

# It's A Long Road From Little Village To The Kremlin's Throne Room

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It's a long, long road from the poor little thatched roof village of Kalinovka, near Kursk in the Ukraine, to the throne room of the Kremlin and the center of the world stage.

But, as Nikita Khrushchev, boss of all the Russians and the satellites beyond, regards the eminence and power he has achieved—the one-time barefoot boy who tended the few pigs, goats and cows of his coal miner father—he shows no signs of fatigue.

Once again, the world waits upon his word and wonders: Peace or war?

Thousands of words have been written about this chunky, short (five foot five) physically strong man who walked the tricky, murderous road to the top in Soviet Russia. Much of what has been written has been contradictory—as contradictory as the man himself.

When first he came to power in gradual stages after the death of Stalin in 1953, many astute observers of the Russian scene regarded him as a buffoon, a talky, boastful, tactless and mediocre figure who was not long for the helm.

What the world overlooked at first was the Khrushchev toughness, the ability to profit from error so he rarely made the same mistake twice, and the fierce competitive shrewdness that had carried him successfully through the jungle of Russian Communist politics while other, seemingly stronger men, fell.

Biographers of Khrushchev credit much of his staying power to the natural peasant endurance that came to him by birth. At 64—he was born in April, 1894—he gives off an aura of strength and sureness that some interviewers have described as frightening, particularly when he is angry. He can also, as many Kremlin party goers have learned, be disarmingly charming.

What sort of man is Khrushchev really? The answers still are not clear. Most studies of the man dwell on his outward contradictions, then go into his past to explain him.

As a world figure, Khrushchev's history is relatively short. Until the early 1950's his name was associated vaguely in the world outside Russia with administrative mistakes in Russia's agricultural program, and efforts to put down unrest in the Ukraine.

When Stalin died in March, 1953, Western attention centered on the names of Premier Georgi Malenkov, Vyacheslav M. Molotov, Lavrenti Beria. They seemed the ruling triumvirate. But nine days after Stalin's death Malenkov stepped down from his top post in the Communist Party and Khrushchev stepped up as first secretary of the all-powerful Central Committee.

It was not until the following September that the world learned of the power shift, but from that time Khrushchev's emergence has been unmistakable as he climbed to, or took, ever greater power, and the once fearsome names dropped off one by one—Beria

executed, Malenkov unseated and downgraded, Molotov exiled.

Khrushchev, though little known elsewhere, actually rose to high posts under Stalin earlier than Malenkov and former Premier Nikolai Bulganin, though he was a junior in the hierarchy to Molotov. He was 23 at the time of the Bolshevik revolution but it was not until 1918, a year later, that he joined the Bolsheviks and fought in the civil war. Even then, he appears not to have made up his mind to remain active in the party, for he returned to the Ukraine, went back to coal mining and started at night school, in technical subjects. He started taking party posts, finally getting to Moscow as a student at the Stalin Industrial Academy.

In the capital, the vigorous young peasant attracted political attention and in the early 1930's rose to party boss in the Moscow Province. He was in Moscow during the bloody Stalin purges, but on the right list. In 1938 he made it to the Politburo, as a non-voting member. That same year Khrushchev's career got its biggest boost when he was sent to the Ukraine and given a post that made him, in effect, Stalin's top deputy.

It's been said Stalin personally picked Khrushchev for the job of erasing Ukrainian resistance to regimentation, and he did the job thoroughly. Some 3,000 party officials, it has been recorded, were eliminated in the Khrushchev cleanup—sent to slave labor camps, or worse.

After the war Khrushchev helped restore the Ukraine to "order," a job he did well enough to be summoned back to Moscow in 1949 and placed on the Central Committee Secretariat. Two years later he advocated a tough, new farm policy involving resettlement and reconstitution of the collectives. The program was not considered a success and more recently the Khrushchev lack on agriculture has been a softer one, granting the farmers a greater slice of their earnings, and more voice in their activities.

Then, in the post-Stalin era, came the maneuverings that landed Khrushchev in the seat of the mighty—the famous 20th Party Conference and denunciation of Stalin, the packing of the Central Committee with his supporters, and the gradual elimination of Molotov and other major rivals.

**REAL ANGRY**

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SAN FRANCISCO Bay Area: Fair through Saturday except high fog near ocean extending inland late night and morning; little change in temperature; high today San Francisco 66, Oakland 73, San Mateo 75, San Rafael 77; low tonight 55-60; westerly winds lighter than normal; probably fair Sunday.

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This odd phenomenon is not uncommon in literature. It has been described for more than 2,000 years. An early report, about a man who could not go for a walk without seeing his double coming toward him, was attributed to Aristotle.

The romantic theme of the double appears in many 18th and 19th century literary works. But it was first introduced into medical literature only toward the end of the last century.

The subject is discussed in a 22-page article, "Autoscopic Phenomena," by Dr. N. Lukianowicz of Barrow Hospital, Bristol, England, in the August issue of Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry, published by the American Medical Assn.

Dr. Lukianowicz examined psychiatric reports of several specific cases in which patients have described the experience of viewing themselves as phantoms, without benefit of mirrors.

One example was the account of a woman who noticed a strange

are two main theories about the cause: some irritating process in the brain, and the projection of memory pictures.

He suggests that they may have an element of attempted wish fulfillment, particularly in the case of one man who saw himself conducting an orchestra. The experience usually lasts only a few seconds, he said.

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