

STALIN FIRES WOMAN REDS

2 Faithful Members of Communist Party in Germany Ousted

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER
 (Associated Press Correspondent)
 BERLIN, (AP)—The general house cleaning which the undisputed boss of the communist movement, Joseph Stalin, started more than a year ago has thrown into the discard two of the most picturesque figures in the German Clara Zetkin and redoubtable Ruth Fischer.

Had it not been for her advanced age and infirmity, Clara Zetkin would have shared the fate of Leon Trotsky, Christian Rakovsky, Gregory Zinoviev, and other fallen gods of the communist movement. In fact, the inner councils had actually decided upon Clara Zetkin's expulsion.

Listening around among the rank and file of the membership, however, the party bosses found that the bosom friend of Rosa Luxembourg and Karl Liebknecht was venerated in Germany much as Nikolai Lenin is venerated in Soviet Russia. Had Clara Zetkin been physically able to continue to play a role, Stalin's followers would not have hesitated to read her out of the party even in the face of this popularity with the masses.

But the aged revolutionist, now 73 years old, is an invalid. She is almost blind. Her asthma prevents her from delivering public speeches. She lives in Birkenwerder, a quiet, residential suburb of Berlin, where she passes almost unnoticed.

More from force of habit than because she has any active work to do, she comes to the Reichstag once every few weeks—a rather pathetic figure as she hobbles along, supported on one side by a younger woman, leaning on the other side on a heavy walking stick.

So the communist procession marches on without her. As one party leader put it, "Her ideology is now quite bourgeois, but as she's so old we've decided not to bother to discipline her."

Ruth Fischer, too, incurred the disfavor of Stalin. Forfeiting her services in practically winning the post-war Spartacists over to Moscow when they were wavering between allying themselves with the independent socialists or the communists. Forgotten were here fiery speeches as floor leader in the Reichstag, where a full house was always assured when she was slated to address the solons.

Because she dared oppose Stalin as not revolutionary enough, she was promptly put under the ban. She struggled to the last, made repeated trips to Moscow to fight her case, but was ultimately ousted from the party.

For a while she tried to rally an opposition group about her. Then she grew weary of the combat, and disappeared from the political arena entirely. One now finds her working daily in the industrial borough of Britz, adjacent to Neukolln, the scene of last Mayday's communist uprising.

She has a job as visiting nurse, and one can see her climbing rickety stairs and investigating impoverished homes, bringing such cheer as the city's limited finances will permit. As she is a woman of indefatigable good humor, the families on her visiting list are happy at her appearance.

Some day, however, Ruth Fischer intends to return to politics. In fact, she is already trying to make her peace with Stalin. She knows from the fate of Karl Radek that the first thing one must do to be readmitted to grace is to be absolutely "good" in the Stalin sense. So she supports the party through thick and thin, even though she is no longer a member, and takes care to let Moscow know that she is doing so.

"I think she has been to Canossa almost long enough," the same party leader who discussed Clara Zetkin's case observed, wistfully. "She has behaved loyally and has, I think, learned her lesson. Soon we shall accept

HOW WOMEN CAN AID SAFETY



Above—Mrs. James N. Downey of the safety division of the Detroit Police Department is sponsor of the idea that housewives can prevent traffic accidents by giving their husbands a good breakfast. Below—Mrs. Downey believes that there would be fewer traffic accidents if more wives would strive to duplicate the charming domestic scene pictured here. The husband, after a warm, cheering breakfast drives off to work in a happy frame of mind. His car is the new Dodge Brothers Six Business Coupe.

Russian 'White Army' Is Still Considerable Means Of Taking Control Again

By JOHN EVANS

(Associated Press Staff Writer)
 PARIS (AP)—When General Alexander Paul Koutieff disappeared mysteriously from the heart of Paris at midday, January 22, the world suddenly learned of an unnamed army of many thousands of "white" Russians, who hope some day to help overthrow the Soviet government.

There is a reward of \$40,000 for the return of the general or the arrest of his kinnapars.

The commander-in-chief of the Russian exiles, walking from his home to headquarters, appears to have been induced to enter a big closed automobile accompanied by a policeman, now supposed to have been an impostor. The general's friends charge he was abducted by the feared "Gaypayou," Moscow's political police, to be tortured until he revealed the secrets of his own anti-soviet organization.

Soviet officials and French communists laugh at this charge. They emphasize the lack of proof and counter with suggestions that Koutieff disappeared in a plot to discredit the soviets and cause friction between Moscow and France.

General Koutieff was right-hand man of Baron Wrangel, the commander of the last "white" armies that were beaten off by the then newly-formed soviet republic in 1920. He was designated by the late Grand Duke Nicholas, uncle of the czar, to succeed the latter as head of the White Russians.

Now, since Koutieff has disappeared, the movement is led by General Eugene Karlovitch Miller, who was chief of staff in Wrangel's army. General Miller was first brought to international attention when he was made commander of the Archangel district in 1919 and later became foreign minister of the provisional government erected there to bar the northward progress of the com-

her into membership again, but she will have to do the humblest kind of party work until we are quite sure of her permanent conversion."

AUSTRALIA NATIVES KILL BY 'WISHING'

HONOLULU, (AP)—One place in the world, perhaps the last remaining, where wishing is used actually to kill people is in central Australia.

Its existence, and an explanation of why it works, was uncovered in a scientific expedition recently completed by Dr. Stanley D. Porteous of the University of Hawaii.

He traveled through parts of central and northwestern Australia where white men seldom go. "It is one of the curious beliefs of these people," he says, "that one dies naturally, but that each death is brought about by a spell cast by another person. Specially prepared bones or pointed sticks are sung over, and then two men point these magic implements in the direction of the per-

son whom they wish to destroy. "By one means or another the victim is informed that he has been 'sung.' And so great is the power of suggestion that he promptly falls sick and dies."

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LIGHT SPOT USED IN TESTING SOUND

By Howard W. Blakelee

(Associated Press Science Editor)
 ITHACA, N. Y., (AP)—Not all target practice is confined to guns, big game hunters and their companions in adventure.

In Cornell university's physics laboratory Dr. Frederick Bedell is doing some scientific sharpshooting with an instrument that turns sounds into streaks of light.

This professor's device is designed as a test for voice-culture, music study and for assisting the totally deaf to see when their pronunciation is correct. His experiments are conducted under an August Heckscher grant.

Its scientific name is the "stabilized ocelloscope." A perfect note or well-pronounced word creates a definite pattern and, watching this, the student learns to correct mistakes.

Resembling a radio cabinet in appearance, the instrument has one large, round white glass eye, about six inches in diameter. When anyone talks, sings whistles or plays a musical instrument, a line of green light streaks across this eye.

A stream of electrons inside the box creates the light, which dances with a wavy motion as long as sound continues.

Actually it is no line of light at all, but rather a tiny green spot of light that moves across the glass and jumps back to repeat the trip so many times per second that the human eye sees the spot as an unbroken line. The spot alternates from 50 to more than 5,000 times a second.

In this jumping action the sharpshooting enters. Unless the spot returns to the exact point of space at exactly the right time, it will not repeat correctly, and there will be two green lines instead of one.

Dr. Bedell employs a hand knob to place the timing of the spot near the right place. Then a device he calls a "tickling circuit" snaps the speeding light automatically to its target. The stabilizer can be locked in position to retain a correct picture of the sound under observation.

SURVEY OF LANDS EXTENSIVE, CLAIM

CORVALLIS, Ore., (AP)—Soil surveys in Oregon have been completed in detail over almost exactly nine million acres or one half of the tillable area of the state, according to a report issued by the department soils, state experiment station.

Cooperative surveys with the United States bureau of chemistry, and soils have now been completed on counties of Yamhill, Washington, Multnomah, Benton, Clackamas, Polk, Linn, Marion and Columbia. In addition areas in Josephine county and in the Grand Ronde and Eugene district have been covered. Earlier surveys were made by the federal department alone around Medford, Marshfield, Hood River, Baker, Salem and Klamath Falls, Umatilla county is not being surveyed.

Such surveys are available as it gives farmers an idea of soil value.

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MARSHFIELD GETS RELIGIOUS CONFAB

MARSHFIELD, Ore.—(AP)—

Plans for the entertainment of more than 1,500 young people on Coos Bay when the state convention of the Christian Endeavor so-

ciety convenes here for four days, April 24 to 27, inclusive, are fast being completed.

The general committee in charge has appointed J. B. Bodding convention chairman. All details of the convention will be handled by the general committee which is comprised of Coos Bay business men and church leaders.

The entire district, including cities of Coos county, are cooperating in the program.

CONSTANTINOPLE—(AP)—The Turkish tobacco monopoly announces that last year this city's 850,000 people smoked \$5,000,000 worth of cigarettes. The number of fags exceeded a billion.

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