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Mr. Wilson's speech, topping a day of political speechmaking around the country, was seen as a bid to reassert his authority. He warned the party against being panicked by gloomy election forecasts and he reviewed the social and industrial reforms of his Government.

After a weekend of supporting statements from Mr. Wilson's lieutenants, some of the fever seemed to have gone out of the reported plans for an ouster. But the discontent remained.

The intrigues were apparently fanned by the resignation

- Setback Is Expected

Municipal elections this week are expected to deal Labor another setback.

Moreover, the Labor party is divided over the Government's announced plans for mild labor-union regulations. Union leaders, the party's financial bulwarks, have set themselves squarely against this reform, which is at the heart of the Government's program for economic recovery.

In his address today, Mr. Wilson was alternately conciliatory and firm on this issue, which entails a 28-day cooling-off period for wildcat strikes with fines for violators.

He gave the impression that the Labor party as a whole was willing to entertain all ever, he was subjected to considerable heckling.

"Let me make it clear," he asserted, "that a Labor movement which allows itself to be split on this labor-union reform issue will play right into the hands of its enemies, who are already gleefully stirring it up."

In Trafalgar Square, the Conservative party drew a crowd of 4,000 to an open rally organized as a counterweight to Labor party May Day gatherings around the country.

Duncan Sandys, a member of Parliament and former Conservative minister, demanded an immediate general election and said, "It is not just Wilson, but politics which has failed the nation."

of espionage activity, learned this weekend that a West German Army officer, absent with-

Machiavelli Events Are Set

SAN CASCIANO, Italy, May 4 (Reuters) — Celebrations to mark the fifth century of the birth of the Florentine political writer, Niccolo Machiavelli, began today in this little Tuscan town where, as an exile, he wrote his most famous work, "The Prince." Florence, where he died in poverty in 1527, will honor his memory later. Machiavelli's theories were based on the pragmatic principle that what is practical and useful, not by moral judgments.

Hickel Pledges Favor To Micronesian People

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel told the people of Micronesia today that the Nixon Administration would give them more voice in their affairs, $40-million in aid and duty-free status for their products.

The United States governs some 2,100 islands, including many taken from Japan, in the Western Pacific under a trusteeship established by the United Nations after World War II. Only 98 of the islands scattered over about 3 million square miles, are inhabited—by about 92,000 persons.

Mr. Hickel spoke to some 3,500 persons—the largest gathering in island history—on Saipan Island in the Marianas group Sunday, New York time. According to an abstract of his speech made public here by the Department of the Interior, Mr. Hickel told the Micronesians: "For years you have had little voice in your government. This is wrong." He said the situation would be corrected.

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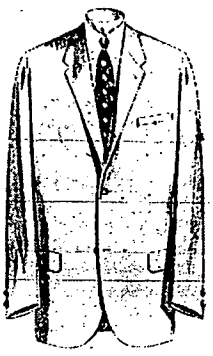

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