

Khrushchev Makes It Clear He's Unchallenged Leader of Russians

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Bank Embezzler Big Stockholder In Town Business

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Sheldon, Iowa - (UPI) - Elliot Roosevelt has cast at least a ray of light on the mystery of

bank president's daughter Mrs. Burnice Geiger and her embezzled \$2 million.
The burly, graying son of the late President Roosevelt called a surprise news conference Wednesday night while almost all of Sheldon was asleep, to tell what he knew of the beloved woman who now has become one of the greatest bank embezzlers in the nation's history.

He spoke in tandem with Harold Kistner Jr., president of the Northern Biochemical Corp., which for barely more than a month has employed Roosevelt as financial adviser, Largest Single Stockholder.
With Roosevelt leading the way and Kistner cleaning up the loose ends, they revealed that:

-Mrs. Geiger owned 130,000 shares, at \$1 a share, of the 350,000 shares outstanding of Northern Biochemical, Sheldon's fastest growing business;

-She was the 14-month-old company's largest single stockholder;

-She bought her stock starting last February and she paid for it with cash;

-The firm's ready cash is all deposited and frozen tight in the federally closed Sheldon National Bank.

Questions Unanswered
Roosevelt's revelations fell far short of explaining why the 58-year-old assistant cashier of the Sheldon National Bank ruined through her piracy the institution her father built over almost a half century. They did not explain how she had stolen her confessed \$2,126,859.10 or - most important - what she had done with it.

Few residents of this fat and prosperous corn country town were aware that Mrs. Geiger, one of the more respected persons in town, and daughter of its most respected family, was the woman behind Sheldon's newest and most surprising industry.

Roosevelt's emergence in the case was the latest of a series of surprises which have amazed, stunned, and sometimes deeply saddened the 4,251 people of Sheldon.

DENIES MERGER RUMORS
Los Angeles - (UPI) - American Motors President George Romney flatly denied Wednesday reports of an impending merger between his firm and Douglas Aircraft Co. "There is absolutely no foundation whatsoever for any rumors or reports of this character," said Romney, here for a meeting of the Douglas board of directors.

Regarding China, Khrushchev said in his speech: "In its relations with the Communist party of China, our party proceeds always from the premise of friendship of the two great peoples and the unity of our two parties is of exceptional importance in the struggle for the triumph of our common cause."

Debate on Civil Rights Scheduled
Cleveland - (UPI) - Former U. S. Sen. George H. Bender will meet Gov. Ross Barnett of Mississippi in a civil rights debate Jan. 28 in Atlanta, Ga., Bender said Wednesday.

Bender is a prospective candidate for Congressman-at-large in the 1962 Ohio Republican primary election.

He said that the State Government Affairs conference of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce had asked him to meet Barnett in a discussion of "civil rights vs. state's rights."

Bender is a supporter of integration. Barnett, a Democrat has been a southern segregationist leader.

SOC Librarian To Talk At Douglas Meeting
Ashland - Mrs. Eleanor S. Everett, librarian of children's literature at Southern Oregon college, will speak on Children's Literature and Story Telling Saturday, Jan. 21, to the Douglas County Association of Childhood Education in Roseburg.

Mrs. Everett, who has been on the Southern Oregon College staff since 1959, received her bachelor of arts degree in library science at the University of Oklahoma. Before coming to Southern Oregon college, she served as assistant state supervisor in the Oklahoma statewide library project, as library assistant to the United States department of state, and as children's librarian in the Chicago public library system.

One-Man Control Of Communism Being Given Up

Moscow - (UPI) - A week of startling statements by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev made it clear today that he is the unchallenged leader of the Soviet Union but is giving up one-man control of world Communism.

Diplomatic observers said Khrushchev gained stature by bluntly exposing Soviet agricultural weaknesses before the powerful Communist Party central committee and ordering sweeping reforms to raise the standard of living of his people.

All Parties Equal
At the same time, he has proclaimed in a speech to Russian Communist leaders that all Communist parties are equal and that Moscow no longer claims leadership of the movement.

The central committee meeting on the Soviet agricultural problem ended Wednesday. Khrushchev's 20,000-word speech, dealing with the recent Communist summit conference were published Wednesday night.

The observers pointed out that Khrushchev confidently acted from a position of strength in attacking incompetent and deceiving officials during the committee meeting.

He added to his prestige by revising the grandiose steel production plans and ordering more resources and consumer goods pumped into the villages.

Farm Plan Adopted
Before closing its eight-day debate, the central committee approved a Khrushchev plan for decentralizing the farm program in an attempt to boost production. The plan is expected to shift control of agriculture from the central ministry to regional councils.

Khrushchev's abandonment of formal leadership of the Communist bloc was outlined in his speech to Russian party theoreticians and propagandists on Jan. 6. The speech, published in the party's theoretical journal, contained no drastic new theses on the bloc's aim to dominate the world.

But the speech did give new insight to the political alignment within the movement.

No Superior Party
"The Communist party of the Soviet Union does not lead other parties," Khrushchev said. "There is no superior and subordinate party in the Communist movement. It is impossible to lead all socialist and all Communist parties from any single center."

Observers pointed out that Khrushchev's move had obvious tactical advantages. The Soviet Union no longer is the sole arbiter and interpreter of Marxism-Leninism nor is it responsible for actions of individual bloc members, they said.

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PARTY GUESTS—Former President Harry S. Truman, left, shakes hands with House Speaker Sam Rayburn after arriving at the Statler hotel in Washington to attend a party in honor of Vice President-elect and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson. The party was hosted by Rayburn. (UPI Telephoto)

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Industrials Lag; Rails, Utilities Get Mild Support

New York - (UPI) - Stocks were mostly mixed today. Industrials showed a tendency to lag while rail and utility shares met mild support.

Baltimore & Ohio, which rose 6 1/2 points Wednesday, opened at 47, up 3 1/2.

In the chemicals Du Pont lost more than 1/2 and Union Carbide a smaller fraction.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
New York - (UPI) - Dow-Jones final stocks averages: 30 industrials 534.10, up 5.14; 20 railroads 144.89, up 3.75; 15 utilities 102.73, up 0.28, and 65 stocks 214.78, up 2.25. Sales Wednesday were about 4.39 million shares compared with 3.83 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:

Allied Chemical	55 1/2
Alum. Co. Am.	69 1/2
American Can	36 1/2
American Motors	17 1/2
A. T. & T.	107 1/2
Anaconda Copper	47 1/2
Armco Steel	60
Bentley Corp.	67 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	42 1/2
Boeing Air	39
Caterpillar Corp.	31 1/2

Chrysler Corp.	40
Continental Can	39 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	53 1/2
Curtiss Wright	16 1/2
Dow Chemical	72 1/2
Du Pont	202 1/2
Eastman Kodak	109 1/2
Firestone	33 1/2
General Electric	68 1/2
General Foods	73 1/2
General Motors	42 1/2
Georgia Pacific	54 1/2
Graham Paige	21 1/2
Greyhound	24 1/2
Gulf Oil	34 1/2
Homestake Mining	51 1/2
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I. B. M.	62 1/2
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Kennecott Copper	79 1/2
Lockheed Aircraft	28 1/2
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Pac Gas & Elec	75 1/2
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Penn. J. C.	41 1/2
Penn. R.R.	13 1/2
Radio Corporation	51 1/2
Richfield Oil	86 1/2
Sears	37 1/2
Shell Oil	41 1/2
Sococo Mobil Oil	42 1/2
Southern Co.	48 1/2
Southern Pacific	22 1/2
Standard California	48 1/2
Standard Indiana	47 1/2
Standard N. J.	42 1/2
Sun. Mica	8 1/2
Texas Co.	88 1/2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	21 1/2
Texas Pac. Land Trust	16 1/2
Transamerica	28
Trans World Air	18 1/2
Tri-Continental	38 1/2
Union Carbide	124 1/2
Union Pacific	30
United Aircraft	41 1/2
United Air Lines	38
U. S. Rubber	48 1/2
U. S. Steel	80 1/2

Six Americans Captured By Fidel Castro Forces

Havana - (UPI) - Six U.S. citizens accused of being members of a force trained in the United States to seek overthrow of the government of Fidel Castro were captured while trying to land by boat in Cuba, the government press said today.

The six men, all said to be former Army or Air Force men, were accused of trying to link up with "alleged counter-revolutionaries" in Pinar del Rio, Cuba's westernmost province.

The Cuban newspapers said the men were part of a group trained by former Cuban Sen. Rolando Masferrer under the "protection of Allen Dulles' Central Intelligence Agency."

Announce Identities
The men were identified as Alford Eugene Gibson, 32, Durham, N.C.; Leonard Louis Schmidt, 21, Chicago; George R. Beck, 24, Taunton, Mass.; Tommy L. Baker, 24, Dothan, Ala.; Donald Joe Green, 28, Clover, S.C.; and James R. Beane, 34, Cedar Falls, N.C.

Informal sources said the men were believed to have been seized some time ago but that the announcement was delayed to build up the revolutionary regime's "case" against the United States on the eve of President-elect John F. Kennedy's inauguration.

The government claimed the Americans contended they had landed in their boat because they were "lost." But it said the men later identified photographs showing Miami, Fla., "training grounds" for anti-Castro forces.

The Cuban cabinet decreed today that employees of the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo who do not live on the base must get special government passes to travel to and from work hereafter.

Persons affected by the order, about 3,200 of the base's

ANGELENOS SWELTER
Los Angeles - (UPI) - Los Angeles residents, who have enjoyed dry summerlike weather with high temperatures in the 80s all week, are in store for at least five more days of the same. The U.S. Weather Bureau predicted a top temperature of 85 degrees today, and continued warm, dry days into next week. Normal high here for this date is 64.

4,000 Cuban employees and probably some American civilians, will be required to get their passes from Guantanamo city authorities within 10 days.

Earlier, anti-Castro student groups had called for a nationwide school strike designed to force the government to halt its second round of firing-squad executions.

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