

Russian Officials Being Purged Under Guise of Agricultural Reforms

Premiers, Party Chiefs, Several Others Feel Axe

London—(UPI)—Under the innocent guise of agricultural reforms a sweeping purge is taking place in Russia.

It already has claimed premiers, party chiefs and an untold number of other officials high and low.

"Diplomatic dispatches reaching here today said the purge, which began quietly a few months ago and gained momentum in recent weeks, apparently is not yet completed."

The mastermind behind it is Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev. By all appearances he is making sure his men are slipping into the vacancies and assuring absolute party control over the politicians in the state machinery.

No Bloodshed

The purges have lost the grim brutality of the Stalin era.

Firing squads are out of fashion. The victims usually get alternative jobs. But all indications are that the cold process of "substitution" is no less effective.

The purges have followed Khrushchev's tour of the Soviet republics and his proclaimed dissatisfaction with the way the country's agriculture fell short of expectations. Officials have been accused of laxity, lying, mismanagement and graft.

Most of the new men have three main characteristics: They are relatively young, members of the Communist party and personally loyal to Khrushchev.

List Impressive

The recent job changes that have been announced — and there are many others that have been kept quiet — make an impressive list:

—Averki Aristov, member of the Soviet Presidium and deputy chairman of the party bureau of the Soviet Russian Republic, was removed from policy-making councils and sent to Poland as ambassador. He was replaced by G. I. Voronov, one of Khrushchev's latest proteges.

—Agriculture Minister Vladimir Malskevitch was sent to Kazakhstan.

—Nikolai Kalchenko was dismissed as prime minister of the Ukraine and replaced by Vladimir Shcherbitsky of the Ukrainian Communist party.

—Mikhail Roginets was fired as minister of agriculture in Kazakhstan.

—V. N. Titov was fired as Karkov regional party secretary.

The list is by no means complete but it reflects the scope of the purge. The number of lesser officials involved is said to be considerable.

Legislature Size

Vote Turned Down

Salem—(UPI)—A resolution to let the voters decide in 1962 whether to increase the size of the legislature from 90 to 98 seats has been defeated in the House.

Members cast 30 votes for the resolution and 28 against. Thirty-one votes are needed for passage.

The resolution, sponsored by Rep. George Annala, passed last week but its opponents won reconsideration.

HJR20 would have given Oregon five more state representatives and three more state senators, making the houses 65 and 33 respectively.

Each county but five would have been guaranteed at least one representative, thus providing minimum guarantees for Eastern Oregon.

The site of San Francisco was chosen for a mission in 1776 by the Spanish explorer Juan Anza, later governor of New Mexico.

Quotes From the News

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Virginia Beach, Va.—Mrs. Alan B. Shepard, wife of American's "prime astronaut," explaining why the couple's two daughters and 10-year-old niece were unruffled by Tuesday's postponement of a manned rocket flight:

"After all, they never knew him when he wasn't testing planes."

London—Eric Jenner, company secretary for the Peak Engineering Co., recalling the advice he gave Jordan King Hussein's fiancée Toni Gardiner 16 months ago, when she was working for him:

"You're not cut out for business. Pick yourself a nice man and get married."

Concord, Calif.—Harry Long, 43, explaining why he calmly loaded a 22-caliber rifle for his wife and stood still while she took aim at him:

"She missed. Just like I kept telling myself she would."

Tucson, Ariz.—Mec C. Matheson, who opposed Interior Secretary Stewart Udall in the November congressional election, refusing to concede to Udall's brother, Morris, in a special election for the same House seat until all returns were in:

"I have fought the two Udalls and I feel I put up a good fight."



TO EXCHANGE VIEWS—Labor Secretary Arthur Goldberg, right, and Canadian Labor Minister Michael Starr have worked out an arrangement for a "continuing exchange of views and information" on unemployment, automation and other problems in their governmental fields. (UPI Telephoto)

Railroad's Assistant Manager Retires

San Francisco—E. D. Moody, assistant general manager of Southern Pacific, retired April 30, completing a 46-year career of railroading.

He has held his present post since 1949. During 1955-56 he also served as assistant to vice president for system operations, serving on operating committees involved in rate studies.

Moody, a native of Ashland, Ore., is a graduate of the advanced management course at Harvard university.

Halffield Signs Salary Increases

Salem—(UPI)—Gov. Mark Hatfield Tuesday signed the bill raising his own salary to \$20,000 a year and boosting salaries of five other state officials to \$15,000 annually.

This is a \$2,500 a year raise for the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general.

It means \$3,500 a year more for the state superintendent of public instruction and the labor commissioner.

2,877 Residents Visit X-Ray Clinic During Past Year

A total of 2,877 Jackson county residents visited the x-ray out-patient clinic at Sacred Heart hospital during 1960, according to the x-ray committee of the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health association.

The clinic is operated by the health association for the public, and is open each Thursday afternoon and the first Wednesday evening each month. The clinic will be open between 7 and 9 o'clock tonight, and 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday.

The association's report showed that of the 2,877, approximately 12 per cent were found to have a chest condition which was referred to their family physician for further study or checking. In some cases, the condition is found to be of no significance, the committee said.

Of those referred to physicians, one per cent were referred for further study of suspected active tuberculosis. In addition to tuberculosis, the x-rays are read by radiologists for other chest abnormalities, such as lung cancer, heart conditions and emphysema, according to Lowell Iverson, chairman of the case finding committee.

New Confirmed Cases
There were 16 new confirmed cases of tuberculosis in Jackson county during 1960, he said, with 11 new ones so far in 1961. There are 158 tuberculosis patients on the register at the health department under supervision.

"While it is fine that 2,877 people had screening x-rays in 1960, still it is felt a more intensive check is needed of segments of the population where tuberculosis incidence is known to be high and including elderly people," Dr. A. E. Merkel, county health officer stated.

Mrs. C. Ivan Burton, director of the x-ray clinic said that while it is not required by law, more and more food handling establishments, such as restaurants and markets, feel it is a good practice, for the protection of their customers and employees to see that the employees have annual chest x-rays.

Conco Lake Subject Of Magazine Article

Copco Lake on the Klamath river in northern California is the subject of an article in the May issue of Sunset magazine.

The article says "Several California fishing authorities have rated Copco as the best fresh-water fishing lake in the state, and report that its wide variety of game fish includes the yellow perch, a scrappy 'cold water' fish virtually unknown in other California waters."

Other types of fish in the lake, picnic and camping facilities, and directions to Copco Lake also are given in the article.

The article points out that "recreation improvements at Copco Lake are almost nonexistent. There is no campground, no boat livery, no fishing camp, no gas station, no grocery store."

Bedfloaters Back In College Classes

Corvallis—(UPI)—Four Oregon State university students went back to classrooms today after claiming a new world's record in the new college bed-float.

They started down the Willamette river from here last Saturday morning and wound up their voyage near the St. John's bridge in Portland Tuesday afternoon.

The distance was about 125 miles. The "old" record was 121 miles set by a group of University of Missouri students. They had planned to go to St. Helens but called it quits after slow progress in Portland harbor.

The four who made the trip were Bill Purvine, Salem; Gordon Ekan, Hawaii; Steve Gibson, San Bernardino, Calif.; and Hugh Rosenberg, Tillamook.

The jury deliberated for 6½ hours Tuesday before locking up for the night.

Parker and another man, Harold Keith, were accused in the 1957 slaying of Holloway, whose body was found in a well near Yernonia. Parker was convicted of second degree murder in 1958 but the State Supreme court reversed the decision and ordered a new trial.

Keith is serving a 10-year manslaughter sentence in connection with the case.



TO CARRY BANNER—Sheila, 6, top, and Kammy McGrath, 4, of Arvada, Colo., will carry the banner this year for 5.5 million mentally retarded Americans. Sheila is severely retarded as a result of a metabolic deficiency called "phenylketonuria" or PKU. Kammy suffers from the same disease but is a bright girl with normal mentality, thanks to a simple diaper test performed at an early age and preventive medicine received in time. The girls, daughters of Richard McGrath, an electrical engineer, are victims of a genetically transmitted biochemical condition that causes retardation unless the baby is placed on a phenylalanine-free diet before any harm takes place. Sheila and Kammy have been selected as the 1961 poster children for the National Association for Retarded Children. (UPI Telephoto)

Two More Added To Highway Toll

By United Press International
Oregon's mounting 1961 traffic death toll was increased by two Tuesday when a car plunged over an embankment east of Tillamook and another car burst into flames about 40 miles south of Roseburg after leaving the highway.

Mrs. Lilly Ellen Smith 30, Tigard, was killed when the car in which she and her daughter, Ellen, 4, were riding went over the embankment 18 miles east of Tillamook on the Wilson River highway. The daughter was not hurt.

Myron Marvin Delaunay, 32, Astoria, was killed Tuesday night when his southbound car went out of control about 10 miles south of Cannonville on Highway 99, skidded for 170 feet into a ditch and then rolled end-over-end before catching fire. A passenger, C. W. Beach, 42, Astoria, was thrown from the car when it hit the ditch and was not hurt seriously.

Mountain Sheep Proposal Rejected

Washington—(UPI)—Federal Power Commission Examiner William C. Levy Tuesday rejected a motion by the Washington Public Power Supply System to amend its license application to include construction of the High Mountain Sheep dam.

The public power group, which is seeking to build the Nez Perce dam on the Snake river, had asked that it be allowed to amend its application to allow it to build the High Mountain Sheep dam if the FPC rejected the Nez Perce project.

The Pacific Northwest Power Co., a combination of four private utilities, earlier had filed an application to build the High Mountain Sheep project.

Levy also ordered a hearing on the applications recessed to June 12.

Negro Jobless Problem Discussed

Portland—(UPI)—Employment opportunities for Negroes on the docks and lack of such opportunities were discussed at a meeting of the Portland Dock commission Tuesday.

Three officers of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People said no Negroes were employed as longshoremen and in other job classifications 14 per cent of the Negro work force was unemployed.

They said the figure was more than double that of the white workers.

Benches Placed on College's Campus

Ashland—Nine benches have been placed around the Southern Oregon college campus by various college organizations.

Building and placing the benches was a Traditions committee project, and was financially supported by the Associated Students of Southern Oregon college. The money was used to pay for building concrete end pieces. The organizations were required to furnish the rest of the materials necessary.

The organizations which erected the benches are Tri Zeta, a woman's service honorary; Tau Kappa Epsilon, a men's service fraternity; Delta Phi Delta, men's social and service fraternity; Alpha Phi Omega, scouting fraternity; Theta Delta Phi, a men's scholastic honorary; Mugs, off-campus fraternity; Siskiyau Hall, a men's dormitory; Susanne Homes Hall, a woman's dormitory; and Associated Women Students.

Reserve Captain To Be In Exercise

Medford Postman and Army Reserve Capt. Sebastian J. (Benny) Fagone is taking part this month in Exercise Lava Plains at the Yakima Firing Center, near Yakima, Wash.

Fagone is assigned to the 22nd Infantry Battle group of the 4th Infantry Division. The military exercise, involving more than 18,000 soldiers, is a joint Army-Air Force maneuver. The actual exercise will start May 8 and will continue through May 22.

Much importance has been assigned to the military training exercise, according to Fagone. The Medford postman participated in a similar exercise last year.

Personnel from six Ft. Lewis, Wash., units are currently undergoing intensive training in preparation for a tactical airlift involving the transportation of more than a million pounds of troops and equipment from Ft. Lewis to Selah Spring, which is in the Yakima Firing Center complex.

LARSON GRADUATES

Garrett L. Larson, gunner's mate third class, USN, was graduated April 7 from the gunner's mate school at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Larson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Larson of Prospect, Ore.

AT ALEMEDA

Blake E. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Taylor, 1021 North Tenth at, Medford, is serving at the Naval Air Station in Alameda, Calif. Taylor is an airman apprentice in the U. S. Navy.

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