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WORLD NEWS

Yugoslavia

From Marshal Tito's Yugoslavia come first pictures of an election campaign staged for the benefit of foreign eyes. Eighty thousand Slavs turn out in the Dalmatian city of Split to hear their leader campaign for his own particular brand of Communist Dictatorship, knowing full well that the result is already decided. A victory dance precedes the voting, for with only one set of candidates listed, the Communist-led "People's Front" must, of course, win. To nobody's surprise, Tito's party piles up a 95 per cent vote. No victory for democracy, it aids the West nonetheless, for it is a victory over Soviet-style Communism. (Germany) In Berlin, Soviet Forces come face to face with those of democracy. In a mammoth rally, Russian-trained youth organisations try to crash into the Western Zone.

With the Reds planning a major march on Berlin at Whitsum, this Easter clash previews troubles to come in a city that remains the hot point in the cold war. (America) That the battle of ideologies stretches far and wide is proved by the trial of Labour leader Harry Bridges in San Francisco. After an 81-day Court session, the American Government's 10-year battle to deport the Australian-born Union Chief (here seen playing chess) hinges on the jury's decision as to whether he was ever a Communist, which he denied under oath. The jurors, in giving their verdict, tell Judge Harris that Bridges lied to gain American citizenship and that he is a Communist. Bridges is sentenced to five years in prison on perjury charges, but as he leaves the Court room on bail he tells reporters that he will appeal.

France

Unlike their American comrades, French Communists disdain words and go in for action instead. In Paris, more than a thousand Reds clash with police outside the Figaro Newspaper building in the Champs Elysees. Although supposedly in protest against the Figaro's publication of the memoirs of Gestapo chief Otto Skorzeny, the Communists use the occasion to incite a strike against the Bidault Government. When police reinforcements are called into battle, the fireworks begin.

The tranquil atmosphere of Paris-in-the-Spring is rudely disturbed by a gang of hot-heads, who want to turn the French capital into another battleground in the cold war.