

Tito Worth Nothing To U.S., Prof Says

(Editor's Note: Dr. Anthony Butkovich, professor of history at Marymount College at Palos Verdes, recently returned from a 15-month trip around the world, and here comments on his findings during this tour. Dr. Butkovich was graduated in law and political sciences from the University of Graz in Austria, and speaks five languages fluently. He is now an American citizen.)

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When Maj. H. C. Knickerbocker Jr. denounced the scandalous selling of the Sabre Jets to Tito's Communist Yugoslavia, he was immediately joined by the courageous Senator John Tower of Texas and a series of Congressmen, including such people as Patman, Wilson, and Judd voicing their fears "that there is a treason somewhere along the line."

Even worse, Tito's airmen are supposed to be trained by American teachers in this country.

MY FIRST reaction was that all the above gentlemen and American people at large remembered was that in 1946 Tito's anti-aircraft shot down American planes and killed our men.

Then they probably remembered the words of Churchill, "My biggest mistake in all my political life was believing and helping Tito."

NOW BY SOUND instinct our patriotic and valiant Americans fear our own planes in the hands of Communist Tito will kill our American sons, that our less patriotic gentlemen are still committing the same mistake Churchill admitted in 1946.

The proof for the above statements we can find in Tito's own words of 1953.

"Communist Yugoslavia will never fight on the side of the capitalist and imperialistic America." Again in 1960 he said, "We take American capitalist help as long as it is necessary and convenient for us." With his cynical and enemy-like attitude at the recent neutralist conference in Belgrade, he blasted the USA as a warmonger although it was not the USA but the USSR that was blasting the nuclear bombs in Siberia.

IN 1951, I clearly remember, the whole American press and leaders were carrying the futile debate, "Is Tito sincere or not?"

They did not know at that time, although they should have known through the Yalta and Potsdam and the Berlin blockade, that Communists are never sincere and that the question is unpolitical. Now in 1961 the American leaders and press are discussing a more realistic point, "Is Tito useful to America or not?"

REGARDLESS of the fact that in the case of the showdown between USA and USSR, Tito, as a Communist by the nature of his regime and the ideology, must side with Russia (otherwise he would lose the identity of the Communist and would be lost regardless who is victorious). Even if he would like to fight on our side (he never would), he cannot fight for the following realistic reasons:

• YUGOSLAVIA is composed from almost a dozen different ethnic groups, espe-

cially Croats and Serbs fighting each other since 1918. During the Civil War (1941-45) almost two millions lost their lives, or exactly 10 per cent of the population. In the future, according to the very best information, the Croats can hardly wait for any war or revolution to liberate themselves from Communist and Serbian rule. The Macedonians are waiting for their chance, and the same with Albanian minority groups. Besides, Communists from Belgrade killed 100,000 Croatian soldiers in less than a month of time in cold blood.

• THE SOCIAL problems are not solved. The socialization of the peasants' land and trying to destroy their love for a private property, initiative, and individualism has caused hatred. Without the peasants there is no army, and they can hardly wait to rise against their oppressor.

• THE CATHOLIC, Protestant, and Moslem churches are in a desperate position, but still a great spiritual force opposing the Communists in Yugoslavia.

• THE INVASION on the Dalmatian coast of Yugoslavia is almost impossible because the harbors are too small, the roads behind too narrow to disembark any substantial armed forces. That was well known during World War II. On the other side, Russian planes and tanks are few minutes away from the main centers of the country. So, no help to Tito is feasible and his resistance impossible.

Now if Yugoslavia of King Peter collapsed in six days under German armies, then Tito's would collapse under Russian armies in six hours. Besides, many Serbian Communists would join the invading Russians with the idea of taking over the country under auspices of the Soviets.

THE FACT HAS been ignored by the "diplomats" that the Belgrade Serbs ever since 1918 tried to rule the rest of the country regardless under a monarchy or communism. It is a typical case of the Balkan confusion.

So the American public and their patriotic leaders are right when they object to giving help to Communist Tito from moral standpoints, and obviously from a material standpoint because of the tax money being thrown away.

The United States will eventually say that its support of Tito was one of the biggest mistakes it ever made.

In Washington, D.C., one hears talk about a Congressman throwing his weight around. Someone went to the trouble of adding it up. There are 39 tons of Congressmen in the House and 9 tons in the Senate.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1-Away!
4-Weakness
8-Spirit
12-Inlet
13-Real estate map
14-Silkworm
15-Southern blackbird
16-Advice
18-Prorati-
19-Community
20-Part of leg
21-Printer's measure
22-Insect
23-Plaster
27-Evil
28-Strike
30-Look
31-Indefinite article
25-Cushion
26-Genus of cattle
24-Prison
29-Atmospheric disturbance
37-Hurried
38-Cool
39-Withered
40-Crimson
41-King of Bashan
42-Allowance for waste
44-City in Ohio
47-Lurching
51-Navy's name
52-Preposition
53-Exact
54-Drink slowly
55-Musical instrument
56-Places
57-Distress signal

DOWN
1-Toward the mouth
2-Keen
3-Fall short
4-Angle
5-Beverage
6-Small parcel
7-Rock
8-Debasement
9-Exit
10-Transgression
11-Possessed
17-Pronoun
19-Part of "to be"
22-Proposition
24-Negative
25-Community
26-Imitated
27-Singing voice
28-Poker stake
29-Cut of meat
30-Chairing
32-Shun
33-Evil
36-Conjunction
37-Retreat
38-Exit
40-Tenses
41-Stamp of approval
42-Note of scale
43-Mixture
44-Finches
47-Mongrel
48-Sinian
49-Fish eggs
50-Hard-shelled fruit



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