

Tribune Writer Guided Through Soviet Embassy

(Editor's Note: A. Robert Smith and Bruce Jolly, both Washington news correspondents, tackled the Soviet embassy for a story Monday. According to Smith, so far as they knew, it hadn't been done before. After they got their story, they "weren't of a mind to spread the word until we'd moved our copy," but the few reporters who got wind of the accomplishment were noticeably surprised, Smith said. Here is what they got from their visit.)

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Washington—I walked into the Soviet embassy this week and 45 minutes later walked out after a guided tour of the place—and I've got news for Premier Malenkov.

The Soviet ruler's portrait doesn't hang among the more than 25 paintings that adorn the public rooms of the five story, iron fenced embassy building in downtown Washington, D. C.

There is Stalin, the dead leader whom Malenkov succeeded in March, whose portrait greets the visitor at virtually every turn. And there is Lenin, Soviet Communism's patron saint, whose portrait shares with Stalin's a place of prominence.

But Georgi Malenkov is nowhere to be found!

This was the second surprise encountered by this reporter who with Bruce Jolly, Washington correspondent of the Greensboro (N.C.) Daily News rang the front door bell of the Russian embassy Monday afternoon and asked admittance.

The first surprise was that we got in!

For we were familiar with the frequent accounts of capital newsmen being turned away from the iron gate-like door behind which the white brick structure stands in a rather more solitary attitude than its neighboring buildings, the Stalter Hotel, the Washington Post and National Geographic Magazine buildings.

It was a dull day in the city for news, we explained to the solemn-faced man who opened the door in his shirt sleeves, and could a pair of American newspapermen look the place over? As he stood silently sizing us up, I reciprocated. His clothing was entirely western in style, notably the short-sleeved sport-shirt which he wore with a necktie. I recalled visits to the Canadian embassy where visitors are guided to officials with whom they have appointments by Royal Mounted Police (Mounties) in their brilliant uniforms, complete to spurs. In the Soviet embassy, we saw not one uniform and everyone wore western garb.

Our receiver indicated we were to follow as he walked briskly through a long, red plush carpeted hallway to a small waiting room. He indicated he spoke little English, as he left us to cool our heels momentarily.

In a moment a press attache, Constantin Smirnov, a short, pudgy young man with a black mustache, hastened into the room as though we surely were curiosities. We enlarged upon our request, making it clear we expected no audience with Ambassador Georgi N. Zaroubin and that we would ask no political questions.

Smirnov departed. As we waited, we inspected the waiting room only to find a 21-page translation of Malenkov's speech of last Friday to the Supreme Soviet—apparently a Soviet-style state of the union message, which evoked during the last three pages eight bursts of "stormy applause" and four bursts of "stormy, prolonged applause." It was a reprint from Pravda.

Anatole Myshkov, the third secretary of the embassy, arrived to take charge. Again we explained. The youthful, handsome chap, tall, slender and blond, said it could be done, and we were off on our guided tour.

From the first floor's mirror-walled hallway, we mounted a winding stairway, covered with beautiful crimson carpeting. It led to the main reception rooms on the second floor which are used annually for the fall reception in honor of the October, 1917, revolution which brought to an end the reign of the Czars. Preparations are now underway for that event, we were told, which usually attracts over 1,000 invited guests.

Ironically, this stout, ornate building was once the mansion of a capitalist of some considerable note, George M. Pullman, the sleeping car magnate who died in 1897. The Czarist government bought the property in 1913. The Soviets have used it ever since they gained United States diplomatic recognition in 1933.

Myshkov explained that most of the furnishings were Russian made. They included oriental-style rugs, green and red brocade wall coverings, gold statuette clocks on the marble mantelpieces, elaborate prism chandeliers.

It was during our tour of these rooms that we were struck by the absence of Malenkov's likeness. For the doorway leading into the main reception room was flanked by two huge portraits of Lenin and Stalin. In another room Stalin predominated in a painting called "Sunrise of Our Country" which showed the late dictator gazing into the distance as behind him electric power lines, farm machinery churning the fields and puffing industrial smoke stacks told their story. In another Stalin plots strategy in a World War II map room, a larger than life-sized full length oil.

What about those reports from Moscow that Stalin's name had begun to fade out of the Soviet press after formation of the new Malenkov government, before the purge of Beria when the press was still singing the virtues of "collective leadership?"

I asked Myshkov whether the change in leadership was still too recent for this far western outpost of the Soviet empire to have obtained appropriate portraits of its new leader. He replied, with the bland way skillful diplomats have of answering leading questions, that on the contrary they had a supply of portraits of all the high ranking political leaders elsewhere in the embassy.

That would be in the working part of the embassy which Jolly and I could only imagine, for our tour ended at that point. The closest we got to this section, which is the Soviet GHQ in America, was to hear the chatter of teletypes beyond the dining room through a door that was discreetly closed as we approached.

The third floor, which we did not see, comprises the apartments of the ambassador. Offices occupy the fourth and fifth floors and much of the first.

We were struck by the lack of art with a party-line message to convey. Other than the Stalin "Sunrise" number, none could be placed in the propaganda category. Upon closer scrutiny we discovered that a majority of the paintings were by 19th century artists, contemporaries of the poet Pushkin whose bust shared one end of the dining room with that of Lenin. The more recent paintings portrayed Red Square lit by a V-E Day fireworks display, and another showing the square filled with gaily dressed men and women, mostly in western attire. The hemline of the women would have been right back in style, by Dior's new standard.

The only hammer and sickle symbol I spotted was painted like a coat-of-arms on the fancy black and gold iron staircase leading to Zaroubin's quarters.

Our affable guide spoke English well, although he said after learning our language in Moscow "as England would speak it" he could scarcely understand what Americans were speaking when he arrived here nearly four years ago. Myshkov said he has frequently asked and been granted permission to travel beyond the 25-mile limit the U.S. has clamped on Soviet diplomats here, once going to Chicago, another time to New York. Soon he expects to return to Moscow where his wife is now vacationing, he said.

Retracing our steps to the front door, we shook hands once again with our host, then with the grim faced doortender who by this time had put his coat on over the beige sport shirt. The door was unlatched and we walked out into the sunlight where Americans were hurrying past on the busy thoroughfare.

We glanced back at the embassy, where the shutters are closed against that sunlight and those passing Americans but where inside the velvet glow of diplomacy was ready to receive two men whose only calling card was "We're American newspapermen and we'd like to look around."

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Moroccan Sultan Ordered To Exile By Act of France

Decision Follows
Threat of Civil War

Rabat, Morocco — (U.P.) — Nationalist, anti-French Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef was ousted from his silken throne today and was flown with his two sons to exile in Corsica.

The French government, although pledged to support the sultan despite his bitter opposition to French rule, dethroned him at the demand of pro-French tribal leaders, a demand so clamorous that civil war threatened.

Leaves for Exile

A few hours after his exile was ordered, the sultan and his sons left in a French Air Force plane for exile in Corsica, birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte, off the southeast coast of France.

Under normal procedure, a successor to the sultan would be chosen at a solemn meeting of the nation's cadis and pashas, the tribal leaders. Their choice would be confirmed by Morocco's ulemas, the Moslem religious scholars.

An early election convocation of the cadis and pashas was expected.

Triumph for Enemies

The action was a triumph for the sultan's declared enemies, led by tough old Thami Mez Ouar el Glaoui, pasha of Marrakech and ruler of 2,000,000 Berbers in the towering Atlas mountains and the wide Sahara.

El Glaoui, who has been seeking the sultan's scalp for years, charged the 44-year-old ruler, who also was the Moslem spiritual leader of Morocco, with "impiety" and "modernism." He displayed pictures of the sultan's daughters in Bikini bathing suits to prove his point.

51 Forest Fires On Federal Lands Reported This Year

A total of 51 forest fires, one more than the five-year average seasonal total, have been reported so far in 1953 on the Rogue River National Forest, Verus Dahlin, forest service fire control officer, said today.

The fires have burned over a total of about 15 acres. Dahlin stated, but he added that the most serious danger of large fires will come between now and the end of the season.

Twelve of this year's fires, same number as during the entire 1952 fire season, have been man-caused. A total of 73 forest fires were reported on the national forest last year.

A storm last night which swept across the Cascade mountains north over the Klamath and Union Creek districts resulted in several lightning strikes, but no fires caused by the storm had been reported in national forests this morning.

A small fire was reported in the Union Creek district, but was believed to be a holdover from a previous storm. Forest service crews were engaged in mopping up the second of two fires on Mt. McLoughlin today.

Smokejumpers have been used on three fires so far this season on the national forest. The blazes include the first Mt. McLoughlin fire, and those on Fish mountain and Lather mountain. Planes used by the smokejumpers have also been used to guide ground parties in to fight fires, and to drop supplies.

Two fires on state-protected land were caused by the storm, one near Moon Prairie, the other south of Soda mountain. Both were small, and the Soda mountain fire may have been put out by rain. A crew was in control of the other fire this morning, state patrolmen said.

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RUSSIA H-BOMB TEST REVEALED Mossadegh Seized

Aug. 12 Explosion
In Soviet Union
Detected by U.S.

American Tests
In 1951 Disclosed

Washington — (U.P.)—Official confirmation that Russia has exploded an H-bomb today swept the world into a deadly new phase of the atomic arms race and brought congressional demands for stepped up U.S. defenses.

Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission announced shortly after midnight that the United States detected an atomic explosion in Russia on Aug. 12. He said "subsequent information" indicated the Russians had tested an H-bomb.

His statement followed by less than two hours a Moscow communique which said that "one of the types of the hydrogen bomb was exploded" in the Soviet Union "a few days ago... for experimental purposes."

Strauss made it clear that the United States was far ahead of Russia in developing the awesome H-bomb, which may release up to 1,000 times as much destructive force as an atomic bomb.

He disclosed that this country conducted H-bomb tests at Eniwetok island in the Pacific in 1951, a full year earlier than had previously been shown. Until now, it was thought that this country's first H-bomb was set off at Eniwetok on Nov. 1, 1952.

President Eisenhower, who apparently received a briefing on the Soviet test at a secret meeting with Strauss in New York yesterday, declined to comment on the new development.

The State Department was likewise silent. Chairman W. Sterling Cole, (R-N.Y.), of the congressional Atomic Energy committee, promptly called for a speed up in defense preparations "to protect us against an attack by this most devastating weapon."

Moscow — (U.P.) — Russia announced today it had exploded a hydrogen bomb but assured the world there was no need for alarm. A government communique said scientists exploded the bomb "a few days ago" in an experiment.

"As a result of the explosion, a thermonuclear reaction of great force was set off," the communique said. "The experiment showed that the power of the hydrogen bomb is many times stronger than the power of atom bombs."

AWOL Escapees Face Military Jurisdiction

Military authorities have taken jurisdiction in the case of a Marine and an Army man who escaped from the Jackson county jail Aug. 9 while being held on AWOL charges, Sheriff Howard Gault said today.

The men are Marine George M. Edwards, 20, of Box 73, Butte Falls, and Army Pvt. Arnold Fay Grisham, 19, of Box 524, Jacksonville. Edwards was apprehended in Los Angeles, and Grisham at Ruth, both on the day following their escape.

Edwards told Los Angeles police that he felt two floors while escaping from the third floor Jackson county jail in the courthouse. He made the trip to Los Angeles by bus with two broken ribs received in the fall, he said.

Congregational Pastor Will Move to Medford

Portland — The Rev. Thomas McCamant, pastor of the Waverly Heights Congregational church here for the past eight years, has resigned to open a Congregational church in Medford, he has announced.

His last services in Portland will be held Sunday, October 4, and he will arrive in Medford the following week.

The Oregon Congregational conference has purchased the home formerly owned by Dr. J. W. Burba, 300 Oakwood dr., for the minister's residence. The property, formerly a private school, has a large studio building which will be used for church purposes.



OPEN HOUSE SET—An open house will be held Saturday afternoon at the recently-completed building of the Central Point Rural Fire Protection District, located on Highway 99 just south of Central Point. With the arrival of a new pumper, equipment is now complete. Shown in the picture above, in addition to the equipment, are, left to right, Al Thompson, chairman of the board of directors; Davis D'Armond, board member; Scott Wickersham,

of Crater Lake motors; Ray Wordon and Mel Aitken, Howard Cooper corporation; Claud W. Hoover, vice-chairman of the board; Hugh Coleman, Crater Lake motors; Mr. and Mrs. Nat Grishom, dispatchers; Harry Tonn, assistant chief; Gordon Carrigan, fireman; Richard Krupp, fire chief; L. C. Lisenbee, district chief; Jim Cain, captain; Harvey Tonn, fireman; Dick Grigsty, captain; Douglas Harsh, fireman, and Jim Scott, captain.

Police Investigator Selection Expected Shortly by Mayor

The city expects to have some "definite information" by tomorrow on an agency or individual to conduct an investigation of the Medford city police department, Mayor D. L. Flynn said today.

Mayor Flynn contacted the League of Oregon Cities several times yesterday and today, and the league in turn is contacting various sources and obtaining names of agencies and investigators, he said.

Any agency or investigator considered for the job will be personally interviewed, the mayor said. Plans are to have City Superintendent Robert Duff go by plane to conduct such an interview if those under consideration cannot come to Medford on short notice.

"We are looking for someone who will be unbiased and with a good background, and who will be completely acceptable to the city council and the public," Mayor Flynn stated. He pointed out that the LOC is giving full cooperation in the matter.

Mayor Flynn and Duff are working full time on the problem of obtaining an investigator and are "extremely anxious to start as soon as possible." The mayor said a special council meeting will be called to authorize expenditure of funds for the investigation "as soon as I am convinced that we have the right man."

Bloodmobile Visit Scheduled Aug. 26

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Medford on Aug. 26 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Elks club. Appointments to give blood may be made by telephoning 3-3813.

Jackson county has had a high record of blood donations in the past. With the great need for blood in producing gamma globulin to fight polio, the Red Cross is confident that the record will remain high.

Salem — (U.P.) — A five-year spruce budworm control project in Oregon was completed July 23, with 3,154,000 acres treated.

Judge Orders Action On Pollution Halted; Will Review Records

Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard has temporarily halted legal proceedings against a Gold Hill asphalt plant, which was charged with polluting the air by the State Air Pollution authority.

The judge today issued a writ of review which requires the authority to bring into court all its records and proceedings in the matter so the judge may review them. He also ordered the

Open House Slated By C.P. Firemen

Central Point—An open house and dedication will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. to celebrate the arrival of the last piece of new equipment for the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district.

The open house will be held at the fire hall just south of the city limits of Central Point. Firemen and representatives of the companies that made the fire district's equipment will be on hand to explain the operation.

The fire district comprises approximately 85 square miles and is manned by volunteer help. (See story on Page 2 for a description of the history and present organization of the district.)

Progress Being Made On Airport Demolition

Contractors are making progress on demolition of the old hangar building and tower at the Medford municipal airport, according to City Superintendent Robert Duff. Work on the project started Aug. 1.

The old control room was removed from the tower yesterday, and Contractor David Chase expects to have the hangar and tower torn down to within 10 feet of the ground within a week or 10 days.

The contract specifies that the work must be completed in 60 days from Aug. 1. Chase was awarded the contract on a bid of \$464 and use of salvaged material.

Fred J. Scherer, recently appointed by Gov. Paul L. Patterson to the new \$8000-a-year post of labor examiner, said today that this is the first case under the new law and his division is moving slowly. Labor, which was vigorously opposed to the measure in the 1953 session, also looks upon this as a test case, and regardless of the outcome, the case is expected to go to the Oregon Supreme court.

Washington — (U.P.) — Oregon has been allocated more than \$380,000 in federal aid funds for wildlife and sport fishery restoration and development.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. A few light showers mostly over mountains. Cooler. Low tonight 55. High Friday 68.

	Temp.
Highest Yesterday	58
Lowest This Morning	60