



REGAINING TITLE he last won in 1951, Willard C. Kirk, Jeffersonville, O., displays entry which was voted best corn on exhibition at Chicago's International Livestock Show. Karsk brothers, Pecatonica, Ill., were disqualified after winning by discovery of kernels glued into cobs. (International Soundphoto)

Western Experts Lose 'Peep Hole' Source Of Kremlin Rankings

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Western experts on Soviet Russia have lost a "peep hole" into the way things are going inside the Kremlin.



Charles M. McCann, United Press correspondent, is seen here in a recent photograph.

For years, they have watched closely the order of precedence in which top-ranking Russian leaders were listed when they attended official functions—celebrations, congresses, parades, funerals and even opera premieres.

The frequent shifting in the ranking of the top men gave the experts—or the experts thought it did—an indication of developments in the never-ending dog-eat-dog struggle for power which is a normal part of life in a Communist hierarchy.

But for the last six months, the names of the big men in the Kremlin have been listed according to the Russian Cyrillic alphabet.

Two Reasons For Change

This had happened once before, shortly after the death of Josef Stalin. Then the alphabetical listing was soon dropped. This time, advisers from London say, the experts believe the alphabetical listing may continue for a long time.

There are two suggestions as to the reason for the change.

One is that the Kremlin is trying to build up the idea of "collective leadership" in contrast to the iron one-man rule of Stalin.

The other is that important changes in relative power may be in progress.

In the alphabetical listing, Premier Georgi M. Malenkov ranks fourth. Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov, who is normally the No. 2 man in the government, comes sixth. Nikita S. Khrushchev, first secretary of the Russian Communist Party, ranks ninth.

Malenkov, of course is the No. 1 man. It has long been apparent that Khrushchev, nominally listed behind Molotov, is No. 2.

May Bid For Power

Khrushchev is a ruthless, ambitious man. He has risen rapidly on the Kremlin totem pole. There are indications that some day, with his control of the Communist Party machine, Khrushchev may make a bid for power. Stalin, as head of the Communist Party, was Russia's dictator for years before he made himself Prime Minister.

That could happen in Khrushchev's case. He is thrusting himself forward more and more. It was Khrushchev, not Molotov, who went to Peiping for the recent Russian-Chinese conference. It was noted that at the Nov. 7 reception, in celebration of the anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, Khrushchev busied himself in long talks with French Ambassador Louis Joxe and Yugoslav Ambassador Dobrovic Vidic. He was much more prominent than Molotov among the foreign diplomats.

There is no way to tell how things are going in the Kremlin. But the experts seem to feel that Moscow has played them a mean trick by abolishing the totem-pole method of listing its leaders.

City Tax Collections Said Record in 1953

Chicago —(U.P.)—The nation's cities collected more taxes, spent more money and borrowed more in fiscal 1953, according to an analysis by Commerce Clearing House.

These records were set by 481 cities of more than 25,000 population:

Tax collections, \$3,770,000,000. General expenditures, \$5,650,000,000.

Borrowings \$1,200,000,000.

Property taxes produced \$2,760,000,000, about three-fourths of the total taxes collected.

Sales, use and selective excise taxes raised \$624,000,000; license taxes, \$378,000,000.

Commerce Clearing House said general expenditures were up nine per cent over the previous year. Borrowing rose seven per cent and brought total municipal indebtedness to \$11,300,000,000.

Man Accurately Describes Condition

Manila —(U.P.)—Police received a call from Guillermo de la Cruz who said there was "a drunken man in my house."

When police arrived De la Cruz said he was just curious about how quickly police answered calls.

His wife said her husband had accurately described his own condition when he made the report.

LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY

DELORES JUNE BENNETT, Plaintiff,

vs. KENNETH H. BENNETT, Defendant.

TO KENNETH H. BENNETT, THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit: For decree of this Court forever severing and dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant and granting plaintiff an absolute divorce from defendant, said decree restoring said parties to the status of single persons, said decree further granting and awarding plaintiff the sole and permanent care, control and custody of the minor child born of said marriage, Dennis Ray Bennett.

The date of the order for publication of this summons is November 10, 1954. The time prescribed for publication of this summons is once each week for four consecutive weeks. The date of first publication of this summons is November 11, 1954.

EDWARD C. KELLY, Attorney for Plaintiff

22 Goldy Building Medford, Oregon

Democrats Open Crucial Meeting Friday To Pick Chairman, Seek Southern Support

New Orleans —(U.P.)—National Democratic leaders, apparently in a mood to win back support from the Solid South, hold a crucial meeting here starting Friday to pick a new national chairman, reconsider the controversial loyalty pledge and to celebrate party victories in the November election.

The two-day meeting, which closes with a \$100-a-plate victory banquet Saturday night, is the first of its kind in Dixie in 30 years and obviously is aimed at healing the rift between northern and southern members of the party.

The breach developed primarily as a result of the so-called loyalty pledge approved at the 1952 nominating convention in Chicago. Liberal elements of the party, headed by Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., of New York, and the late Sen. Blair Moody of Michigan, took the lead in ramming the plank through over the vigorous objections of some southern delegations.

Refused Support

As the result of the pledge and "other matters," some southern governors, including Robert F. Kennon of Louisiana, Allan Shivers of Texas and James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, refused to support Adlai Stevenson, the party's Presidential candidate, and instead threw their support to Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Not one of the three governors will attend the meeting here this week. All have pleaded previous engagements. Only recently, Kennon announced he would not support Adlai Stevenson in 1956. Stevenson will speak Saturday night.

To Recover Pledge

It was understood the party's rules committee would reconsider the loyalty pledge and possibly eliminate it to keep it from coming up at the next convention.

The pledge required all delegates seated in the convention to do all they "honorably" could to see that the Democratic candidates for President and vice-president were placed on the ballots in their respective states.

Mr. Eisenhower won three Southern states—Florida, Tennessee and Virginia—in 1952.

New Chairman

Chief business of the meeting this week will be the selection of a new chairman by the national committee. Stephen Mitchell, the current chairman, has said he wants to be relieved of his duties by Jan. 1 and asked the party to name his successor at this meeting.

As of now, there is a seven-year race for the post. It is the first time in 25 years the com-

mittee has had trouble in picking a chairman, primarily because it is the first time in a quarter of a century the Democrats do not have a President in the White House to make the decision.

Front-Runners

Front-runners in the big field of avowed and potential candidates are Paul M. Butler, national committeeman from In-

diana; James Finnegan, president of the Philadelphia city council, and Mike Di Salle, former federal price administrator.

Others mentioned are Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana; former Gov. Elbert N. Carvel of Delaware; Sen. Earle C. Clements of Kentucky, chairman of Senate Democratic Campaign Committee; and F. Joseph Donohue, Washington lawyer and former District of Columbia commissioner.

Louisiana national committeeman Camille Gravel said 1000 Democrats already have registered for the meeting and at least 1200 are expected.

Sheppard Trial Judge Reprises Reporters

Cleveland —(U.P.)—Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin has granted reporters a tentative reprieve from the order he issued Wednesday that no one could enter or leave the Sheppard murder trial courtroom except at recesses.

The judge had said the noise of reporters' chairs moving as they left and entered the room to write stories during the day interfered with testimony. But today he said he would suspend the order pending a test of whether quiet could be maintained.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

SHUCKS!

Let's get our heads out of the rosy clouds and get down to facts. Here is an interesting fact reported by the teletype:

Lumber is no longer the KEY industry in the Portland area. An industrial survey shows that the metals industry is now the top employer in Oregon's one BIG city. Stanford Research Institute reports that of some 594 new manufacturing firms launched in Portland since 1947, 123 were in the metals industry. Following the metals industry in importance are machinery plants. Finished lumber products and furniture hold down third place in the picture.

Lumber has been a declining factor in Portland area business in recent years as nearby timber supplies dwindled. Two big Portland lumber mills shut down this past year.

SCARY?

Not at all. As rough lumber has declined in importance in the Portland area it has been REPLACED by other industry—and Portland is now more prosperous than ever.

WHAT of lumber in the rest of Oregon—which is now the nation's top lumber state?

The rest of Oregon must begin to think in terms of FIBER and the multifold things that can be made of it, rather than in terms of rough boards.

A decade and a half ago the state of Washington yielded first place in rough lumber production to the state of Oregon.

Washington, thinking in terms of fiber and not of rough boards, IS NOW FAR MORE SOLIDLY PROSPEROUS THAN OREGON.

They couldn't DELIVER IT, of course, even if they PROMISED

it—and they know it. So they aren't going to tackle it. But at least it would be an interesting illustration of the fundamental fact that promise-everything politicians CAN'T DO EVERYTHING.

When you come right down to it, a politician or a political party can no more deliver SOMETHING FOR NOTHING to all his constituents than he can deliver weather that is perfect for everybody.

Unfortunately for us, we keep hoping the politicians CAN do it.

ALGER HISS, too, could make quite an impression if he had come out of jail RE- PENTENT and would devote the rest of his life to the undoing of what he did in those years when he was working with the Communists AGAINST his own country.

THE POINT is that DEEDS always speak more loudly than WORDS.

THE TELETYPE relates that the heavy rains which have drenched parts of Britain during the past five days are continuing today, flooding roads and fields in 17 counties of England and Wales.

Many farmers, the dispatch adds, are in despair, with the fields so saturated that they can neither harvest their crops nor sow their winter wheat in preparation for next year's crop.

IT WOULD be interesting if the socialists in Britain would adopt a platform promising flatly that if returned to power they would do away with all this bad weather and see to it that in the future there would be always just the right amount of sun and the right amount of rain and never a surplus of either.

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