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## Beria Case Indicates Rise Of Red Army's Influence

Editor's note—William L. Ryan, AP foreign news analyst, is back in the United States after a three-month tour of duty as an AP correspondent in the Soviet Union. He talked with some of the men who are influential in Russia and he talked also with scores of everyday Russians in light of the republics of the U.S.S.R. This is his appraisal of the current setup in the post-Stalin government, and of some of the aspects of the Beria case spotlighted by last Wednesday's announcement that Beria had confessed and been committed to trial.

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Moscow's handling of the Beria case demonstrates clearly the diminishing of secret police power in the Soviet Union and at the same time a rise in power and influence of the Soviet army.

Suddenly and surprisingly, the case against the former police boss, Lavrenty Pavlovich Beria, has been dragged from its obscurity and has become the subject for intensive propaganda.

This treatment reinforces the impression that the remaining rulers of the Communist party empire have been forced to gather into an uneasy collective leadership which might better be called collective security.

The impression was unanimous in a few days ago among foreign observers in Moscow that the party wanted the Beria case to be forgotten—that some day the party would simply announce Beria had been convicted and executed.

Not somebody obviously opposed to the idea. The evidence points to the army. Recently at one of the state affairs which call for memorable toasts, I heard Marshal Georgia Zhukov express himself in a way which seemed to suggest resentment with the party and impatience to have a final chapter written in the career of Beria.

Zhukov, popular military hero of World War II, had been asked to contribute to the toasts. Looked grim and solemn—and obvi-

ously disapproving the carryings on of the Communist party big shots present—Zhukov recalled that "justice" had been the subject of one of the toasts. He announced he wanted only to support the toast to justice.

Sharp-faced Anastas I. Mikoyan, once mentor of Beria in the Communist party, snapped: "What's the matter, Zhukov, can't you think up your own toast?" Stolidly Zhukov intoned: "I wish to support the toast to justice."

**REMOVAL OPPOSED**  
The removal of Beria apparently went against the wishes of at least some of the present six members of the ruling Communist party hierarchy. Mikoyan, for example, is the man who started Beria on his Communist party career. It was Mikoyan who selected him for special work with the Bolsheviks in the days when they were fighting the strong anti-Bolsheviks in Baku, Azerbaijan capital, which now is the Soviet Union's oil center.

There are indications that rivalry still exists among the top members of the Communist hierarchy, and the impression one takes out of Moscow is that the collective leadership holds together only because it must in the face of a definite threat.

The threat seems to come from the army. And, in Beria, the army now is getting rid of a man it actually considered its enemy.

He was the head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and, with his own past private police army, intruded upon the authority and dignity of the regular armed forces.

The destruction of Beria and his most trusted aides reduces the power of the MVD, and the lessening of MVD power means a weakening of the Communist party's police arm.

Now there appears to be a stand-off between the Communist party and the army, a sort of uneasy truce with each watching the other carefully.

Thus, the collective leadership being talked about by the Communist party since the death of Stalin is real in this respect: It is a collective of six individuals

who rule the party and government together because this is no time for any one of them to attempt to emerge as the dictatorial boss.

These six are Premier Malenkov, party leader S. Khrushchev, Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, Defense Minister Nicolai Bulganin, Vice Premier Lazar Kaganovich and Trade Minister Mikoyan. There are three others on the presidium but they do not figure as rulers. These are Marshal Klementi Y. Voroshilov, a figurehead who was a comrade-in-arms of Stalin and now occupies the wholly honorary position of president; Mikhail Saburov and M. G. Perukhin, who are industrial experts dragged into top spots by the force of events.

There is no single boss, apparently because none wants to occupy that uncomfortable position at this juncture.

It seemed logical up to a short time ago to suppose that these rulers, having shelved and incarcerated Beria, would have preferred to let the whole thing pass gradually into oblivion without raking up the whole story again through a publicized though not public trial.

Somebody wanted the humiliation of Beria and the MVD to be finalized, to be brought home dramatically to the Soviet people. That could only have been the army.

**AWKWARD FOR PARTY**  
For the party, the Beria case is awkward. Beria, according to the Soviet encyclopedia published in 1950 and still embarrassingly present in current sets in the U.S.S.R., "carried out great work in destroying the Menshevik, Dashnak and Mussavittist parties" after the revolution. But last Wednesday they accused him of having been an agent of those groups. The encyclopedia says he defeated "the Trotskyist and other anti-party groups which had gone into the anti-Soviet underground and joined with the remnants of anti-Soviet parties and intelligence services of the capitalist countries."

Last Wednesday Beria was accused of having served the Trotskyists and the capitalist countries.

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