

MOSCOW L.T.-K. Mon. Aug. 10 '53

In Moscow, the Supreme Soviet has okayed the downfall of Beria. That was made official, today, with the signing of a formal declaration. The recent member of the Kremlin triumvirate, stripped of all his honors, and ordered to go on trial for his life - before the Soviet Supreme Court. As a traitor - and an enemy of the people.

This was one of three chief topics in a session of the Soviet Parliament - which made history. The whole world took notice when Premier Malenkov declared - the Soviets have the hydrogen bomb. What he actually said was - that the United States no longer has a monopoly of the H-bomb. Which could mean that the Russians have exploded one in a successful test, though ~~as~~ that seems doubtful. Or, *that* they've carried out experiments showing that they *do* have the secret of that super-weapon.

That was the world headline produced by the session of the Supreme Soviet, which has just ended.

But it was not the big news for the Russian people themselves. Today's dispatch from Moscow ~~is~~ says that the Malenkov announcement didn't cause any stir in Russia. People don't talk about it. Even the newspapers don't play it up. The Hydrogen bomb story -- given little space, little prominence.

It is overshadowed by another announcement that Malenkov made. He said the Kremlin intends to improve the lot of the average Russian - give him better food, ~~more~~ better clothing, better housing. With emphasis on improving the lot of the peasants. They've been the principal victims under the iron dictatorship - but now they'll have things easier.

So said Malenkov - and that's what interests the Russian people the most. Today's dispatch quotes a Moscow woman as exclaiming "one can dance, after such a speech!"

It would seem that the H-bomb declaration was meant for the outer world, while the new Kremlin regime made a bid for popular favor by announcing - better living conditions.

## CIVIL DEFENSE

Atomic Energy commissioner Eugene Zuckert assumes - that we must take the Malenkov statement at face value, unless it can be proven false. Our atomic officials have always taken it for granted - that the Soviets could produce a hydrogen bomb, sooner or later.

However, one of the top atomic ~~xx~~ scientists who built our first A-bomb, ~~says he~~ doesn't believe the Russians have the hydrogen bomb. <sup>Says</sup> Professor Harold Urey ~~declares~~. "If the Russians had exploded an H-bomb, this fact should be detectible from radio activity in the air. When Washington announces that the Russians have exploded such a bomb, then I will believe it - not before!"

There will be no drastic revision of our plans for atomic defense - officials merely hoping that the Malenkov declaration may persuade the American public to take atomic defense more seriously. They think it may shake the "apathy" of the people - but they aren't sure.

## BRITAIN-CHINA

The British will tell us that, if the Korean peace conference is successful, the London government will insist that Red China be given a seat in the United Nations. Washington will be informed of this by Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd, who is on his way to New York to attend the General Assembly of the U N.

He's to consult with U.S. officials - and, today, was handed a directive, telling him what to say. He will argue - that China can be drawn away from Soviet Russia. That the two countries have conflicting interests, and are traditional enemies - and a China Soviet split could be promoted by admitting Red China into the U N.

## PRISONERS - DULLES

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declares that, if the Reds refuse to return all the prisoners they have, we may retain some of the Communists - in our hands. Some Americans, it is reported, will not be repatriated, because they've been sentenced to prison by the Reds. Secretary Dulles points out that we have a lot of Communists, who were sentenced to prison for various crimes at the camps. So, we might retain them.

The Secretary of State says he knows nothing about Americans turning ~~SECRET~~ Communist. He has heard the stories, but he has no official knowledge.

The stories continue - with returning captives now telling of one-hundred-and-thirty-five Americans who refuse to return. One example is described by Corporal Fred Harper of Whelan, Kentucky who ~~xxx~~ relates:

"I talked to a man who is going to stay behind. He said 'I'm going to China first to study, and then

I'm going to the Soviet Union'."

To which Corporal Harper adds: "Personally, I think they ~~was~~ were afraid to come back. They were afraid of what some of us would do to them."

A South Korean Corporal tells of two hundred South Koreans - deciding against repatriation. Persuaded by Red propaganda - which told <sup>how</sup> they'd be mistreated. "You will be beaten and questioned. You're not going to be released. You will be put in a barbed wire camp. There's no telling whether they will kill you or not." That was the propaganda line with South Koreans."

The atrocity stories continue - a returning G I today telling how the Reds had a "death room". They <sup>(threw)</sup> ~~threw~~ alien prisoners into a sort of cell, and left them there to perish.

Meanwhile, the vanguard of the home-comers is on its way. A big transport plane took off today with seventeen, ill and wounded. Three hundred and twenty-eight others are coming by sea - a voyage that will

take two weeks. They're in for a big welcome, when the military transport reaches <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ West coast harbor.

Meanwhile, the exchange at Pan Mun Jom went on today - the Reds reporting that they would hand over one hundred Americans, twenty-five Britons, twenty-five Turks, and two hundred and fifty South Koreans. Prisoners - in good physical condition.

## IRAN

In Iran, the nationwide voting is almost unanimous - supporting Premier Mossadegh against the Majlis, the Iranian Parliament. The Majlis is to be dismissed. The balloting, actually, began last week, in the City of Teheran. <sup>And the capital</sup> -- which gave Mossadegh nearly one hundred percent. That was followed by an election in other parts of Persia, and today the figures show <sup>thousand - 2 to 1</sup> - six hundred thousand ~~to~~ to three hundred, backing the Premier.

However, the chief opposition leader ordered his followers to boycott the election. Kashani, the Moslem zealot, former speaker in the Majlis. <sup>Kashani</sup> who called the referendum unconstitutional, and ordered his adherents - not to vote.

These election tidings are accompanied by another bit of news - Mossadegh announcing a project for improving relations with Soviet Russia. A joint Soviet-Iranian committee - to be set up in Teheran to settle disputes.

Like the quarrels about strips of territory along



the Soviet Iranian border.

The long drawn out quarrel with Britain over  
~~fixes~~ Iranian oil remains unsettled, and it looks  
as if Mossadegh were turning toward the Soviets - as  
he tosses out the Iranian parliament.

**FRANCE**

France is having another big strike. Tonight, the Communist and Socialists unions called out four hundred thousand railway workers - in protest against the economic program of the government. The railroad unions flashed the order: "Stop all train service immediately."

That is being obeyed, and the strike is expected to spread to other industries for a nation-wide labor crisis.

## SUB CANADA

The figures from the Canadian election show a landslide for the Liberal party headed by Premier Saint Laurent. The early count from eastern and central Canada gave the liberal candidates huge majorities. Saint Laurent, himself, was conceded re-election to Parliament when only a few votes in his district were tabulated. The count was lop-sided in his favor.

That, of course, was in Quebec, French Canada - a stronghold of the Liberals. But Newfoundland and Nova Scotia gave them large support, same for Ontario. Only an overwhelming sweep for the Conservatives in the western provinces could reduce the land-slide proportions of the Liberal victory.

The leader of the opposition conceded defeat early this evening. Conservative leader George Drew saying: ~~"It does look as though the government will be returned."~~ ~~That was when returns from western Canada showed liberal candidates leading by narrow margins.~~

## HELICOPTERS

On the Libyan desert - a lot of helicopters were busy today. Hopping from place to place, on those North African sands - picking up a survivor here and there. All saved, in the plane crash on Saturday.

An Air Force flying box car, twenty-four aboard, vanished, and the belief was - forced down on the Mediterranean. So there was a search over those waters by American, British and Italian ships and planes. The search - futile.

The fact was that the flying box car had crashed on the Libyan desert sixty miles from the coast. The twenty-four airmen aboard bailed out - came down by parachute. So there they were, scattered over the desert.

That was found out, and helicopters ~~did~~ did the rescue job. Some of the survivors were <sup>(bruised</sup> ~~bruised~~ a bit, and there were a few fractures. Otherwise, they were in good condition - after their adventure on those ~~eternal~~ eternal sands.

## EARTHQUAKES

California reports a new device for studying earthquakes -- which may bring about a system for predicting quakes.

In a mountain tunnel, near the Big Dalton Dam, the California University of Technology has installed an "earth straining meter." This is a huge measuring gauge, seventy-nine feet long, with a part projecting deep into the rock.

The purpose - to measure the strain and stress of the rock. The theory is that earthquakes happen when the tension <sup>reaches</sup> reaches a breaking point. They call it - the "earth-quake point."

The idea would be to have a network of "earth-strain meters," scattered throughout California. These registering the data - which would permit the predicting of earthquakes.

## EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower is in Denver, getting ready for a rugged fishing trip up in the mountains near Fraser. The summer White House there will be a cabin in the woods and the number one chef will be -- the President himself. They say he's first class at cooking flap-jacks and frying fish. Of course, they'll have to catch the fish first, but they shouldn't have much trouble getting trout -- in those Colorado mountain streams, *that are teeming with them -- for the expert fly fisherman.*

In Denver, one of the wags in the Presidential party is dropping the first letter of a famous name.

Name of that mountain -- which is the pride and joy of *— or part of Colorado — Colo. 5000 & thereabouts.* Colorado. The gag is easy to guess, and there's even talk of official action to drop that first letter.

Making it -- Ike's Peak. Visit Colorado, and see Ike's Peak. They may call it *Ike's Peak* as a gag -- but as one who used to live on the west slope of that monarch of the Rockies I can assure you it will still be Pike's Peak. -- even if Zebulon Pike didn't climb it.

## BASEBALL

In Buffalo today, the Lie Detector was used -  
to decide a question of baseball. Was it true  
that Buffalo Manager Jack Tighe - spat in the face of  
Umpire Max Felerski?

The trouble arose at a game last ~~Sunday~~ Saturday.  
Was it a home-run, or just a double? The Buffalo  
Manager protested violently to the umpire. But he  
says - he only sputtered. The umpire said - he spat.  
So Manager Tighe was suspended by the international  
league.

The manager's story was backed by four of his  
ball players, and today they submitted to a ~~lie~~ lie  
detector test. The result - the manager upheld. The  
verdict - sputter. Presumably, the suspension will  
be lifted - after that baseball spat.

Here's Mike Fitzmorris, who  
never even sputters. He just speaks  
right out in that clear-cut friendly  
way of his.

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