

Bulgaria wins top marks in current Czechoslovak crisis

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SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Bulgaria, never a problem child in the Communist family, has won new ideological top marks in the Czechoslovak crisis.

The Sofia leaders were among the pacemakers in denouncing the Prague liberalization drive. They joined in the occupation of the country, and later proclaimed an uncompromising fight at home against sympathizers with the "counterrevolution."

They have pushed the harsh line although it meant further alienation from their two Balkan Communist neighbors, Romania and Yugoslavia, which challenge the doctrine of the Moscow supremacists.

Man-in-the-street reaction to the Czechoslovak events seems largely indifferent despite attempts by the party press to arouse interest with an unusual fare of sex and crime reports on the perilous life of Bulgarian occupiers.

The story was told of a Bulgarian sergeant who was abducted by Czechoslovak "counterrevolutionaries" and then died rather than tell military secrets. There was the piece about Bulgarian soldiers who steadfastly refused the advances of Czech girls sent on "seduce-and-debauch" missions by their mothers.

By and large, popular feelings about the occupation appeared summed up by a young truck driver who dismissed the topic

with the words "That's all politics—and who cares?"

Among educated Bulgarians reaction was somewhat different. Copies of French and Italian newspapers were snapped up because they contained word on dissenting views.

Intellectuals who maintained contacts with Westerners—despite a recent string of arrests for alleged espionage—readily expressed their dismay after the invasion. But there is no record of any significant demonstration of sympathy with the Czech liberals.

"There is no ferment here," a Western ambassador explained. "The party is firmly in control."

Restressing the unconditional acceptance of Russian leadership this time may pay off in more than compliments.

Bulgaria is the least developed nation in the Soviets' European orbit. It hopes for aid to reach the economic standards of the industrialized Communist countries. No country could better provide this aid than the Soviet Union, already Bulgaria's favorite foreign trade partner.

The unannounced visit by Bulgarian party chief Todor Zhivkov to Moscow last September has stirred speculation. Agreement was reached during the one-day talks in Moscow on Soviet deliveries of oil, natural gas, power, and other goods of "vital importance" to Bulgaria. No details were disclosed but it is rumored here that payment conditions are unusually favorable.

Democrats control Congress

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats have retained control of a Congress that may be called on to elect the next president and vice president.

But the cross currents of an extraordinary election left in utter doubt the crucial questions whether the House would get the presidential decision and if it does whether a Democratic majority would elect the party's nominee, Hubert A. Humphrey.

Democrats were assured a numerical majority in both branches of Congress, keeping a grip on the key Senate and House offices and committee chairmanships that play major roles in shaping and handling legislation.

Their margins were reduced,

however, in both chambers. They had controlled the old House, 246 to 186, with three vacancies, and the Senate, 63 to 37.

Returns tabulated so far gave Democrats 234 of the 435 seats in the new House and Republican 183, with 18 races still undecided.

In the 100-member Senate, where 34 seats were to be filled, Democrats were assured of control with 54, including holdover members, and Republicans 39. In the undecided races, Democrats led for five seats and Republicans for two.

If no presidential ticket wins a majority of the electoral vote, the House elects a president and the Senate a vice president.

But the election in the House would be by states, with 26

votes needed for victory. The makeup, and in addition the disposition, of each state delegation are what would count.

Early estimates were that Humphrey might be able to count on 13 states with predominantly Democratic delegations, and Republican Richard M. Nixon on 15 dominated by members of his party.

Three state delegations were tied and the status of the others was clouded by various factors. Some states were carried by third party candidate George C. Wallace and in others newly elected members had pledged themselves in various ways to vote for the candidate favored by popular vote, regardless of party.

In any case, switches among the electors, most of whom are

legally free agents, could settle the election by Dec. 16, when they meet in their respective states.

Wallace, who won at least 39 electoral votes, repeatedly has said the election would never be allowed to go to the House, although he has denied making any deals with the other candidates.

The 91st Congress, it was evident, will look much like its predecessor, although the GOP gains and the return of Southern Democrats who frequently vote with Republicans, would give it a somewhat more conservative cast.

Most party leaders and committee chairmen were returned. One long-familiar face will again be on the Senate scene—Barry Goldwater.

Literary Musings

By PROF. ROBERT MULDER

Last weekend produced a very interesting pilgrimage to the Land of the Sky (Asheville, North Carolina). While the leaves had passed their peak around this favorite convention city, everything else seemed to be in full glory.

For several years now, my favorite author has been Thomas Wolfe. I think that I am as much fascinated by his life and those around him as by his works. He was born in this town, grew up here, and later strongly insulted the townspeople in *Look Homeward, Angel*, his most famous novel.

First published in 1929, this novel is an autobiographical (of this I'm sure) account of Tom's boyhood days in Asheville seen through the eyes of Eugene Gant. The novel "tells it like it is" and most people in this mountain city (Altamont in the novel) were so furious that Wolfe didn't dare return home until six or seven years later when time's passing had cooled the town's antagonism.

Yet today he graces the Chamber of Commerce brochures as "Asheville's Favorite Son," a nomenclature which would really amuse him were he living today. This, of course, is done in an effort to attract tourists to visit "Dixie Land," the boarding house operated by Tom's mother. I did this last weekend for the seventh or eighth time.

Dixieland is preserved just as it was when Wolfe visited there during his University of North Carolina years. One may sit on the high two-sided porch in the swing where Tom sat evenings after supper chatting with boarders. He may stroll through the large rooms where various personalities made their home during the 1920's. All furnishings are original, I'm told, even the cooking utensils from Tom's New York apartment.

The thrill of my trip came when the guide removed the bars from the door, ushered me into the living room, and allowed me to play the old piano belonging to Mabel, Tom's sister. She assured me that this wasn't usually done but . . . (I was the only Wolfe enthusiast that morning).

Mrs. Nesbitt requested that I play "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now" and "Alexander's Rag Time Band," two of old Mr. Wolfe's favorites—and according to the novel, two songs he always asked his daughter to play. I was particularly glad that I knew the selections. (We do the terrible thing that musicians call "playing by ear" which means that we don't need the music in front of us everytime we play a song.)

When I had played her requests, I played a selection she failed to recognize.

"What's that?" she asked.

"That's a popular song today," I replied, surprised that she didn't know the tune. "It's called 'Look Homeward, Angel!'"

To Read or Not to Read. One of the most popular magazines in circulation today is *Playboy*. I'm sure Hugh Hefner doesn't care a doodle-de-do (to borrow a term from my dear friend, Mr. Marable) for my endorsement; however, I feel compelled to give it to the reading world anyway.

This, I realize, is somewhat of a confession since it reveals that I myself am a reader, a fact which should not be too shocking, seeing as how I do wear long pants.

A few of my colleagues, however, may not be aware of *Playboy's* offering, and since one of my self-imposed purposes of writing this column is to inform our readers, may we observe that one may find in an average issue.

To begin with, some of the frankest, most personal, letters in existence today are published in this monthly. A highlight of the written material seems to be the interview-of-the-month, always conducted with some well known personality. Then there are book reviews, theatre listings, short stories (particularly well written) and perfectly lovely advertisements.

And, yes,—we almost forgot. *Playboy* always carries a few pictures here and there. And they're in color!

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Tanzania full 'Red' experts

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) — Tanzanians are beginning to wonder how many Red Chinese "rail experts" it will take to survey the 1,000-mile route for a railroad between this East African republic and neighboring Zambia.

Twice a month the liner Yaohua brings more Chinese, all designated "engineer-surveyor for the Tanzania-Zambia rail link." So far more than 600 have arrived for a preliminary engineering survey.

If they are what they claim to be, each man will have less than two miles to survey—making the Tan-Zam line the most heavily surveyed railroad in the world. Peking has offered to finance and construct it at an estimated cost of \$240 million.

Flying red bunting and the thoughts of Mao Tse-tung on large banners, the Yaohua has become a regular caller at Dar es Salaam. Large groups of Chinese shoppers and sightseers are a common sight, but Tanzanian police and the Chinese together discourage approaches by inquisitive locals.

It is not known whether the "engineer-surveyors" have requested isolation, or whether the Tanzanian government wants it that way. But every time the Yaohua docks, Tanzanian police keep newsmen away, whisk the Reds to their assigned quarters and place a heavy guard around the buildings.

One consignment of Chinese was housed at Dar es Salaam University during the college vacation. Police and plain clothes men patrolled the grounds, keeping the Chinese and unauthorized Tanzanians apart.

Florida Everglades 'River of Grass' gets lease on life

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — The bountiful "River of Grass" flows once again down the flat face of South Florida, and Everglades National Park—a vast primitive wilderness that just a year ago was dying of thirst—has won a new lease on life.

In the spring of 1967, robbed of water by years of drought and man's greed for water, wildlife in the park fought a desperate battle against extinction.

Starving alligators thrashed the waters of fast-vanishing ponds, fighting over the last of the garfish. Rookeries which once teemed with hundreds of thousands of birds were abandoned. Marshes browned by the blazing sun were scorched by fire. Masses of dead fish floated on oxygen-depleted pools, casting a heavy stench of death over America's only great subtropic water park.

Today the picture is bright and hopes are high that the park never again will be forced to the brink of destruction.

The wide, shallow river that for centuries poured over the south rim of Lake Okeechobee and drifted slowly down through the sawgrass to the sea runs as it did before. It nourishes thousands of ponds, swales and sloughs filled with fish and crustaceans. On this rich food supply, birds, animals and reptiles thrive.

"There is plenty of food now for everything out there," says

Francis Nix, the park's hydraulic engineer.

The resurrection of the park was brought about by two months of record-breaking rains, and a discovery that Florida has water enough, if properly controlled, for both man and beast.

In May and June, double the normal amount of rain deluged the Everglades. And since June, gates from the reservoirs of the Central and South Florida Flood Control District have been wide open, pouring excess water southward into the park.

No one can be sure how much permanent damage the park has suffered from drought and man's interference with the balances of nature. When there is plenty of water, wildlife is scattered over the park's 1.5 million acres.

Rare birds like the roseate spoonbill, egret and white heron, which once inhabited the park in large numbers, are making a comeback. It is estimated that 50,000 birds now occupy the mainland area. And, with plenty of food, a good nesting season is in prospect this winter.

Pressure on Congress led to recent approval of a construction program that will improve storage and distribution facilities of the flood control district. It promises the park a minimum of 315,000-acre-feet of water a year through the flood-gates.

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GRIPES
Last Thursday night's SUPER DUPER COLLOSSAL PANTRY RAID has got to be the party raid to end all party raids. Anyone who witnessed or participated in this event was certainly a part of history in the making.

This writer can remember a time in the not-too-distant past when students were not even allowed to drink alcoholic beverages off campus under any circumstances. Now, it seems that the thing to do during an undergarment quest is to open up the doors, let the boys in, and then clobber them while stripping their clothes off their backs.

Many surprised male students returned to their dorms on this eventful night, sans much of their outer attire.

We understand that the reasoning behind this "throwing open of the doors" was to give the boys what they "really wanted" just once in hopes that they would finally be satisfied and discontinue this rash of redundant raids.

We applaud the thought behind this action, however, we feel that the main objective of most past party raids has not been to garner garments or enter the establishments, but, in plain simple language, to raise H&I\$.

We believe that this "open house" attitude, although taken in good faith and good will, did much to spoil the whole effect of this event.

This, in itself, would not be too bad but for the fact that this will probably be the last time for many moons to come that this type of recreation will be tolerated at all by our Omnipotent Administration.

While we lament this turn of events, we cannot place too much of the blame on the authorities. After all, this "thing" has just about been run into the ground by all concerned.

If these raids become a weekly event, no one would get any work done and the only students who would be here next semester would be the few

freshmen and transfer students. We wouldn't want that, now, would we?????

It was a rewarding experience to view the renovation of our antiquated auditorium. It's too bad that in order to facilitate this, Chapel had to be cancelled last Tuesday.

When will the Pub start being a little nicer to its customers? They must think their place is a "Casino Royale" that attracts thousands nightly. Don't they realize that without our business, they might as well be running a flea circus? Come on, Mr. B., let your employees keep biting the "hands" that feed them and see what happens!

Who is that sinful scallawag that hurled obscene oaths to our faithful Deputy Dog during one of last week's ubiquitous clothing chases?? We certainly hope he is caught and given his "just desserts."

Overheard on campus about the vacant spot where the East Wing of Columns used to be: "Why don't somebody put some cotton-pickin' grass in that there hole? Certainly is uh-hgly!" (Author's note: Well?)

The girls from Jenkins have lodged a complaint about loose toilet bowls in their dorm. Go go, get 'em, GET 'EM, Mr. H.!

It's a shame that three-fourths of the people who had to eat at our new Pits last Sat., Nov. 4, weren't made to work for their dinner. Maybe then, more would have been accomplished. It really was a poor showing, gang. After all, this place is for all of us here at Chowan.

GOSSIP
Are most of the boys on 3rd Floor East really "transvestites" or is it just that they didn't know what else to do with their newly acquired attire last Thursday night??

After watching Bamma and her gang at work, we are thankful that the girls aren't allowed to raid the boys' dorms . . . Amen!

It is rumored that Vann S. got some panties with a girl already in them. If so, what happened to her when he got back to the room??

How old is Bonita T.? Don't ask her; she has no idea!

Don't feel bad, "G.T. The weather is getting colder now, so you won't melt after all.

We would like to say something about the College Hall gang this week, but we just couldn't let the whole campus know!

I seems like East Hall was invaded by a bunch of mean looking "greasers" last week. Nobody knows where they came from. They called themselves the Saints. Probably looking for some "angel hair." Hope they found it.

Congratulations to Carol R. of Jenkins Hall. Last Thursday night, she became Jenkins' first human "echo chamber."

Is it true that 7 out of 10 people fall asleep in the Pope's 9:00 religion class? Forty in the class minus almost thirty leaves how many passing students???

We hear that Bruce B. is living in a vicious triangle. Who will win? Maybe one of our "trig" teachers can tell you.

That's all, folks. Tune in again next week for another exciting installment of the "Tomahawk vs. Everybody."

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"Let's not forget to send a post card to Mayor Daley!"