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MASARYK DECLINES

First pictures of the new Czech Cabinet show a group of men elated by unexpected success. Representing a party of only one and a half million Communists in a nation of fourteen million, the ease with which they seized power surprises even those who planned the coup. Exultation shines in every eye but that of Jan Masaryk whose face is that of a mourner at the graveside of a peoples' freedom. In the chamber where the name of Masaryk has always symbolized the democratic way of life, Prime Minister Klement Gottwald establishes a single party government in a police state controlled by Vaslav Nosek. Vierlinger, once Socialist Premier, accepts new office under Gottwald, but Jan Masaryk made no such choice. The voice which always spoke for freedom is now stilled, but his spirit is carried in the last plea he made for world unity.