

Russians Told Lenin Sought To Oust Stalin

By ROY ESSOYAN
 MOSCOW (AP)—The testament of V. I. Lenin, in which he advised leaders to remove Stalin as general secretary of the Communist Party, was published verbatim for the first time Saturday in the Soviet Union.
 The text of this document, printed in the authoritative magazine, *Kommunist*, had previously been kept from the Soviet public for 33 years.
 The testament, beside calling Stalin rude, rough-mannered and capricious, lauded Leon Trotsky, Stalin's arch-rival, as "the most capable member" of the Central Committee. These were the first words of praise of Trotsky to be carried in the Soviet press since he was expelled from the party in 1927.

Lenin's will or testament was actually a letter written to the 13th Party Congress dated Dec. 23 and Dec. 24, 1922. He added a postscript — with his most direct attack on Stalin — on Jan. 4, 1923. Lenin died in January 1924. But in most of his final year he was incapable of expressing himself because of his fatal illness.

Warned Against Split
 In the letter, Lenin, leader of the Bolshevik Revolution and a revered figure in the Communist world, commented frankly on the qualities and defects of Soviet leaders of the time and warned with prophetic words against a party split because of bad blood between Stalin and Trotsky.

Stalin, he wrote, had "concentrated in his hands immense power and I am not sure he will always be able to use sufficient care in using this power." He proposed that the leadership find a way to remove him as general secretary, a post which Stalin used as a springboard to his later supreme authority.

Analyses Trotsky
 Lenin criticized Trotsky for his self-confidence and praised him for his ability. He said the differences between Stalin and Trotsky could lead to a split in the party "and if our party does not take steps to prevent it the split could happen unexpectedly."

The party leaders of the time received Lenin's communication and discussed it — but did not make it public. A majority of them regarded Lenin's warning. Later most of these leaders were executed by Stalin in the treason trials of the 30's. Trotsky himself was expelled from the party, exiled from the Soviet Union, and in 1940 was assassinated in Mexico.

Kept From Public
 A text of Lenin's testament was published abroad. In the 20's it was discussed at public Soviet party meetings by party leaders and in 1927 Stalin even quoted from it part of Lenin's opinion of him. But its text was still kept from the Soviet public.

From 1927 on the testament was only very rarely and obliquely referred to in Soviet publications. Soviet citizens were intensively indoctrinated with the belief that Stalin was Lenin's closest friend and adviser and Trotsky his blood enemy. Everywhere in the Soviet Union there were hung copies of a photograph showing Lenin and Stalin seated together at Lenin's rest home outside Moscow. Very few Soviet citizens of the postwar period even knew of the existence of such a document till this year.

Sec. Benson Tells Grazing Regulations

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson Friday announced conditions under which grazing will be permitted on acreage reserve lands.

Under the soil bank act, acreage reserve land may not be grazed unless the secretary finds it necessary to prevent damage, hardship or suffering caused by severe drought, flood or other natural disaster.

Friday's announcement said special permission for grazing will be granted when the area has been officially designated a major disaster area; when the governor of the state in which designated counties are located certifies there is need to permit grazing because of natural disaster and when the secretary determines it is necessary to alleviate damage and hardship.

At present 145 counties in nine states are designated as eligible for the emergency feed grain program. Farmers and ranchers in those counties are eligible to receive special assistance to maintain their foundation herds of livestock.

Benson said a main reason for the ban on grazing of soil bank reserve acreage under normal conditions is to avoid an incentive for increased livestock and dairy production.

Sea Monster Back at Work

KELOWNA, B.C. (AP)—Ogopogo, British Columbia's legendary landlocked sea monster, has been reported splashing happily back in the blue waters of Lake Okanagan.

Four girls claimed they distinctly saw Ogopogo's "smooth round humps" about a quarter of a mile offshore near the Kelowna ferry wharf.

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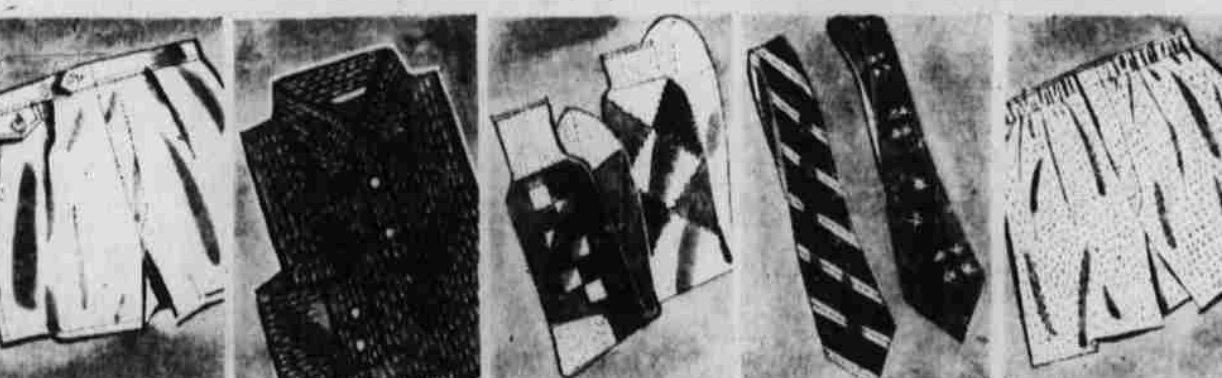
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