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President Eisenhower, tonight, made a move to take advantage of the Soviet crisis. He asked Russia to accept fifteen million dollars worth of American food--to be distributed among the people in East Germany. There is a bad food shortage in the Soviet zone - which was pointed out to the President by Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany, who requested aid for the suffering East Germans - in the food crisis following the anti-Communist uprisings.

The upheaval in the Kremlin, head-lined in the news today, provided a strategic opportunity for an answer. The White House dispatched a message to the Kremlin, as well as to Chancellor Adenauer - offering American food for the East Germans.

The Logic is obvious. If the Kremlin accepts, which is unlikely - the East Germans, so full of opposition to the Red tyranny, will be grateful to America. If Moscow refuses the offer, which is probable, the discontented East Germans will be all the more embittered, Deprived - of large stocks of

American food.

This could have repercussions throughout the satellite countries - *at this time when* as the Kremlin is in the throes of internal conflict.

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BERIA

The Moscow accounts ^{now} enable us to picture the drama in the downfall of Beria. Act one in the grim affair was played before the Central Committee of the Soviet communist party. Star of the piece - Malenkov.

He spoke the formal indictment - charging treason. Beria - an enemy of the state, enemy of the party, enemy of the people! Malenkov - dooming his partner in the triumvirate that assumed power after the death of Stalin, only four months ago.

Was Beria present? Was he there listening to Malenkov? Probably - not. The signs indicate that the real struggle had already taken place - Beria overthrown, in secret, days before. ^{Now no} ~~Probably~~ ^{doubt} ~~however~~ in a dungeon of the secret police - of which, until so recently, he ~~was~~ ^{was} been the mighty boss.

He began his own career in that evil service back in the 'Twenties - when it was the Cheka. Then changing its name - OGPU, NKVD, Finally MVD. Beria could remember former chiefs, like Stalin's arch killer. Yagoda. Who was caught in a purge trial - and shot.

Next Yezov, head of the secret police, until he, too, was liquidated.

But Beria could reflect that his own case was more remarkable. His two liquidated predecessors were second raters- mere henchmen of Stalin. While Beria was a colleague of Stalin's, a member of the Politburo, Minister of Security. And, after Stalin's death, a member of the ruling triumvirate, along with Malenkov and Molotov.

And now
But there he was - *with* Malenkov, before the Central Committee, indicted *my* him as a traitor.

The Central Committee took immediate action. All was cut and dried, apparently. Beria removed from the Central Committee, of which he was a member, and expelled from the Communist Party.

But that was only one act in the doom of Laurenti Beria. The Central Committee represents the Communist Party; - but, there's also the Soviet government, which the party runs. So the other part of the drama was played before the "presidium" of the

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Supreme Soviet. There, Beria was fired from his posts of Deputy Premier and Minister of Internal Affairs - and then turned over to the Soviet Supreme Court "for examination."

The decree of the Presidium may now mean - another big purge trial, with Beria and his chief henchmen facing the Red court. Then? - execution, carried out by the Secret Police. Beria probably will be executed by his own sinister M U D.

MOSCOV

Today's big headline is an illustration of how the guessing game can go this way or that. Surmising - yes or no. One view is that the downfall of Beria raises Malenkov to greater power. But another opinion holds - that it may signify, the downfall of Malenkov.

The first notion might seem to be supported by the obvious facts. It was Malenkov who brought the charge against Beria. Many had regarded the two as rivals - the death of Stalin having left Malenkov number one man, the ^{new} Premier. Beria - number two, the head of the secret police, - in a position to challenge Malenkov.

That ^{in the} other interpretation ^{the} less obvious one. But it has a lot of support. Namely - that the real victor is Molotov. Who was rated as number three in the Kremlin triumvirate. Molotov - taking charge, and forcing Malenkov to play the public role in the doom of Beria.

The distribution of power among the heirs

of Stalin was considered to go this way: Malenkov - supported by the Soviet Communist Party. He was the party Secretary General - though he relinquished that post after Stalin died. ~~Берия~~ Beria - wielding the dread power of the secret police. After the death of Stalin, the Ministry of the Interior was merged with the ministry of security, which later ran the secret police; Beria taking control - of the combined ministries.

All of which seemed to leave Molotov a bad third in the triumvirate - merely foreign minister. But, the word was that Molotov was allied with Marshal Bulganin, the Minister of War. -- That giving Molotov, the backing of the Red Army. So now there's a guess that the army is in charge - backing Molotov.

TP All this ~~is~~ the struggle for power that has been expected - although few people thought it would come so soon after the death of Stalin. Today, Pravda printed a long, savage declaration, stating outright, that Beria tried to win supreme power through his

control of the secret police. ^{That he} ~~he~~ planned to overthrow the Communist party, and restore capitalism. Beria - "an agent of international imperialism."


He's accused, moreover, of plotting to damage Soviet agriculture, the collective farms. And - of fostering nationalism among the peoples ~~in~~ under Soviet rule.

Actually, it would seem that Beria is blamed for the disturbances in the satellite countries - like those uprisings of the workers in East Germany. One supposition is that the revolts were the immediate cause of his ~~own~~ catastrophe - his enemies using the troubles in the puppet nations as a means of overthrowing him.

CONFERENCE

The conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Western Big Three, opened in Washington today - as the news was full of the downfall of Beria. Our Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, met with British Foreign Secretary Lord Salisbury and French Foreign Minister Bidault, and what else could they talk about - except ^{that} ~~the expression in the~~ struggle for power at the Kremlin?

Secretary Dulles opened the conference with an address, in which he said: "We meet at a time of great opportunity. Within the Kremlin itself - Beria, the leader and symbol of the police state, is himself put under arrest. A new convulsion is under way. The old system may continue to threaten, but its inherent weakness ^{is} ~~is~~ ~~is~~ disclosed." ^{So} said the Secretary of State.



ADVANCE INFORMATION

It would seem that the Beria business was not such a surprise -- to insiders in our government. The word in Washington is that our Ambassador to Moscow, Charles E. Bohlen, had advised the State Department some days ago - that Beria was on his way out.

Today, Secretary of State Dulles recalled Bohlen to Washington - for consultations on the new state of affairs in the Kremlin. Actually, our Ambassador to Moscow was in ~~Paris~~ Paris today, having started in the direction of the United States, anticipating his return home.

Washington says, likewise, that the downfall of Beria was predicted for days by our Central Intelligence agency, headed by Allen Dulles, brother of the Secretary of State.

FOLLOW KOREA * TRUCE

from Korea -
The latest *x* another meeting at Pan Mun Jon.

Our negotiators presenting what are called "tentative"
guarantees from the South Koreans - to insure
an armistice.

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Protestant clergy, Wessells, Hissell, and his job,
and after President Eisenhower denounced the charges,
and there were still remained the question whether
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hire and fire committee employees.
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Republicans against three Democrats. After which
the Democratic members of the sub-committee stopped
out.

COMMITTEE

The three Democrats ^{have} resigned from the sub-committee headed by Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin -- after the dispute over investigator J. B. Matthews, who made those charges of Communism against the

Protestant clergy. Matthews, himself, quit his job, after President Eisenhower denounced the charges.

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EXCESS PROFITS

The House, this afternoon, passed the extension of the excess profits tax - that bitterly debated bill.

Which now goes to the Senate - where an early passage is assured.

Today's vote in the House was a sort of celebration of the first anniversary of the nomination of at the Republican Convention last year - General Ike, the candidate. In the debate today, both sides admitted that the passage of the Excess Profits measure was due, solely, to the personal popularity of President Eisenhower.

Meanwhile, the President was on his way to the southwest - where he is taking part in a conference of the governors of six states. Planning relief in the drought crisis. Farmers and ranchers near disaster, because of the lack of rain.

VOLCANOES

The giant volcanic eruptions in Alaska quieted down today. - As brief, apparently, as they were violent. Three fire mountains exploding, fifty miles southwest of Anchorage. A fishing village buried beneath six inches of volcanic ash. - But the inhabitants are safe. At an Anchorage, half an inch of dust fell on the city. Necessitating - a million dollar clean-up job.

Black volcanic clouds turned day into night. But today were dissipating - as the three fire mountains were subsiding.

not far from Mount McKinley. Incidentally, Dr. Terric Moore was the pilot of the plane. Dr. Moore has made many rather extraordinary flights in Alaska. Since that first landing on the summit of Mount Wrangell, he has made a number of others and has dropped a considerable amount of equipment. Moore's expedition was actually a study of cosmic rays. The expedition is backed by the Navy.

MOUNT WRANGELL

Here's a delayed message that has just reached me. I wonder if anyone has heard of it by now. Dr. Serge Korff, one of the heads of the famous Explorers Club of New York and a scientist at New York University, sends me a message that he and Dr. Terris Moore, explorer and President of the University of Alaska, landed in a plane on the summit of one of the great mountains of Alaska, and then took off again. The peak is Mount Wrangell, height -- fourteen-thousand^{and} six feet -- a formidable ice-capped monarch of the sub-Arctic not far from Mount McKinley. ^{TF} Incidentally, Dr. Terris Moore was the pilot of the plane. Dr. Moore has made many rather extraordinary flights in Alaska. Since that first landing on the summit of Mount Wrangell, he has made a number of others, ^{also he} and has dropped a ^{lot} ~~great~~ deal of equipment ^{and supplies. Also he has landed six} ~~these. A group of six are actually~~ other scientists on that Alaskan mountain top, ~~living on top of that peak, for the present, making~~ They are now perched up there, for a study of cosmic rays. The expedition is backed by the Navy.

GOLF

Ben Hogan won the British Open today. Starting the day two down, he shot a record-breaking sixty-eight for that tough course at Carnousti; -- finishing four up on the field. Two-hundred-and-eighty-two for the 3 day match. There's a four-way tie for second, ~~SIK~~ Stranahan of America being even-stein with a Welshman and an Australian and an Argentinian named Cerda.

A stunning victory for Ben Hogan who wasn't doing so well earlier in the week. But Ben came in with a blazing finish today. One of the most spectacular - and popular in the long and exciting history of the royal and ancient game. Ben Hogan does it again!

BIRD

In Saint Louis - Joe, the myna bird, has been banished from the office at the zoo. Joe is going back to a cage in the bird section - for talking too much. That myna bird just couldn't keep his beak shut.

They took Joe into the office, so that he could listen to people, and improve his pronunciation. A lot of telephoning went on, and the myna bird became perfect ^{at} saying - "hello" and "good-bye". Every time the telephone rang, he'd scream - "hello, 'goodbye! hello, 'goodbye!"

The office people would shout "quiet". Joe picked that up too, and he'd yell back - "quiet"! Every time anybody opened his mouth, he'd ^{let 'em have} ~~say~~ ~~it:~~ - "quiet".

~~Did I hear anybody shout something at me~~
TP If we had Joe the Myna here with us Mike, now would be the time for ~~you~~ to say "quiet!" to me.