

To Whom Did Russians Turn for Decision at Big Four Meeting?

Full Support of Presidium Needed For Major Steps

Editor's Note: The following dispatch was written by U.P.'s veteran Moscow correspondent, who attended the big four "summit" conference in Geneva.

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London—(U.P.)—A storm in a samovar was created in Geneva toward the end of the Big Four conference when the Soviet delegation failed to react immediately to President Eisenhower's revolutionary proposal for East-West exchange of military blueprints.

Rumors circulated widely that the embarrassed Russians were compelled to telephone Moscow and ask for authority and instruction on how to deal with a question which had not been anticipated by the Kremlin's collective leadership of which the Geneva delegation was only a fraction.

Questions Asked
Eyebrows were lifted and questions asked: Did Comrades Bulganin, Khrushchev, Molotov and Zhukov represent the Soviet summit? Did Molotov actually telephone Moscow? If so, who picked up the telephone at the other end to give the foreign ministers the green or red light? In the absence of a Stalin, who could make final decisions on the spot? How does committee rule function anyhow?

If Molotov had really telephoned, the man to have talked to was Lazar Kaganovich, first deputy premier. He is Russia's elder statesman on internal affairs and acting head of the Presidium of the Central Committee in the absence of the big three chiefs—Khrushchev, Bulganin and Molotov.

Full Support Needed
The truth probably is that Molotov did not have to and did not actually telephone. Although he and his two senior colleagues almost but not quite equal Stalin in authority, they would have needed the full support of the eleven-man Presidium to act on anything as radical as the Eisenhower plan.

For under the existing set-up supreme Soviet power lies in the hands of a board of directors roughly similar to the board of a large American industrial corporation. Nikita S. Khrushchev, as Communist party boss, is chairman of the board. He and other senior members constitute a kind of steering committee or "inner cabinet."

The Presidium or board of directors meets regularly in the Kremlin to discuss and vote on questions of broad, basic policy. Should there be a division of opinion, chairman Khrushchev probably casts the final vote. The decision is then made unanimous in accordance with time-honored Communist practice.

Zhukov Not On Board
Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, defense minister, does not sit on the supreme board of directors although he may be called in frequently to be consulted on military matters. But Zhukov is a member of the 125-man Central Committee, the major "stockholders" of the corporation, who meet several times a year to pass on the decisions of the Presidium.

Final approval of Presidium policies and action is the prerogative of the majority "stockholders," the rank and file 7,000,000 membership of the Communist party who, through their delegates and proxies, meet as the All-Union Congress of the Communist party. Under Stalin the Congress was convoked infrequently. The 19th party Congress in 1953 was the first in 13 years. Now it looks as if it would be summoned regularly, once every two or three years, as required by party constitution. The 20th Congress is scheduled to meet early next winter.

Power Shared
Power is shared and labor divided along specialized lines among the eleven-man ruling directorate. Every member of the Presidium heads a sub-committee which supervises the work of a group of ministries. On matters of established policy and subject only to the ultimate approval of the Presidium, as a rule the chairmen of these sub-committees run their own sub-empires, apparently unchallenged.



Disneyland Forest

Herb and Lois Crisler are people who have done work of enduring value. They used years of effort, while making the Olympic Peninsula their home, to produce a motion picture in color and sound on the Olympic elk. The completed picture was so fine that Walt Disney distributed it over his own name and trademark. The picture won acclaim from pantheists and everyday outdoor lovers alike.

Now the trouble with the cult of pantheism, as with that of any other ism, is that it tends to separate its votaries from the everyday, bread-and-butter interests of common humanity. Thus all who are not of the cult are looked on as creatures of evil by the cultists.

But the nature worship of the Crislers, alas, stops with elk, browse, and ancient, mossy Douglas firs and hemlock seedlings. Man is only evil in their sight. Most of all is the lumberman to be condemned. Loggers are but "looters" in the Crisler creed. Lumbering is wasteful, devastating, altogether damnable.

Judge Not
The editor of Christian Century decided to play the judge in this case, and published the Crisler accusations in his July 27 issue, under the title "Loggers' Loot in the Olympics," as a true bill of judgment.

However, I have counted 11 items of flagrant false witness in the article and have failed to find a solitary example of Christian faith, hope and love in anything it says on lumbermen. We are all judged, in strongest terms, to be possessed by demons.

To understand this extravagant condemnation one needs to know how pantheism grows into an obsessive force that converts good people into fanatical wilderness worshippers, of assorted sects, from Hermits to Nudists.

What's Wrong With Facts?
Now behold the work of the wilderness worshippers. Hundreds of thousands of acres of timber, classified as "commercial" for a half-century, have been reserved from human use, even to an extent that no eye may be allowed to see more than its mere fringe and high, far peaks. On the other hand, plain citizens who are everyday enjoyers of forest scenery and recreation, ask only that a land-use-potential survey be made of all present reserved areas of "wilderness" forest, by neutral authorities.

That's all. We just want the facts, ma'am. The plain facts.

Now I surely do admire wilderness country, and I like recreation areas and parks of all varieties—from New York City's Central to Washington's Olympic and Oregon's Crater Lake National. The U.S. Forest Service

Full responsibility for their departments rests entirely on the chairman.

The major sub-committees and their chairmen are believed to be as follows:

1. Party affairs and agriculture—Nikita S. Khrushchev.
2. State administration and defense—Nikolai A. Bulganin.
3. Foreign affairs—Vyacheslav M. Molotov.
4. Heavy industry and transport—Lazar Kaganovich.
5. Internal and foreign trade and light industry—Anatol I. Mikoyan.
6. Electric and atomic industries—Georgi M. Malenkov.
7. Culture—Kliment Voroshilov.
8. Press and propaganda—Mikhail Suslov.
9. Economic planning and finance—Mikhail Saburov.
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11. Nationalities—A. I. Kirilenko.

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has one whole solid area of 800,000 acres reserved as wilderness country. It has many more reservations for recreation and scenery, including 190 built-up and equipped camps. Out state and city parks are numbered by the hundreds.

Lumbermen are working with sportsmen's organizations to provide hunting and fishing on millions of acres of Douglas fir region tree farms—in many places with camp grounds, shelters and facilities. There is, in fact, no end to their good works of today, in cooperation with the forest-using public.

Maybe the editor of Christian Century can be persuaded to publish some of these facts. He is a kind husband and indulgent father, and at heart a Christian gentleman.

'Puck's Library' Readings Scheduled

Ashland — James Sandoe, director and actor of the Oregon Shakespearean festival, will appear in a program of readings entitled "Puck's Library" Wednesday, August 10, at 4 p.m. in the lecture hall of the Ashland public library. This is the third of the literary events on the calendar of special activities planned for this year's festival season.

According to Dr. Margery Bailey, education director of the festival, the readings will present the charming nonsense which delighted Elizabethans. It's said Sandoe has a crisp, witty reading style which exactly suits these adult parodies of fairy-tale adventures. His career as a public reader began many years ago, and he headed a group of concert readers which appeared before packed houses at Stanford university some years ago.

Anyone interested is invited to attend the program.
Fort Worth, Tex.—(U.P.)—Some fishermen apparently made sure that the angling in the west fork of the Trinity river will be good for a long time. He blasted a hole in a dam at a government hatchery pond and sent 26,000 large mouth bass into the small stream.

SPORTS

Olson Fight May Be Picketed

Portland — (U.P.)—A motion picture operations union last night asked the Portland Central Labor council to declare unfair operations of theater owner Tommy Moyer, raising the possibility that the Saturday night fight between Middleweight Champ Bobo Olson and Jimmy Martinez, promoted by Moyer, would be picketed.

The council's executive board was scheduled to consider the question at a special meeting Thursday morning. The unfair charges were leveled by the AFL Motion Picture Operators local, which said it was unable to reach a wage agreement with Moyer covering employees at the promoter's three theaters.

Moyer, who will stage the fight in Portland's Multnomah stadium, said he would appear before the special union council meeting to present his views.



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Newberg Prepares To Welcome Hoover

Newberg, Ore. — (U.P.) — This valley city prepared today to welcome home former President Herbert Hoover who returns tomorrow to the scene of his boyhood to observe his 81st birthday.

The home where Hoover lived with his uncle, the late Dr. Henry J. Minthorn, has been restored to its 1884 condition when Hoover lived here as a boy of 10.

Hoover's talk here will be carried over a nationwide radio broadcast (CBS) at 6:30 p.m. (PST). He will be introduced by Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay.

The Republican ex-president will motor here from Salem where his plane lands in the morning.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Three Men Ordered To Leave Medford

Three California men received suspended fines and suspended jail sentences this morning and were ordered to leave Medford after they pleaded guilty to charges of disorderly conduct, according to city police.

The men, Richard Lee Flaniken, 1024 North Divisadero st., Walter Merle Callahan, Travelers Hotel, and Melvin Joe Queen, 1104 North Turner st., all of Visalia, Calif., were arrested at 3:30 a.m. yesterday a.m. after police received reports of a fight on Hawthorne st. between Main and Jackson sts.

Municipal Judge James M. Main gave suspended 50-day jail sentences to each of the men, and a suspended \$100 fine to Flaniken, besides the order to leave Medford by noon today.

Portland — (U.P.) — Bids for Portland's \$3,000,000 air terminal will be called for by Jan. 1 and construction will start early in the year, the port of Portland said today.

BEAUTY CHOSEN
Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Donna Vogel, an 18-year-old brown-eyed beauty, last night was crowned as Miss Stockader, Queen of Vancouver Stockader days here.

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