for limited types of information, would continue to function.

Kuomintang Leader Denies Revolt Story

NANKING, Jan. 28 (UP)—Chen Li-fu, in a statement issued through the official Central News Agency, today denied for the second time press reports attributed to him that the Chinese government had received information about a revolt in the Soviet Ukraine.

The press report quoting me on this matter is entirely without foundation," the right-wing Kuomintang leader declared. Chen added that the news agency correspondent (Reuters), who wrote Nanking dateline story, January 27, quoted him on the revolt, "has not interviewed me during the last two days." Chen specifically named the January 27 story as "entirely without foundation."

Chicago, Sun Will Merge With the Times

CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (UP)—The morning Chicago Sun and afternoon Chicago Times, owned by Marshall Field, announced today that they will merge into a 24-hour newspaper to be known as the Chicago Daily Sun and Times. The merger will be effective Monday.

Field purchased the Times, a tabloid, last summer. Last October he moved the Sun, a standard-sized paper, to the Times plant and changed it to tabloid size.

Soviet Editor Says Germans Stall Recovery

By DAVID M. NICHOL

BERLIN, Jan. 28—In terms almost as ominous as those in which it formally announced the official Soviet Army newspaper here has accused a widespread group of Germans in the eastern occupation zone of wrecking industrial rebirth there.

The pill is slightly sugar-coated by an accompanying recital of the virtues of workers in increasing production, finding shortcuts which save time and material and generally assuming responsibility under the system of work councils and people's committees.

The article, by the paper's editor, Orlov, goes on to state, however: "Many factory leaders and officials in administrative positions in the provinces" have failed to adapt themselves to the new times.

They Quit Digging For Pirate Gold

GREEN COVER SPRINGS, Fla., Jan. 28 (P)—Digging was terminated yesterday in 80-year-old G. B. Mobley's quest for \$4,000,000 in buried pirate gold in the center of this town but no gold was in sight.

The hole had been put down to 30 feet and a pipe was driven today down to 42 feet without striking anything tangible. Previously, diggers thought they had hit something at just below 30 feet.

Mobley did not give an immediate explanation of the termination of activities, or what—if anything—his exploration had produced.

WILL OF THE GERMANS

Germans must understand, the article warns, that the Soviet government's order was more than the simple order of an occupying power. Its terms were worked out, in conference with labor parties and organizations of the eastern zone and represent, therefore, the will of the Germans as well.

It is not too difficult to see what is happening behind the scenes of such blunt talk. The Russians are frankly having difficulties "organizing" their zone as they believe it should be. There is, apparently, much deeper passive resistance among the Germans themselves than the Russians would have the rest of the world think.

The tone and phrases are very similar to those which usually pre-

French Say New Coal Pact Won't Disrupt Industry

PARIS, Jan. 28 (P)—The French Foreign Office said industries in Western European countries would not be disrupted by a new Franco-Anglo-American accord allowing France to keep all coal mined in the Saar beginning April 1, 1949.

A communiqué said the plan will be put into effect progressively over the next 15 months. The Saar now is producing about 12,000,000 tons yearly. It was expected that France's allocations from other coal fields would be reduced.

cede an administrative shake-up, or worse, in the Soviet Union itself. It is probably a good guess that there will be a number of new figures shortly in the German government of the Soviet-occupied zone.

UNRA SHIPMENTS

The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, pouring \$480,000,000 worth of food, industrial equipment and other aid into Poland in 1945 and 1946, with shipments still coming, generally is credited with laying the foundation for Poland's recovery.

The Poles have gone on from there. They claim their currency is sound. They say every zloty issued brings one zloty's worth of production. They assert inflation has been avoided through strict control of government expenditures

Marshall Plan Is 'Still Only Words' Eastern Europe Unified, Poles Say

By LARRY ALLEN

WARSAW, Jan. 28 (P)—It may be called the "Eastern European Plan," but whatever it is, Poles say they and neighbor countries in Soviet Russia's orbit have beaten America to the punch.

Says the controlled Polish press: "American plans are still only words. We have passed from words to deeds."

Poland claims that while America and the 16 countries participating in the Marshall Plan are still talking about how much and when and where, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, the Balkan nations and Russia have forged steadily ahead to sound industrial and economic recovery.

Furthermore, there has been a constant integration of industries in the Eastern European countries. Poles and Czechs say a federation of states or a customs union isn't needed. They say they can accomplish all they desire by following a more or less uniform pattern in their recovery efforts.

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and a gradual increase of banknotes in circulation as industrial recovery is speeded up. They say there's no unemployment here—there's a job for every Pole.

Poland long has seen eye-to-eye with most of her southern and eastern neighbors, but the integration of industries is striking and significant.

As far as Poland is concerned, that has been featured by "modeling" much of her industry procedure along the Russian line. She has introduced the "Stakhanovite" system of speeding up production. Russian engineers are helping set up Polish industries.

With Czechoslovakia, Poland has gone much farther. She has opened her Baltic ports for Czechoslovakian imports and exports. She plans, with the aid of the Czechoslovaks and Danubian countries, to link the Oder River by a canal to the Danube, thus providing an outlet to the Black Sea.

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Soviet zone of occupation in Germany.

Poland is supplying the Czechs with vast quantities of coal. The Czechs are sending in vast quantities of machinery. The two countries have an agreement for the "closest economic and industrial collaboration" which seems to have extended into virtually every branch of industry.

Poland has a similar agreement with Yugoslavia. The pattern of integration is noticeable in more than industrial ventures with practically every country in the Russian orbit. A mutual exchange of students, teachers, books, films, and the creation of friendship societies is going full blast.

Poland has signed trade pacts with all Eastern European countries, and still is doing a great share of her basic import and export business with Soviet Russia.

All of these pacts are designed to give Poland what she needs most to help along economic and industrial recovery. In return, the countries which signed with Poland are getting first of all coal needed to put their industries on a high productive plane.

Hotel Appointment

Edward C. Sequeira has been promoted to the position of executive assistant manager of the St. Francis Hotel, it was announced yesterday.

Sequeira has been an assistant to Manager Dan London since 1945. JUST WHAT YOU WANT may be listed in the "Bargain Center" today—Class 158 of the Want Ads.

U. S. Rabbi Recalled for U. N. Hearing

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28 (P)—Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, American Jewish Agency executive, said today he had been recalled to the agency to appear before the United Nations in New York.

"It is clear that without an international police force and official arming of the Jewish militia (Haganah), implementation of the United Nations decision to partition Palestine will be jeopardized," he said in a parting statement.

Rabbi Silver, Cleveland, Ohio, political and religious leader, had planned to stay in the Holy Land two months, but said he would leave on the Jewish Agency order immediately.

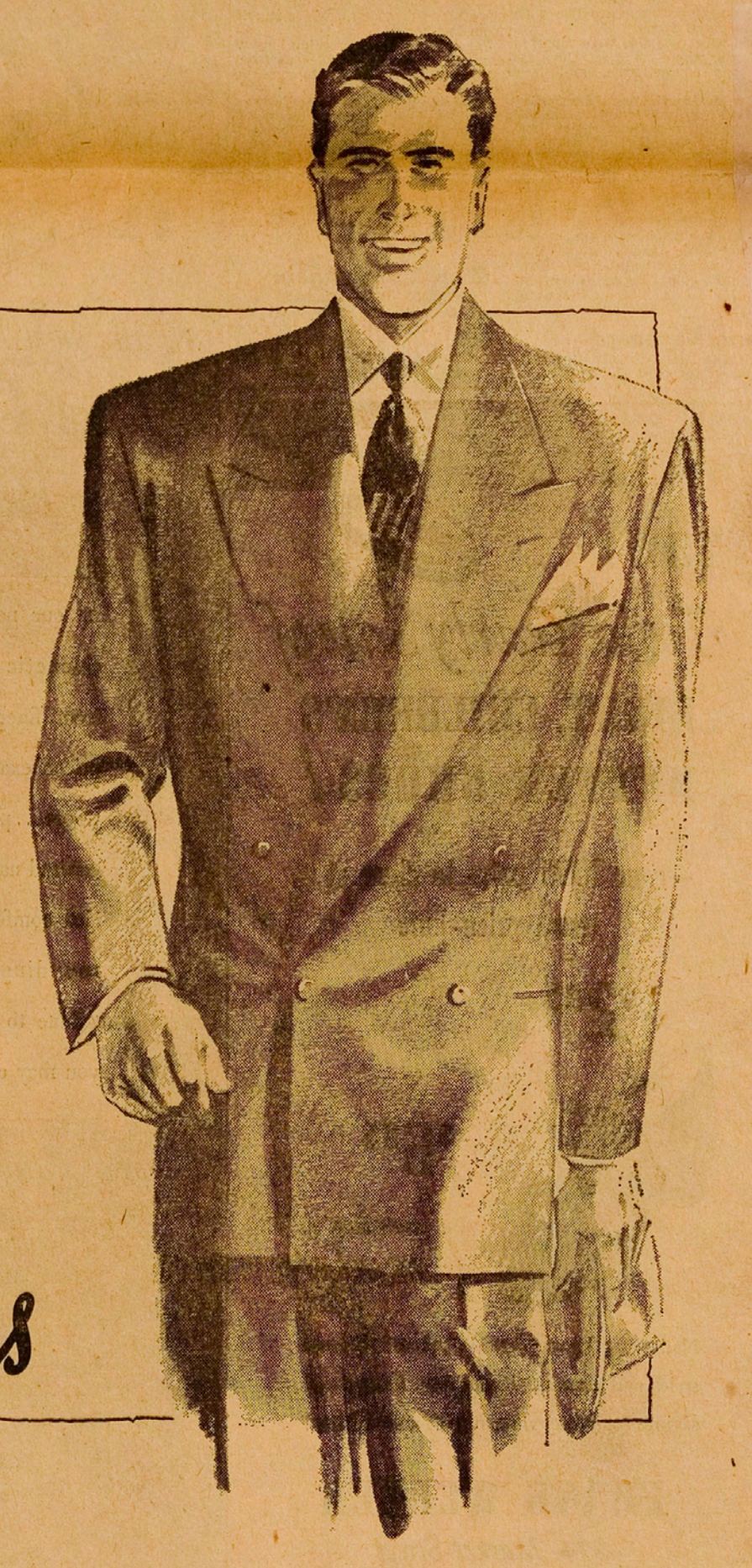
He told newsmen he had found the Jews in Palestine "deeply troubled over reports the United States is failing to put its full weight back of implementation of the United Nations partition decision.

"On the contrary," he said, "they feel the State Department is reverting to the old technique of trying to circumvent policy on Palestine. If America withholds support from implementation at the very moment Arab violence is trying to frustrate it, it would be a betrayal of both the United Nations and the Jewish people."

He added that "President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall must fully realize the necessity of an international force and arming of the Jewish militia. They surely won't permit subordinate officials to scuttle the plan for partition which they supported."

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Royce Brier's Column

Continued from Page 1 within a week. Stalin said wait another week. No, we can't wait, said Ribbentrop—"very urgent—most secret—for the Ambassador personally!" Stalin backed down. Ribbentrop would be received August 22.

There was a hitch—a commercial agreement in negotiation. To hell with that, said Ribbentrop in effect. He had his hat full of papers, a pre-draft of the nonaggression pact had already gone to Schulenburg. Stalin allowed it sounded good "in principle." Herr Hitler sent a telegram to Herr Stalin, "I thank you," wired back Stalin, we ought to be friends, and so forth.

Then Ribbentrop flew in and the huddle started. Ribbentrop outlined everything. "Intolerable" provocations of Poland, spurred by British meddling, Stalin wanted to know what was proposed as to Japan, Turkey, what would Mussolini say?

A little pleasantries comes in here, Ribbentrop said, phooie, nobody should fear the Anticomintern pact. Only small London merchants were afraid of that. Stalin agreed to that. A gag going around Germany: "Stalin will yet join the Anticomintern pact."

This is probably as funny: "The Reich Foreign Minister observed that the Anticomintern pact was basically directed not at the Soviet Union, but against the Western democracies." Heh-heh-heh, you can hear Stalin say.

But things continued cozy. Stalin "spontaneously" proposed a toast: "I know how much the German nation loves its Fuehrer! I should therefore like to drink to his health." Thereafter everybody but the translators got a good toasting.

Do you remember the Pact? The High Contracting Parties wouldn't fight, wouldn't support a third power attacking one or the other, would "consult" on mutual problems (this the seed of red-hot trouble), wouldn't join an unfriendly gang.

There was a secret protocol about the Baltic States which later made endless difficulty, and one about demarcation of spheres of influence "in event of a rearrangement of the areas belonging to the Polish State." Countless mutual misunderstandings (or double-crosses) pivoted on these questions.

Hitler wrote to Mussolini, and the Duce said nice, but include us out if you're going to fight now. An interesting Mussolini passage: "At our meetings, the war was envisaged for after 1942..." So Hitler had jumped the gun by three years. But what becomes of persecution of the Axis, when there was a conspiracy for war on the testimony of one of the conspirators?

Now this pact was ten days old when a crack appeared. The Russians vaguely complained the Polish invasion was moving too fast, that Russia wasn't ready to move into its Polish "sphere." Actually the Germans urged them to get a move on. We can't help it if we're good, said Ribbentrop. Your tardiness will create a "political vacuum."

That passed and the Russians moved in, but a new sour note appeared. Ribbentrop wanted a joint communique telling the world Poland was exterminated, that Germany and Russia would now bring peace and a new order. Molotov said, sorry, we've got to motivate our entry, so we'll say we're protecting Ukrainian minorities. My God, in effect said Ribbentrop to Schulenburg, they didn't worry about these minorities for twenty years. Head them off. But Schulenburg couldn't. It was already on the radio.

The Estonians, the Latvians, the Lithuanians, one, two, three, began complaining in Berlin that they were being offered "alliances" by the Soviets. On this and some other counts, Ribbentrop zoomed back to Moscow late in September. This from Ribbentrop's timetable: "One act of ballet (Swan Lake); Stalin meanwhile negotiated with the Latvians." No doubt Stalin had seen Swan Lake.

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