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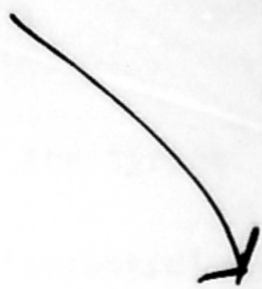
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Today, one of the most important documents of our time was published - the much heralded address, in which Khrushchev gave the evidence for the degradation of Stalin. The text is released by the State Department in Washington, which got it from a confidential source.

Describing the worship of Stalin, Khrushchev used these words: " To elevate one person, to transform him into a superman, possessing super-natural characteristics, akin to those of a god. Such a man supposedly knows everything, sees everything, thinks for everyone, can do everything, is infallible in his behavior. Such a belief about a man, and specifically about Stalin," Khrushchev added, "was cultivated among us for many years."

He indicted Stalin for mass murder in



the great purge trials of the late Nineteen Thirties. There's been endless talk about how those notorious confessions were obtained. Khrushchev now gives us the official explanation.

"Confessions of guilt", he told the Communist Party conference, "were gained with the help of cruel and inhuman tortures."

He described the behavior of the victims in these words: "No longer able to bear barbaric tortures, they charged themselves with all kinds of grave and unlikely crimes."

(He referred back to the Seventeenth Congress of the Russian Communist Party, which elected one hundred and thirty-nine members and candidates of the Governing Central Committee.

"Of these," said Khrushchev, "seventy per cent were arrested and shot in the great purges." And he added: "The same fate met, not only the Central Committee members, but also a majority of the delegates to the Seventeenth Party Congress."

Khrushchev described the personality of the tyrant in these words: "Stalin," said he, "was a very distrustful man, sickly-suspicious. We knew this from our work with him. He

could look at a man and say - 'Why are your eyes so shifty today?' Or - 'Why are you turning so much today, and avoiding to look me directly in the eyes?' The sickly-suspicion created in him a general distrust, even toward eminent Party workers, whom he had known for years. Everywhere and in everything," said Khrushchev, "he saw enemies, two-faces, and spies."

One of the most interesting things in the Khrushchev address is an explanation of the notorious "doctors' plot". Which was one of the last of the sinister events in Stalin's life. "Let us also," Khrushchev told the Party Congress, "let us also recall the affair of the doctor-plotters. Actually," he went on, "there was no 'affair' outside of the declaration of the woman Doctor, Timashuk, who was probably influenced or ordered by someone - to write Stalin a letter, in which she declared that doctors were applying supposedly improper methods of medical treatment. Such a letter," Khrushchev declared, "was sufficient for Stalin to reach an immediate conclusion that

there are doctor-plotters in the Soviet Union. He issued orders to arrest a group of eminent Soviet medical specialists. He personally issued advice on the conduct of the investigation. This ignominious 'case'," Khrushchev continued, "was set up by Stalin. He did not, however, have time in which to bring it to an end, and for this reason the doctors are still alive."

That is chapter and verse on one of the astonishing phenomena of our time - the murderous tyrant who got himself worshipped as a demi-god.

STALIN - TITO

As a follow-up to all this, here's a Moscow dispatch stating - that Stalin, today, was conspicuously snubbed. That is - the dead Stalin, whose embalmed body lies beside that of Lenin in a shrine at the Kremlin. Red Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, who is getting a great reception in Moscow, visited the shrine, and placed a huge wreath of flowers on the tomb of Lenin. And Tito stood gazing, for long moments, at the founder of Bolshevik Russia. But no flowers for Stalin, and Tito didn't waste even a glance at him - just passed him by.

A symbolical gesture - in a scene grotesque and garish.

BRINK'S ROBBERY

The FBI and Boston police have picked up 100-thousand dollars which they say is part of the million-200-thousand dollars stolen five-and-a-half years ago in the famous Brinks robbery. They say they had to tear down a false wall in a South end rooming house in Boston and behind it, in a closet, was the money --some of which is definitely reported to be that taken in the robbery. Two men were also seized in Boston. The first money was located last night in Baltimore, when a man was picked up with some 4-thousand dollars. He'd tried to change a 10-dollar bill in a Baltimore shooting gallery and the rest of the 4-thousand reportedly was located in his hotel room. Today's 100-thousand recovered in Boston was in his apartment.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower paid a visit to some neighbors today - who live just across the square from the White House. He dedicated the new national headquarters of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. Doing so, the President invited his neighbors, the Union leaders, over to the White House, whenever they want to drop in to discuss questions of labor and government.

RUSSIAN CHURCH LEADERS

Eight Russian church leaders were at Yale University today - where they were picketed by Russian born anti-Communists. The religious leaders from the land of the Soviets are in this country as guests of the National Council of Churches, and there have been hostile demonstrations against them ever since they landed on Saturday. Today they were guests at Yale, where some twenty-five pickets appeared, natives of the Ukraine, who paraded with anti-Communist placards. One said: "Go home, agents of Khrushchev and Bulganin."

CYPRUS

A Turkish mob stormed the Greek quarter in the city of Famagusta, Cyprus, today. In retaliation for the killing of a Turkish policeman by the Greek underground. A mob smashed windows, set fire to Greek shops, and stoned firemen, as they tried to put out the flames.

Last night the terrorists killed two men, and tried to assassinate a teen-age boy. Following - the British capture of seventeen leaders of the Cyprus underground.

INTRODUCTION TO L.T. RECORDING

Lowell Thomas is on his way home -- from what turned out to be a round the world trip. He went to the Coronation in Nepal by way of Europe, is returning by way of Asia. Today he's in Hawaii. Just a little while ago we talked to him and recorded another report on his adventures.

Hello, everybody! Wherever I go when I'm off on a journey like this, I'm always on the lookout for Americans. Not tourists. I mean people who are doing the unusual. The other day on the veranda at Phalatin's, in Lahore, I dropped limply in a chair beside a couple that I'd seen in Katmandu. The humidity that day in Lahore was at the saturation point. The thermometer at 117. I had never felt hotter. They didn't seem to mind it a bit. Just sitting there waiting for the plane that in another day or two would take them to their next jumping-off place. Jumping-off for where? That's the story. Both short in stature, lean, wiry, laconic Yankees. A Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wales, of Peterboro, New Hampshire.

Until three years ago, he was a vice-president of a Boston insurance company. For thirty years, he told me, I had been planning on retiring. Where most men seem to dread that moment, I was looking forward to it. And why? Oh, because of a farm where he raises fruit and grows trees. But mainly

because he and his little wife like to climb mountains, usually in their nearby White and Green Mountains. This year, in the Himalayas. For their warmup, they had headed for the snow. Early in April they set out for the snowy ranges of the Vale of Kashmir, not on skis and climbing skins, on foot through the snows, up to 11,000 feet, impossible after that.

Then early in May, accompanied by Ram Roho, scholar and mountaineer of India, they got permission to climb in Nepal. There in the central Himalaya, they headed for the Gossain Cund?, the sacred lake, at 16,800, and finally, up to 17,500 to the top of a pass, near the border of Tibet.

Now, from Lahore, they were heading for Tirishmere?, on the wild border between Afghanistan and Shekhral?. from there to the mountains of Swat, up Nangaparbat way, and finally, deep into the Karakoram to the valley of Hunsa, "because," said he, "we want to see Rakapochi with its awesome 15,000 foot sheer wall."

Do they have a family to worry about them? Oh yes.

Three children and seven grandchildren. "And," he added, "they think we are mad." When I made no comment, he glanced at his frail-looking wife and remarked softly, almost to himself, in his flat Boston accent, "Oh, it's nothing for me. She's the one who does the impossible."

One thing more - when you make your trip around the world, you are planning one some day, aren't you, I suggest you make Hawaii your last stop before returning to the mainland. There are many, many fabulous places on this planet, but few that have everything, which Hawaii has. After the interminable rains or the heats of other lands, after the flies and the lack of sanitation, the water that you always have to boil, the vegetables that you dare not eat, Hawaii is like, well, almost like dropping down in paradise. (Music in background) But plan to stay awhile and ~~sive~~ give a few days for the other islands. Sure, Oahu and Honolulu are like a dream, but the other islands are more like the South Seas when the first Western traveler found these palm trees, these mountains rising out of the ocean and

this pound surf.

I'm going now to dine with Ed Hastings, former Waldorf manager who runs a string of Waikiki hotels. Hotel managers, 76 of them, are here from all over the Pacific, from Tasmania to Korea, from New Zealand to Fiji, to Hong Kong. The idea, to improve things for travelers throughout the Pacific. And in coming to Honolulu to see how it should be done, they sure have come to the right place. So long!

COLLINGWOOD: Alas, the languid pleasures of Honolulu are not for Lowell Thomas. The call of duty and this microphone is bringing him back. He lands in the United States tomorrow and resumes these broadcasts tomorrow evening.

Since this will be the last of my appearances on this program, I want to tell you - as I'm going to tell him - how much I've enjoyed doing them. It has been fun. And not the least of the pleasure for me has been the opportunity to hear Lowell's

inimitable reports from this latest of his fabulous excursions.

Not to mention hearing Henry Hamilton's inimitable messages for

Delco.