

Citizens Of Small European Nations Slaves Of Moscow

Despite all the Communist propaganda a large percentage of the citizens of the small nations of Central Europe remain true to their ideals of Christianity and democracy. After rejecting the bloody hand of the Communist for generations, the people of Hungary and other small countries of the Balkans agreed to aid the Reds in the war against Hitler at the specific request of the West.

Although the Communists tried to woo the Hungarians with promises that all would be well, the Russians soon embarked on a campaign of pillage, rape, robbery, and murder, the like of which has not been seen in Central Europe for generations.

These were some of the facts told by Dr. Geza Soos, Hungarian native now professor at Montreat college, to the Lions club at the Monte Vista last Thursday evening.

Although the Reds claim that the majority of the people of Central Europe are ardent Communists, the speaker asserted that this is not true and that a large majority await only an opportunity to throw off the yoke of Communism and once again take their place with the free nations of the world. As late as 1947 78 per cent of the people of Hungary were opposed to the Moscow-backed regime.

"The people of Hungary are now in slavery. There is no private property left in Budapest; everything is owned by the state. We resisted the Nazis and rejected many invitations to join with the Reds before finally agreeing to aid in the fight against Hitler at

the specific request of the democracies. But that decision brought only slavery—instead of freedom—and turned our nation over to the Reds to plunder, rob, and murder our citizens at will."

Dr. Soos first left Hungary in 1944 while the war was still in progress. He left for the second time in 1946.

The next meeting of the Lions club will be at 7:15, July 10, at Ridgecrest at which time new officers will be installed. This will be ladies' night. Those who plan to attend are requested to call Wade Morrow at once and reserve tickets.

The Rev. James A. Skelton, chaplain at Western North Carolina sanatorium, was voted into the club.

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a great cry was raised by the so-called liberals and left-wingers and a substitute bill was introduced in the senate, referred to as the Humphrey-Lehman-Kefauver bill. That substitute bill would have let down the bars and admit hordes of foreigners far in excess of what our country could assimilate.

Several reputable groups raised questions about minor defects in the McCarran-Walter bill, and changes were made. But it is significant to note that only two organizations objected to the entire bill—and one of those has been repeatedly cited by the Attorney General as a Communist organization.

The working people of America should consider the effect on their own lives had the congress failed to enact the McCarran-Walter law. If the substitute bill proposed by Humphrey, Lehman and Kefauver had been accepted, millions of additional foreigners would have been admitted to compete with our own workers for employment. The result would have been more unemployment and lower wages.

A REAL HERO
 Last Friday I left the senate for about an hour to attend a ceremony at the White House. The President awarded the nation's highest military honor to a young North Carolinian, Cpl. Jerry K. Crump of Lincolnton.

Jerry is only 19 now, but a year ago in Korea, he almost singlehandedly beat back an enemy attack. On top of that, when a Chinese Communist threw a grenade in the midst of several injured American soldiers, Jerry threw himself upon the grenade to protect his comrades. He was seriously wounded.

Last Thursday Jerry and his family came by to see me. Mrs. Smith and I were delighted to have them for lunch in the senate restaurant. Jerry and his family made a fine impression on all who met them. After lunch, I took them by to see Vice President Barkley at his office.

Jerry was very modest about the honor which had come to him. I understand that he is the first Tar Heel to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Korean conflict.

FAIR TRADE
 Many North Carolina retailers and wholesalers have called on me to support a measure known as a "Fair Trade Bill." This measure

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is quite complicated and could be far-reaching in its implications. Simply described, it would give manufacturers the authority to set the lowest retail price at which their merchandise can be sold.

Under the proposed law, if one merchant make a "Fair Trade" contract with a manufacturer, then that contract is binding upon all other merchants in the state selling the manufacturer's merchandise. Any merchant caught selling that merchandise at a lower price would be subject to arrest.

The announced purpose of the bill is to eliminate price wars and cut-throat competition, and the druggists in North Carolina have been particularly interested in seeing the bill passed.

I have not made up my mind definitely about the bill. I know the small independent retailers are for it, but I also know that power-

ful interests out of New York are behind the scenes pushing this legislation.

I have told the druggists and other retailers that I will listen to all parties who are interested, but the one test for me is whether it will be good for the people generally. I don't believe in legis-

lation for a particular class. I am frankly a little concerned as to whether such a law might not be another step towards the government eventually fixing prices and profits. At any rate, when the bill comes before the senate, I shall judge it by its merits as I see them.

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