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JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lenin and Stalin had in common the goal of world communism. It must be believed the men closest to Stalin—he had 29 years since Lenin's death to handpick them—shared his aim.

So the basic question raised by his death is not whether his heirs will quarrel among themselves but whether they will seek the goal he sought the same way or differently. Will they be reckless or like Stalin, move cautiously?

It is possible that in an internal struggle for power, the heirs will wreck their party and Russia and so eliminate the Soviets as a world threat. Until such an explosion occurs it must remain simply wishful thinking.

Stalin was neither an intellectual nor, so far as is known, neurotic. He was confronted with both in his first and greatest rival, Leon Trotsky, the brilliant but vain and flamboyant egotist.

None of the men in Stalin's inner circle at the time of his death, has been mentioned as blessed with high intellectuality nor cursed with neuroses.

If any of them is brilliant, it has not been revealed. They have acted as a team. None of them could be considered flamboyant. After his experience with Trotsky, Stalin probably wanted those around him to be just the opposite.

They have acted as he acted: practical, cold, calculating, and cunning. The very best tribute to their shrewdness is that they were able to survive in a slaughter-house.

Nevertheless, alongside Stalin they appeared gray, almost shadowy men, either naturally or by Stalin's design. At any rate, he was the towering figure in Russia, the symbol of communism.

It is easier for masses of people to give their devotion to an individual than to a shapeless and invisible thing called "The Party."

That may explain why the Russian Communists, who wanted obedience from the people above all else, made Stalin appear as a folk-hero and Soviet saint in his lifetime.

But in playing up Stalin they

had to subordinate the party itself. Stalin may have represented the party but the party became less than Stalin. This might have been useful while he lived but very inconvenient when he died.

The party seemed aware of this, and amazingly uneasy about it, for in the announcement of Stalin's death last night there were a couple of paragraphs which seemed more indicated of hope than reality.

"In these sorrowful days all the peoples of our country are rallying even closer in a great fraternal family under the tested leadership of the Communist party created and reared by Lenin and Stalin."

"The Soviet people have boundless faith in and are permeated with a deep love for their Communist party for they know that the supreme law governing all the activity of the party is service in the interests of the people."

Lenin and Stalin both believed that in a resolution the main force must be a relatively small and dedicated corps of men, the members of the party. But the revolution is hardly a revolution now. It's 36 years old.

Since the situation therefore is comparatively stable, this special group of dedicated party members becomes an elite, like the Nazi party, and thus separate and remote from the people.

It's an exclusive set. Only few are permitted to join. In Russia perhaps no more than six million people are in the party which runs the lives of the other 204 million people.

Having thus been shut off from participation in making the decisions which affect their whole lives, the people cannot be expected to have a patience with the mistakes that are made—as might be expected of people who, in a democracy, share in successes and failures, because they choose their own government.

For this reason the party in Russia now must be sure it has mass loyalty, which Stalin himself may have had, before it tries any wild adventures. This fact alone may other should put a brake, if only temporarily, on any adventures Stalin's heirs have in mind.

SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP) — The flow of American dollars abroad — both in trade and aid — now exceeds the amounts foreigners need to pay for goods and services bought here.

Other nations have added nearly two billion dollars to their gold and dollar reserves in the last 11 months. They were swelling their store of dollars until the middle of December.

Since then they have been taking gold. It has been flowing from the United States at a rate of 50 million dollars worth a week.

This is a flow of gold — not a drain of our gold reserves (although they are now 2.2 per cent lower than a year ago), and certainly not a flight of gold.

"The more vigorous strides toward internal and external economic stability made by foreign countries," is hailed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in its March Review — published Thursday as British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Chancellor of the Exchequer Richard A. Butler start their financial and economic talks with the Eisenhower administration.

The National City Bank of New York, expecting the heavy U.S. government outlays of dollars abroad to continue, says "the rise in foreign gold and dollar holdings may be even larger this year than in 1952."

It, too, gives credit to "the successful use of fiscal and credit

policies to suppress internal inflation" in many other lands.

Last year this government gave two billion dollars in economic aid, spent 1 1/2 billion dollars abroad in maintaining troops and buying military materials, granted 2 1/4 billion dollars worth of military aid. And U.S. overseas investments added another 1 1/4 billion dollars to foreign reserves.

As to this what other nations made by selling us goods, transporting out products, and by entertaining American tourists — and they had a total of more than 19 1/2 billion dollars available. The year before they had a billion more than that.

Since they needed only some 18 billion dollars to pay for what they got from us in merchandise and services, they have been able to swell their reserves.

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By Jimmy Hatlo



More Items Taken Off Curbs List

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government Thursday lifted price controls from major household appliances, bread and bakery products, automobiles and laundry services.

Price Chief Joseph H. Freehill estimated that the annual sales volume of items removed from control by the action is 25 billion dollars.

It was the fifth major step in lifting controls since President Eisenhower, in his State of the Union message, called for an end to price curbs by April 30.

These are the major items from which the controls were removed Thursday:

All bakery products, including bread, rolls, pies and so forth, estimated to have an annual sales volume of 3 1/2 billion dollars.

All major household appliances, including home refrigerators, dishwashers, ranges, clothes washers, driers and ironers, home and farm freezers.

All custom-molded and fabricated plastic products.

All new passenger automobiles and postwar used cars, parts and accessories, as well as all commercial vehicles, including trucks, buses, trailers and parts.

The automotive items decontrolled have an estimated retail sales volume of 12 billion dollars.

In addition controls were removed from glycerine, cocoa and cocoa products, copper chemicals, and X-ray and electrical therapeutic apparatus.

The action left these items still under government price control: Beer, some chemicals, No. 2 heating oil, various building materials and metals and metal products and machinery.

Hackie Has Long Ride-For Nothing

MILLBRAE, Calif. (AP) — Taxi driver Edward Joss said a man climbed into his cab in Portland, Ore., and instructed curiously: "Drive me to San Mateo, Calif. — I'll pay you when we get there." But when they stopped at a gas station here last night—about five miles from San Mateo—the nimble 6-foot 7-inch passenger fled. Joss told police the passenger neglected to pay his bill of \$296 for the 600 mile ride.

HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The measure of a man's business success today often isn't the size of his salary.

It's how big an expense account he draws.

The expense account is a wonderfully flexible instrument, the passport into a golden world of free-spending splendor.

"An expense account beats a paycheck because you don't have to explain it to Uncle Sam," says the lucky holder of one. "And the company doesn't ask too many questions about where the money goes—as long as you're bringing in business."

"Why should they bother? Every dollar you spend on expenses actually costs them only 18 cents. The rest would go to the government anyway under the excess profits tax."

The expense account probably is as old as civilization. But rising income taxes—and spreading business prosperity—have enabled it to create a new privileged class, both here and in England.

Many a man waxes and weds a wife now on expense account money, or gives his dear old mother a winter vacation in Florida, or sends his son to a college he couldn't otherwise afford.

The joys and woes of this post-war aristocracy are explored in the current issue of Life Magazine by Ernie Havemann, who says:

"In cities like New York, Washington and Chicago it is safe to say that at any given moment well over half of all the people in the best hotels, the best nightclubs and the best restaurants are charging the bill to their companies, which in turn are charging it to the government in the form of tax deductions. Even a smaller city like Seattle reflects the phenomenon."

The cheerful advantages of a big expense account are obvious to anyone. The tragic side is just as real. It is an open invitation for a man to live beyond his own means.

He finds that his mere signature on a check will let him enter into a glamorous world of free drinks, free food, free theater tickets and other kinds of entertainment. He mixes with celebrities and people of real wealth.

He gets the idea he really belongs in this world, and soon his expense account doesn't cover the tabs he signs. He is in over his head. He spends more money—his own—trying to buy a customer's business instead of selling him on facts. And the final price too many pay is alcoholism, marital breakup, loss of job.

But as they disappear, new men with new expense accounts step up to the bar. The running effect of entertainment allowances on their

men worries top executives, but it is hard for them to draw the line.

Who are the temporary aristocrats of the age of the expense account?

"Anybody who sells anything," is the definition of Toots Shor, noted restaurateur and graduate student of Manhattan night life.

"The big spenders are advertising men, public relations guys, manufacturers, motion picture people, brokers and auto salesmen."

Shor believes that if you picked up many a man on an expense account and shook him nothing would fall out of his pockets but his car keys.

"The big companies are getting more strict about expense accounts now," he said. "They were careless about them for a long time, but realized some guys took advantage of them."

"They were using the dough to court girl friends instead of customers. But generally you find that a guy who abuses his expense account in time abuses himself right out of a job and back into the breadline."

Moralists may decry the expense account evil, but only a business recession is likely to curb it. Everybody who has an expense account says he loses money on it, but he will break into tears if the boss tries to take it away. And no man in business who doesn't have an expense account feels he is really going ahead until he can cuff a few tabs on his firm.

West Coast Tops Growth Average

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The West Coast's economic growth in the last three years was double that of the national average, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Thursday.

Max D. Kossoris, the bureau's regional director, said an employment survey showed the West Coast's economy expanded 12.4 per cent during the period compared with the national average of 6.2 per cent.

The rate of growth in California and Washington was well above the national average but Oregon's was slightly below. California's rate was 14.1 per cent; Washington's 8.8 per cent, and Oregon's 5.1 per cent.

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Congress Shelves Ike's Enslavement Blast; Action May Never Be Resumed

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress put the Eisenhower administration's proposed blast against Russian "enslavement" of other peoples on the shelf today amid signs it may never be revived in its present form.

Some lawmakers predicted the cold war move initiated by Secretary of State Dulles will be abandoned.

But Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) said he was working on a proposal which he believed would meet the objection of Democrats to including in the pending resolution a rider saying it neither validated or invalidated World War II big power agreements.

Smith said he had enlisted some support for a proposal to have Congress declare that the Russians had enslaved other peoples, without mentioning Yalta and other agreements at all.

Sen. O'Quinn (D-Iowa) has had the same idea in mind. Smith said the Dulles-sponsored resolution is "going in the cooler" with the approval of State Department aides, if not Dulles himself.

As matters stood, Dulles appeared to have lost his first self-started move for congressional backing in his war of nerves against the Russians. A previous Senate resolution condemning Russian persecution of Jewish and other minorities was initiated by the lawmakers themselves.

Figuring in the decision to delay action on the resolution condemning the Soviets was the illness and death of Premier Stalin. Some legislators argued that it would be foolish to take such action until there is some word on whether his successor will be chosen without a struggle.

However, the resolution apparently was being side tracked primarily because of Democratic opposition to a GOP amendment saying that Congress was not passing on the validity or invalidity of the secretly made agreements.

Dulles testified he wanted the resolution passed by a near unanimous vote. He said no useful purpose would be served in changing the wording he submitted. When the Senate Foreign Relations Committee did change it, at the insistence of GOP Leader Taft of Ohio, Dulles apparently was not pleased.

Senate Democrats demanded that the original language be retained unchanged, asserting they were supporting the President's position.

But Eisenhower left both the Democrats and Dulles stranded when he told his news conference yesterday that the Taft-backed amendment covered only a technical point and didn't change the sense of his original proposal.

How to say it, Eisenhower continued, was the business of the lawmakers, just as they didn't change the tone of his resolution.

He went on to say, however, that unless there was mass support for the resolution in Congress, it wouldn't be of much effect abroad.

Taft apparently believed there

wouldn't be any such mass approval and he told reporters that "we ought to wait until the Stalin thing settles down."

In the House, GOP Leader Halclock of Indiana said it might be "dangerous to rock the boat" in international affairs until the Russian situation is clear. He said action on the resolution would be delayed indefinitely.

Taft's position evidently was that if the rider regarding the status of the treaties were not included, a sizeable number of Republicans who have denounced the Yalta agreements would vote against the measure on final passage.

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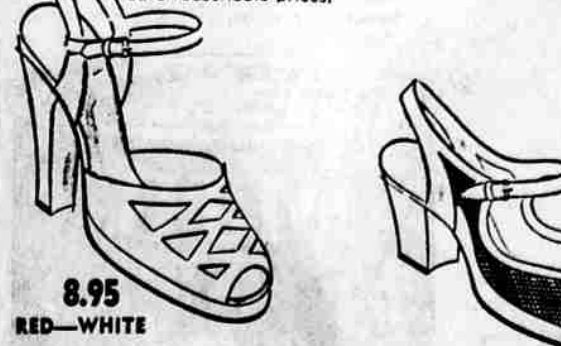
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