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TOWER TALK



with the
Ground Observer Corps

By EDNA HALL

If the masters of the Kremlin have made plans for an attack on our continent, they must take great comfort in the indifference of the American public to the warnings of its appointed experts. Hostile aircraft must be tracked in their progress, if they are to be effectively intercepted. Without an adequate network of aircraft-spotter stations, an enemy air penetration would be as difficult to intercept as a mosquito in a dark room.

Could you identify a Russian Mig 15? It is a fighter plane with



the wing span 37' 6" and is 33' 9" in length. It has a modified Rolls Royce jet engine which moves it at 615 miles per hour at an altitude of 25,000 feet; estimated range is 700 to 800 miles.

Spotting and identifying aircraft consists of ground-visual, ground-electronic, and air-visual detection, as well as camera coverage. In addition to improving present reporting techniques and analytical methods, the Air Technical Intelligence Center is considering proposals for an intensive instrumentation program. Plans call for increased camera coverage, new and improved triangulation devices, astronomical type telescopes and other mechanical devices which will increase accuracy and validity of reports. Despite these new instruments, however, the bulk of reports will still come from individuals. Ground Observer Corps volunteers, whose job it is to keep

their eyes on the skies, will continue to be a most important source of detection.

In a joint statement by the Secretary of the United States Air Force, Thomas K. Finletter, and the Federal Civil Defense Administrator, Millard Caldwell, it was emphasized that Soviet air power is in steady and relentless expansion. The Soviet Air Forces already include 20,000 first-line aircraft, plus another 20,000 in reserve. Of this total of 40,000 military aircraft, some 8,000 are jets, primarily fighters. The American people must understand that the air defense of the continental United States is not a job that can be done by the military alone. It is too big for that. It is a complicated task in which civil authorities, the public, and the military must act as one. In face of this reality, every American should be alert to the danger and ready to take part in the defense of our Nation.

Russia already has over a million people in its ground observation system. Let's face it—"Operation Skywatch" will test the endurance and patience of the American people to the utmost. Even under favorable circumstances, it is bound to involve a continuing hardship. Do we have the fortitude to apply ourselves steadily to a sky watch, a vigil that may seem interminable and purposeless? Either we take on this chore as responsible citizens, or risk leaving the nation terribly exposed. It is an honor to become acquainted with the fine people who have already volunteered to serve at the local G. O. C. Post, especially those whose shifts take them out late at night and in the early morning hours. Why don't you sign up today and join the patriotic citizens who are giving a few hours of their time each week to insure against a surprise attack on our country? Shifts can be arranged to suit your convenience. The eligibility requirements are simple—any loyal citizen, man or woman, including teenage boys and girls, are the personnel needed. The prime prerequisite is mature judgment. Don't wait—become a member now! For information call 3563 or 4443.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The hammer and sickle have fallen from the hands of Joseph Stalin.

The "great comrade" has come to twilight on his long, bloody road to power.

It is superb irony that this man whose words and actions frightened more people than any other man in history should end a helpless paralytic, unable to move or ask for a drink of water.

A complete prisoner of a small group of men in whom he held no final trust.

What terror must seethe in his darkened brain as strange shadowy figures probe his numbing body in Moscow's official medical inquisition!

What panic in his mind as he thickened tongue refuses to say what he wants it to say!

Maybe he wants to give an order. Won't anybody can't anybody hear him?

Maybe it isn't an order at all. Maybe the great marshal doesn't want to talk about a battle plan.

... or purge a satellite country. Perhaps at last he wants to mumble a prayer. Or to ask what day it is. Or maybe his memory wanders in the lost fields of yesterday and he is inquiring for Lenin or Trotsky.

... the dead friends of his dead youth. Whatever he wants no longer makes any difference.

He shares in solitude the fate he inflicted on millions of other human beings. Now he, too, is a slave. And, like all the others, death is for him the only way out.

At this writing the Moscow government reports him still alive. But, true or false, it makes no real difference. Dead or alive, Comrade Stalin is again a stranger to power.

His arch enemy, the Pope at Rome, prays for his conversion. Millions of others around the world, less pious, would prefer to ring church bells over his death.

Many in his own country probably feel that way, too.

It is a measure of the schism that Joe Stalin created in the world that in free countries people even took his own government's announcement of his illness in disbelief.

"He must already be dead, and they are just getting ready to prepare the Russian people for the news," is the way many Americans expressed it. The feeling was that the death of Stalin, like any other event in Soviet Russia, would be preceded by a big propaganda buildup.

The government announcement calculated to allay suspicions that Comrade Stalin was the victim of a secret purge plot, as were so many of those around him over the long years.

The announcement spoke of "medical forces enlisted" to treat him, but the doctors assigned this unhappy task might better be described as "drafted." What physician in Russia wants to be known as the one who pronounced Comrade Stalin dead? Such an honor or certainly is no passport to a future rich, free life.

It was also proclaimed officially that the treatment of the stricken Premier is "under the constant supervision" of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Wouldn't it seem odd in America if President Eisenhower fell ill, and the White House announced:

"The President is being treated under the constant supervision of the Republican National Committee."

Well, it took Joseph Stalin 73 years to make his bed. Now he lies in it, dead or probably dying, willing to forget the world, already willing to forget him, wonders who will pick up his hammer and sickle now in the plot against peace.

KIDNEYS MUST REMOVE EXCESS WASTE

Negative backache, loss of pep and energy, headache and dizziness may be due to slow down of kidney function. Doctors say good kidney function is very important to good health. When some everyday condition, such as stress and strain, causes this important function to slow down, many folks suffer nagging backache, feel miserable. Minor bladder irritations due to cold or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages. Don't neglect your kidneys if these conditions bother you. Try Doan's Pills—a mild diuretic. It's amazing how many times Doan's give happy relief from these discomforts—helping the 16 miles of kidney tubes and filters flush out waste. Ask for new, large, economy size and save money. Get Doan's Pills today!

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Enslavement Moves Held Up By News

by ERNEST B. VACCARO

WASHINGTON (AP)—Russian Premier Joseph Stalin's serious illness appeared likely today to delay, if not prevent, a bitter partisan clash over President Eisenhower's first foreign policy request to Congress.

This ironic situation developed as Senate Democrats stood firm against Republican changes in the President's resolution condemning Russia for "perverting" wartime agreements so as to enslave free peoples.

Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.), who drafted the controversial amendment, conceded the resolution "may not come up" in the Senate in its present form as long as the Senate remains split sharply on party lines.

"Stalin's illness would give us a good reason for postponement until we see whether something can be worked out," Smith told reporters.

Democrats are lined up almost solidly behind the Republican President in support of the original resolution he sent to Congress.

Despite Secretary of State Dulles' caution against any changes, which might imperil prospects for passing the resolution with near unanimity, Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee wrote in a declaration that its adoption would "not constitute any determination... as to the validity or invalidity" of big power agreements made secretly at Yalta and elsewhere.

They did so Tuesday by an 8 to 6 vote. That afternoon, the Senate Republican Policy Committee unanimously endorsed the revised resolution.

Yesterday, the Senate Democratic Policy Committee countered by repeating a previous pledge to accept "President Eisenhower's anti-enslavement resolution as a sincere effort to achieve bipartisan condemnation of Soviet imperialism."

There was no direct comment from the White House, and none from the State Department. Secretary Dulles neither approved nor disapproved of the amendment, an aide said.

Sen. George of Georgia, senior Democrat on the foreign relations committee, said, "There is a strong possibility the resolution may never be brought to a vote at all."

Sen. Taft said he didn't have "any such idea" although he added, "We'll try to let everybody cool down and see if any one has any suggestions." He, too, said Stalin's illness might make a difference.

JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—If Lenin was the driving force which created communism in Russia, it was Stalin who became administrator of the estate. He may not have improved the property but at least he enlarged it.

By the very choice of the words he used in a speech five days after Lenin's death in 1924 Stalin made it clear he looked upon communism and Russia as a legacy from the departed leader.

"Comrade Lenin," he said, "bequeathed to us the duty of guarding and strengthening the dictatorship of the proletariat." In that speech he used the word "bequeathed" several times.

The Western World, which had a habit of trying not to believe the unpleasant early statements of people like Hitler and Stalin, may have felt, if it listened at all, that what Stalin said in the speech was more pious talk than earnestness.

Nevertheless, modern history might be different if the West had taken Stalin at his word then, for in that speech he outlined the course of the policy which he has followed faithfully ever since. He said:

"Lenin never regarded the Republic of the Soviets as an end in itself. He always regarded it as a necessary link for strengthening the revolutionary movement in the lands of the West and East, as a necessary link for facilitating the victory of toilers of the whole world over capital...."

"Lenin knew that only such an interpretation is the correct one—not only from the international point of view, but also from the point of preserving the Republic of the Soviets itself."

It was an extremely clever speech in the way it combined two contrasting views of the world: the internationalism of Lenin, who once said "I spit on Russia," and the nationalism of Stalin, who is basically a Russia-firster.

In that first paragraph he encouraged Communist parties everywhere, which is what Lenin would have wanted. It was in the second paragraph that Stalin's nationalism, and his realism, peeped through.

For it was in the second paragraph that he told his followers in effect: "We'd better surround ourselves with Communist countries for self-protection against the anti-Communist ones."

Until Hitler forced him into World War II Stalin acted like an old conservative, in a socialist kind of way. He concentrated on building up Russia and, although encouraging Communist parties elsewhere, tried no military adventures in quest of new real estate.

There was a good reason for not trying any grabs in those years. The rest of the world might have struck back, destroying both him and Russian communism at the same time.

He made his move when Germany was collapsing. His armies were in the satellite countries, and no one was around to stop him. It was then he grabbed the satellites, rammed communism down their throats.

Now they serve Russia a double purpose. They're a sizable buffer wall against the West and they provide a springboard for new adventures westward when, and if, the time comes.

That Stalin's thinking about communism was more Russian than internationalist is pretty clearly demonstrated by his treatment of the local Communist leaders in the satellites. They're just errand boys for Russia.

The fact that the West can still be shocked at Stalin's zig-zags, betrayals, blood-purges, and agreement-breaking is pretty good evidence the West persists in expecting the best from Stalin instead of the worst.

But that the West could expect only the worst, and not the best, was laid down coolly enough by Lenin himself who said, "There are no morals in politics, there is only expediency."

While Lenin and Stalin may have had many attitudes in common they differed at least in one area, the field of modesty, and that, strangely enough, may cause more trouble than either anticipated.

Lenin, from all accounts, was a very modest man who was stunned when party members tried to make him a folk-hero with big pictures of him everywhere.

But Stalin must have encouraged the adulation given him in books, newspapers and radio, all controlled by the government. If he hadn't, it could not have happened. It's been happening for years.

He was built up as the benevolent "Little Father" of the people, with all good flowing from him, all evil from those who opposed him. The party and his successor may have difficulty creating a new legend to replace him.

Northern Indochina Sees Cruelty Of War As Flaming Villages Citizens Pay Price For Rebel

By JACK MACBETH
With French Union Forces in Northern Indochina. "There's the swart Moroccan riflemen says in his clipped French, pointing 'See, in the middle of that paddy. Three more of them."

crouching there. Better take a look." Slowly, almost sullenly, four other men stoop down, pick up two litter, and head for the brown-green field a scant half-mile away. Through a whining mass of misery

Jap Lumber Mill In Alaska May Be Operating In Year; Final Approval Pending

TOKYO (AP)—Japan hopes to finance and operate a lumber mill in Alaska's vast forests within a year, says the head of a seven-member technical delegation which recently returned from Alaska.

Takaji Oshima said the Japanese government has been negotiating with the U. S. State Department since early last year for rights to cut timber in Alaska and a general agreement was reached.

Oshima, director of Japan's Forest Resources Council, said in an interview his mission found "wonderful possibilities."

He said if the program was put through, it would fit in with the U. S. development program in Alaska under which pulp mills would help supply the world with much-needed newsprint and paper.

The U. S. government realizes this and agrees in principle, Oshima said.

Although no concrete agreement on financing, construction and operation of the lumber mill has been made, Oshima said Japan has

been granted the right to "bid for the deal."

If the plans are approved he said a Japanese lumber company would be established in Alaska and build a mill about equal to the largest now operating in Japan but small in comparison with U. S. mills.

The forestry expert said the trees are getting "over-ripe" and declared that when this happens the trees die and new saplings cannot grow.

If proper deforestation were undertaken in U. S. National Forests of Alaska, he added, lumber mills could operate indefinitely.

Oshima said U. S. timber companies were interested in cutting only spruce trees while hemlocks are untouched. He said two-thirds of Alaska's forests are hemlock.

Referring to opposition to the Japanese mill voiced by West Coast lumber dealers and an open letter brought to the attention of Secretary of State Dulles, Oshima denied a secret agreement had reached between the two countries.

"Our negotiations are an open book," he said. "Japan only wants to be in line with other countries who may obtain timber rights. We only want the right to bid for the deal, and that we have obtained."

Farm Loan Meet Set

Annual stockholders' meeting of the Klamath-Lake National Farm Loan Association will be held Saturday in the Winema Hotel Banquet Room, H. E. Hamaker, secretary-treasurer announced this week.

Hamaker said the meeting will attract members and their wives from both Klamath and Lake Counties, the area in which the association makes and services loans. It will begin with a noon luncheon at which the association will elect two directors to serve during the next three years. Vancil A. Withers, Lake County, and William F. Jinnette, Klamath County, have just completed three year terms as directors. Hold-over directors in addition to Pres. L. J. Horton include Fred L. Pope, and U. E. Reeder, Klamath County, and Fred R. Peat and W. Warren Maxwell, Lake County.

Charles H. Henderson, Klamath County agriculturist will be the principal speaker, and a motion picture, "The New Paul Bunyan" will be shown by T. C. Durnment, of Weyerhaeuser Timber Company.

Air Safety Meet Set For Monday

A civil Aeronautics Administration safety panel is to be held Monday night at 7:30 in the Pilot's Lounge, Municipal Airport, with a flock of safety experts, pilots and aviation enthusiasts sitting in.

The panel is to be open to all interested persons.

On the panel will be Jack Feeney, CAA safety agent, Eugene; Max Menli, Klamath pilot and air service operator; Tony Steinbock, another air service operator from here; Chet Simson, Simson's Flying Service here; CAA Airways Communications Station Chief Vance Hawley; and Walt McIntyre, manager of the Klamath Falls airport.

A moving picture is to follow, sponsored by the CAA.

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