

Hungarian Premier May Join Malenkov In Political Misery

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Russia's Georgi M. Malenkov may soon have a companion in political misery.



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Dispatches from Budapest indicate that Premier Imre Nagy of Communist Hungary is most likely to lose his job. If that happens, Nagy, like Malenkov, will be a victim of the Kremlin's decision to concentrate on heavy industry again at the expense of consumer goods. Nagy was made Premier of Hungary in July, 1953. He announced a "new course" policy of improved living conditions. Hungarians would get more food and more comforts, he promised, and there would be less "exaggerated industrialization."

Malenkov made approximately the same announcement about one month later.

For some reason, which never has been clearly explained, the Kremlin had decided back in 1950 that agricultural Hungary should go in for intensive industrialization.

The country went under a five-year plan designed, it was announced, to transform it "from an agrarian industrial country into an industrial agrarian country"—that is, to put industry first.

The program bogged down from the start. Nagy took over the prime ministry from Matyas Rakosi, Hungary's No. 1 Communist.

Rakosi was not purged. He concentrated on his post of first secretary of the Hungarian Communist party, while Nagy took responsibility for the "new course" program.

But the "new course" program did not work out either. The agricultural situation, which had been bad, got worse. Concessions made to farmers, to encourage increased production, served only to increase their resistance to government controls. Industrial workers, who had been promised more and cheaper food, failed to get it.

Shift in Moscow

Nevertheless, as late as last Dec. 21, Rakosi went out of his way in a speech to praise Nagy's "new course" policy. He expressed conviction that the policy would succeed.

Then came the disclosure from Moscow that Malenkov's consumer goods policy had been declared a failure.

Rakosi, in a complete reversal of his position, announced on Jan. 25 that because of German

armament and "a war threat from the West" Hungary must concentrate again on heavy industry.

This reversal was confirmed Sunday night at a meeting in Budapest of high ranking government and Communist party leaders.

Dispatches from Budapest said that Nagy did not attend the meeting. They added that he might be "on leave."

Engineers Open All-Out Campaign For Wage Increase

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.)—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers opened its all-out campaign today for a 22.5 per cent wage boost by notifying every major railroad in the United States its demands.

Guy L. Brown, grand chief engineer of the BLE, indicated the union expected a stiff fight by saying, "we mean business this time and if necessary are ready to rely wholly and quickly upon application of our economic strength."

Brown said the union was prepared "to disagree at our first conference with rail management" because "we expect no more consideration of this demand by the carriers than we received a year ago." He added that by being ready to disagree "we shall cause less expense to ourselves and less irritation to the public."

The wage demand will be for "skill differentials" and will affect "daily rate, arbitraries, miscellaneous rates, special allowances and monthly and daily guarantees" now received by engineers, said Brown.

Differentials worsened He said a five cent hourly increase in daily rates granted engineers Aug. 13, 1954, "worsened rather than bettered differentials for skill as we predicted it would at the time."

Brown quoted late Interstate Commerce Commission figures as showing firemen's monthly earnings last August were \$557.25, whereas they made only \$460.72 when promoted to engineers.

BUSY SIERRA Sierra National Forest, Calif. — (U.P.)—A record 270,000 visitors vacationed here last season and another 730,000 traveled through the forest area either on sightseeing trips or en route to other areas. Forest Supervisor Leon R. Thomas said improved campgrounds in the area were used 730,000 visitor days, compared with 510,000 in the 1953 season.

Marge Champion Undergoes Surgery

Hollywood — (U.P.)—Dancer Marge Champion was reported in good condition in Cedars of Lebanon hospital today after undergoing an emergency appendectomy.

Mrs. Champion, who teams with her husband, Gower, was rushed to the hospital yesterday.

San Francisco To Invite Republicans For Convention

San Francisco — (U.P.)—The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has voted to invite the Republicans to hold their 1956 national convention in San Francisco.

The board also pledged \$100,000 toward defraying convention expenses. At the same time, local business groups named H. D. Collier, retired president of the Standard Oil Company of California, to head a drive to raise an additional \$150,000 for the convention.

Big Thing for West "Bringing this convention to San Francisco would be a big thing, not only for the city, but also for California and the west," Collier said.

Leonard Hall, Republican national chairman, will submit the bids of San Francisco and two other cities, Chicago and Philadelphia, to a GOP site committee, which meets tomorrow in Washington.

Rooms Guaranteed

Mayor Elmer E. Robinson notified the GOP national committee that San Francisco can guarantee 10,000 hotel accommodations and the use of the 17,000 seat Cow Palace for any date in either July or August. He also pointed out that sea breezes and fogs keep San Francisco cool in mid-summer.

Thomas Gray, secretary of the Downtown Association, flew to Washington last night to present the city's invitation to the site committee.

Washington House OKs Vancouver Toll Bridge

Olympia — (U.P.)—The House passed a bill yesterday authorizing the construction of an additional interstate toll bridge at Vancouver, Wash. The bill now goes to the Senate.

The measure, which received no dissenting votes in the lower chamber, provides for repair of the present Columbia river bridge as well. The measure authorizes the additional bridge and issuance of revenue bonds to pay for it.

PURSE RETURNED

Hagerstown, Ind. — (U.P.)—Mrs. James Nelson, who lost her purse nine years ago, got it back recently. It was in a package in her mailbox addressed to her in her maiden name. As far as she could recall nothing was missing.



POLICY CONFERENCE—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (right), shown at press conference in Taipei, Formosa, during which he said it had been made clear that the U. S. would help defend Matsu and Quemoy Islands.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Chemical Tests Ordered on Body Of Abigail Adams

Hollywood — (U.P.)—The coroner's office ordered detailed chemical tests made today to clear up the mystery surrounding the "possible suicide" of actress Abigail Adams.

An autopsy failed to disclose the exact cause of death and tests were ordered to determine if the 37-year-old actress died of an overdose of sleeping pills, as was originally believed.

Authorities were puzzled, however, over the absence of any suicide notes in the actress' apartment, or any boxes or bottles that might have contained the pills.

During the autopsy yesterday, it was disclosed there were three slight bruises on Miss Adams' left wrist and a slight discoloration on her temple. Dr. Alexander Griswold, assistant county autopsy surgeon, said none of them was serious enough to have caused death.

Producer-comedian George Jessel, former fiance and close friend of Miss Adams, was reported grief stricken by her death. Miss Adams' body was found Sunday morning by drug-gist Max Marks, who had dated her Saturday night. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Adams, are en route from Spartanburg, S. C., to take charge of the body.

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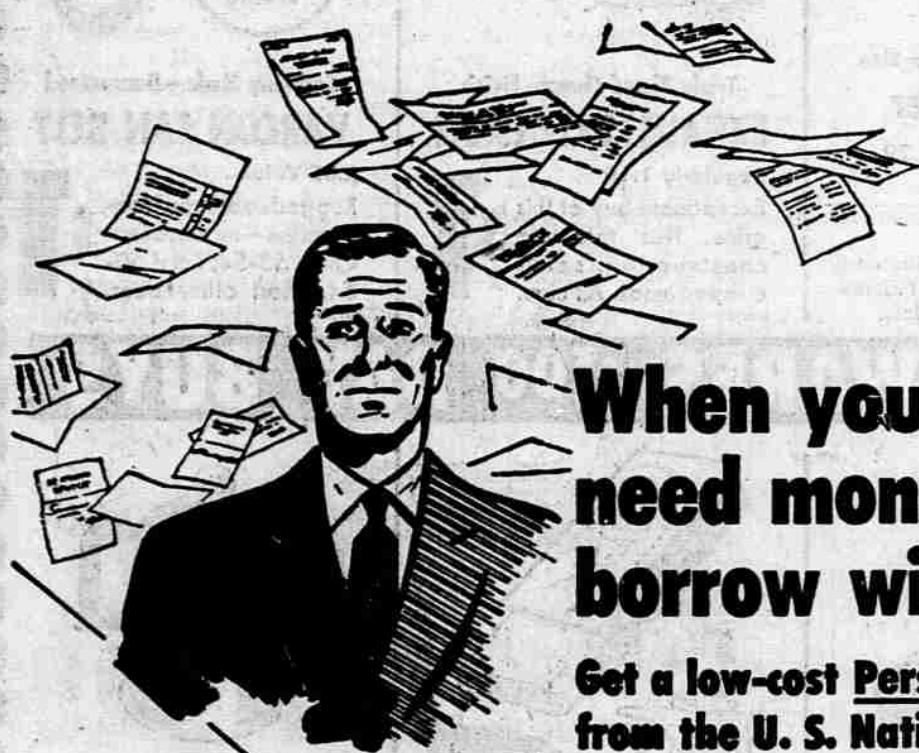
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