

# 10 East German Leaders Jailed in Attempt to Avert Workers Revolt

BERLIN (UP)—The Communist dominated East German government announced the arrest Tuesday of 10 government coalition party leaders in a new purge aimed at heading off another workers revolt against their Soviet masters.

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**Raise Work Quotas**

Western observers said the new purge apparently was an effort by the Soviet zone government to strengthen itself for worker protests against plans to raise work quotas again.

Gerhart Ziller, Communist party economist, said in a speech released today that these quotas must be increased to boost output.

He said the work norms of all miners in East Germany were raised April 1. He said 97 percent of the miners accepted the increases as justified.

Ziller said the campaign to raise work norms now must be extended to other industries.

But growing resistance of the workers in these other industries was obvious from the new wave of arrests.

**Say Revolt Plotted**

In announcing the seizure of the party leaders, Luthardt said a group in the Chemnitz area "formed an agents group which had the goal of organizing a new June 17 in our republic."

The purges extended the members of two of the largest right-wing parties in the Soviet zone's coalition government as they moved to rid themselves of "enemy elements" said to be plotting revolt.

The purges were announced by the East German "Liberal Democratic Party" and the National Democratic party. Both are members of the Communist dominated "national front" coalition which runs East Germany.

A purge also appeared imminent in still another group, the "Free German Youth," an East German youth organization. Karl Schirde-wan, secretary of the Communist party's central committee, accused the organization in a speech released today of failure to combat "pacifist conceptions."

**Clean Out The "Enemy"**

Deputy Liberal Democratic Chairman Johannes Dieckmann president of the East German Lower House, said in a speech

to party leaders that "the purging and cleansing of the party is the last hidden enemy element and remains our most pressing task."

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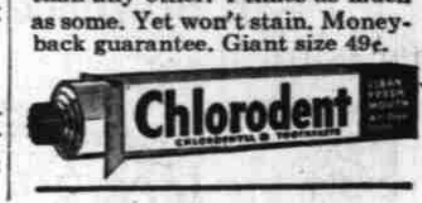
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## Soviet Seeks Big 4 Meet on Austria Issue

By KENNETH BRODNEY  
United Press Staff Correspondent

MOSCOW (UP)—The Soviet government called Tuesday for a meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers in Vienna in the near future to settle the Austrian question and sign a state treaty.

The Soviet call for a foreign ministers conference was made in identical notes handed to U. S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen, British Charge d'Affaires C. C. Parrott and French Charge d'Affaires Jean Leroy.

They were handed the notes by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in his Kremlin offices at noon, 12:30 and 1 p. m. respectively.

Well informed sources said the notes reviewed the entire Austrian question which came to a climax last week when Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab flew here last week and reached an agreement with Russia on the terms they would seek in a state treaty.

### Importance of Independence

The sources said the Soviet notes to the Western allies emphasized the importance of guaranteeing Austria's independence and compared Austria's position with that of neutral Switzerland.

Text of the note: "The Soviet government considers it necessary to call to the attention of the United States (British and French) government the following:

"Negotiations between the Soviet government and the delegation of the Austrian Republic headed by the Federal Chancellor of Austria, Julius Raab, were held in Moscow from April 12 to April 15.

"As a result of the exchange of opinions, it became clear that at the present the possibility exists to conclude the settlement of the Austrian question and to conclude a state treaty with Austria.

"This will make it possible to fully restore the independence of a democratic Austrian state which will be a substantial contribution to the consolidation of peace in Europe.

### Asks For Conference

"The Soviet government expresses the hope that the government of the United States (and of Britain and France) will help, for its part, to achieve the necessary understanding between the governments of the four powers and the government of Austria regarding the conclusion of a state treaty with Austria.

"The Soviet government considers it desirable that a conference of the foreign ministers of the United States, France, Great Britain and the Soviet Union be held in the nearest future with the participation of representatives of Austria to consider the question of concluding a state treaty for the restoration of an independent, democratic Austria and to sign this treaty.

"It is proposed that Vienna be the place for the holding of this conference.

"The Soviet government would appreciate receiving a rapid reply to this proposal from the government of the United States, France and Britain.

"Moscow, 19, April 1955."

## Stanford Coed Succumbs on Mountain Hike

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (UP)—A 19-year-old Stanford University co-ed died of exhaustion and exposure Monday during a mountain climbing expedition with two companions.

The girl, Anne R. Pottinger, daughter of Marine Col. William K. Pottinger, Cherry Point, N.C., died while she and another young woman huddled on a ledge under an overhanging rock while their male companion went to get help from forest rangers.

Park authorities said Miss Pottinger, Irene A. Beardsley, 19, another Stanford student, and Jack Weicker, San Francisco, set out Sunday to scale the park's famed cathedral spires.

Late in the afternoon, he said, Miss Pottinger complained of being exhausted, so he left the two young women on a ledge and hurried back to the valley for help, arriving there about 11 p. m.

Weicker and a party of Park Rangers arrived back at the ledge at about 1 a. m. Monday only to find that the girl had died shortly before their arrival.

Physicians said the young girl student apparently died of shock brought on by exhaustion and exposure. Miss Beardsley was unharmed by the experience.

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