

Seen Possible Days Of The Cominform Are Numbered

By TOM WHITNEY
 NEW YORK (AP)—It is quite possible that the days of the Cominform are numbered. A Yugoslav diplomat here suggested Saturday this Soviet-dominated international Communist organization would in all probability last no more than a few months more. He indicated Yugoslavia would welcome its dissolution.

"The Cominform was established in 1947. Its founding members were the Communist parties of the U. S. S. R., Yugoslavia, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, France and Italy. Its original goal was destruction of the Marshall Plan but in 1948 on Stalin's orders it turned its wrath against Marshal Tito and expelled the Yugoslavs.

Nowadays it publishes a newspaper in Bucharest. No official meeting of the body has been reported for many years.

Last Tuesday Soviet leader An-



EDITORIAL AWARD

TORONTO. — C. M. Fellman of the North Bay (Ont.) Nugget is the winner of this year's National Newspaper Awards \$400 and a certificate for editorial writing. The award was made for a series of 10 editorials on water fluoridation about the time of a North Bay plebiscite Dec. 12, 1955. The medical and dental professions acknowledge that The Nugget's editorial campaign was the telling factor in voting day when fluoridation was approved. (CP Photo).

Reform Program Threatens Nelson Estate In Sicily

PALERMO, Sicily (AP)—Modern Italy's land reform program may cost a great-grandson of Lord Nelson the vast estate which grateful Sicily once granted the admiral his heirs "for ever."

Nelson's current heir to the 17,000-acre estate on the slopes of volcanic Mount Etna is 45-year-old Sir Rowland Arthur Nelson Hood, third Viscount Bridport and fifth Italian duke of Bronte.

Thanks to the Grant which Ferdinand III of the kingdom of the two Sicilys made to Nelson in 1799, the Duke of Bronte is one of the biggest landholders in the fertile terraced island of olives and oranges.

Two actions are coming to a climax soon to determine whether he may lose all his Sicilian lands, two-thirds of them—or none at all.

Meanwhile nearly 2,000 tenant farmers from the region of Bronte, Maletti and Randazzo marched onto the duke's lands recently, camped there a while in "symbolic occupation" and marched off again.

Four years ago the duke offered to divide a large part of his estate among landless farmers. That offer, however, became submerged in two conflicting moves to expropriate the estate.

The first is an action in Catania courts seeking to expropriate the entire estate. It is based on a 1940 challenge of title by the Old Sicilian Colonization Society. The Duke of Bronte contended this amounted to illegal seizure of the property of a British subject.

The second is expected to come to vote in the Sicilian autonomous regional assembly here. It is a resolution, already approved by the assembly's agricultural commission, calling for the right to cut 10,500 acres off the estate as part of the land reform program. The resolution contends continued litigation over the title to the estate should not impede or delay the land reform program, devised by Antonio Segni before he became prime minister, is cutting deep into the country's big estates. It is intended to cut up big estates to make small farmers land owners with government help.

The Duke and Duchess of Bronte live on their Sicilian estate six months each year, and in London the rest of the time.

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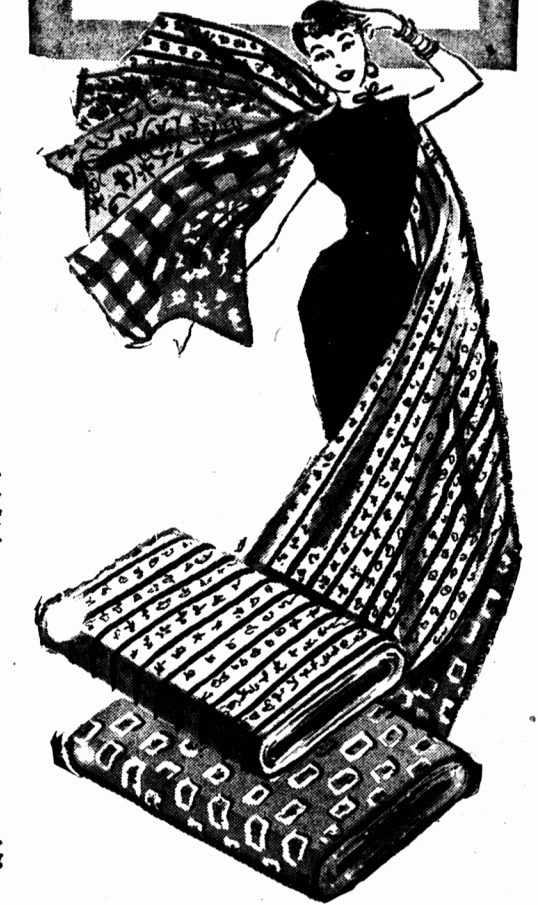
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Finance Chairman Proposes Controls Of Civic Spending

In his recent city budget address the Chairman of Finance Committee, Councillor Edwin Johnstone, particularly stressed the serious financial situation of the City of Charlottetown and called for full and serious consideration of all members of the Council.

With the co-operation of the Councillors and with all the forces at his own command, Councillor Johnstone said he was budgeting for capital as well as ordinary expenditure. He hoped that through the motion presented after the passing of the estimates if (adopted as they were unanimously) and adhered to, it will possibly enable the City to end the year without any increase in the net debt.

Councillor Johnstone said with respect to instituting sound financial measures and the imposing and collecting of revenues, fearlessly and impartially, the record of the last few years is one of which we may be proud. It also compared favourably with the outstanding material progress during the same period. In his criticism of departmental administration he said he was faulting the existing system and policy rather than any individual or committee, realizing that the same efficiency cannot be expected in municipal administration as in private business.

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