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Stalin's Successor?

The successor to Josef Stalin may be a swarthy, thickset man with bourgeois origins and no revolutionary background.

Georgi Maximilianovich Malenkov, the Bolshevik party's secretary of personnel, is a protégé of Stalin with the proper experience and the necessary machine to promote himself to the top.

It is the party which governs Russia, Edward Crankshaw, formerly of the British Foreign Office in Moscow, explains in an article for the New York Times magazine.

Today this Malenkov is one of the inner circle around Stalin, one of the few men who may aspire to the premiership.

This influence extends beyond the borders of Russia. Togliatti of Italy, Therez of France, Kuusinen of Finland and the communist leaders in the East European satellites owe their postwar roles to their trainer, Malenkov.

Efficiency, unscrupulousness, realism—these mark Malenkov. And it is probably his sense of what is practical rather than what is ideologically orthodox, that sets him apart from his rivals of Stalin's job.

But to know whether this, happily, might be true, we will have to wait and see. Stalin won't live forever, and the rivalry for his job is a life-of-death struggle that means much to the western world.

Personality Assessment

Down at Berkeley an Institute of Personality Assessment and Research is being set up on university auspices, financed by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

Germans Heap Abuse on West Allies

By J. M. Roberts, Jr. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (AP) Displays of intense nationalism and strident criticism of the allied occupation have reached a high pitch during the western German election campaign which reaches its climax Sunday.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers THE BEST AMERICAN SHORT STORIES—1949, edited by Martha Foley (Houghton Mifflin; \$3.50).

About 30 stories from about 20 magazines are gathered in this annual and the editor sees in the many new names of contributors "the vanguard of the much-heralded and long-awaited 'post-war generation' in literature."

them. At the end of the time the scores will be summed up and the applicants given a personality assessment.

Quite a goldfish bowl existence. No microscopes are used on X-rays; but the candidates will be put through certain paces and while learned men with Ph. D.'s scrutinize their actions and compute their responses.

At least this is a change from the Dale Carnegie courses on "how to win friends and influence people." Presumably it is more scientific than the short courses in salesmanship and popular psychology.

Really life itself proves the best and the severest test of personality. Many of the bumps get knocked off and square corners rounded as one comes up through the public school.

The psychologists often merely put in professional patter the summation that associates make on the basis of contacts. There is one danger too from these assessment courses—they may destroy self-confidence by encouraging too much introspection.

Down with Censorship

While Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson modified his early order shutting the mouths of members of the armed services except such remarks as might be put through official channels the gag is being revived by fresh restrictions.

This is getting pretty close to peacetime censorship. If a reporter asks to interview an officer the press chief can first make sure that the one interviewed keeps his lips buttoned on controversial issues.

The American people do not want stultification with unification.

Forest Access Roads

Senator Morse succeeded in getting the senate to adopt a resolution authorizing the spending of \$30,000,000 annually for five years for construction of roads giving access to government timber administered by the agriculture and interior departments.

Access roads are badly needed for the proper administration of the forests. Not only will they open the way for more competition in the purchase of government timber but they will be valuable for forest protection and rehabilitation of cutover lands.

Our timberlands must be considered as lands for continual growing of crops of trees. As the virgin forests are removed new plantings should be made, and then protected against fire and disease.

authority has been one of the prime objects of attack. So has the reparations program.

German leaders cite the presence in the west of 11,000,000 German refugees from the Polish and Russian zones as a development which the allies have refused to consider in its relationship to costs of government and reparations charges.

The campaign started out on domestic issues—socialism versus free enterprise, states rights

versus centralized government, the extent of federal economic controls, and the like.

The German political leaders for the most part supported the allied stand at the Paris conference of foreign ministers which failed to make any progress toward German unification.

Britain and France have taken most of the pummeling. More prudence has been displayed regarding the U. S., which makes food shipments and other contributions to the German economy.

A good many allied authorities take the attitude that it's just politics—the same type of thing to which democracies become accustomed in their own elections.

But there have been anti-semitic and other demonstrations distressingly reminiscent of Germany's recent history. If experienced German politicians expect to gain popular support through the type of appeals they have been making, then they must know that Germans are still infested with a lot of ideas which will make it necessary for the allies to keep them under close surveillance.



The Safety Valve

Belgrano Praised For Legion Speech

It is to be hoped that Legionnaires generally got as much satisfaction from Frank L. Belgrano's keynote address to the Legion convention as did the general public.

IT SEEMS TO ME (Continued from page one)

and return of the plate. With expirations staggered through the year and only year-tags to be attached annually the operation everywhere will be smoothed out.

These sniffing politics may accuse the secretary of state of building political outposts over the state, to increase the power of that official. By dint of legislative accretion the secretary of state's office is already the most powerful in the state measured in terms of direct appointments.

What is illustrated is this fact: that although power gravitates to the state, a centrifugal force also operates in the need for decentralized administration.

So the communists rallied at the other parties as dividers of Germany and called them collaborators.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"I can't believe it... you, ... a trusted employee, selling our secrets to a foreign agent..."

Interests of that membership. The taboo on criticism makes this especially easy for the leadership, which is, and always has been, the hand-maiden of big financial and industrial interests led by the National Association of Manufacturers.

That man Belgrano must be quite a guy. It will be remembered that when the big interests planned to actually take over the government by force and violence they proposed that the Legion should be the "force" under General Smedley Butler of the marines to lead the march on Washington.

Now the problem is to induce the Legion to become the kind of an organization we would all delight to honor, instead of remaining the representative of the most corrupt interests in the country. It will have to be done by the membership. Outsiders can't do it.

Every veteran in the nation should be a member of the Legion—if the Legion makes itself worthy.

By Lichty

Mac Touched By Friendliness In South Africa

By Henry McLemore JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, August 11—(Special)—This comes close to being the friendliest town I have ever been in.

I am quite sure that when I got here no one knew who I was, with the exception of the Pan American people who had been warned of my arrival by the New York office.

My column does not appear here, and insofar as the folk of Johannesburg were concerned I might just as well have been Bob McNutt, Joe Glutz, Benjamin Harrison, or One-Eyed Connolly.

They had checked my hotel reservations. They had flowers and all the other things that an American wants in his room after a long trip. For what reason? Only to be nice. I couldn't possibly do the Schlesiingers any good, unless putting the bite on them for a few pounds is considered good.

Phil Reisman of RKO in New York had cabled here to have his brother Bert see what he could do for us. Heaven knows, I'll never make any money for RKO. I am much too old to become a star who would draw thousands



McLemore

to the theatre. Unless, that is, there are a group of RKO fans who like to see three chins in profile. But Bert said if I wanted anything, just let him know. Being a fellow who wouldn't let a chance like that go by, I asked for three sure winners at Germiston, the Johannesburg track.

And, if that was too much, a dead sure tip on the daily double. He gave it to me, and I'll let you know how the ponies ran.

The South African Tourist Corporation has gone out of its corporation way to make their happy, but in case they miss I want to thank Mr. A. T. Mostert of the South Africa Railway Tourist Bureau.

I walked into his office without a single credential. I might have been the man from the moon as far as he knew. Yet, with charming patience and understanding, he presented my case to his superiors, some in Cape-town, some in Pretoria. The result? All of the men who take care of tourists were placed at my disposal.

That flattered me. I think it would flatter you or any visitor to a foreign country. When I think that I once peddled eggs and delivered buttermilk to help buy the pants I wore, it makes me very humble.

That a great country like this should be nice to me will always stay in my heart—and deep. (Distributed by McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

Better English

By D. C. Williams 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "First thing after eating he smokes a cigar." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "stolid"?

ANSWERS 1. Say, "Immediately after eating he smokes a cigar." 2. Pronounce the o as in of, not as no. 3. Wharf. 4. Burdensome; troublesome. "The country has been trying for years to pay this onerous debt." 5. Perfidious.

Chile is nearly 25 times as long as it is wide.

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