

Text of Famous Khrushchev Speech' Condemning Stalin Released

Washington — (U.P.) — Soviet Communist party boss Nikita Khrushchev, in his famous speech to the Communist Party Congress in February, flatly accused the late Josef Stalin of using "mass terror" and murdering "many thousands of honest and innocent Communists" in his effort to be a "superman."

Khrushchev's bitter post-mortem denunciation of Stalin was released today by the State Department in the form of a document sent out by Moscow to Communist parties overseas. The State Department said it had obtained the 58-page document from a "confidential source."

The State Department cautioned that it does not vouch for the "authenticity" of the document. But it was evident the State Department believed it was a reliable version of the speech. The text of the document was prepared with such parenthetical phrases as "tumultuous, prolonged applause" and "an emotion in the hall" to describe the feeling of the delegates to the conference as Khrushchev spoke.

Khrushchev made the speech before a closed session of the Communist Party Congress in Moscow on Feb. 24. There were piecemeal leaks of the sensational address at the time. But the text made public today was even more scathing than the fragments.

In the opening sentence of his speech, Khrushchev noted that a lot had been said at previous meetings of the Congress "about

the cult of the individual and about its harmful consequences."

After Stalin's death, Khrushchev said top party leaders agreed to renounce any policy of elevating one person such as Stalin "to transform him into a superman possessing supernatural characteristics akin to those of a god."

"Such a man supposedly knows everything, sees everything, thinks for everyone, can do anything, is infallible in his behavior," Khrushchev said. "Such a belief about a man, and specifically about Stalin, was cultivated among us for many years."

Khrushchev then charged that Stalin, early in his rise to power, slandered and made false charges

against "honest Communists." This "gravelly undermined" the Communist effort and showed that Stalin regarded real revolutionists as "two faced."

"This was the result of the abuse of power by Stalin, who began to use mass terror against the party cadres," Khrushchev said.

The bald party secretary, warning to the attack, cried that

"vile things" were practiced under Stalin's regime.

Khrushchev said Stalin used the bloody "purge trials" of the 1930s to consolidate his own dictatorial power at cost of thousands of his comrades' lives.

Many thousands of honest and innocent Communists have died as a result of the fact that all kinds of slanderous "confessions" were accepted, and as a

result of the practice of forcing accusations against oneself and others," he said.

Other highlights of the long Khrushchev speech:

On the eve of World War II, Stalin ordered "almost complete liquidation" of almost all Red military leaders who had gained actual war experience in Spain and the Far East. He "annihilated" many military commanders and political workers in the 1937-41 period because of "his suspiciousness and through slanderous accusations."

Stalin acted stupidly and dangerously when the war actually began. When the "Fascist armies had actually invaded Soviet territory and military operations began, Moscow issued the order that the German fire was not to

be returned. Why? It was because Stalin, despite evident facts, thought the war had not yet started . . ."

Former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill "personally warned Stalin" in 1941 that the Germans were getting ready to attack the Soviet Union. "However, Stalin took no heed of these warnings," Khrushchev said. "What is more, Stalin ordered that no credence be given to information of this sort . . ."

Khrushchev indirectly blamed Stalin for the deaths of tens of thousands of Russian soldiers in the war. He charged that through Stalin's stupidity Russia did not have adequate tanks, artillery, planes and "we did not even have sufficient numbers of rifles."

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Assassination Plot On Nehru Thwarted By Bombay Police

More Than 1,000 Demonstrators Held

Bombay, India — (U.P.) — Bombay police said today they had thwarted an attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru Sunday when he was the target of a stone-throwing mob at a public gathering.

The anti-government riots, second within a year, stemmed from demands by the Marathi language speaking populace that Bombay be included in a Maharashtra state. They broke out when Nehru refused and said Bombay would remain under federal control for "several more years."

Demonstrators arrested. Police arrested more than 1,000 demonstrators and received a tip that a bomb would be thrown at Nehru Sunday when he addressed an outdoor meeting. Stringent security precautions were taken and Nehru was unscathed.

More than 60 persons were injured in the rioting and at least one person was killed as police fired 23 rounds at surging, angry crowds in four separate districts of Bombay. Police were forced to use tear gas against the crowd that heard Nehru speak.

Herded into Enclosures. Bombay police said they prevented the assassination by herding the thousands of persons present into bamboo enclosures so small that any trouble could be localized. Any "doubtful" were kept a full 150 yards from the platform where Nehru spoke, too far to easily hurl a bomb.

The only persons allowed nearer to the Prime Minister were trusted members of his own Congress party and newspaper men known personally by the police. Nehru arrived under heavy guard and was protected by 1,000 policemen.

Crowds surged toward his car when he left, but police cars roared to form a shield and paralleled his car on the broad roadway as he drove into the city.

Federal Court Trial Conferences Begin

Federal District Court Judge Gus T. Solomon, Portland, arrived in Medford today to begin pre-trial conferences in 10 cases, and to admit four attorneys to practice in federal courts.

The trials will start at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the federal court rooms in the Medford post office building.

Attorneys admitted to federal court practice are William R. Deatherage, Walter D. Nunley Jr., Leo V. Nuttman and Julian Herndon Jr.



NEW FIRE STATION—Firemen are shown spreading top soil preparatory to landscaping around the new east side Medford fire station. The fire hall, at 530 Highland dr., was occupied last week and an open house was held Sunday afternoon with

approximately 150 residents inspecting the station. Seven firemen, with three men working a shift, staff the station and one pump is kept there. East side firemen up to last week occupied temporary quarters at 147 Keene way drive. —(Brainerd photo)

150 Attend Fire Station Opening

An estimated 150 Medford residents attended the open house yesterday afternoon at the new east side fire station.

Fire Chief Gordon Barker said 125 visitors signed the guest register. They were taken on tours of the building by the seven firemen assigned to the station. Mayor Earl Miller and his family and other city officials were present for the event.

A tape recording made during the open house will be broadcast on radio station KYJC at 6:45 p.m. today. It includes a description of a tour of the building, and interviews with Eugene Amann, Oakland, Calif., Medford's first fire chief, and city officials.

The fire hall, at 530 Highland dr., was put into service last Tuesday.

Communists Complain On Expulsion Order

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — The Communists demanded today that the U.N. Command "immediately withdraw" its expulsion order against neutral nations troops inspectors. The U.N. commander said "no."

U. W. Maj. Gen. Robert G. Gard, the senior U.N. delegate, listened to a long communist complaint about the expulsion order and said the Allies "refused to withdraw" the order since the truce teams are being expelled to protect the Allies' "legitimate rights" under the 1953 cease fire agreement.

An Eighth Army spokesman said earlier the truce teams would be carried bodily across the line into the neutral zone if they refused to leave. Only a few more days remain before the U.N. order becomes effective.

The U.N. Command ordered the truce inspection teams expelled because the Communists in North Korea built up an air force of from 400 to 500 planes in violation of the armistice agreement and because Communist members of the inspection teams hampered their work.

Tito Ignores Stalin's Remains; Talks With Khrushchev, Bulganin

Moscow — (U.P.) — Marshal Tito visited the tomb of V. I. Lenin and Josef Stalin today but he brusquely ignored the embalmed remains of the late dictator whose rule he rejected.

Tito's snub of Stalin could not have been more pointed.

He brought a wreath for Lenin, the main spring of the Bolshevik revolution, and none for Stalin. He gazed long at Lenin's body and hurried past Stalin's without a glance.

Thus Tito delivered his personal verdict on the man who expelled him from the Cominform, the man whose yoke he

threw off six years before Stalin was denounced by the Kremlin leadership.

Tito, resplendent in a grey field marshal's uniform, arrived in front of the great Red Square tomb shortly before noon in a black Zis convertible. He was accompanied by the Soviet ambassador to Yugoslavia.

A black sedan followed Tito with the rest of the official Yugoslav party.

Tito drove to the tomb from the Kremlin offices where he conferred with Communist party secretary Nikita S. Khrushchev and Premier Nikolai Bulganin. Later he scheduled lunch with President Kliment Voroshilov.

He was greeted by them on his arrival and walked along Moscow's main street Sunday with Khrushchev.

Tito, his wife and the Communist party chief came within elbow-rubbing distance of Sunday strollers along downtown Gorki street with security measures apparently nonexistent.

Only a few plainclothes MVD men, led by assistant security chief, Maj. Gen. Sergei Zakharov, were in evidence as the trio alighted from a big black limousine on the broad thoroughfare.

They walked about 300 yards up Gorki street and sat down at a popular cafe. Curious crowds followed them and gathered near the tables to watch them order ice cream. Later they strolled for two hours through Moscow's main streets in the balmy June evening.

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Two dike breaks were reported on islands in the Columbia, resulting in more farmland being flooded. At Kalama, Wash., the river climbed near the top of an outside dike protecting some homes, a strawberry packing plant, a sawmill and a service station.

MHS Graduation Slated at Hedrick

The largest graduating class in history of Medford High school will be presented diplomas at commencement exercises Thursday, June 7, at 8 p.m., in Hendrick Junior high school.

Originally scheduled for the high school stadium, the ceremonies will be held indoors because of unsettled weather conditions. The 1955 class consisted of 210 graduating students.

Dr. Frank Barnett, president of Eastern Oregon college, La Grande, will be the speaker. Edward Branchfield, chairman of the school board, will hand out the diplomas.

Highway 230 Load Limits Are Removed

Load limits on Highway 230 from Lion Creek Highway 97 via Diamond lake have been lifted, the state highway commission reported today.

Two weeks ago the commission established load limits of 36,000 pounds for gross loads, 11,000 for single axle and 20,000 for tandem axles.

The reduced limits delayed opening of roads to summer cabins at Diamond lake since heavy equipment could not be moved into the area for repair work. No word on opening date for the road to the cabins has as yet been received.

Thad Hatton Promoted In Assessor's Office

Thad Hatton, appraiser in the county assessor's office since March, 1952, has been named chief appraiser of personal property department in the county assessor's office, Elva Jennings, county assessor announced today.

He will replace Andrew Hawver, who resigned last week. Hatton will assume Hawver's responsibilities immediately, Miss Jennings reported.

Civil Defense, County Workers On Standby Order

Farmlands, Camas Streets Under Water

Portland — (U.P.) — A state of emergency was declared in Clark county, Wash., today as the Columbia river, at its highest level since 1948, continued to pound at water-softened dikes.

All county crews and civil defense workers were summoned onto a 24-hour standby basis. If Gov. Arthur B. Langlie deems it necessary, Washington National Guard units will be summoned into action. County commissioners asked him to declare the locality "a major disaster area."

Water flooded thousands of acres of farmlands and poured into city streets at Camas.

Engineers feared major dikes would be breached if the river reaches the 27 foot level. It was only 2 of a foot under that this morning at Vancouver.

Many Leave Homes. Many families at Camas and Washougal had left their homes. Ministers in church Sunday asked for volunteers to help patrol dikes.

Cecil Kinder, Clark county engineer, said the Fruit Valley dike at the northwest corner of Vancouver was crumbling its new earth and needed patching badly.

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City officials met in Portland yesterday and withheld calling an emergency.

The Columbia diking district No. 1 levee on the lower end of Sauvie island gave way yesterday afternoon. It was blamed on the work of beavers on the protective wall. Some 1600 acres of grazing land and the game department's refuge were flooded. Families in the area had left earlier.

Water topped the Batchelor island dike yesterday evening. Area flooded included some 250 acres of a potato crop which would have been ready to harvest soon.

River Up 2 Foot. The Columbia at Vancouver this morning was at 26.8 feet, up .2 of a foot since yesterday. This was 11.8 feet over flood stage. River Forecaster Elmer Fisher said it might level off today at that level or go up another tenth of a foot by tomorrow. After that it was hoped a slight fall might occur. But the situation appeared to be in the lap of the weather gods. Fisher said heavy rain or more warm weather could upset forecasts. Showers were expected today.

The dike protecting Prescott, Ore., a few miles east of Rainier, was topped Saturday afternoon. Most homes were on high ground and were reported in no immediate danger. Some 70 families earlier evacuated the Rainier diking district.

Portland — (U.P.) — Harry J. Hogan, The Dalles attorney and director of organization for the Democratic party of Oregon, has been appointed registration chairman for Oregon, State Chairman Howard Morgan has announced.

Canadian Legislator To Face Questioning In Slaying of Seven

Stettler, Alta. — (U.P.) — Royal Canadian Mounted Police searched today for a Canadian legislator on whose farm seven persons were slain.

John Clark, 41, a member of the Alberta legislative assembly, was being sought to be told his wife and four children had been murdered. He is also wanted for questioning about the slayings.

Clark's wife, Margaret, 36; three daughters, Jeanine, 9; Anne, 8; Lyndee, 7, and a son, Ross, 4, were found shot through the head Sunday by a neighbor. Others identified.

The other two victims were identified as George Anderson, 21, a farm hand, and William Olah, about 20, a member of the Royal Canadian Navy who was visiting the farm.

The victims were found early Sunday sprawled in the 56-year-old Clark house on his 1,000 acre farm, 110 miles southeast of Edmonton, by G. M. Parrett, a neighbor.

All the victims except Olah were dead when Parrett found them. Olah died later in a Stettler hospital without regaining consciousness.

G. Curleigh, assistant commissioner of the Mounties, said that the force was "concentrating its efforts" in locating Clark. "He seems to have disappeared from the Edmonton area and all our facilities are in use to locate him and inform him of the deaths," Curleigh said.

All seven were shot with a small weapon, presumably a .22 caliber rifle, police said.

Neighbors said the Clarks were not happy in recent years. Clark also was reported to have suffered a nervous breakdown last year and neighbors said he had "acted strangely" since his return from a speaking engagement.

Survivors include a niece, Mrs. Charlotte C. Estes, Richland, Wash., and three nephews, Frederick Reinecke Jr., Glendale, Calif., and Charles William and Edwin Reinecke, both of La Crescenta, Calif.

Pall bearers at the funeral will include Roy Bebb, Ernest Leavitt, Moore Hamilton, John Moffat, Robert Frame, Frank Van Dyke and Eugene Thorndike. Per funeral home will be in charge.

The body will lie in state at the funeral home from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, and those wishing may call between those hours.

Eisenhower Warm In Labor Address

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower said today that labor organizations, as well as the local government, "must serve the individual and not seek to dominate."

Mr. Eisenhower made the statement in dedicating the new AFL-CIO National Headquarters an eight-story building just across Lafayette Square from the White House.

He also said the labor leaders attending the ceremony were welcome in his office "any time to discuss matters of mutual interest."

His informal dedicatory remarks were warmly friendly toward labor. But he leavened his praise with a reminder that the labor movement, alongside the government, bears equal responsibility for service to the people and constant vigilance over the freedom and security of the individual.

Long-Time Resident Of Medford Dies In Ashland Sunday

Miss Anne K. Purucker, 66, a long-time resident of Medford who was well-known through her activities as a registered nurse, died early Sunday at the Mountain View Nursing home in Ashland.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. Mark's Episcopal church, with the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector, officiating.

Miss Purucker was born in the east on Feb. 18, 1890, and was educated at a normal school in Pennsylvania, and received her nurse's training at St. Luke's hospital in Chicago. For some years she worked at Walter Reed hospital, Washington, D.C., before moving to Medford.

She handled many private nursing cases in southern Oregon during her career, and for a time with her mother operated a maternity home. She was active in work of St. Mark's church.

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Registration Deadline Set for Livestock Vote

June 20 will be the last day of registration for those voting in the July 20 Livestock election of the Florence Rock-Laurie livestock district, according to Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, county clerk.

The election will be held in the pper Rogue range from 2 to 8 p.m., she reported.

Mrs. Hopkins announced that registration for special elections from now on will have to be completed 30 days prior to the election.

Lakeview — (U.P.) — Pearl Ann Hall, 87, who was Lake county school superintendent from 1921 to 1923, died here Sunday.