

Inter-Service Rivalries Declared Virtually Non-Existent in Russia

Editor's note: Does Russia have a military chief? Who directs its military program? Who is Eisenhower's opposite number as military chief? What is the chain of command? United Press put those questions to its chief reporter there.

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Moscow — The inter-service rivalries between the armed forces characteristic of America are virtually non-existent in Russia.

There are two main reasons:

1. There is a truly unified military command.
2. Final absolute power rests in the Communist party.

From the very foundation of the Red Army in 1918, the Communist party has controlled and directed the armed services and has not permitted emergence of a professional soldier class which might claim independent political power.

It was true under Lenin and it is true under Khrushchev.

Until Marshal Georgi Zhukov became defense minister, top command of the unified armed services had been held by a soldier whose background actually was heavier in party and government service.

And the ease with which Zhukov was removed on charges he had challenged the party's absolute control underlies that Russia's leaders can and intend to keep it that way.

The Soviet Union lacks a constitution commander-in-chief such as the American president. It was only during World War II when Stalin assumed the title, "supreme commander-in-chief," that authority was vested in one man.

Now the command is collective—the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) of the USSR. And due to the parallel state and party structures with ultimate authority in the party, it is the Central Committee of the Communist party which has decisive control of the military.

Nikita Khrushchev holds no formal military post whatsoever. But as party chief responsible for the conduct of all Soviet affairs, he naturally exercises considerable authority in military affairs.

The top man in the military establishment now is Marshal Rodion Malinovsky who replaced Zhukov as defense minister. Malinovsky is responsible to Premier Bulganin who, in turn, is responsible to the Supreme Soviet—and the Communist party.

Much of Russia's missile research was done by the "Academy of Artillery Sciences" as well as the air force and naval scientific research institutes.

Names of the top research directors have not been made public.

Deserter Committed To State Hospital

Richland — Barney E. Blackwell, 36, who was charged with desertion and non-support after a three-months' absence, has been ordered committed to Eastern State Hospital at Medical Lake.

The order was issued after a sanity hearing here Tuesday.

Blackwell disappeared from a family picnic last August and turned up in Tennessee in December, claiming he was the victim of amnesia. He later admitted the story was a hoax and pleaded guilty to the desertion and non-support charges. He faces sentencing on these charges after his release from Eastern State.

Hedy Lamarr Owes Fees To Lawyers

Los Angeles — Movie actress Hedy Lamarr owes two lawyers \$24,557 in fees for work they did for her during the past four years, according to allegations in a suit on file today in Superior Court.

Attorneys William G. Israel and Morton B. Harper charged that the glamorous actress had not paid them \$3,557 for general services performed over the past four years, nor \$16,000 still owed of a promised \$25,000 for special work they did in connection with the film, "Love of Three Queens."

Also named in the suit were Mercury Industries and Lamarr Productions Inc.

If Russia does have one supreme military chief, I do not know or could not file the fact.

The military budget is submitted by the defense minister to the equivalent of the

cabinet which in turn submits it to the Supreme Soviet. But budgets are first approved by the party.

Malinovsky runs the defense establishment from a rebuilt six story palace which

was formerly a czarist military academy. Located five minutes' walk from the Kremlin, the Bolsheviks renovated and enlarged it but it is still small compared to the Pentagon.



DIGGING THROUGH DEEP SNOW, workmen try to free railway engine marooned for days on Aberdeen-Peterhead line in Scotland. Unusually heavy snows have stalled traffic throughout greater part of northern Scotland for nearly a week. (International)

New Jersey Man's Slaying of 13 Worst in Recent History

By UNITED PRESS

The worst one-man massacre in recent criminal history occurred in the streets and shops of a Camden, N. J., neighborhood in 10 minutes one hot September day in 1949.

Howard Unruh, 28, a "model" young man, killed 13 persons ranging from a 3-year-old child to a 60-year-old grandmother and surrendered without a fight because "I don't have anything against the police." He had shot three other persons, who recovered from their wounds.

Killed To Get Even

Unruh, who apparently plotted the slayings to get even for a series of petty grievances against his neighbors, was declared insane and committed to a hospital for the criminally insane.

In another recent mass murder spree, in 1953, a young Marine, accompanied by a teen-age girl friend, killed five persons in a cross-country crime wave that started near Rochester, N. Y., and got the couple as far as Dubuque, Iowa.

Fred E. McManus, 18, AWOL from a Marine training camp, first killed a college student, William A. Braverman, who had given him a lift, then picked up his girl friend, Diane Marie Wegeland. He killed a man and wife in a Kennebec, Ill., store in a holdup that netted nothing, got \$8 in a bloodless hold-up at Dubuque and shot two women dead in an all-night tavern at Spring Valley, Minn. The couple was captured on the fourth day near Dubuque. McManus was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Bodies Tossed Into Mine

In another recent mass murder, William E. Cook, Dec. 30, 1950, stopped a car at gunpoint in Oklahoma and forced Carl Mosser, Atwood, Ill., his wife and their three small children to drive aimlessly about the Southwest for four days before he killed them all and tossed their bodies into an abandoned mine shaft at Joplin, Mo.

Cook killed another man in California's Mojave desert and was arrested Jan. 15, 1951, in Mexico, after a series of similar kidnappings in which he had spared his victims. He was executed in California in 1952.

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The Medford High school band, which played at the East-West Shrine football game Dec. 28, stayed at the hotel.

General Manager John B. Quigley wrote:

"It was again our pleasure to have the Medford, Ore., High school band as guests at the Drake Wiltshire at the end of last year. We again wish to compliment your instructors, the parents of these children and the children themselves on their exemplary conduct while they were here. It is always a pleasure to accommodate these young people, as they are always well behaved and mannerly about the hotel.

"We hope that we shall have the pleasure of seeing them again at the end of this year."

FACTORY CHESS GAME

Vienna — The Czech Communist Party organ Rude Pravo reported today that many workers at the Pilsen locomotive factory play chess on the job instead of working. Noting that production at the plant sank 19 per cent last year and that foreign customers were getting impatient for long delayed orders, the paper said "employees at the Lenin works in Pilsen sometimes play chess for many hours when they should be at work."

EXECUTIVE DIES

New York — Clarence A. Weymouth, 79, a trucking company executive whose varied business career included the construction and banking industries, died after a long illness at his home Wednesday. For the last 10 years Weymouth was assistant to the president of Associated Transport, Inc., a trucking firm which hauls freight in 13 states.



SNOW BUNNY'S PARADISE—While it rained heavily throughout Northern California over the last weekend, the storm brought joy to many a snow bunny as it deposited about two feet of snow in the Sierras. The above scene, made on U. S. Highway 40 at Sugar Bowl, near Donner Pass, shows the effect of the snowfall. Cars are buried, under drifts, but skiers trekked undaunted toward the slopes. More snow is expected.

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