

# Does Calling of Red Congress Mean World War III Near?

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Stalin's Successor?—George Malenkov, 50, figured prominently, observers believe, in the major strengthening of the Soviet Russian dictatorship following the calling of the all-union communist party congress. Malenkov is mentioned frequently as the chosen successor of Dictator Joseph Stalin.

Moscow's announcement Wednesday of the convocation October 5 of the first all-union communist party congress in 13 years indicates a strengthening of the Soviet dictatorship along the line.

This announcement has been the making since 1947, but its timing gives it implications which can mean the difference between war and peace.

Moscow's announcement that it is doing away with the Politburo does not mean abolition of an all-powerful governing body.

On the contrary, the announced new Presidium, to act between sessions of the Party Central Committee, will have more power.

It will take over the duties of the Organizations Bureau (Orgburo), which controls the appointment of key officials throughout the party and government network.

The announcement once again brings mysterious George Malenkov, 50, owl-faced protégé of Stalin, sharply to the fore.

Malenkov probably has had more of a hand in this revision of a series in Soviet history—than any other man. It is Malenkov who is most widely regarded as the successor to Stalin.

As long as five years ago, Malenkov forecast his move when he said in an address that the Central Committee was preparing a new program for the Communist Party because the program in use was obsolete. He also said there should be new statutes for the party.

If the program was long in the preparation, it will be swift in execution, and will be hailed by the controlled Soviet press as a step "toward Communism" and toward peace. It will likely be selfless.

Westerners have long awaited this announcement.

The last All-Union Congress of the Communist Party was in March, 1939. Competent diplomatic observers have been saying that when the Kremlin decided to call the 19th Congress, it would indicate that the Russians felt themselves in danger of World War III.

The last All-Union Congress was called on a wave of "peace" slogans, ominously similar to those in current use by Soviet propagandists today. It came at a time when Europe nervously awaited the blow that meant war.

Police Chief L. P. Beria, sidekick of Malenkov and a top Communist power, indicated that forces were being mended and possible opposition was being routed out all along the line.

Malenkov, then a young and rising power as Stalin's personal secretary, read the riot act of the Communists at the 1939 party congress. His harshly worded strictures left little doubt that he spoke with the greatest of authority.

When the war intervened in the progress of the Soviet dictatorship the ruling clique backtracked somewhat, the toll of war had been so heavy and the suffering of the Soviet people so great that too harsh an application of the dictatorship was inadvisable.

Now, apparently, the rulers of the Kremlin consider themselves strong enough once again to call an All-Union Congress, convening many Communists from all corners of the Soviet Union in one place.

## Traffic Safety Theme in Booth

Vivid accident photographs showing the destruction of life and property on Oregon's highways will sell a message of traffic safety at this year's state fair booth sponsored by the secretary of state.

The photos will come from the file of grisly accident pictures collected by the traffic safety division. They will be shown in an effort to remind state fair goers to drive safely on their way home from the fair and will apply directly to the anticipated crowds attending during the three day Labor day week-end when the state fair will open.

Other features of the booth will be driver license information panels; and a driver "reactometer" which will measure the time it takes an individual to react to sudden emergencies.

**Contract Awarded**

A \$515,884 contract for paving a five-mile section of the Pacific highway south of Medford was awarded Wednesday to T. W. Thomps, Portland, by the State Highway Commission.

There are about 150 species of true lice which live on mammals by sucking their blood.

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It is likely that this time any vestige of opposition was done away with quietly but competently. The swing around the Southern republics by Soviet

# Changing 99E in South To Cost State \$9 Millions

By BILL FORCE (United Press Correspondent)

The state of Oregon is pouring nearly \$9,000,000 into the southern part of the state to change the motorist's-eye-view of highway 99. State highway engineers said Thursday the giant project is moving rapidly toward completion.

When it is finished, Highway 99, the inter-regional highway, will be one of the sleekest high-speed traffic channels in the west, avoiding the block-by-block traffic signals of city streets and time-consuming 25-mile-per-hour speed zones.

The new 99 will be free of the right-angle turns that for years have plagued motorists, truckers and carriers as the highway snaked through small lumbering towns. Signs like "Narrow Bridge Ahead," "Slow Congested Zones," and "Sharp Curves" will become a thing of the past from Eugene to the California border south of Ashland.

Now under construction is the Divide-Rice Hill section, largest of the Highway 99 projects south of Eugene. Work costing some

\$3,000,000 has been awarded to contractors, and contracts worth another \$1,300,000 are yet to be awarded.

W. C. Williams, first assistant highway engineer, said the entire section should be under contract in 1953. The project bypasses Drain and Yoncalla.

Another section by-passing Oakland and Sutherlin is under construction, with the exception of a few minor structures such as bridges, culverts and underpasses. Total estimated cost is \$2,300,000.

Smallest of the by-pass projects is that at Gold Hill. Contracts have just been let and work is now underway for a total cost of \$1,000,000.

Within the next month the highway commission will let

# Astoria C of C Tries to End Strike

Astoria, Ore.—The Chamber of Commerce Thursday stepped in to the fishermen's strike picture here to try to help reach a settlement to the walkout before the August commercial fishing contracts on the Medford-Ashland section of 99 where extra width and some relocation costing \$1,000,000 will relieve the traffic-glutted artery between the two southern Oregon cities. Bids have already been received.

season ends on the Columbia river.

The season closes August 26 until September 10.

Directors of the chamber met Wednesday with the striking Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union and said they would also meet with the packers.

The union said negotiations were continuing with four of six canneries involved in the strike. The union was halted by temporary restraining orders from picketing two canneries, but pickets remained in front of the four with which negotiations are continuing.

The union struck for higher prices.

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