

Malenkov Sent to London by Kremlin as a 'Trial Balloon'

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Georgi M. Malenkov's visit to London has turned into quite an important occurrence.

It now seems likely that Malenkov was sent there by the Kremlin as a sort of trial balloon.

In other words, that the Kremlin used him to get an idea of the sort of reception that Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist party chief Nikita S. Khrushchev might expect on their visit next month.

But by pure coincidence, Malenkov arrived in London just when the news broke that Khrushchev in a secret speech to the recent Communist Congress in Moscow, had completed the process of denouncing Josef Stalin.

Instead of confining himself to junketing about in his capacity of minister for electric power stations Malenkov has been in constant communication with the Kremlin.

Frequent Consultations

He also has been in frequent consultation with Soviet Ambassador Jacob Malik and First Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, who went to London—also by coincidence—to attend disarmament talks.

Yesterday, Malenkov rearranged his program to confer with Prime Minister Anthony Eden, London dispatches emphasized that this visit was not one of ordinary courtesy.

There was considerable surprise when the British Foreign Office announced on March 6 that Malen-

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PORTLAND — Oregon farmers' spring planting plans call for an acreage increase over last year the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported Tuesday.

Spring wheat, followed by oats and barley, will account for the largest increase, the department's crop and livestock reporting service said.

On other crops, the potato

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acreage is expected to be somewhat smaller, field corn acreage is planned at about the same, and sugar beet acreage somewhat expanded.

Some of the spring seeding increase, the service said, is really only a re-seeding of fall crops which froze in Western Oregon's severe winter.

MRS. SCHNEIDER ILL

AURORA—Mrs. Fred Schneider has been convalescing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pence, following her return from the hospital where she recently underwent major surgery.

CUBA JOINS CHORUS

DONALD—Miss Dorothy Hostetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Hostetter who formerly attended North Marion Union High School, is now attending Western Methodist school between Salem and Dayton, Sunday she participated in the music festival at the school featuring schools all over the Willamette Valley. Miss Hostetter is a member of the Traveling chorus, and this chorus will sing on tour March 23.

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Mills, 51, would succeed veteran diplomat Angus Ward, whose resignation was announced by the White House Tuesday. The nomination is subject to Senate confirmation.

Mills has been in the foreign service since 1928. He is a legal resident of Portland, Ore.

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