

# Pravda Denounces Stalin for 'Excesses,' Beria Gets Share

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Moscow —U.P.— The official Communist newspaper Pravda denounced Josef Stalin in a 10,000-word editorial today for his "monstrous excesses" during his later years.

The bitter attack was the first authoritative report on the present policy of degrading Stalin as outlined by Communist Party Secretary Nikita S. Khrushchev at the recent 20th party congress.

It blamed Stalin's "cult of the individual" for the excesses and said the party could not begin eliminating them until it had removed Lavrenti P. Beria, the

Soviet security chief who was executed for treason in 1953.

**In No Hurry**  
Pravda outlined the party's program of eliminating the remnants of Stalin's "cult of the individual" but said it was a big and difficult job and "there is no place for hurry or waste."

A big re-education program is now under way throughout the Soviet Union to eradicate the "lickspittles and sycophants," it said. It accused them of "covering up shortcomings, varnishing of reality and eyewash."

Though most of the editorial was devoted to Stalin, it had some of its harshest words for Beria.

"Such an inveterate agent of imperialism as Beria and his accomplices could worm their way to leading positions in the party and the government only as a result of the cult of the individual and the violations of the standards of party life connected with it," Pravda said.

**'Traitorous Beria Gang'**  
"The exposure and the smashing up by the central committee of the contemptible traitorous Beria gang made it possible to eliminate the violations of Socialist law and to restore fully the Lenin standards of party life, the standards and principles of Socialist law."

The Pravda editorial, which took up two columns on page one, was a scathing indictment of Stalin's later years. His cult of the individual—hero worship of Stalin—did "serious harm" to the Communist cause, Pravda said.

Pravda said that Stalin, "lacking personal modesty . . . supported and encouraged . . . in every way" the praise that Communism's successes won him. And "as time went on," it said, "this cult of the individual assumed ever more monstrous forms and did serious harm to the cause."

## Man Awarded Divorce On Various Grounds

London —U.P.— Alfred Frank Flett was awarded a divorce from his wife Elizabeth on grounds of cruelty after he testified she:

Smeared butter on bedroom walls he had just decorated and told him to "Paper them again"; sat in a chair with a carving knife in hand and threatened to stab him if he went to sleep; telephoned him 10 to 15 times a day with threats and abuse; forced him to adopt a secret name and keep his address secret even from his employers.

## Negro Ministers See Large Church Crowds For 'Deliverance Day'

New York —U.P.— Negro ministers in major Northern cities predicted large church attendance of their congregations today in observance of a "national deliverance day of prayer" in sympathy for the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott.

Southern clergymen indicated they expected only token or unorganized services in cities of the south.

The National Deliverance Day of Prayer was called for by a national committee of Negro ministers organized last Feb. 24 after the arrest in Montgomery of 90 Negro leaders, including 25 ministers, for violation of Alabama's boycott law.

**'Cause Celebre'**  
The boycott, which began last Dec. 5, has become a desegregation "cause celebre." Now in its 17th week, it was touched off by the arrest of Negro seamstress Rosa Parks, who had refused to obey a bus driver's order to move to the rear of the bus. Negro leaders called for only one day of protest but the boycott is still going.

The Rev. Adams Clayton Powell Jr., chairman of the minister's committee, appealed in New York for nationwide church attendance in sympathy for the boycott.

**Day-Long Meetings**  
In New York, all Harlem Protestant churches planned day-long prayer meetings. Parishioners were urged to attend a "deliverance day" rally at Manhattan center where Negro church leaders expected an audience of 12,000.

The Protestant Council of the city of New York has endorsed the day of prayer but did not direct individual churches to plan or organize special services.

Twenty-five Negro ministers, matching the number of Negro clergymen arrested in Montgomery, passed out 30,000 printed lapel cards at main subway entrances in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Los Angeles said several hundred churches will stay open during the day for the special prayers.

**JAPAN BUDGET OK'd**  
Tokyo —U.P.— Japan's Parliament Tuesday approved the biggest national budget in the country's history.

The budget, for the fiscal year starting April 1, calls for expenditures of about \$2,700,000,000.

## EAGLE POINT Relatives Attend Luncheon

By PEARL L. HENDERSON  
Eagle Point —Mrs. Jack Fortin, Eagle Point, assisted by her aunt, Mrs. Jack Tyrrell of Lake Creek, was hostess at luncheon at her home March 21 to six relative guests.

The occasion was in honor of Miss Margaret Tyrrell, who is a missionary recently returned to her home in Rogue River on a year's furlough, from four years service in Nigeria, Central Africa. Three other young women from different parts of this country went with her and all lived in the same compound. They are all teachers and taught native girls to be teachers in the missionary schools there. Miss Tyrrell is a daughter of Arden Tyrrell of Rogue River, and is a cousin of Mrs. Fortin and Mrs. Zundel.

Other guests were Mrs. Gold Zundel, Lake Creek; Julia Dow and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell, also of Lake Creek; Mrs. Joe Bowdoin and son Stephen, who live on Gregory road near Medford; a sister of the honor guest, Miss Tyrrell, and Mrs. J. A. Tyrrell, a sister-in-law, who lives in Rogue River.

Miss Tyrrell gave a talk on the customs and ways of life among the natives at the meeting of the Missionary society at the Community church here in the afternoon, and displayed an exhibit of some of the handicraft, also of witchcraft and the medicine men, made by the natives. Those attending found her talk interesting and shocking at the same time, with listeners finding it hard to realize that such conditions really exist anywhere on earth in this modern day.

One of the remarks made by the speaker was to the effect that the African native thinks, and does not hesitate to say that we, the white people, are the ones who need to be educated. The writer is inclined to agree in part that that statement is at least good food for thought.

Miss Tyrrell plans to return to Africa at the expiration of her year of furlough.

## Statement Deadline For Taxes Passed

The county assessor's office has reminded personal property tax payers that the deadline for statements has passed and those who have not already made statements should do so immediately.

Penalties assessed against delinquent taxpayers will be increased in accordance with the delay, Andrew Hawver, chief of the personal property department, said.

Personal property tax deadline was March 3 and notices were sent to property owners who failed to meet deadline on March 23.

## 65 Influenza Cases Reported Last Week

Sixty-five cases of influenza led the list of communicable diseases reported by the Jackson County Health department for the week ending March 24. Medford reported 34, Ashland 21 and Phoenix 10.

Fourteen cases of measles were reported, eight in Medford; two in Jacksonville; three in Phoenix and one in Gold Hill.

Other diseases reported were pneumonia, two in Talent, one in Ashland and one in Medford; pink eye, Medford one and Talent three; chicken pox, Jacksonville and Medford, one each; trench mouth, Phoenix and Ashland, one each; scarlet fever, Medford, four; mumps, Ashland three and Medford one; strep

throat, Ashland four; and impetigo, Jacksonville and Gold Hill, one each.

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## Medford Men Named Directors of WCLA

Three Medford men were named directors of the West Coast Lumbermen's association at the annual meeting in Portland March 22. They were T. K. Oliver, Timber Products; George Flanagan, Elk Lumber company; and A. A. Lausmann, Kogap Lumber company.

N. B. Giustina was re-elected president.

Ralph E. Clark, executive of the association of American Railroads, addressing the 45th annual meeting, promised the lumbermen as many freight cars as they need this summer, but his pledge was hedged by several reserves.

Gov. Elmo Smith spoke to the group, lauding the west coast industry for taking the lead in developing new payrolls, new products and new means of utilizing timber resources.

Giustina and Lawrence D. Kellogg, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers association, both urged greater support by the entire industry of the association's national advertising and merchandising program.

## Careers Available in Interior Offices

Opportunities for careers in the department of interior were outlined this week by Robert E. Williams, department director of personnel at Portland.

He said graduating seniors at Pacific northwest colleges and industries may find opportunities for work with the bureau forestry branch, in agricultural phases of department work, and fish and wildlife and engineering fields.

Information on careers may be obtained from the department of interior's Bonneville Power administration, bureau of land management, bureau of Indian affairs, and fish and wildlife service by writing the director of personnel, consolidated services, U.S. department of interior, post office box 3537, Portland 8.

Requests for information on careers with the bureau of reclamation should be addressed to regional director, bureau of reclamation, box 937, Boise, Idaho.

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