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STALIN'S FATAL ILLNESS

Moscow radio has announced that Premier Josef Stalin on the night of March 2 had a sudden brain hemorrhage affecting vital areas of the brain, which has developed a paralysis of the right leg and arm with loss of consciousness and speech. His condition remains serious, with considerable disturbance of breathing and high blood pressure and temperature.

Stalin's grave illness bears a close resemblance to the malady that killed his predecessor, V. I. Lenin, in 1924. Lenin suffered hardening of the brain arteries which, as in Stalin's case, paralyzed his right arm and leg and impaired his speech. But his illness was a lingering one that lasted two years.

Early in 1922 doctors told Lenin, founder and guiding spirit of Soviet communism, that he had cerebral sclerosis. They ordered him to cease daily work. In December of 1922 Lenin began to lose his power of speech and became paralyzed on his right side. He died January 21, 1924, at Gorky, near Moscow.

It is the opinion in Washington and has been for some time that Stalin near death is more dangerous than Stalin alive and in good health, because of the inevitable struggle for power in the politburo, which may result in World War III.

Stalin has had unlimited power, whether he left a political will and testament is unknown, and there is no likelihood that it would be respected if he did, by those left out. He has had final say in the course of the cold war.

It was Stalin who ordered the ruthless seizure of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and all the other satellite states which today Russia exploits behind the iron curtain. And it was Stalin who sent the North Korean communists invading South Korea in June, 1950, and ordered the Red Chinese intervention in the Korean war.

It was after Yalta that Stalin suffered his first heart attack and sometime after that his first stroke. In later years, his left side was slightly paralyzed.

Stalin was firm in the belief that western capitalism must eventually destroy itself, without the use of Russian troops. He practiced propaganda and infiltration, utilizing local communists directed from Moscow, to bring about the enslavement of free nations, with global warfare the last resort, but the dream of world conquest was his inspiration.

The three who ruled with Stalin on the Council of Ministers and Central committee most prominently mentioned as possible heirs are Vyacheslav Molotov, George Malenkov and Laurenti Beria, head of the Russian secret police and in charge of slave labor. None of the big three apparently have any use for the others and all have echoed the Stalinist "Hate America" campaign.

Under new leadership Russia might abandon the theories of communist world conquest and subside into its own sphere but developments of the succession will have to be awaited and the "Sword of Damocles" still hangs over the West.

REJECTING THE RED BARTER OFFER

Churchill took a lofty ground in rejecting a communist hint that the Reds would be willing to release a British business man, Edgar Sanders, whom they were detaining in Hungary to face spy charges, if the British would free one Lee Meng, Chinese girl guerrilla chief under sentence of death in Malaya.

Churchill pointed out that justice must not be compromised by such a deal, but must take its proper course in Malaya, or presumably anywhere else in the British realm, and that Sanders was being held without cause in Hungary, though this will have no bearing on what the Reds decide to do about him.

While probably not so intended the Churchill stand implies a criticism of U.S. policy in the Vogeler case. Here we made a somewhat comparable deal to secure the freedom of one of our own citizens, a step we have not repeated in the Ostia case, possibly because too high a price was demanded.

We would have more respect for Churchill's ringing words, whether we agreed with them or not, were it not for British conduct in China. Britain ships goods into China every day, including military supplies that help China kill British soldiers in Korea. This deplorable attitude contrasts so sharply with the high moral line Churchill is currently taking as to recall the old saying: "What you are speaks so loudly I can't hear what you say."

SUPPORT YOUR RED CROSS DRIVE

We say "your" Red Cross drive because this is exactly what it is. Much of the money stays in Marion county to finance the Red Cross work here though a portion of it goes into the treasure chest of "the greatest mother in the world," to finance her deeds of mercy wherever the need arises, as it does and always will.

The local program, of which the blood bank is possibly the best known at present, but actually only one phase, should particularly impress potential contributors, for it is natural to consider the needs at home more urgent than those far away.

Unfortunately our local Red Cross record has not been good. For three straight years we have failed to meet our quota. Surpluses previously created by generous giving are exhausted. The local Red Cross is now "on its own," its backlog spent, its activities limited strictly to what the people give.

So it is up to us if we want the Red Cross program continued, and of course we do. So give generously.

Grants Pass Company Far East Trade Meet Gets Loan from RFC 'Complete Success'

Washington (AP)—A \$50,000 loan has been approved by the reconstruction finance corporation for the Marks Lumber company of Grants Pass, Ore.

The loan will enable the firm to increase production of rough green pine. The RFC said half the loan would be used for purchase of timber and half for working capital.

Manila (AP)—Thirty seven nations Wednesday ended the second U. N. Asian and Far East Trade Promotion Conference and delegates called it a "complete success."

Chairman Cornelio Balmaceda of the Philippines said the 10-day meeting "will stand out as one of the most widely attended and successful world conferences ever held for the promotion of international commerce."

LEGISLATORS as Seen by Murray Wade



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

25-Year-Old Now Rated Vital Factor in the Business World

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Every field has its elder statesman. In American politics today it is Bernard Baruch. In baseball for many years it was Connie Mack.

In the American business world it is the 25-year man. The 25-year man is the wheel-horse of office and factory, a vital link between the oldest member of the board of directors and the newest office boy.

Time was when the man who celebrated his 25th anniversary on the job did so with a glum feeling of wasted youth. The best he could hope for was a pat on his faithful back, and the worst was a look in his boss's eye that said, "H-mm, maybe I'd better start looking around for a younger man."

Today the 25-year man is a kind of hero of business, a symbol of achievement. Many firms now periodically take out full page ads bragging to the public about the number of such veterans they have on the payroll.

For example: "You don't have to worry when your little girl plays with Acme tiddlywinks. Yes, Acme tiddlywinks are completely safe. Four out of five craftsmen in Acme's giant tiddlywinks plant have spent 25 or more years on the job. That sells experience. Acme craftsmen know better than to leave any sharp edges on our tiddlywinks, because their own grandchildren play with them, too."

The present value placed on years of service has made the 25-year man a vital figure in industry, and he is now recognized as a morale factor. The trend is toward rewarding him with something more substantial than a form letter of appreciation.

Take a typical case in the Acme tiddlywinks works. Old Joe Ten-thumbs, a quarter century to the day from the morning he punched his first time clock, goes to work feeling a bit sorry for himself.

He still feels that way when suddenly the noon lunch whistle blows two minutes early. A group of grinning fellow workers surround dazed Joe and break into "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The boss then steps up and fastens into his lapel the Acme firm's 25-year pin—a huge tiddlywink emblazoned with the figure "25" and with Joe's name on the back of it.

Joe is led in for a lunch with the firm's officials but is too excited inside to eat much. "Without men like you, Joe, we'd be out of business," the president says, and hands him a bonus check of \$25—a buck for each year—"and just a token, of course."

Joe is then told to take the rest of the day off, and he trudges home blinded by the realization that all these years he has meant something.

His wife may say, "They could have given you a trip to Europe." The other men on the vast tiddlywinks assembly line may kid him, "with that pin and a dime you can get a bus ride." And it may be true even that in Joe's own case his 25-year pin may represent the triumph of endurance over inability.

It makes no difference. Joe Ten-thumbs is ever afterward of higher stature, a person of more importance. He is an elder statesman, the other workers pay him a grudging respect, and his opinions are valued, even if he sometimes makes himself a nuisance with them.

If a new hired hand complains, "There's a dead mouse in the water cooler," the boss replies, "How could there be?" But if old 25-year man Joe says it, the boss answers, "Well, Joe, we'll have to see about that—I guess." They have to listen to Joe—he's got experience behind him.

And Joe himself secretly has a new goal. He looks forward to his fiftieth anniversary on the job. He wants to become the first man in the plant to win a 25-year pin with an oak leaf cluster.

Counterfeit Half Dollars Passed Here

The appearance of counterfeit half dollars in town this week prompted Chief of Police Clyde Warren today to request that merchants be on the lookout for the fake coins. If any are spotted, a description of the coin passer should be noted and the police notified immediately, he said.

Two of the coins were reportedly passed in a local tavern.

Police Department Adds Two Officers

The city police department added two new officers this week to replace two men who resigned recently, Chief Clyde A. Warren announced.

The new men are Frank Perlow, Jr., 25, 1125 South 19th street, and William Vanderhoof, 25, 1040 Spruce street. Both are World War II veterans. Perlow is a navy veteran and was recently employed as a guard at the state penitentiary. Vanderhoof was recently discharged from the army.

Their appointments will be temporary until they pass city civil service exams and serve their probation period.

Wholesale Food Prices Again Hiked

New York (AP)—Wholesale food prices, as measured by the Dun & Bradstreet food index, registered their fourth successive advance this week.

The index climbed to \$6.28, highest level so far this year, from \$6.21 in the preceding week, but was well below the \$6.56 recorded in the comparable week a year ago.

Previous high for this year was \$6.25 on January 13. The low was \$6.13 on February 3. The index represents the total cost at wholesale of one pound each of 31 foods in general use.

PLEADS FOR RED CROSS

Gov. Paul L. Patterson urged Tuesday that everyone give generously to the Red Cross "to represent humanity in action to serve wherever help is needed."

"Hitting the hay" is a realistic experience at the state industrial school for girls. Matron Hopkins' report states that many of the girls sleep on pallets of hay in rooms and corridors. She has been authorized to purchase proper bedding to relieve present conditions.

I. G. McDaniel, assistant manager of the Commercial club, has been appointed secretary of the social service center.

No Wage Increase Says General Electric

New York (AP)—A spokesman for the General Electric company, says GE has given the CIO International Union of Electrical Workers "no indication that any wage adjustment was contemplated at this time."

The statement came at the end of Tuesday's opening session of wage talks. The IUE sought an increase of 21 cents an hour and other benefits for its 71,000 workers in 60 of GE's plants in the nation. The union says GE production workers now average \$1.83 an hour for straight time.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Young Bob Has His Father's Courage, Plus More Stability

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — For 46 years there was a member of the La Follette family in the United States senate. And for even longer there has been a La Follette in Washington.

In a way there still is. Up in the capitol, where every state is permitted to place two of its most cherished heroes, stands the statue of the elder Bob La Follette. Actually the elder Bob sits, sits and muses, and looks out on the stream of tourists which flock by him in such numbers that the tip of his bronze shoe is worn shiny where thousands of admirers touch his feet.

If that statue were able to think, or if the elder Bob is able to look down and know that his eldest son, named for him, took his own life the other day, he should not be too harsh on him.

In a way, it was through thinking of his father that young Bob took his own life. He felt he had let old Bob down.

Actually he hadn't. Following in the footsteps of a man as brilliant and meteoric as the elder Bob, a man who had run for president, had come so close to building up a third party, had held the state of Wisconsin and much of the northwest in the hollow of his hand, was a difficult thing to do.

But in the opinion of his fellow senators, young Bob had all the courage of the old man, with more stability.

COMMUNISTS VOTED FOR MCCARTHY

He put across the LaFollette-Monroe bill for the reorganization of congress. He bucked the National Association of Manufacturers in a long expose of civil liberties infractions, showed how they covertly spent money to influence the press, how they even secretly subsidized congressman - columnist George Sokolsky. He exposed the murders of coal operators in Harlan county, Ky., he was the top presiding officer of the senate, and he dared buck FDR on lifting the arms embargo when he, like his father, feared we would drift into war.

But having fought big business just as vigorously as his father, and sometimes more effectively, young Bob accumulated enemies — powerful enemies.

And they concentrated everything they had to defeat him in 1946. The NAM poured in money, and left-wing labor poured in votes. It's an ironic twist of fate that the 5,396-vote margin by which Bob La Follette was defeated came from the communist party, which went all-out against him.

And the man they voted for and who defeated Bob welcomed their support. "They have a right to vote, haven't they?" Joseph R. McCarthy told newsmen.

HUMDRUM LAW PRACTICE

After young Bob's defeat, he was considered for various federal jobs, such as TVA administrator, but finally ended up practicing law. He was on the board of directors of Sears, Roebuck, and he represented the United Fruit company. But it was pretty humdrum stuff compared with the days when he was battling things out in the senate.

Young Bob used to get a little depressed about it. He used to come and lunch in the Mayflower hotel, all by himself, just sitting and thinking — thinking how he'd let his father down.

Especially he used to think of the days when his father had helped make Wisconsin one of the great forward-looking, progressive states of the union, and how today the man who represented it in the senate had started a reign of terror and witch-

hunting that might lead to fascism.

Attending the 25th wedding anniversary of his old friend, Sen. Lister Hill of Alabama, young Bob spoke sadly of this, told how he never should have let McCarthy beat him, how he had let his father down.

And, troubled with a severe heart condition, he went up to the capitol building where his father once made his longest speech in history, where he himself had served as a page boy, where he had presided over many a session of the august, sometimes unruly senate. And taking one last look at the statue of his father, the image which so many visitors had reverently touched, young Bob went home, phoned his wife, and joined his father.

What Washington is buzzing about: Secretary of Defense Wilson's lavish layout — ten bedrooms and ten baths — at the Wardman Park hotel.

"Bugeye" Barker, the un-American activities investigator who took the rap for Congressman Velde's mistake about Mrs. Agnes Meyer.

Budget Director Joe Dodge, who is so suspicious of secretaries that he opens all his own mail.

The suggestion that Pentagon menus should list the calories as well as the price of each dish — to help overweight officers reduce.

The White House's austere backstage business manager, Roger Steffan, who instituted the new, no-smoking, no-lottery rules.

Senator McCarthy's secret investigation of Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Congressman Pat Sutton has been whispering around Tennessee that he will try to unseat Senator Kefauver next year. Sutton seems to think the voters have forgotten how he pulled wires to fix a famous tax fraud involving his father-in-law.

The Communist Daily Worker has quietly purged its veteran Washington correspondent, Rob Hall. He's been replaced by a new party-liner, named Harry Raymond. The senate foreign relations committee is investigating the bad propaganda effect of certain Hollywood movies. Worst example is "The Desert Rat," which glorified Nazi Field Marshal Rommel. However, the state department has surveyed all its embassies

and reports to the senators that American movies have done far more good than harm in winning friends for us abroad. Congressman Velde will start hearings on communists in Hollywood the end of March. Velde's committee has already slapped subpoenas on 62 witnesses. Velde is so jittery over the criticism he's been getting from the clergy, that he's even dodging the press corps in the hope people will forget his blunders. Frederick Billings Lee of Woodstock, Va., new deputy administrator of CAA, is slated to be new CAA administrator.

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