

M O N I T O R I N G R E P O R T

published by

News & Monitoring Division HQ-AIS

Trieste

No. 637

25 July 47

Contents

- Page 1 : Ljubljana Court pronounces sentences upon a band of men accused of terroristic spy activity
- 2 : Myth about International Brigade fighting in Greece exploded by Greek generals' refusal to confirm it. Yugoslav-Hungarian negotiations on cultural convention
- 3 : Ramadier causes France's subjugation to dollar diplomacy
Yugoslav-Czechoslovak agreement on cultural collaboration signed in Prague
- 4 : Recently started Dutch military operations against Indonesians, U.S. backed
- 6 : British youth quits Yugoslav railroad project, goes to Prague
New political party founded in Trieste
Real reason of U.S. Secretary of Treasury visit to Brazil
Arrest of PRIMORSKI DNEVNIK's editor and other Antifascists

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3020
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2007

Job 76-780R
Box 294

Radio Belgrade in Serbo-Croat, July 24, 23:00 &
July 25, 00:01

LJUBLJANA COURT PRONOUNCES SENTENCES UPON A BAND OF MEN
ACCUSED OF TERRORISTIC SPY ACTIVITY

Subject: The following item contains part of the concluding speech of the Public Prosecutor, and names of as well as sentenced passed upon the defendants accused of spy work carried out against Yugoslavia. The band, according to the Prosecutor, was a weapon in the hands of warmongerish imperialistic clique which endeavors to create unrest and disorders in Yugoslavia.

Evaluation:

Position of item in broadcast: middle

Time devoted: ten minutes

Repeat: nightly during the past four days, and today in all the broadcasts.

Today, before the Council of the Military Court in Ljubljana ended the trial of the terroristic band which committed a series of crimes in our frontier zone of Austria. In his summation, the Public Prosecutor stressed that this band was a weapon of the warmongerish imperialistic clique which endeavors to bring disorder and unrest on the territory of our country in order to create the impression abroad that in Yugoslavia exists a situation which demands an intervention by foreign powers. The Public Prosecutor further stressed that the centers of the entire hostile activity towards Yugoslavia is in the DP camps in the zone of Anglo-American military occupation in Austria. The Anglo-American military authorities permit hostile activity against Yugoslavia in these camps; they permit the terroristic work of various bands and use them for spying purposes. By such attitude the Anglo-American occupation military administration incites and gives moral support to Nazis and war criminals and the Austrian administrative apparatus which openly helps the terroristic bands. The present-day Austria, who has not undertaken any serious measures for the purging of her administrative apparatus from fascist war criminals, again represents a springboard of the imperialistic plans against the democratic Yugoslavia. The Public Prosecutor stressed that the responsibility for such a situation in Austria is borne by the Anglo-American occupation authorities under whose administration all these camps are, under whose control the entire public life in the western and southern Austrian regions is developing.

This evening, the Military Court pronounced the sentence upon the accused bandits. The first defendant Franc Ceh, has been sentenced to death by hanging. Six of the accused men have been sentenced to death before firing squad. They are: Ferdinand Kopnik, Jakob Holbing, Anton Brtus, Franc Arnus, Joze Levicnik and Alojz Perko. The remaining men were sentenced to terms ranging from 10 to 20 years and forced labor.

Radio Belgrade in Serbo-Croat, July 24, 00:01

MYTH ABOUT INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE FIGHTING IN GREECE
EXPLODED BY GREEK GENERALS' REFUSAL TO CONFIRM IT

Subject: Quoting Agence France Presse, the item deals with the dismissal of two Greek monarchofascist generals who refused to confirm that members of the so-called International Brigade took part in fighting in Greece on the side of Partisans. Monarchofascists are accused of trying to influence the USA to approve an increase of numerical strength of Greek Government troops and to give more help to Greece.

Evaluation:

Position of item in broadcast: opening item

Time devoted: three minutes

Repeat: almost daily mentioned in connection with situation in Greece

Athens: According to Agence France Presse, the myth about an alleged invasion of Greece by an international brigade has been exploded. The chief of ... section of monarchofascist troops, General Manidakis, and the commander of the Epirus Division, General Pezapulos, have been dismissed from duty, because they refused to confirm that in the fighting in Epirus on the side of Greek Partisans participated the members of the invented international brigade. Manidakis categorically declared that in these struggles did not participate 2.500 Partisans as it had been asserted by the monarchofascist government, but only 1.500. He added that among these Partisans there were no Albanians. In its comment, Agence France Presse stresses that these generals have hurt the Greek Government's plan, the aim of which was to exploit the myth about the international brigade in order to receive additional help from the USA. Pointing to the alleged seriousness of the situation, the Monarchofascists wanted to obtain the US approval for the increasing of numerical strength of their troops, as well as a promise that American troops would be sent to Greece.

Radio Belgrade in Serbo-Croat, July 24, 07:00

YUGOSLAV-HUNGARIAN NEGOTIATIONS ON CULTURAL CONVENTION

Belgrade: During his stay in Belgrade, the Hungarian Minister of Education conducted negotiations on the conclusion of a cultural convention between Yugoslavia and Hungary with representatives of the Committee for Schools and Education and Committee for Culture and Art. The talks were attended also by the Hungarian Ambassador to Belgrade, Zoltan Szanto. The negotiations were conducted in a very friendly spirit.

Radio Belgrade in Serbo-Croat, July 24, 00:01

RAMADIER CAUSES FRANCE'S SUBJUGATION TO DOLLAR DIPLOMACY
Subject: KRASNY FLOT (Red Fleet), Soviet Navy magazine in which the following article appears, deals mainly with French Premier Ramadier's ignoring of interests and needs of French workers and his making France a subject of interests of the US monopolies.

Evaluation:

Position of item in broadcast: toward end of broadcast

Time: three minutes

Repeat: occasional

Moscow: Commenting on the political situation in France, the KRASNY FLOT writes that the present government coalition which represents the bloc of Socialists and Catholics means, no doubt, shifting of the French policy to the right. Ramadier's government ignores the needs of the French workers and protects the interests of the trusts. It has taken into its protection the most reactionary elements in France. Recently, in France was discovered a great anti-republican conspiracy on an open fascist basis. Meanwhile, instead of struggle against the serious threatening to the French Republic which appeared on the occasion of the discovery of the conspiracy, Ramadier's Government is further conducting an anti-communist campaign. The internal policy of the French Government, KRASNY FLOT stresses, fully corresponds to those reactionary tendencies which are evident also in the sector of its foreign policy. By conducting a policy of subjugating France to the interests of American monopolies, Ramadier's government has taken active part in the creating of such a bloc. The paper concludes by stating that the participation in the policy of Anglo-Saxon countries represents for France a complete subjection to the interests of the dollar diplomacy.

Radio Belgrade in Serbo-Croat, July 24, 23:00

YUGOSLAV-CZECHOSLOVAK AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL COLLABORATION
SIGNED IN PRAGUE

Tanjug correspondent reports from Prague that the Yugoslav-Czechoslovak agreement on cultural collaboration was signed this morning in the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In a speech made after the signing of the agreement, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Masaryk stressed that the collaboration in the cultural field between Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia represents a contribution to their political and economic collaboration.

Radio Moscow in Italian, July 23, 22:30

RECENTLY STARTED DUTCH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST
INDONESIANS, U.S. BACKED

Evaluation:

Position of item in broadcast: entire broadcast devoted

Time devoted: 15 minutes

Repeat: occasional

On July 20th the Dutch troops began large-scale operations against the Indonesian Republic. The offensive was begun ahead of the deadline for the negotiations and without an official declaration of war. Thus, the world has been faced with the creating of a new hotbed of war in the East, incited according to directives and interests of the colonial monopolies. Now, that the war against the Indonesian people has become a reality, the Dutch authorities, with all the means, are endeavoring to deny before the world public opinion this evident fact. In the memorandum sent by the Dutch Government to the US Ambassador in Aja it is stated that the Dutch Government has decided to begin immediately, in certain zones of the Indonesian Republic, police measures of strictly limited character. The same declaration was made by the Dutch Government to the UN. It is very easy for the Dutch Government to say limited measures. But, according to the United Press correspondent in Batavia pursuit planes and bombers of the newest types are being used, as well as artillery and other war material received from the US Army surpluses. Can we speak about limited measures when, according to the Associated Press 120.000 Dutch soldiers are taking part in the offensive, including divisions specially trained on the basis of American naval infantry. The tendency to raise a curtain of smoke around the events in Indonesia can also be seen in certain American comments. The position of the U.S. in this ... (war) is said to be one of disinterestedness. But, according to declarations made to the press by the representative of the State Department, the USA Government was informed on July 20th about the Dutch Government's decision to start military operations on July 21st in Indonesia. As it is known, the representatives of the Indonesian Republic simultaneously declared that they were ready to solve the conflict in a peaceful manner. Dr. Gani, twelve hours before his arrest by the Dutch authorities, sent to the Dutch a letter with the proposal to convene a joint conference in order to iron out the remaining divergencies or to form an arbitrary commission, composed of representatives of certain countries. On his part, the Premier of the Indonesian Republic ... according to the SIDNEY DAILY TELEGRAPH correspondent in Batavia, for several days broadcast the promise of the Indonesian Government to the effect that it will not undertake open military operations if the Dutch themselves do not begin. In reply to these proposals, the Dutch opened fire. The communique of the US State Department tacitly

ignores these facts and limits itself to merely expressing deep regret and the concern about the resumption of military operations in Indonesia. All this shows that the deep disinterestedness of the United States in the Indonesian problem of which speaks the American note to the Republican Government of Indonesia, has a well determined character and consists of the support to the Dutch colonizers. A short while before the beginning of military operations, the offer to extend good offices for the solving of the conflict was made by the British Government. It is well known that the British good offices offer in 1945 and 1946 resulted in large-scale operations of British troops against the Indonesians. It is difficult to believe that the mediation offered by Great Britain could now assume another character than one of help to the Dutch imperialists in order to annihilate the Indonesian people. One way or another, the war begun by the Dutch in Indonesia has a well determined aim: to re-establish in Indonesia the old colonial regime and to achieve, with the help of American arms, the military occupation of the country. It is quite understandable that this military exploit represents a serious threat to the general security. As the Associated Press correspondent from Batavia reported, the Premier of the Indonesian Republic, Dr. Soekarno, declared that he intended to submit this question before the UN, which, as Soekarno declared, had been created for the stabilization of peace and security everywhere. The progressive public opinion in many countries condemns the action of the Dutch imperialists in Indonesia, considering it as a link of hatred of the reaction against the democratic regimes established by the peoples in course of the common struggle against the fascist aggressors. The sympathy of the world democratic public opinion goes to the Indonesian people who defend their own independence and fight for their national rights.

Radio Ljubljana in Slovene, July 23, 08:15

BRITISH YOUTH QUITS YUGOSLAV RAILROAD PROJECT, GOES TO PRAGUE
(an item given considerable publicity during the past few weeks)

Belgrade: A group of British youths who worked at the Samac-Sarajevo youth railway project left for Prague and London. One of them, Miller by name, declared to press representatives: "Your youth railway project is something unique in the world. One sees and feels the real democracy at work. The progressive youth from all parts of the world lives there in brotherhood and sets an example to all peoples."

Radio Ljubljana in Slovene, July 23, 08:15

NEW POLITICAL PARTY FOUNDED IN TRIESTE

Trieste: The day before yesterday appeared on Trieste walls posters, announcing the foundation of a new party: the National Italian Party - Blue Shirts. The program of the new party is of course to fight against the bolshevik menace - and the salvation of Italy. One does not have to think hard to remember what happened thirty years ago. Under the pretext of the fight against Communism, new fascist groups are being formed.

Radio Ljubljana in Slovene, July 22, 15:15

REAL REASON OF U.S. SECRETARY OF TREASURY VISIT TO BRAZIL

Rio: The American Secretary of Treasury Snyder arrived in Rio de Janeiro. The real reason for his visit is not a courtesy call to the Brazilian Premier, as told in the official communique, but further penetrating of U.S. capital into Brazil. The Brazilian Government wants to exploit rich mineral areas and needs therefore foreign capital to invest huge sums of money in the Brazil economy.

Radio Ljubljana in Slovene, July 22, 08:15

ARREST OF "PRIMORSKI DNEVNIK'S" EDITOR AND OTHER ANTI-FASCISTS

Subject: Item deals with recent arrests of Antifascists made by Allied authorities, and "nothing has been known about the situation these persons are in nor when they would be released".

Evaluation:

Position of item in broadcast: beginning

Time devoted: three minutes

Repeat: mentioned once before by Radio Belgrade

Trieste: The American Military Police arrested some time ago six Trieste Antifascists, among them also editors of the daily PRIMORSKI DNEVNIK (Slovene language daily published in Trieste). The Occupational Authorities have not so far issued any explanations for these arrests. The arrested men simply disappeared. Recently disappeared two more antifascists: comrades Vilhar and Kozmina. It has been now ascertained that both of these comrades were also arrested by the American M.P. while they walked in the Trieste streets. Nobody knows anything about the situation of these persons. The Trieste democratic people are indignant and have all reason to be so. The paper IL LABORATORE published fierce protests of Trieste workers who maintain that the American M.P. methods are the same as those applied by the fascist and nazi authorities. The Trieste democratic population demands the immediate release of all arrested Antifascists.