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TRIAL OF SS MEN HAS BEGUN IN MARIBOR

Maribor: The trial of eight war criminals, members of Gestapo, who worked on a systematic extermination of the Slovene people, has begun before the council of the people's court in Maribor. The main defendant is Kurt Stage, former chief of police in Maribor and member of the SS. He is charged with mass murder, torture and sending to forced labour and resettling of the Slovene people. The defendant ordered the killing of some 500 hostages in Vrbovlje and other cities. On his order, mass shooting of the population, plundering and burning of villages had been carried out. Also the other defendants will have to answer before the military court for countless gruesome crimes which they had perpetrated on the Slovene people.

(Radio Belgrade in Serbo-Croat, June 17, 00.15)

PRAVDA'S COMMENT ON MARSHALL PLAN FOR REHABILITATION OF EUROPE

Commenting, in its international review, on Secretary of State Marshall's plan for the so-called rehabilitation of Europe, the Moscow leading daily, PRAVDA, stresses that this plan is nothing but the Truman plan for political pressure, by means of dollars; that it is a plan for meddling in internal questions of other states. If one wishes to hear the reproaches from the US, it suffices, says PRAVDA, that a country such as Hungary would cut the conspirators from its state institutions. In his speech, delivered before the Harvard University Alumni Association, continues PRAVDA, Mr. Marshall intentionally explained the Truman doctrine in ambiguous terms. This fact is explained by an ever growing lack of popularity of Truman's policy in Europe as well as in America itself. Meanwhile, at a press conference held a few days later, Mr. Marshall declared that he had in mind the whole of Europe, including the Soviet Union, when he proposed to the European countries to formulate a program of economic rehabilitation. This supplementary explanation, says PRAVDA, obviously is in contrast to the policy of the US towards the countries of south-eastern Europe. It seems, says PRAVDA, that Mr. Marshall wishes to convince America that the Soviet Union and the countries of eastern Europe are, allegedly, excluding themselves from his system of economic rehabilitation of the whole of Europe because of the fact that the conditions of American assistance are unacceptable to them. PRAVDA adds that the real essence of Marshall's explanations, as well as his public approval of the idea of the United States of Europe, the interest which his speech created among the followers of the Churchill's so-called United Europe and all that shows that the old essence of American policy of assistance remains unchanged.

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GROMYKO PROPOSES RUSSIAN FOR TRIESTE GOVERNOR

At last-night's session of the Security Council in New York, the British delegate asked that the question of the appointment of the governor for the free territory of Trieste be included on the agenda for public discussion. The Soviet delegate, Mr. Gromyko, opposed this demand. He claimed that the Security Council cannot appoint any governor so long as the peace treaty with Italy has not been ratified by all parties concerned. The discussion of this question has been put off until Friday.

According to Reuter's correspondent, Mr. Gromyko has proposed one more candidate for Trieste governorship. This one is a Russian, but his name has not been revealed. The Soviet delegate previously proposed two other candidates, for whom the remaining powers asserted to lack the necessary administrative experience.

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DIMITROV REPLIES TO US CONDEMNATION OF PETKOV'S ARREST

Bulgarian Premier Dimitrov today replied to recently voiced condemnation by the USA of arrest of the opposition leader of the Bulgarian Peasant Party, Mr. Petkov. Dimitrov rejected the assertion that Bulgaria does not act in accordance with the spirit of the Yalta declaration and the peace treaty. Bulgaria, he stressed, is compelled not to tolerate the existence of fascist organizations. He added that no one can assume that freedom and personal rights should be guaranteed to those who are preparing the revival of Fascism, and still less to those who were preparing and organizing a coup d'etat.

The Bulgarian news agency reports that Mr. Dimitrov today received high dignitaries of the Bulgarian Church who declared that they agree with the internal and foreign policy of the Bulgarian Government. These Church leaders expressed the wish to collaborate with the Government on economic, financial and cultural reconstruction of Bulgaria.

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CZECHOSLOVAK MILITARY DELEGATION REVIEWS DUBROVNIK NAVAL ACADEMY MIDSHIPMEN'S PARADE

The Czechoslovak military delegation, headed by the Minister of National Defence, General Svoboda, arrived to Dubrovnik. The delegation saw the review of the Yugoslav Naval Academy midshipmen.

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BEVIN GOING TO PARIS ON OWN INITIATIVE

The British Foreign Office officially announced that British Foreign Minister Bevin will leave for Paris. He will have talks with Ramadier and Bidault regarding the American plan for giving help for economic rehabilitation of Europe. Commenting on Bevin's departure the paper DAILY WORKER points to the fact that the French Government did not ask Mr. Bevin to come to Paris, and that this is Bevin's own personal wish. The aim of Bevin's trip is to win over the French Government for the Marshall plan.

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MORE GREEK PROVOCATIONS IN ALBANIA

Tirana: The Albanian telegraph agency reports that Greek monarchofascists continue to carry on the provocations against democratic Albania. Thus, says the agency, on June 5th, at six in the morning, Greek soldiers were shooting with a machinegun at an Albanian patrol. The Albanian patrol did not answer to this provocation. Meanwhile, the Greek authorities declared in this connection that Greek frontier guards did shoot at the Albanian patrol which, allegedly, entered deep into the Greek territory. On June 10th, two Greek three-motor planes flew over the Albanian territory. On June 12th, three Greek planes flew over the city of Humara and then left in the direction of Corfu. On the same day, at about 13 hrs, one more Greek three-motor plane flew over the Albanian territory and directed itself towards the mountain of Ragona which is in the sector of Korca.

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The Soviet paper TRUD, according to TASS, publishes an article on situation in Greece in which it states that the population of Greece continues to bear undescrivable sufferings under a regime of violence and selfwill which is being practiced by the monarchofascists. Armed monarchofascist bands are trying to suppress the resistance of the Greek people by killings and torture. In this connection, continues the paper, the Antifascist Committee of Soviet Women has received a letter of the Paris Committee of the French-Greek Solidarity and Assistance to Greece in which - on the basis of latest reports from Greece - the bloody squaring up of accounts of Greek Fascists with unprotected women and children are brought. It is further pointed out in the letter, says the TRUD, that the Fascists could not boss around in Greece had they not the support of Anglo-american imperialists.

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WALLACE'S CANDIDACY FOR U.S. PRESIDENCY TO BE LAUNCHED
ON JULY 19TH

New York: According to Associated Press, Robert Kenny, former state attorney of California, declared that a campaign would be started at a meeting in California on July 19th, for Henry Wallace's candidacy for the presidency of the U.S. in the next presidential elections.

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BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT DENIES RECEIVING PROTEST NOTES
FROM U.S.A. AND BRITAIN

Sofia: In various foreign newspapers, according to the Bulgarian telegraph agency, reports were published to the effect that the U.S.A. and British Government had, allegedly, sent to the Bulgarian Government a protest note, in connection with the arrest of Nikola Petkov by court authorities.

These tendentious reports, points out Bulgarian telegraph agency, do not correspond to the truth. The Bulgarian Government has not received any similar notes.

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BRITISH AMMUNITION USED IN RECENT INCIDENT NEAR
GREEK-YUGOSLAV FRONTIER

A commission of experts has determined that the seven empty machinegun shells, found near the spot where a Greek plane machinegunned the Yugoslav border patrol, are of British origin. This is a heavy accusation of Greek monarchofascist government.

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