

# Beria Ousted, To Face Trial as Traitor

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### Delegates Work on Armistice Details

#### Mountain Peaks Erupt in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Three, and possibly four, volcanoes "blew their tops" across Cook Inlet Thursday and in mid-afternoon Anchorage was in pitch darkness, with a fine ash like face powder sifting down over Alaska's largest city.



By Charles A. Sprague

In the news is a report that the whaling industry is being revived on Grays Harbor. A plant at Hoquiam will process whale meat for animal food. The fat-free loins of whales will be ground, packed into cartons and quick frozen. Marketed under the "Moby Dick" brand it will be sold primarily as a dog and cat food. There is also an outlet for whale meat as food at fish hatcheries and mink farms. During the war there was some sale of whale steak for human consumption. "Revived" is a proper word for use with reference to a whaling plant on Grays Harbor. I put in the summer of 1911 as reporter on a paper at Aberdeen. One of my assignments was to visit a new whaling plant operating on an arm of the harbor near Ocoosa. A small vessel made the rounds of harbor points. When it put into the small bay fronting the whaling station the passengers quickly became aware of its presence. The odor was something terrific. Summer tourist who had planned to stop off to see the attraction stayed aboard the boat, handkerchiefs to noses, eager for the captain to get the ship under way again. Having worked a good many summers at candleing eggs in Iowa I was accustomed to high voltage odors so I debarked and spent most of the day around the plant.

It was a modern plant serviced by very modern whaling vessels with power harpoons at the ship's bow. The ships cruised out in the Pacific and towed their catch to the station. A cable and power winch pulled the whales up a slip (like a log slip at a lumber mill) and on the landing workmen with long knives cut the blubber in strips which (Continued on Editorial Page 4.)

#### Salem Traffic Unit Proposed

A separate traffic division for the Salem police force will be proposed to the City Council by Alderman Thomas Armstrong, the councilman said Thursday. Armstrong said he would have a resolution drafted and referred to the city manager and police chief for their recommendation on how best to set up a separate section of police officers to study traffic problems and head up traffic control.

Another matter Armstrong said he would introduce concerns improvement of road shoulders along Market Street from 21st Street east. The Council expects to have a busy session Monday night with final city budget hearing and several public hearings on zone changes.

**MOTORCYCLE MISSING**  
Scott's Cycle Shop at 315 Mission St. told city police Thursday a young man took a 1952 motorcycle about noon to try it out and never returned. The motorcycle and its rider were still missing early this morning.

#### Animal Crackers



Don't be so stubborn. It's low tide!

#### Short Session Renews Talks Over Korea

PANMUNJOM (AP)—Allied and Communist truce delegates met here Friday to work out final agreement on an armistice in the three year Korean war despite South Korea's opposition.

The negotiators met for 29 minutes and then adjourned until Saturday (Friday U. S. time). The session was the first full-dress meeting in 20 days. It was termed an executive session, which meant that the results probably would not be made public.

**Issues Well Known**  
But the issues were well known. The main one was whether the United Nations could make South Korea and its vitriolic President Syngman Rhee abide by truce terms already negotiated.

Convening after a 20-day break since their last full-dress meeting, the negotiators were expected to start ironing out details for supervision of a truce, and possibly soon choose a date for signing ceremonies.

President Rhee, reported to have been handed a secret letter Thursday by Gen. Mark Clark, apparently continued holding his line against United Nations ceasefire plans. Talks Stalemated  
A highly placed ROK source Thursday night told Associated Press newsmen Bill Shinn that talks between Rhee and U. S. special envoy Walter S. Robertson "remain stalemated." Rhee and Robertson have been secretly conferring 15 days.

President Rhee still is insisting that South Korea must have from America concrete assurances that Korea will be unified, peacefully or otherwise," the ROK source told Shinn.

#### Reds' Books To Stay on Reading List

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department told Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) Thursday night that books by known Communists may be used to counter Red propaganda and thus serve America's aims in official U. S. libraries abroad.

"In some cases, the most effective way to refute the propaganda of the Communists may be to turn the words of their own writers against them," said Dr. Robert L. Johnson, who has resigned under fire as chief of the department's International Information Administration (IIA).  
Rejecting McCarthy's criticism, Johnson refused to back down on the department's newest policy—a reversal of the line it previously adopted.

During the day, McCarthy attacked the new order as "completely ridiculous."  
The Wisconsin senator fired a "list of those Communists telegram to Johnson demanding whose writing you feel 'serve the ends of democracy' and summoned Johnson to appear next Wednesday before the Senate Investigations Subcommittee.

#### THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	87	59	.00
Portland	84	57	.00
San Francisco	75	47	.00
New York	80	54	.02
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Considerable high cloudiness today, tonight and Saturday, with a few scattered showers Saturday. Little change in temperature with the high today near 85 and the low tonight near 52.			
SALEM PRECIPITATION			
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1			
This Year	42.29	Last Year	42.89
		Normal	38.12

#### Gerald Frank to Manage Meier-Frank Store Here

Gerald W. (Gerry) Frank will be the local manager of the Meier & Frank Co. store in Salem when it is established, according to an announcement by the company in Portland Thursday.  
Gerry Frank, the son of Aaron M. Frank, president of the company, is a member of the board of directors and active in the business of the Portland store.  
Frank attended the public schools in Portland and Stanford University which he left for Army service in the late war. He served with Patton's army in the German campaign. After his discharge he enrolled in Trinity Hall, Cambridge University, which he attended for three years, receiving his bachelor degree and a degree of Masters of Arts and Faculty of Economics and Politics. He returned to Portland and has worked in various departments of the M & F store.  
His civic activities in Portland have been numerous and varied, including service on the board of Junior Achievements, Travelers Aid Society, Arthritis Rheumatism Fund, the Sunshine Division and on the capital fund campaign for the Boy Scouts.  
Frank visited Salem to look over the property purchased for a store site and expressed himself as enthusiastic over the prospects. The company acquired the school administration building and adjacent property and will erect a building as soon as it can obtain possession, some time in 1954 when the county offices can move to the new courthouse.

#### Recipe for Romance



It's an "abba-dabba honeymoon" at the Lloyd McNaught residence, 309 S. Winter St., but for Dodee (left) and the newly-named Cookie (called "Cappy" before it was known she's a she), it may take some time to adjust to the new life. Cookie, after her escape from a previous owner has to settle down, and Dodee, accustomed to a bachelor existence, is jealous of the attention his mate is getting. (Statesman Photo).

#### Barefoot Boy Missing in Santiam Area

LEBANON — A barefoot boy was lost in wild, mountainous terrain 26 miles east of Lebanon Thursday night.  
State police and foresters were combing the area for Roy John Nelson, 13, Jennings Lodge, who disappeared from a family fishing trip.  
Not even a footprint had been found, but searchers held out hope that the lad was lost in the rugged timberland rather than drowned.

He had gone on the outing with his mother, Mrs. Roy Nelson, Jennings Lodge; his grandfather, Irb Schultz, Albany; a sister and an aunt.  
Young Nelson was last seen Wednesday night when he dropped behind while others in the party were returning to their car from the banks of Seven Mile Creek. The search became widespread Thursday morning with 20 men looking for the boy.

#### Rifle Mishap Fatal to Polk County Youth

DALLAS — A Dallas area boy was fatally wounded Thursday while a neighbor lad was showing him how to load a .22 rifle.  
Dead is Lyman Lewis Newton, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Newton of Monmouth Route 2, Box 224.  
The tragedy occurred in the Cooper Hollow district, six miles south of Dallas, where both boys lived.  
Polk County Coroner Paul Bollman said the "facts indicate accidental death, but investigation will continue."  
County authorities said Fred Orsborn, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Orsborn, was pumping bullets in and out of the rifle while Lyman watched.  
When Fred thought the rifle was empty, he snapped the trigger and Lyman fell to the ground.  
Fred said he thought at first that Lyman was just "playing wounded."

The lad was rushed to a Dallas hospital where examination indicated he had died instantly. A bullet went through the cap he was wearing and lodged behind one ear.  
Lyman was born July 23, 1942 at Monmouth Route 2 and had lived all his life at Cooper Hollow.  
Surviving besides his parents are four brothers, Gideon, Alvin, James Sidney and Dale Alvin Newton, all of Monmouth, and two sisters, Betty Jean and Nina Nora Newton, both of Monmouth.  
Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Bollman Funeral Chapel, Dallas, with interment at Hilltop Cemetery, Independence.

#### Automobile Bumps, Injures Youngster

A young Salem boy was slightly injured by an unidentified car about 7 o'clock Thursday night when he was hit crossing an alley entrance near the 1100 block of 6th Street.  
He was Ronald Ohmart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Ohmart of 1245 Ruge St.  
Police were investigating to determine the driver's name.

#### BASEBALL

**Western International**  
At Lewiston 11, Wenatchee 3  
At Victoria 5, Calgary 2  
At San Diego 2, Hollywood 4  
At Sacramento 6, San Francisco 1

**Coast League**  
At Los Angeles 11, Portland 3  
At Oakland 11, Seattle 5  
At San Diego 2, Hollywood 4  
At Sacramento 6, San Francisco 1

**American League**  
At New York 6, Boston 4  
At Washington 6, Philadelphia 4  
At St. Louis 1, Cleveland 5  
At Chicago 4, Detroit 2

**National League**  
At Philadelphia 6, Brooklyn 3  
At Pittsburgh 6, New York 4  
(Only games scheduled)

#### Red Chief of Secret Police Loses Out in Kremlin Control Bid

LONDON (AP)—Lavrenti P. Beria, head of the Soviet blood purge police under Stalin, has been fired as deputy premier in Moscow, booted out of the Communist Party, and branded a traitor to the Soviet Union.

That left Premier Georgi M. Malenkov and Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in the grim struggle for power over the Soviet Union, its satellites and its captive countries.

The three were a post-Stalin triumvirate until now, although Beria had been reported heading for a purge.

Malenkov in person formally laid the treason charges against Beria before the Soviets.

Beria's downfall may have been quickened by the failure of his security forces to avert uprising in East Germany, the satellites, and the Soviet Union itself.

The Soviet government announced in Moscow radio Thursday night that his job as home minister—in charge of the secret police—would be taken by the little-known Sergei Nikiforovich Kruglov.

The purge of Beria indicated that Premier Georgi Malenkov now may be firmly in the saddle and had disposed of his chief rival for the job.

#### Apparently Scapegoat of Satellite Uprisings

Beria apparently was made the scapegoat for the waves of rebellion which has been sweeping the satellites.

He also was in charge of Russia's atomic energy program, but there was no indication whether shortcomings in that department may have contributed to his downfall.

Moscow dispatches said the news of Beria's dramatic dismissal was greeted with wild rejoicing at a Communist Party meeting in the Kremlin's Hall of Columns.

It broke on the world first through broadcasts and later by dispatches quoting the Moscow press.

The formal public action in Moscow was taken Thursday night at a meeting of some 2,000 Communist dignitaries who denounced the mild-appearing, bespectacled Beria as an "international imperialist agent" and an "enemy of the Communist Party and Soviet people."

The Soviet government charged him with trying "to undermine the Soviet state in the interest of foreign capital."

Red leaders denounced him as a "bourgeois renegade" who "roused the indignation of the entire party and the entire Soviet people."

#### Showdown Takes Western World by Surprise

The spectacular finale to the long-rumored showdown between Beria and Malenkov took the Western world by surprise. No one had expected it so soon.

Some observers pointed out, however, that U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen suddenly left Moscow for the West just one day before the purge. He is respected as a prognosticator of things to come in the Soviet Union.

The reason for cutting down Beria so quickly apparently is found in the satellite revolts, for which he probably will be given all the blame.

Pravda said his recent activities had led the increasing success of international imperialist plots against the Soviet Union; it had previously given those revolts as an example.

Beria's fall was foreshadowed by an editorial in the government newspaper Izvestia Monday which declared an unnamed official was headed for the scrap-heap. Thursday's news apparently showed who was meant.

#### Party Voted to Expel Ranking Member

The official communiques said that the President of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR decided to remove Beria after reviewing "the criminal and anti-state activities of Beria, directed at undermining the Soviet state in the interests of foreign capital."

The Communist Party voted to expel him at a meeting of the Central Committee for the same reasons, adding that he had also tried to place the interests of his ministry above those of the Soviet government itself.

Just how all this was done without Secret Police Chief Beria finding out about it and taking countermeasures was not known.

For many years Beria has been the most dreaded man in Russia and its satellites. His entire party career has been in the Secret Police dating back to early post-revolution days.

He has extended his empire to include bossing the Soviet espionage network overseas and the control apparatus in the satellites.

The fall of Beria is expected to have electrifying consequences both in Russia and the satellites.

Beria's fall came while top Russian officials from riotous East Germany were in Moscow to report and while Russia's top diplomats from Western capitals also were home in Moscow.

Beria's Successor Virtually Unknown to West

Among those present in Moscow is Andrei V. Vishinsky now chief Soviet delegate to the U.N., but who won his fame as both prosecutor and judge at the famous Russian purge trials of the late 1930s.

Whether he will resume that role in the spectacular trial of Beria as an imperialist agent was a subject for speculation in the West.

Beria's success, Kruglov, was virtually unknown to the west although he was in charge of security at the Potsdam Conference in 1945 when Stalin met with President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee.

In that capacity he was awarded the U.S. legion of merit by U.S. Maj. Gen. Floyd Parks in one of the last gestures of East-West amity before the cold war set in.

Last October Kruglov was elected to the new Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party. He has also held the title of interior minister when Beria did not keep that name for himself.

Beria, 53, was a Georgian from the same province as Stalin. He had always been regarded as extremely close to the dead dictator.

#### 70 Millions in Bank But Check Bounces

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—An Oakland city taxpayer was a little surprised when a state check for a \$13 refund bounced.

He couldn't understand why it was returned marked "no funds" and neither could State Auditor Frank Mills. Indiana is definitely solvent with a 70-million-dollar surplus in the bank.

Mills advised the taxpayer to send the check through again. He said he was sure there would be money on hand to cover it.

#### British Want Big-Four Talk

WASHINGTON (AP)—Britain's acting foreign secretary, the Marquis of Salisbury, and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault arrived Thursday for the Big Three foreign ministers' conference and Salisbury promptly gave notice his government wants a meeting with Russia's Premier Malenkov this year.

Salisbury's forthright remarks made it clear that the subject of a top-level cold war meeting with Russia would figure in the American-British-French strategy talks which open Friday at the State Department.

President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles are known to be far less enthusiastic about meeting the Russians across a conference table until Moscow demonstrates by "deeds" it is ready to change its past aggressive policies.

#### Dulles Pleads For Aid Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles pleading for five billion dollars in new foreign aid funds told Congress Thursday that any substantial cuts would cause the whole aid program to "collapse."

Then the nations of the Free World he said would have to try to "go it alone" and he declared: "Some countries won't be able to go it alone and will fall prey to Soviet Communism. Then in two or three years we'll be back up here with a program that will make this one look like peanuts."

#### NEAT BACK ATTACK

SEOUL (AP)—Troops of the U. S. Seventh Division fought hand-to-hand with Chinese Reds near the crest of Parktop Hill on the Korean Western Front at dawn Friday and knocked the Reds down the slope.

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Lavrenti Pavlovich Beria, head of the powerful and feared Russian secret police, was read out of the party Thursday and faces trial as a traitor.

#### McCarthyman Resigns Under Ike Pressure

By WILMOT HERCHER  
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower Thursday solemnly accused J. B. Matthews newly chosen right hand man to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of violating "principles of freedom and decency" in attacking Protestant clergymen—and McCarthy quickly accepted Matthews' resignation.

The President joined a prominent group of churchmen in deploring Matthews' statements that thousands of Protestant ministers are Reds fellow travelers or dupes of the Communists.

McCarthy then announced that he had "reluctantly" accepted Matthews' resignation from his \$11600 a year job as staff director of the Senate Investigations Subcommittee.

#### Action Surprises

McCarthy's action came as a surprise since his subcommittee was to meet Friday morning to thrash out the Matthews case.

Eisenhower said Matthews' attack on the ministers published in the July issue of American Mercury Magazine dealt "damage to our nation."

The President spoke out warmly and at some length in replying to a telegram from the three national co-chairmen of the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

"The sweeping attack on the loyalty of Protestant clergymen and the charge that they are the largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus is unjustifiable and deplorable," the religious leaders said.

#### 'Share the Convictions'

And the President opened his reply with this statement:  
"I want you to know at once that I fully share the convictions you state."

The exchange of telegrams was made public by the White House.

In his magazine article Matthews stated that while the vast majority of Protestant clergymen were perfectly loyal, 7000 Protestant ministers have been enlisted by the Communist Party in the last 17 years as members, fellow travelers or dupes.

#### Praise by McCarthy

With the announcement of Matthews' resignation McCarthy made public a letter from the staff director in which he declared, "I hereby reiterate the accuracy of my statements" about the clergy.

Matthews also asked for a chance to "document and verify" them before the subcommittee.

"I deeply regret the fact that you are quitting our committee," McCarthy wrote Matthews. "I of course have no control over your activities and therefore must very reluctantly accept your resignation."

#### First Radar Check Tickets Handed Out

City police are getting down to serious business with the department's new radar speed checking device.

Wednesday, police began handing out warning tickets to motorists who exceeded the speed limit, and in about two weeks police will start making arrests with the aid of the radar, Police Chief Clyde Warren said Thursday.

Wednesday 23 warnings were issued and 15 were doled out Thursday.

Chief Warren pointed out these warnings are not citations to court. That comes later.

Under the present system, the radar is mounted atop a patrol car. A motorist's speed is checked and his license number taken by the police officer in the car. This information is then radioed to a motorcycle policeman some two or three blocks down the road. He stops the motorist and writes out the warning.

It has been Chief Warren's plan to "educate" the driving public to the radar before making any arrests.