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The Uprising In Hungary as Seen by a Former Hungarian

(Editor's note: For personal reasons, the author of this letter wishes to remain anonymous except for his initials, M.B. The writer, who now lives in this area, once occupied a prominent place in the cultural life of his former country. He is now an American citizen. We have asked him to write this article about Hungary in the light of present tragic developments.)

I was born in Hungary, I was a happy and proud Hungarian until 1919 when I became a Yugoslav overnight because the southern part of Hungary became a part of the newborn Yugoslavia.

None of the three million people involved were asked whether they liked it or not.

Knowing what is going on today in those countries—especially in Hungary—makes me sick.

Former Glory

The capital of Hungary is Budapest. It was one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Before the war it was called "the Little Paris," although it was not so little at all. Forty years ago its population was already one million, thus it was larger than San Francisco is today.

At that time Hungary was a fine country. People were happy and prosperous. The total population was about 20 million.

When the so-called "liberation" came in 1919 and the country was divided into bits, Hungary was left with only about seven million people—a ready prey of foreign neighbors, especially of Nazi Germany.

Unhappy Slaves

After World War II Hungary became a prey of the Communists and was thus reduced to one of the most unhappy

people in the world—seven million desperate slaves.

How about the other "liberated" provinces that were taken from Hungary?

Are those people happy? Are the Czechs or the Romanians better off than they were before?

I think the biggest mistake of the century was giving independence to the various nationalities.

Not only the dismemberment of the Austrian-Hungarian monarchy was a great mistake but also the fact that so many other backward countries were given their independence—including even great countries like Indonesia and India.

INSTEAD THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN A SUPER-NATIONAL BODY, LIKE THE UNITED NATIONS, AND BE GOVERNED AND PREPARED FOR INDEPENDENCE AT A LATER DATE!

Are the people there really better off now? Is their fate or has their standard of living been improved? Of course not and I doubt that in many countries it ever will.

High And Mighty

Only one class of people is better off now: the former agitators and revolutionaries who became their leaders, ministers and statesmen after the "liberation."

Their aim was not the welfare of their people. It was only their own welfare and the wish to gain wealth or power or both.

In many countries the leaders are well aware of the fact that they can stay in power only as long as the standard of living of their people remains as low as possible.

If certain people before the war had a higher standard of living—such as the Hungarians, Czechs, and Bulgarians, for instance—their new Communist leaders saw to it that

the standard of living was reduced and kept low.

For how else can one explain that today—12 years after the war—the economy has not been stabilized and has not been improved over what it was two years after the war?

How could all the capitalistic countries like Belgium, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, etc.—which were also under Nazi rule—stabilize their economies 100% while the Communist countries are only where they were at the end of the war?

The answer is simply that the Communist rulers are incompetent, incapable, dishonest criminals.

Dismal Life

The people in their countries live like animals. They hardly earn enough to sustain life. Their meals consist mostly of potatoes, beans, bread and onions.

This is considered enough to keep them strong enough to do the work of their slave holders.

The people rarely have money for clothes, entertainment or for thousands of little articles that a civilized man needs.

Although such articles may be found at times in the stores, they cost so much—sometimes 50 times more than they are worth—that the average person cannot afford them.

Capitalism and Communism

That's why I cannot understand why the Russians do not give up Eastern Germany.

The shameful situation there serves as the most vivid example for the German people, the Russian people, and the rest of the world—including Nehru—of the difference between Capitalism and Communism.

In Capitalistic Western Germany there exists the greatest prosperity while in Communist Eastern Germany there reigns the greatest misery.

(Next week: The Rape of Hungary by Nazis and Communists.)

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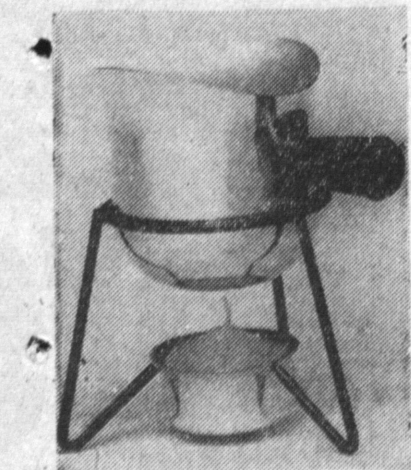
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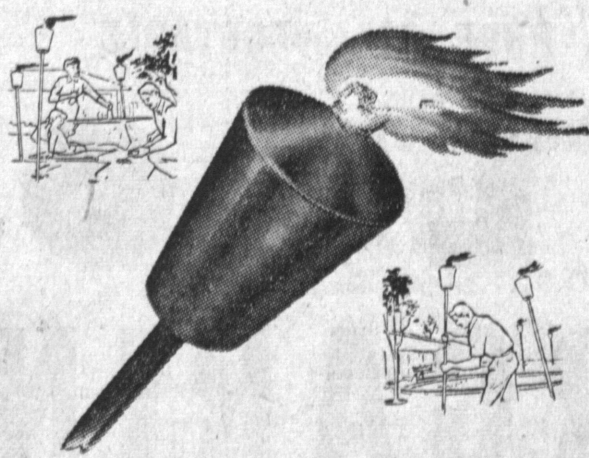
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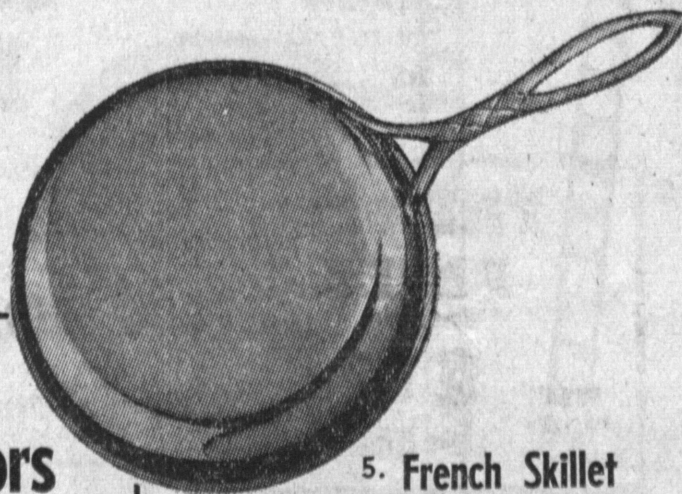


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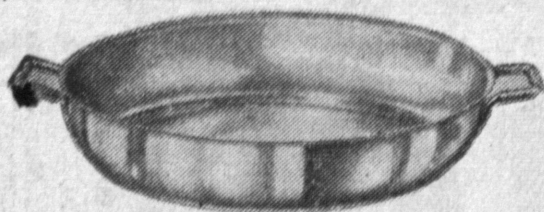
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Bake and serve in the same bowl—you will want several for serving vegetables, casseroles, for cheese dips, candy, nuts. Measures 6 inches. Reg. \$3.50 value.

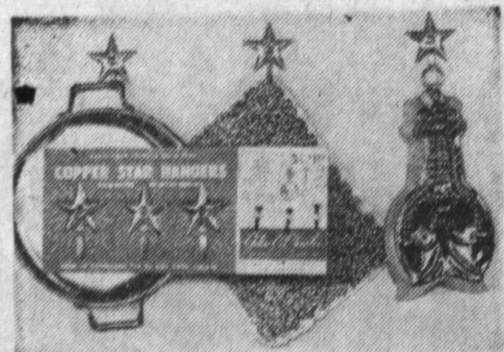
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New Lomita Group Grows In Members

The membership of the Lomita Civic League has doubled in the three weeks since the organization was formed. It was announced by Mrs. David Fay, membership committee chairman. Two new members have been added to this committee.

Mrs. Clara Doolittle, 1734 257th street, will serve the southeast part of Lomita and Mrs. Christine Welch may be reached at 24201 Pennsylvania avenue by those who wish to join in the northwest section.

All persons who join before or at the January 8 meeting of the League will be enrolled as charter members.

The purposes of the Lomita Civic League are: preservation of the rural residential character of Lomita; prevention of exploitation of home owners by special interest groups; improvement and extension of public services to the people; opposition to unwarranted creation of special assessment districts and unwarranted increase in taxes; and working for a branch county civic center in Lomita.

The last objective is being blocked at present by repeated filing of notices of intention to circulate petitions for incorporation of Lomita, it was stated.

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