

Malenkov Taking Over Power, With Stalin's Blessing

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

NEW YORK (AP)—A new Stalin appears to be emerging today, in many respects an image of the old one.

When the scowling, bejewelled heir-apparent feels sure enough of himself—the time does not seem far off—things may pop up in the Kremlin and heads may roll.

The new Stalin, as masters stand today, is Georgi Maximilianovich Malenkov. At the present moment he appears to be the boss of the Politburo, with the blessing of the fading dictator, himself.

While leadership in Moscow is often far from permanent and sometimes highly dangerous, the pugnacious tough guy who clawed his way to the top gives every evidence of being determined to stay there.

Many of Malenkov's enemies already have been erased from the scene, but there are some around still who are not above suspicion in a regime where being suspect is a crime.

When Malenkov reached his 50th birthday Jan. 8, the Western World—and very likely a goodly portion of the Communist World—was startled by what happened.

The Soviet Press pulled out all stops, crying the praises of Malenkov in a manner reminiscent of the handclapping turned to Stalin's own decade birthdays. No other member of the Politburo ever got such a birthday sendoff, excepting Stalin himself.

Near Success To the West, it could mean only one thing: The bright boy who grew up politically under Stalin's wing either had succeeded to the crown or was being prepared for succession.

Some must have read the outbreaks with nervousness. Those Soviet leaders who were nursed along to power by the late Andrei Zhdanov, for instance, could not have been happy about the ascension of Zhdanov's bitter rival.

Nor could old Bolshevik V. M. Molotov have been very happy. He got no such birthday greeting when he turned 60. His star has been falling steadily.

Zhdanov Protege One man who may be quite nervous is A. N. Kosygin, the newest and youngest member at 47 of the Politburo. Kosygin was a protege of Zhdanov.

It was a bad day for many high Communists when Andrei Alexandrovich Zhdanov died in September 1948, at the untimely age of 48. There had been sharp rivalry between him and the rising Malenkov, and many a Communist guessed wrong.

Not long after Zhdanov died, things went bad for a lot of his followers. They were thrown out of the party secretariat and weeded out of important offices. The chief sufferer was Nikolai Alexeyevich Voznessensky. He was removed from his job as head of the State Planning Commission and from the Politburo. He disappeared. Nothing—not a word—has been heard of him since. He is as completely erased as if he had never been born.

Did Not Agree Voznessensky was Zhdanov's chief protege, and a brilliant man in his state planning field. But Zhdanov and Malenkov did not see eye to eye on many things. At the height of the great purge in the late thirties, young tough guy Malenkov, already a power, was all out for more purging. Zhdanov spoke out for an end to the excesses of the purge.

The rivalry went on through the meeting which founded the Cominform. Both Malenkov and Zhdanov were at that meeting, and they are reported to have clashed a number of times. It was that meeting which outlawed Tito's Yugoslavia.

Anyway, Zhdanov died soon after. It was curtains for Voznessensky and others. Malenkov could never have done it without the nod from Stalin. The Western World began to take a closer look at this sourpuss who wielded so much power.

Undisputed Boss With the death of Zhdanov, Malenkov became the undisputed boss not only of the party machinery inside the Soviet Union, but of



This composite photo shows at a quick glance the great artists who appear in "Of Men and Music" which comes to the State Theatre on Wednesday next. In the upper insets are Jan Peerce and Nadine Conner, Metropolitan Opera stars, and in the lower are Jascha Heifetz and Arar Rubinstein who share the spotlight with Dimitri Mitropoulos and the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra.

Investiture of Scouts Follows Church Dinner

Wednesday evening was the scene of a parent's night potluck supper held at the Knight Memorial Congregational Church. Following this a candlelight investiture was held for eight boys. This was one of the largest number of boys ever to become Scouts in Boy Scout Troop 10 at one time. The impressive ceremony was conducted by an investiture team from Troop 20, Hayesville, composed of Scoutmaster Frank Griffin, Dale Carothers, Jack Stryfeler, Monty Richardson, and George Strozut Jr. The Scoutmaster of Troop 10, Tom Churchill, awarded the Tenderfoot pins to Richard Hagner, Dean McCarger, Eddie Renschler, Keith Krueser, Gordon Smith, Arthur Kruger, Byron Swigart, and Billy McAllister. Charles Chappelle received his Second Class award from Dayl Burres, former Cherry City District Chairman.

Tom Churchill, retiring Scoutmaster, introduced Beryl Palmer, new Scoutmaster for Troop 10. Also present were Howard Higby, Scout executive; Bob Batdorf, neighborhood commissioner; and George Strozut, district commissioner.

Ridgway Gives Veiled Warning To South Korea

CHINHAIE, Korea (AP)—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway issued what sounded like a veiled warning Sunday to South Korean leaders who oppose any armistice that would leave Communists in control of the North.

At the close of a short speech dedicating the new Republic of Korea Military Academy, the United Nations commander declared: "This school must be ever mindful that the Republic of Korea does not selfishly live for and by itself, but that it is today a symptom of gallantry and determination in the age-old fight of freedom against tyranny; that it owes its national survival to its own and to a like courage and determination by many other free states; and that its objectives must be selected and approached with full recognition of its own and those of others, without whose wholehearted aid and sacrifice we would today be experiencing the bitterness and humiliation of defeat instead of the success we have achieved."

U.N. Assembly Seeks to End In February PARIS (AP)—The United Nations Assembly has begun to drive for an early February closing. With most of its big work behind it, only some sudden, spectacular development in the Korean war could prolong the session, it was generally felt here Sunday.

Security Council members have been advised to keep their permanent delegates on hand in Paris for a week after the Assembly closes to handle any emergency.

This would allow "second team" members to get to New York in time to carry on Council sessions, if necessary, until the top-rankers arrived.

Feb. 8 or 9 is now being talked of as the Assembly closing date. The Jan. 26 target date set early in the session is impossible to achieve.

The Assembly disposed Saturday of the last big question of atomic controls and armament reductions by voting to send Russian proposals to the new Disarmament Commission for further study.

53 MORE CASUALTIES WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Department Sunday identified 53 more battle casualties in Korea. A new list, No. 483 reported 15 killed, 31 wounded, one missing in action and six injured. It also listed 24 killed who were previously carried as missing.

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Nine Join Boy Scout Troop



At Parents Night dinner held recently at the Knight Memorial Congregational Church, nine boys of Scout Troop 10 received Tenderfoot and Second Class awards at a candlelight investiture. Recipients were (left to right) Richard Hagner, Dean McCarger, Eddie Renschler, Keith Krueser, Gordon Smith, Arthur Kruger, Byron Swigart, and Billy McAllister. Salem Kiwanis Club is the sponsor of this troop. Members of the investiture team from Troop 20, Hayesville, were Jack Stryfeler, Dale Carothers, Scoutmaster Frank Griffin, Monty Richardson, and George Strozut Jr., back row left to right. Tom Churchill is Scoutmaster of Troop 10.

'Grassman of Year' Also Wins Dairy Improvement Award

By LILLIE L. MADSEN Farm Editor, The Statesman INDEPENDENCE—Walter E. Lierman, owner-operator of a 100-acre family farm near here, who was named "Oregon Grassman of the Year," won another honor this week when it became known that his was the top herd in Polk County during the past year under the Dairy Herd Improvement Association. Information on the final compilation was released this week end.

The Polk County association included 35 herds doing regular testing, with eight owner-sampler herds. In the group 1,013 different cows were tested with 679 completing a full year's run. Average production was 420.6 pounds of butterfat and 8,257 pounds of milk per cow during the testing year.

Mr. Lierman's herd of 23 registered Jerseys produced an average of 9,733 pounds of milk and an average of 531.4 pounds of butterfat. Most of Lierman's farm is down to permanent grass production, which he is using for silage, hay and pasture for his dairy.

Other top herds in Polk County during the year were those of Jack DeJong, Sheridan, who had 44 cows producing 9,589 pounds of milk and 502.9 pounds of fat; Dewey Wolfer, Willamina, with 18 cows producing 11,729 pounds of milk with an average of 500.8 pounds of fat; George Gentemann, Independence, with 31 cows averaging 8,937 pounds of milk and 481.7 pounds of butterfat; Dick DeJong, Amity, with 49 cows averaging 9,861 pounds of milk and 473.8 pounds of butterfat; Katherine Schroeder, Dallas, with six cows producing 9,303 pounds of milk and 462 pounds of butterfat per cow; W. E. Shenk, Willamina, with 37 cows producing 9,343 pounds of milk with an average of 459.4 pounds of butterfat.

That by maintaining high producing cows, \$18.19 more per cow can be made was proved by the records kept. The average per cow of the two high herds, which total 60 cows, was 10,084 pounds of milk against 7,167 pounds of milk per cow for the low herds. Butterfat per cow average for the high herds was 501.8 pounds off at, and for the low herds 323.9 pounds. After figuring feed costs, the return to the operator per cow was \$334.20 per cow for the high herds and \$218.01 for the low herds.

On the owner-samplers, under the testing year, the annual report shows that L. R. Spries, Dallas, had the high herd with 12 registered Jerseys with an average of 9,165.7 pounds of milk and 496.4 pounds of butterfat.

Plane Crash Victims Listed

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The Air Force Sunday identified five of the six Air Force men burned to death when a twin-engine bomber pancaked atop the Mather Air Base guardhouse Saturday and exploded 10 minutes later.

Sixty-one men were injured in the crash and fire, 10 critically. Mather officers said it may be two or three days before the identity of the sixth victim is positively established. All the dead were badly burned. None was from the Pacific Northwest.

The prisoners had just been marched back to the guardhouse after lunch when the plane crashed.

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