

Shakeup Seen In Justice Dept.

House Investigators Eye Prime Target

WASHINGTON (AP)—A top Justice Department official was reported Thursday to be a prime target of House investigators in hearings starting next Tuesday.

Rep. Chelf (D-Ky.), chairman of the special judiciary subcommittee investigating the department, declined to identify the official beyond saying he is still in the department.

MAJOR RESHUFFLE

Most of the top assistants to former Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath have resigned or have been given new duties in a department shakeup instituted by McGrath's successor, James P. McGranery.

The subcommittee is known to have been working on one official "in particular" for some time, and investigators reported they now think they have the "missing link" of evidence they needed.

Chelf gave no indication of the nature of the committee's case, but said there would be some "surprising revelations."

Since taking over the Justice Department helm, McGranery has got along well with the department's critics on Capitol Hill and has won Chelf's praise for his "co-operation" in the ensuing shakeup.

LAWYER SACKED

Committee sources say the shuffle is not yet completed, and predict that others in the department will feel the axe. One of the latest to go was James A. Mullally, 52, long-time lawyer in the department's Criminal Division, who was suspended late Wednesday pending an investigation of his "outside activities."

Mullally recently had been assigned to the division's racket unit, which has been correlating reports from special grand juries assigned to racket investigations around the country.

McGranery declined to elaborate on the reasons for his suspension but officials said it had "nothing to do with the way in which he has been handling in the Criminal Division."



GEORGI MALENKOV
Stalin's Successor?

Red Premier, Stalin Confer

MOSCOW (AP)—Red China's Premier Chou En-lai conferred at the Kremlin Wednesday night with Prime Minister Stalin—making it evident the generalissimo is keeping in closest touch with the current Chinese-Soviet talks here.

Diplomats regarded the visit, at which top aides of both leaders were present, as more than a courtesy call and predicted it would be the first of a series of such talks while Chou is here as the chief of a delegation seeking stronger ties between Russia and China.

It was recalled that Stalin personally steered negotiations leading to the 1950 Soviet-Chinese Treaty, which is the basis today for co-operation between the two big Communist nations.

An official communique after Wednesday night's meeting did not reveal how long it lasted or what subjects were covered.

Woman Injured

LEABURG — Octalene Lillick, 43, McKenzie Trout Hatchery, Leaburg, suffered slight shoulder injuries when her car went out of control and rolled over about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, according to state police. The accident happened on the McKenzie Highway north of Deerhorn.

Malenkov Seen as Next Red Ruler

WASHINGTON (AP)—A solid clue pointing to Russia's next ruler may emerge from the full dress meeting of the Communist party congress in Moscow Oct. 5.

And American diplomats will not be surprised if tough, 50-year-old Georgi Malenkov steps up as Josef Stalin's personal choice as next Russian Prime Minister.

In fact, some suspect Stalin's aim in staging the whole affair may be to give a formal, open hint as to who the next boss should be.

This may be Stalin's way, they believe, of lessening the possibility of a bloody struggle for power within the Communist high command after he dies.

CHAIRMAN KEY JOB

Until they have more time to analyze Moscow's announcement of the calling of the first Communist congress since 1939, American diplomats say this is more theory than fact. But here is what they think:

Stalin's heir apparent will be the man who is chosen to be chairman of the new Praesidium, to be organized at the meeting to replace the Politburo.

The 12-man Politburo, now the top governing body, has no chairman or chief executive. But a Praesidium under the Russian setup generally does have one.

'POT WASHER BLOWS TOP

NEWPORT, Wales (AP)—The park gardener's 15-year-old assistant just couldn't stand flower pots.

Day after day, week after week, he had to wash the pesky things instead of looking after the flowers.

The final straw came when people began calling him "pot washer" when he was out with his girl.

So he raged through the potting shed and broke the stems of 328 prize chrysanthemums valued at 125 pounds \$350—and to make matters worse, he left a note calling his boss a "pig headed slave driver."

"He must have gone berserk," pleaded his counsel.

The Newport Juvenile Court fined the pot-washer five pounds

Anyone picked for this job would automatically be proclaimed publicly as the most important Communist in Russia next to Stalin.

It is entirely possible that Stalin himself will be designated chairman of the new Praesidium. But if so, why for the first time since 1925 is he not to give the main address to the congress, the report of the Central Committee?

IMPORTANT SPEECH

This is a sort of state of the union speech summing up Communist stewardship of the Soviet Union since the last congress met. In this case it will cover a 13-year

period and will be especially important.

Malenkov, a Communist party wheel who worked his way up from the ranks like Stalin, is now scheduled to give this report, the most important thing on the agenda.

Furthermore, neither Marshal Beria, head of the Soviet secret police and Deputy Prime Minister Malenkov's main rival, nor Deputy Premier V. M. Molotov, is scheduled at this time to play any prominent role in the congress party session. This may be a clue that Molotov is being pushed into the background, since he read the Central Committee Secretariat under Stalin.

two previous congress meetings, in 1934 and 1939.

Milotov is 62 and his age has been considered a factor against him in speculation on Stalin's successor.

American officials know little about Malenkov except that several years ago he launched a determined campaign to make sure the floors of all Soviet factories were kept clean.

He also was a key figure in setting up the Cominform, the guiding Soviet policy bureau for Russia's Eastern Europe satellites. At present, he is a member of the Central Committee Secretariat under Stalin.

Onion Editor Sees Value In

Mrs. John R. Upson, Junction City, Ore., Wednesday told the onion editor she has a potato worth 2 pounds 2 ounces, more like a squash.

The wonderful thing her potato, Mrs. Upson said, is that it weighs 2 pounds 2 ounces, that makes it worth about 18 cents a pound, in the bag, value put any premium on spud's value as a crop

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