

The Kremlin, today, completed the job. Firing Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganovich - from their posts of Deputy Premier.

Yesterday, the news was - that they had been ousted as members of the Central Committee of the Communist party. Which, actually - was the real thing. The Communist party - controlling the Soviet government. Deputy Premier - a government, not a party, job. Marvel indeed - if the fallen three were to keep their top ranking posts in the government - After losing membership - in the party central committee.

There's no official indication - whether, or not, they'll have to ~~face~~ face trial. But, that's not likely. Today's announcement excoriating their anti-party activities - but making no allegation of criminal misdeeds. Nothing like ^{usual Kremlin} the ferocious accusations - of treason, espionage, enemy of the people, So fantastic in the past - when Communist big-shots ~~■~~ were overthrown. Then - executed.

~~It's apparent~~ ^{It appears} that Khrushchev has no intention of

having Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganovich - tried and shot.

That would be - too Stalinist. Their downfall - a victory in the anti-Stalinist campaign, launched by Khrushchev. →

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purge ~~is~~ in the Kremlin - puts Khrushchev on top more than
ever. Confirming - his power. Increasing the probability
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Yesterday, the denunciation of Molotov, Malenkov and Kaganovich, included the charge that they opposed Khrushchev's agricultural policy. Today - a decree putting that policy into effect. The Moscow radio announcing - an abolition of compulsory deliveries of agricultural produce.

Russian farmers - long under compulsion, to turn shares of their crops over to the government. Ever since the foundation of the U S S R., the peasants have been ^{discontent} ~~dissatisfied~~ - because of the way the government has made them ~~hand~~ ^{hand} over the foodstuffs they grow. ~~The~~ Now, that ends - according to the Moscow Radio.

All over the world, the reaction is - that this new victory for Khrushchev increases the probability of Soviet moves to ease the cold war. The removal of the Stalinist element - making a more flexible policy possible.

One significant indication - in Yugoslavia, where, today, crowds turned out in Belgrade - hailing the new shake-up in the Kremlin. People shouting - "long live Khrushchev!"

The point being that Communist Yugoslavia favors moderate, relatively liberal policies. Marshal Tito - a long time enemy of Stalinism. The supremacy of Khrushchev meaning-closer ~~friendly~~ relations with Tito. Possibly, also, with the Gomulka regime in Poland- which is comparatively liberal for a Communist regime.

In the other satellites - inevitable reactions. →

ROMANIA

Red Romania - following suit, tagging along - behind the powers that be in the Kremlin. No sooner has Moscow announced a shake-up, with a dismissal of old time Stalinists - than Bucharest comes forward with something of the same. Two high ranking party leaders - fired. Both -members of the Romanian politburo. Both - trained in Moscow, back in the days of Stalin. ~~As~~ Adherents of Stalinist ideas - and now, they're out.

HUNGARY

Red Hungary, tonight, gave a reprieve - to two patriot writers, condemned to death. The Reds - yielding to world public opinion. Even Communist artists and writers - appealing to the puppet regime. Asking mercy - for the two writers, who were leaders of the freedom fighters in the Hungarian revolt last autumn. They were put on trial, and given prison sentences. But the Red court of appeals declared - that the punishment was too mild. Sentencing them - to death.

The world wide protests had affect. The death sentences commuted to terms of imprisonment.

Fourth of July fireworks in Algeria - but not the kind proper for a celebration. A bomb - exploding in the U S Consulate in Algiers. Nobody hurt - and not much damage.

You might suspect Algerian terrorists - who perpetrate most of the violence over there. But the belief is - that the bomb was placed by extremists among the French population. Which has been showing a good deal of anti-American feeling - in the past few days. Ever since the declaration by Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts - urging independence for Algeria. The French population -didn't like that.

GIRARD

An authoritative account - of the facts in the Girard case. Given by Congressman Omar Burleson of Texas, Chairman of a Congressional sub-committee investigating the controversy. Who relates - the following.

American troops - conducting a military exercise on a firing range - Japanese civilians - hanging around, hoping to pick up empty shells, for scrap metal. So American officers contacted Japanese police - asking them to clear the civilians from the area.

~~xRmt~~ During the interval - privates William Girard and Victor Nickel were ordered to guard a machine gun. Girard claiming - that he was ordered to get the Japanese civilians away. Which, however, is not corroborated.

His companion, Private Nickel, says - they threw out some shell cases to entice the Japanese to come closer. This - at Girard's suggestion - whereupon Girard took aim at one of them - a man. Firing an empty casing from the grenade launcher, attached to his rifle. He missed the man - after

which they did some more enticing.

Private Nickel says - Girard kept coaxing the Japanese to come closer. Which they did - and he ran ~~smack~~ out and fired another shell casing. Which struck the Japanese woman, Mrs. Sakai - and killed her. Girard claiming - that he intended to fire over the woman's head.

Relating this, Congressman Burleson adds: "My conclusion is that it was a smart^{er} aleck trick - and he should pay a penalty commensurate with his childish and smart^{er} aleck action."

The Congressman does not think the soldier should be turned over to the Japanese. ~~He~~ He recommends - an American court-martial. Which would impose on Girard a penalty - ~~XXXX~~ "considerably more severe," ~~XXX~~ says the Congressman, "than that meted out by a Japanese court."

EARTHQUAKE

The earthquake ~~is~~ in the News yesterday - even more disastrous than at first reported. News coming through from northern Iran, along the Caspian, ~~Soviet~~ states - that five hundred bodies have been recovered thus far, in one stricken section alone. The loss of life - estimated at a minimum of fifteen hundred. The havoc - when towns were shaken down in a large section of mountain country.

CELEBRATION

The most interesting Fourth of July celebration was in Rome, today. Where they dedicated - via Boston. Which sounds odd. ~~Am~~ What, in the name of all the Cabots and the Lodges, is the town of the bean and the cod doing - in the Eternal City?

Well, Rome is observing - a "salute to Boston" week. In return for a Bostonian event, last year. The Massachusetts metropolis having celebrated a "salute to Rome" week.

Today, U S Ambassador Zellenbach presided at the ceremony, renaming one of the Roman thoroughfares - Via Boston.

In Washington, Fourth of July messages from countries around the world. The most interesting - from King Mahendra of Nepal. Who sent a cablegram to President Eisenhower saying: "My people and I send best wishes for the ~~the~~ continued prosperity ~~in~~ and welfare of your great country." Which is - in the good old familiar style. Nepal, in the remote Himalayas, ~~not~~ displaying a knowledge - of correct protocol.

(I don't know if we've ever before had Fourth of July congratulations - from a sovereign of Katmandu. Nepal so long - a hermit kingdom. Now, making an entrance - into the affairs of the wide, wide world.)

Last year, I was at the Coronation of King Mahendra, as a member of the American delegation representing President Eisenhower. And - what a magnificent oriental pageant it was. At the time, It was clear that young King Mahendra was eager to lead his Himalayan realm -out of the Asiatic middle ages, into the modern world.

SUB WEATHER

Old Mother nature celebrated the fourth - with a variety of tricks. Good weather in most places -- but an epidemic of torandoes and thunderstorms in Iowa, and Wisconsin. In the latter state - a twisted ^π~~a~~ blasted along for half a mile, leaving a trail of destruction in a rural community. One Wisconsin farmer - blown out of his barn door. Just ~~brak~~ before it collapsed - killing two cows.

Southern California - broiling in the heat wave. One hundred and two degrees in Los Angeles - plus heavy smog, and a rampaging brush fire.

Further south - San Diego had a mild earthquake, today.

ACCIDENTS

The figures for death on the highways- not ~~so~~ high *high* ~~bad~~, thus far. Considering the number of people out driving - this long Fourth of July holiday.

But, in Wyoming, a traffic mishap took the life of Motion picture actress Judy Tyler - who co-starred in the latest Elvis Presley film. Judy Tyler - having completed her ~~work~~ work in the Elvis Presley feature "Jail house Rock" only a week ago.

She went with her young husband for a few days ~~in~~ up into Wyoming. They had been married - ~~only~~ only four months. Then they started on a cross country drive - to New York when fatality struck - near Rock River, Wyoming.

The husband, Gregory Lafayette, was driving on U.S. Highway thirty - and, at one point, tried to swerve around a car pulling a trailer. Doing so, he collided head on with another car. The impact so shattering the two cars ~~were~~ were as if welded together.

~~Judy Tyler~~

Judy Tyler - killed instantly. Her husband - fatally injured. In the other car were twomen. One - killed. The other badly injured.

Wyoming having a bad time with death on the highway. At another place, eight people were killed - in one crash. The worst automobile accident - in Wyoming history.

PLEDGE

The library of Congress has been making an investigation - in a long time controversy. Who was the author - of the ~~word~~ pledge of allegiance to the flag? No end of ~~argue~~ argument about that.

The pledge, ⁱⁿ ~~is~~ an abbreviated form, was first published in the Youths Companion, Boston - Eighteen Ninety-two. Reading as follows: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands - one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The best opinion is that it was authored either by Francis Bellamy, a member of the editorial staff - or by James Bailey Upham, an editor and part owner of the magazine. Which makes it - a Bellamy-Upham controversy.

Back in Nineteen Seventeen, the magazine was ^{qu} ~~quer~~ed, and said - Upham. But a copy of an original draft of the pledge is in Bellamy's handwriting.

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One account relates that, at Navesino, New Jersey, in the late Eighteen Nineties - Upham introduced Francis Bellamy as the one who wrote the lines.

At Cherryville, Kansas - a ~~monument~~ monument - honoring a reputed author of the pledge. His name - a coincidence. Frank Bellamy, as a schoolboy, submitted the pledge in a school essay contest. Representing it - as his own work. But that ^{was} in Eighteen Ninety Six - four years after the lines were published in the Youths Companion. ~~Was~~ Where - the boy must have seen the patriotic declaration.

However, millions recite the pledge on the fourth of July - and never mind the author.

PLANE

At Miami, William Henry Bird says - he got police permission. That's the peculiar part of the story. Bird - taking a shot at a low flying airplane.

The plane - on a mosquito control job. Flying low - spraying insecticides. ~~and~~ Bird ^{thinking} ~~thought~~ it was buzzing his house.

He phoned a South Miami police station, put in a complaint, and asked - would it be all right if he shot at the plane? He says the answer was - yes.

The explanation is that the cop who answered the phone - thought he was joking. ~~It~~ And answered: "That's between you, the pilot and the Civil Aeronautics Administration."

Taking that for police permission, Bird got out his trusty rifle - and fired three shots at the plane. One scoring a hit - and flying fragments injured John Rowley, who was flying with his friend - pilot Donald Jacobs. Rowley - struck on the arm and near his eye.

The wonder being - how anybody would think the
the police would give him permission to blaze away at a passing
plane.

TENNIS

The new women's champion at Wimbledon - will be an American. Today, the negro tennis star, Althea Gibson of New York - won an easy victory over young Christine Truman of Britain. Putting Althea - in the finals tomorrow.

The same - for Darlene Hard of Montebellow, California - who, today, beat another American woman player.

So for the eleventh time in twelve years, the women's final round at Wimbledon - an all-American affair.

In gold, the British open at St. Andrews - Cary Middlecoff played well enough, today, to stay in the contention over there in Scotland. Just made it. Middlecoff - not satisfied with his putting. But he got by. A lot of golfers, including yours truly, not satisfied with their putting today, Joe.

END

Announcer -- and now Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T. On the Fourth of July, a year ago, the news related that our American independence day was ~~hailed~~ hailed effusively - behind the Iron Curtain. Radio Moscow stating that Soviet newspapers gave prominent and flattering attention to our traditional day of American patriotic observance. Which was interpreted, at the time, as another sign of a Moscow peace offensive. Following - the anti-Stalinist campaign.

Today, the Soviet press did not give so much ~~space~~ space
— *in fact*
to the Fourth of July [^] no space for it. Their columns filled - with all the new developments in the ouster of the last remaining Stalinist element in the Kremlin.