

Stalin Brushed Old Friends Off in Rise

(By The Associated Press)

Joseph Stalin, the son of a cobbler, emerged out of the chaos of the Russian revolution to master the forces unleashed by the upheaval, and became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union and the world communist movement.

He fought his way to the top by sweeping aside his revolutionary comrades, among them Leon Trotsky, after the death of Nikolai Lenin. Ever since 1927 Stalin has held the reins, but it took the purges of the 1930's to make his grip secure.

Such was the fury of the struggle to consolidate his rule that Stalin reportedly determined to perpetuate his empire by eliminating those conditions which might foster a new succession fight at his own death. Malenkov His Protege

The summoning of an all-union soviet communist party congress last October, for the first time since pre-World War II days, indicated that perhaps the machinery of succession had been set in motion; for the dictator was approaching his 73rd birthday.

Stalin himself had made the keynote address at the previous congress 13 years earlier, but this time the honor was given to Georgi M. Malenkov, a young and vigorous protege of Stalin.

Stalin's rise to the throne of communism was accomplished in the face of what seemed overwhelming odds in favor of Trotsky, who had been commander-in-chief of the Red armies during the revolution and who had appeared much closer to Lenin than Stalin.

But Stalin in 1922 became secretary of the communist party and promptly started using the post, controlling party machinery, as a lever for prying himself into the ailing Lenin's place. Two years later Lenin died, and Stalin and

Trotsky were in open conflict over the party leadership. Trotsky Beaten Exiled Stalin won the support of Gregory Zinoviev and Leon Kamenev, two revolutionary stalwarts, and Trotsky was defeated. He was killed in 1927.

The reward for Zinoviev came in 1938. With 14 others, they were brought to trial in Moscow. All confessed that the 1934 assassination of Sergei Kirov, a friend of Stalin, was a plot to wipe out Stalin and other Soviet Union leaders. The 16 defendants soon were executed. Other old Bolshevik leaders were ensnared in more of the famous Moscow purge trials. Stalin had become supreme; he was ready to lead Russia without internal opposition through the pre-World War II days and the global conflict itself.

Joseph Vissarionovich, Djugashvili the son of a Georgian shoemaker and a serf mother, was at his zenith as Joseph Stalin. His 70th birthday on December 21, 1949, was the occasion for extravagant celebrations around the communist world.

There was a flood of adulation, 70 freight cars of gifts from conquered East Germany alone, for the dictator whose name means "steel."

Career Started Early It was the climax of a revolutionary career started when he was just 15 years old and an unsatisfied theological student. He had organized strikes during the late 1890s, written pamphlets, and between 1902 and 1913 endured jail eight times and exile to Siberia seven times. It was in Siberia that Stalin received his first note from Lenin.

Lenin and his Bolsheviks in the October 1917, revolution ousted the government of Alexander Kerensky, who had come

U. S. Sends 'Official' Condolences to Moscow

(By The Associated Press)

Condolences on the death of Premier Stalin of Russia, terse and plainly designated "official," were transmitted to Moscow on President Eisenhower's orders last night.

Other comments on the death of the man who led the Soviet Union and world communism ranged over a wide field of speculation about what will happen now and include some personal tributes.

The official U. S. message was sent at the President's direction by Secretary of State Dulles to Jacob D. Bean, U. S. charge d'affaires in Moscow, for delivery to the Kremlin. It said: "The government of the United States tenders its official condolences to the government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the death of Generalissimo Joseph Stalin, prime minister of the Soviet Union."

Observers noted that the message complied with requirements of international courtesy without including a word of sympathetic tribute.

In a different vein were messages sent by two officials of the United Nations, of which the USSR is a founding member.

Lester B. Pearson, U. N. General Assembly president and foreign secretary of Canada, telegraphed Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky that the world organization had "lost one of its founders and the Soviet peoples the man who was their indomitable leader in the common struggle against Nazi aggression."

Trygve Lie, U. N. secretary general, sent his personal condolences without mentioning his U. N. connection. The Soviet Union has refused to recognize Lie as secretary general since he gave full support to the U. N. action in Korea. He was reported also to have quarrelled with Stalin during a Moscow visit in 1950.

Lie said in a telegram to Vishinsky, "On those occasions on which I have had the honor of meeting Mr. Stalin, I have been deeply impressed by the qualities which made him one of the outstanding statesmen of our time."

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bility of further war. House republican leader Halleck (R., Ind.) said, "Perhaps with someone else in control in Russia there may be a more reasonable attitude on the part of that country, but I would not expect too much."

Democratic leader Rayburn, (D., Tex.) commented, "Russia was had enough under Stalin. I hope it won't be worse under his successor."

Chairman Wiley (R., Wis.) of the Senate Foreign Relations committee said no one could predict the effect of Stalin's passing and continued, "we can hope and pray that in this troublesome hour the people and the leaders of Russia will shelve the Communist policies for world domination and that we in this land will receive from on high guidance and direction to preserve our country and the freedoms we cherish and possess."

Other congressional comment: Chairman Saltonstall (R., Mass.) of the Senate Armed Services committee: "Let us pray that the Russian people get more peace, happiness and freedom in the days to come. Let us hope that for our people there is a greater appeal for more security for ourselves."

Sen. George (D., Ga.), ranking minority member of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, saw the possibility of a contest for power, perhaps first evidenced in countries other than Russia itself and added: "It is even possible that the new Russian leader may decide to start some sort of major war or aggression to develop internal unity."

Sen. Gore (D., Tenn.): "Stalin may have been a moderating influence . . . His passing may loosen a surge toward the ancient Russian ambition for the warm waters of the Mediterranean and India Ocean."

Sen. Capehart (R., Ind.): "I think the relationship between Russia and the rest of the world will be better than it has been in the last 10 years."

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Harassment Will End on Monday—Highway authorities announced today that the open end of Marion street leading over the bank of the Willamette beneath the new bridge will be heavily barricaded after Monday. An old barricade was removed while the new bridge was under construction.

Woman Hospitalized, 8 Shocked in Accident

One woman was hospitalized and another woman and seven children were shaken up when their car collided with another at the Molalla road junction with the Pacific highway just north of Woodburn Thursday evening.

Mrs. Evelyn Bailey, 28, Cascade Locks, was reported in "fair to good" condition Friday, pending reading of X-rays. She suffered facial injuries, the loss of some teeth, shock and possible bone fractures.

Her car collided with one driven by Fred William Suckow, to power in the confusion following the March, 1917, overthrow of the czar.

Stalin's youth had been ruthless. His climb to power was even more so. His application of domestic policy reflected the same trait.

He pushed through a series of so-called five-year plans, the latest still in progress, designed to aid the nation's agricultural and industrial development. It resulted in the elimination of the Kulaks, wealthy peasants who opposed Stalin's collectivization of farms, as a class.

It made him master, a man who today holds the all-inclusive titles of "Head of the Presidium, Head of the Party Secretariat, Head of the Central Committee, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Prime Minister or Premier and Marshal."

Accused Slayer of Lt. Flees, Retaken Ft. Dix, N.J., (AP)—Pvt. Edgar Owens, charged with murdering his lieutenant while on maneuvers, was recaptured early today, two hours after he escaped from a "secured ward" at the post hospital here.

Owens, 2, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a mental patient before entering the Army, was picked up by two guards just a few hundred feet from the hospital. He surrendered meekly. The area of Furmoss is slightly more than that of Massachusetts and Connecticut combined.

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Stalin Wasn't Always Boss—Caption material supplied with these pictures by Sovfoto, distribution agency for official Soviet photos in the U. S., identifies them as photos of Joseph Stalin following his 1910 arrest by Tsarist police for revolutionary activities. The same source says that the rude log cabin was Stalin's living place during his exile in Solovychegodsk, Volga province, in 1910. (AP Wirephoto)



Raised Her Son to be Priest—Caption material supplied by Sovfoto, distribution agency for official Soviet photos in the U. S., identifies these pictures as Joseph Stalin, in 1910, and his mother, Katherina Djughashvili, who sought to educate her son for the priesthood. She died in Tiflis in 1937. (AP Wirephoto)

Stalin Heirs Neither Brilliant Nor Neurotic

Washington (AP)—Lenin and Stalin had in common the goal of world communism. It must be believed the men closest to Stalin—he had 20 years since Lenin's death to handpick them—shared his aim.

So the basic question raised by his death is not whether his heirs will quarrel among themselves but whether they will seek the goal he sought the same way or differently. Will they be reckless or, like Stalin, move cautiously?

It is possible that in an internal struggle for power the heirs will wreck their party and Russia and so eliminate the Soviets as a world threat. Until such an explosion occurs it must remain simply wishful thinking.

Stalin was neither an intellectual nor, so far as is known, neurotic. He was confronted with both in his first and greatest rival, Leon Trotsky, the brilliant but vain and flamboyant egocentric.

None of the men in Stalin's inner circle at the time of his death has been mentioned as

blessed with high intellectuality nor cursed with neuroses. If any of them is brilliant, it has not been revealed. They have acted as a team. None of them could be considered flamboyant. After his experience with Trotsky, Stalin probably wanted those around him to be just the opposite.

They have acted as he acted: practical, cold, calculating and cunning. The very best tribute to their shrewdness is that they were able to survive in a slaughterhouse.

Nevertheless, alongside Stalin they appeared gray, almost shadowy men, either naturally or by Stalin's design. At any rate, he was the towering figure in Russia, the symbol of communism.

STALIN? WHO'S HE?

Seattle, (AP)—The news of Premier Stalin's death meant little to an unidentified Seattle man Thursday night.

Asked by a Post-Intelligence inquiring reporter what he thought the death of Joseph Stalin would mean to the world, the man replied:

"Stalin? No, I didn't know that he had died. You see, I don't know many people and I never heard of him."

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