

Soviet Stress on 'Spies' May Foreshadow Top-Level Purge

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Soviet domestic propaganda once again is turning the Russian public's attention to be vigilant against spies and enemy agents. The pattern, old as the 40-year-old USSR denotes political fireworks in the offing.

U.S. Commie Party Blasted By Moscow

MOSCOW, Jan. 5 (U.P.)—Party Life, the monthly journal of the Soviet Communist Central Committee, today blasted right-wingers of the American Communist party for attempting what it called "open revision of Marxism-Leninism." It said these revisionist views were dangerous.

U.S. Military Contracts Aid Japan's Economy

TOKYO, Jan. 5 (U.P.)—U.S. military expenditures in Japan last year poured about 470 million dollars into the Japanese economy. More than half was spent on contracts with Japanese firms for coal, transportation, food products, office machine repairs and office supplies.

It was so after Stalin's death, too. A vigilance campaign preceded the 1953 purge of Police Boss L. P. Beria. It popped up late in 1954 before the remnants of the Beria group were executed, and before Georgi Malenkov fell from the premiership in 1955.

"Now the campaign is starting all over again," said the journal.

Shadow Spies
Soviet military service papers are running numerous articles reporting capture of shadow foreign spies who attempt to penetrate Russian borders by land and sea. It has a ring of fantasy to Western ears, but must sound ominous to world Communists.

Such campaigns usually have aimed at preparing a climate for tightening internal controls and executing action against persons in high places.

There is evidence that world communism feels threatened by events in Europe. There is also evidence that the finger of blame points toward those who destroyed the Stalin legend, led by Communist boss N.S. Khrushchev and the small group he heads within the present Soviet collective leadership.

Straw in Wind
The Chinese Communists provide straws in the wind. Last April they heartily backed the Khrushchev anti-Stalin line. Now the Chinese Politburo goes a long way in the opposite direction. The revision was made, said the Politburo, because of "events" since April, including the Hungarian revolt and the "struggle against revisionism."

The pattern suggests a realignment in the Kremlin to prevent future mistakes. Recently I talked to high-ranking Yugoslav Communists. Well informed on Communist affairs, these Belgrade sources gave the following picture:

There is a definite split in the Kremlin. One side of the collective leadership includes Khrushchev, A. I. Mikoyan, N. A. Bulganin and Maxim Saburov, who only recently suffered a demotion as an economic planner. On the other are Malenkov, V. M. Molotov, Mikhail Suslov, L. M. Kaganovich and Mikhail Pervukhin, all regarded as Stalinists.

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Slayer



KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 5—Guy Earl Cramer, 76, sits in sheriff's office after he killed one and wounded two others in courthouse here yesterday. Cramer said he got a "raw deal" on welfare checks. (AP Wirephoto) (Story on page 1.)

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Wilson Aide Denies Link to Wife's Firm

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (U.P.)—Asst. Secretary of Defense Robert Tripp Ross said today that before he entered government service he severed connections with a firm headed by his wife. That firm holds defense contracts.

He told a newsman, in answer to a question, that in view of the fact he is not connected with the firm there is "no reason for me to talk" to Secretary of Defense Wilson about the matter.

The Senate Investigations subcommittee yesterday began investigating whether a conflict of interest might be involved in an \$834,150 contract for Army clothing awarded last November to Wynn Enterprises, Inc., of Knoxville, Tenn. Mrs. Claire Wynn Ross, the defense official's wife, is president of that company.

Mrs. Ross said Thursday her husband had nothing to do with her firm getting the award. She said her bid was lowest by \$75,000. The contract was for 249,000 pairs of lightweight cotton trousers.

Ross, formerly a vice president of Wynn Enterprises, said he cut his connections with the company in February 1952 after winning election to Congress from the 6th District of New York. He was appointed assistant secretary for legislative and public affairs on March 14, 1955.

Records show that Ross also was a former officer of the Southern Athletic Co. of Knoxville, Tenn.

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Solons Hear Food Stamps Cost Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (U.P.)—The Agriculture Department told an inquiring Congress today that a food stamp plan for improving diets would cost the government between 600 million and 2 1/2 billion dollars a year, depending on its scope.

The smaller figure would be the cost if the plan were limited to persons receiving some kind of welfare assistance. The larger would be the cost if all persons were assured diets costing an average of \$3.50 a week, based on purchases by a four-person family.

The department made these estimates in a report requested by the last Congress. Legislators had asked the department to study stamp plans as a means of preventing the further accumulation of surplus farm products in the hands of the government.

The department itself made no recommendations as to whether a stamp plan should be authorized by Congress.

In another report also requested by Congress, the department took a negative attitude toward proposals that the government establish stockpiles of food as a safe guard against shortages in event of an enemy attack.

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Linguist Records Klamath Indian Language



TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 5—Phillip Barker of Tagoma, who is seeking to preserve the unrecorded language of the Klamath Indians, demonstrates, in first two lines, how a Klamath might say "A good year. How are you." In drawing above Barker illustrates how he used filing cards in his study of the language. (AP Wirephoto)

2 Onion-Eating Elephants To Join Inaugural Parade

JEFFERSON, Ohio, Jan. 5 (U.P.)—Don't be surprised if you smell onions at the President's inaugural parade Jan. 21. Particularly if it's a chilly day.

One of the participants probably will have eaten a 50-pound bag of onions; another a slightly smaller amount.

The likely offenders are Miss Burma, the Republican party's elephant mascot, and a smaller elephant called Little Miss Burma.

"With elephants, onions are a stimulant," explains Jake Mills.

2 Cons Flee at Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 5 (U.P.)—Two Tacoma robbers escaped from the state prison today, ditching a truck in their flight which was discovered only a few minutes after they left.

The pair was identified as Benny Tipton, 26, and Walter Gillespie, 24. Both were received at the penitentiary early in 1955 under sentences of up to 20 years for robbery.

They had since been transferred to the minimum security building and were working as feeders in the dairy farm when they left the institution.

Guard Captain William Works said they drove away from the barn in a state truck but ran it in a ditch before they left prison property. They attempted to hail a woman motorist who sped away and called the prison just as a guard noted their absence.

An immediate search of the region was instituted and Works said he doubts they could have gone very far.

Death Claims G. A. Oberson

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., Jan. 5—George A. Oberson, 74, late resident of Independence, died in an Albany rest home Saturday morning following an illness of several years.

He was born in Annendale, Minn., Dec. 1899. He had lived most of his life in Independence, moving here with his parents when he was a young boy. He was a retired poolroom operator.

Surviving are four brothers, Fred and Joe Oberson, Independence; Jim Oberson, Stanfield and Henry Oberson, Albany; one sister, Mrs. Rose Clodfelter, Salem.

Services will be at Smith-Krueger Mortuary, Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Hill Top Cemetery. The Rev. Robert Duncan will officiate.

Wreck Kills Bend Man

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (U.P.)—Hubert W. Pickens, 67, of Bend, died today of injuries he suffered last night when a car in which he was riding plunged off Highway 26 near Government Camp and landed upside down in an icy stream.

Mr. Pickens was on his way to work when the accident occurred. He was a well-known figure in the community.

The car was traveling southbound on Highway 26 when it lost control and fell into the stream. The driver was killed instantly.

The Oregon State Highway Patrol is investigating the cause of the accident. It is believed that icy conditions may have played a role.

The family of Mr. Pickens is mourning his loss. He was a devoted husband and father.

The funeral will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. at the local funeral home.

Interment will be in the local cemetery. The family requests that friends keep condolences to a minimum.

The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Astoria	31	22	00
Baker	21	14	00
Medford	32	25	00
North Bend	48	30	00
Portland	43	25	00
Salem	41	25	00
Chicago	31	22	00
Denver	30	18	00
Fort Worth	40	41	00
Los Angeles	63	51	23
Miami	81	64	00
Minneapolis	23	1	00
New York	36	24	00
San Francisco	53	41	02
Seattle	39	25	00
Spokane	28	14	00
Washington, D.C.	42	30	00

Today's forecast (from U.S. Weather Bureau, McNary-Field, Salem): Sunny today, becoming mostly cloudy tonight and Monday. High today 40, low tonight 32. Willamette River, 6.1 feet. Temp. 12.91 a.m. today 26.

Neuberger Puts Hungary Ahead Of Middle East

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (U.P.)—Asked to comment on President Eisenhower's Mideast proposals today, Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said: "If we are to risk war, I would rather do it over Hungary than over the Middle East. The administration let the brave rebels of Hungary be slaughtered with only a few feeble cablegrams of protest. Now the administration is ready for armed action in the Middle East—contrary to all the President's promises during the political campaign of no American involvement."

"Of course I realize that American oil interests do not own the

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Polish Red Leaders Fear Election Loss

LODZ, Poland, Jan. 5 (U.P.)—The Polish United Workers'—Communist—party today admitted that the parliamentary seats of some of its leaders are in danger.

It called on its flagging membership to make a "tremendous mobilization effort" to whip up public support before the Jan. 20 national election.

The party's "worker's agency" distributed a statement by Andrew Werblan, chief of electoral propaganda, scoring apathy and disunion among party members.

He said it was imperative to fight the voters' negative attitude towards "central activists," top party men who are standing for election in provincial districts.

The election is on the single list of the National Front made up of the Communist party, Poland's two other tolerated parties and representatives of social organizations such as the trades union.

All candidates are pledged to support the United Workers party's "Polish road to socialism," but the electorate has a limited choice of candidates.

Because of this new—though limited—freedom the United Workers' party is likely to lose its outright majority in Parliament.

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