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Executed Red Marshal Held Fate Of France

Tukhachevsky-Berlin Link Endangered Paris Security on German Front By Morris Gilbert

NEA Service Staff Writer WAS France, as well as Soviet Russia, "betrayed" by the young "Red Marshal" Michael Tukhachevsky, whose execution in Moscow brought to an end a career of exceptional military promise?

Tukhachevsky was vice-commander of defense, active chief of the Red army, second only to Minister of War Voroshiloff, whom he was in line to succeed. His career both as an active soldier and as ranking strategist — his specialty was possible war on Russia's "Western Front," i. e., against Germany — gave him unique advantages.

If it was military secrets that the 43-year-old chieftain "betrayed" to Germany, as Soviet accusers vaguely hinted, he certainly knew plenty of France's, too. However, France might have been "betrayed" in an even more dangerous and subtle way. It has been asserted in some quarters, Tukhachevsky was condemned because he advocated a closer union between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, a sliver of dread might well have passed over high officials in France's Quai d'Orsay as well as in her military high command.

It would have meant the abandonment by Russia — and Tukhachevsky's reputed plan gone through — of the Franco-Soviet pact, insofar as that pact had any value as a defense of France against Germany.

For a better understanding between Germany and Russia — beginning in a military way and progressing to economic and social fields — would leave democratic France out on a limb. The Popular Front government, which, though headed by a socialist, is not a socialist government — would probably fall. England would find a way of patching up her squabbles with the Nazis — and France would be alone.

If Tukhachevsky's "betrayal" was along these lines, France has good reason to hate and scorn the man she so eagerly armed and dined not long ago, the man to whom the French army confided its most cherished secrets and plans.

Brother-in-Arms to French

LESS than a year ago Tukhachevsky made a triumphant visit to France. It was a military visit. He was invited by General Gamelin, French army chief of staff. He was entertained extensively by France's general staff. The French War College, in Paris's famous old "Invalides," was thrown open to him. He made inspection trips not only to St. Cyr, the French West Point, but to even more important technical laboratories and research bases devoted to developing modern French mechanized armies.

There probably isn't much about the French army equipment, capacities, and plans which the young Russian chieftain didn't know at the time of his death.

Career of Victories

IN Paris Tukhachevsky was fettered with armor. He was received by the mightiest functionaries of state. But he soon disappeared from the public scene into the strictly guarded pale of the military high command. His exploits and commands were not reported in the press until after they had occurred. He was hard to trace. But after a visit to some important military region — such as the Maginet Line — there would be brief accounts, carefully edited by the military censorship. Tukhachevsky's visit was purely professional.

Tukhachevsky was well equipped to get along well with French officers. An aristocrat, he was born on his ancestral estates in 1893. His tutors were French, a language which he spoke with fluency. Shortly before the war he was a cadet in the Russian Imperial West Point, and in the war



Michael Tukhachevsky

served as a Lieutenant in the Imperial Guard. Three years later he was a Red marshal.

His war service had been brilliant and impetuous. He was captured five times. Five times he refused parole. Five times he made his escape. Later he led Soviet troops to the gates of Warsaw.

His campaigning, however, soon sent him far and wide, east, north and south, as well as west. He crushed Kolchak, defeated the Whites elsewhere, fought a terrific campaign against White invaders in the Ural Mountains and in Siberia.

About 1930, Tukhachevsky's star waned for a moment. He had been too closely identified with Trotsky, his immediate military chief in the terrible days when the Soviets were repelling invaders, quelling revolts. He was dispatched, after Trotsky's exile to a minor post near Persia. But he rose again, through his military skill. At the time of his death, he was Russia's ace military man, responsible, after Voroshiloff, for the excellence of the mammoth Soviet war machine.

Platts-Beaton Nuptials

A very interesting wedding was solemnized at Howlan in the presence of immediate relatives and friends, on Wednesday, June 23rd, Rev. A. P. Baker of O'Leary officiating, when Miss Linné Adela daughter of the late Mr. James Platts and Mrs. Platts became the bride of Samuel Sterling Beaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beaton of North St. Eleanors.

The bride descended the stairs on the arm of her brother, Frank to the strains of the Wedding March from Lohengrin rendered by Mrs. (Rev.) A. P. Baker.

The bride's costume was of powder blue velvet flannel with matching accessories and carried a bouquet of Tallman roses and maiden-hair fern.

Immediately following the ceremony a delicious wedding luncheon was served, after which the happy couple left by motor amid showers of confetti and good wishes on an extended honeymoon trip to Toronto and other Canadian cities. On their return they will reside in North St. Eleanors where the groom is a prosperous farmer.

The bride is a graduate of the P. E. I. Hospital and prior to her marriage held the position of operating room supervisor.

Previous to her marriage the bride was tendered a miscellaneous shower at the Nurses' Home, where she was the recipient of many beautiful gifts.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. S. N. DAWSON

On Sunday, May 30th, the people of North Tryon, and surrounding districts learned with a feeling of sadness, that death has removed from their midst one of the oldest and respected residents of the community in the person of Mr. S. N. Dawson, after a brief illness, at the age of 76 years.

Mr. Dawson was a most exemplary citizen, always ready to help kind and hospitable in his home. He leaves to mourn their loss, his widow, formerly, Christie McKinnon also four brothers, George, Fred, Bradford and W. E. all residing in the United States, to whom much sympathy is extended.

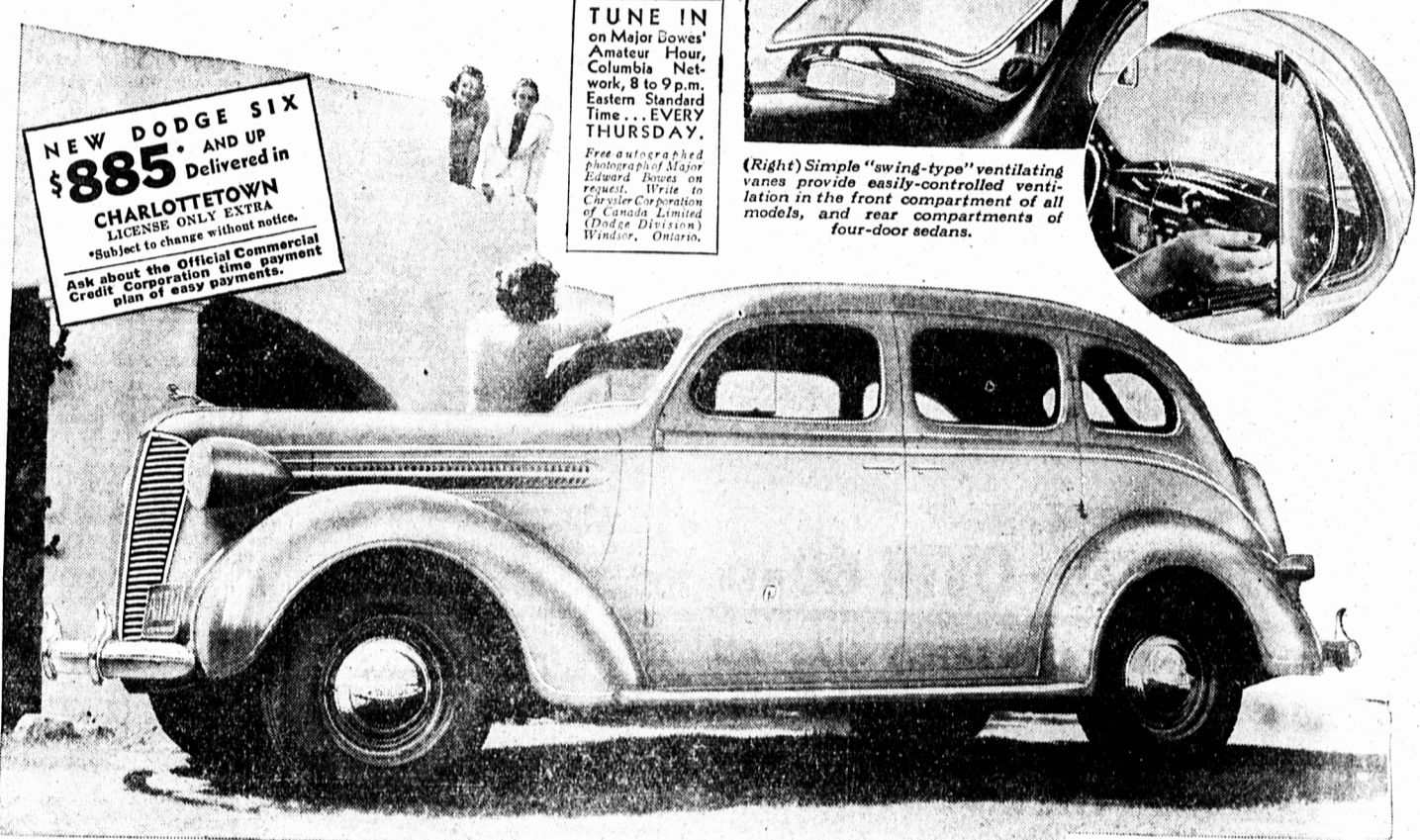
The funeral service took place from his late residence, Wednesday, June 2nd at 2 P. M. Rev. Fred Williamson, of Malpeque, conducted the service. The large crowd from far and near bore testimony to the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The hymns sung were: "Safe

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In the Arms of Jesus' and "Rock of Ages." Miss Jennie Waddell, presided at the organ. At the request of the deceased the hymn "The Home Over There" was rendered as a quartette.

The pall bearers were: Russell Thomson, Elmer Gamble, Gus Waddell, Max Leturgey, Martin Keough and George MacKay. Interment was in the North Tryon Cemetery.

Percy Dawson and Son, Crapaud, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

MR. JAMES R. MACLEAN

The death of Mr. James R. MacLean of Sussex, N. B., occurred in the St. John General Hospital on June 12, following a serious operation.

The late Mr. MacLean, was born in Graham's Road, New London, 76 years ago and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacLean.

In 1885 he moved to Sussex where he conducted a large tailoring establishment. He was Mayor of Sussex for two terms and chairman of the school-board for 20 years.

The funeral service was held from the Wallace Funeral Home, Sussex on Monday, June 14, and was conducted by Rev. Dr. N. A. MacNeill who, in his address told of his long acquaintance and later

friendship with Mr. MacLean and paid striking tribute to him as a civic official, as a citizen and as a man. He also paid tribute to the pioneering family to which Mr. MacLean belonged.

The Masonic funeral ritual was conducted at the grave side in Kirk Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. MacLean, who was Emma Robinson of Summerside, predeceased her husband in 1916 and a daughter Vera, Mrs. Frank DeBee in 1935.

He is survived by one son Harry of Boston, Mass., one daughter Mrs. Nina MacCreedy of Newport, R. I., one brother, William of Union Road, P. E. I. and four sisters — Mrs. Alexander Glennie of Dorchester, Mass.; Mrs. Alexandra Catto of Nahant, Mass.; Mrs. George Cannon of Melrose, Mass. and Mrs. Ephraim Read of Vancouver, B. C. One sister, Mrs. Alexander Buntain of Kensington, P. E. I. predeceased him in February, 1937.

(Summerside papers, please copy)

REMEMBER WHEN

J. C. Parke British tennis star, defeated Big Bill Tilden of Philadelphia in straight sets at Wimbledon 17 years ago today — and it wasn't an upset. Tilden hadn't reached his peak then. Since, the Philadelphia has won every major title in tennis. He turned pro in 1931.

Georgetown District M. R. E. C. Meeting

The annual meeting of the Maritime Religious Education Council for the Georgetown District was held in Kilmuir on Wednesday, June 16th at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. W. A. Bruce, the president, was in the chair. The meeting opened with a brief devotional period conducted by the Rev. John Stirling. The Rev. H. Flanagan led in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. George Poole and were adopted. Mrs. Poole also gave the financial statement.

Mr. R. C. Young, a member of the M. R. E. C., and special speaker for the Convention, was then introduced by the Rev. A. H. Long. Mr. Young spoke briefly, telling of the endeavors of the M. R. E. C. and stressing particularly the Boy's Work, which is his department.

The Roll Call followed, being responded to by the Montague United Georgetown United, Montague Baptist, Georgetown Baptist, Heatherdale, Whim Road, Lower Montague, Sturgeon and Valleyfield Sunday Schools.

Committees were then appointed consisting of the Nominating Committee with Rev. A. H. Long as Chairman and the Resolutions Committee headed by Mrs. Leith Cowan.

A discussion on "The duties of a Sunday School teacher" was very efficiently guided by Mr. Young. The afternoon session adjourned to meet at 7:30.

The devotional period opening the evening meeting was in charge of the Kilmuir Young People's Union. The scripture lesson was read by Miss Doris MacPherson; comment on the lesson was given by William Martin; and prayer was offered by Wallace MacPherson.

The report of the Nominating Committee was then read and accepted. Mrs. W. A. Bruce was retained as President; Miss Lily Creed as Vice-President; Secretary, Miss Enid Coffin; and Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Poole.

Mr. R. C. Young spoke to the gathering on the subject "What is the M. R. E. C.?" He welcomed the officers of the Convention and closed with appropriate prayer.

Mrs. Bruce thanked Mr. Young for his remarks. Miss Margaret Coffin and Mr. Allon MacLean were heard in pleasingly rendered solos. Mr. Young then returned to take up the remaining topics of "The Teacher" which had not been completed in the afternoon owing to lack of time. He concluded by stressing the words said of our Master "He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem and urged consecration of every life to the ideal of building a new world order.

Mrs. Cowan reported for the

Committee on Resolutions. Rev. John Stirling spoke in support of the resolutions, and asked that there be included in the resolutions reference to the splendid work that Mrs. George Poole had given as secretary-treasurer of the M. R. E. C. for this district; and that the thanks of the Convention be extended to Mrs. Poole.

A hymn was sung, and a highly successful and profitable Convention was brought to a close as this benediction was pronounced by the Rev. John Stirling.

Paul Dean Still On Sidelines

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) ST. LOUIS, June 24 — Frankie Frisch, manager of St. Louis Cardinals, was asked today if he expected any pitching help this season from Paul Dean, who is recovering from an operation on his hurling arm.

"Let's talk about something else," Frisch replied.

Paul, younger brother of Jerome Herman (Dizzy) Dean, has been taking daily workouts for two weeks.

See Minard's for Bites.

--By George McManus

