

MOSCOW L.T. Delco Mon. Feb. 27 - '56.

In Moscow - the election of the top leadership in the Russian Communist Party. Which means, actually - the big bosses of the Soviet ^{government.} The vote was taken in the Central Committee of the Communist Party, which has one-hundred-and-thirty-five members. They - naming the "Presidium". Which is an eleven-man executive committee. ~~That is~~ The real concentration of ^{Soviet} power - the "Presidium". Successor to the old time "Politburo". Which had its name changed.

All eleven members of the "Presidium" - were reelected. No change. Bulganin, Khrushchev, etcetra - retaining their membership. The big shots, of course - dictating the whole thing.

The news, today, concerns the "alternates". These are - secondary members of the all-powerful committee. ~~the~~ ~~"alternates" being a sort of number two.~~ And Marshal Zhukov - is named an "alternate."

The Soviet war hero - now raised to the highest political position he has ever had. After the death of Stalin,

he became a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Now - an "alternate" in the Presidium. Another graphic sign of the continuing rise - of the Soviet Red Marshal. War-time comrade-in-arms of General Ike - who has been in friendly correspondence with President Eisenhower.

All part of a picture - showing military ~~men~~ men, ~~the~~ the Red Army, increasing in power.

LONDON

In London, today, the Russians of the Moscow trade delegation - really had something to look at. Reporting to their office, they saw a big sign, in Russian. On a spacious wall, three doors from their headquarters, the words painted in ~~big~~^{huge} letters - "Death to Khrushchev".

Quite as a salute - in anticipation of the Bulganin-Khrushchev visit. The two Soviet leaders - to be in Britain some time next month.

To make matters more embarrassing, the "Death to Khrushchev" sign was painted on the wall of a garage - belonging to Dr. Edith Summerskill, a Labor member of Parliament. Who says: "I am very annoyed, and would like to apologize to the Russians for such awful behavior."

Today, the British police were investigating. Obviously, they suspect - it was the doing of anti-Russian refugees in London.

IRAN

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ISRAEL

Word in Washington is that Israel will demand - a "yes or no" answer. Will we deliver to the Israeli, the sixty-four million dollars' worth of armament - which they want to buy? ^P Ambassador ^{aba} Iban, we hear, wants an appointment with our Secretary of State ^{before Mr. Dulles} ~~John Foster Dulles - before he~~ leaves, on Friday, for Pakistan. Where the Secretary will attend an annual meeting of the Defense Council of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization. The Ambassador would like an answer to the armament question - before the Secretary leaves.

The belief in Washington is that he may get - a part of what he asks. U.S. weapons - of a defensive character. To offset - Communist armament, procured by Egypt.

~~The~~ But Secretary Dulles told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last Friday that arms for Israel are not the path to peace in the Middle East. The very security of Israel, he said, demands - an over-all settlement with the Arabs.

PERON

Down in Panama, Peron - has moved. At Colon, the fallen Dictator of Argentina was living in a hotel - owned by the U.S. Government. Which roused a protest from Congressmen in Washington. Who demanded that Peron should be ousted.

The State Department said - okay, out he goes. And now, from Panama we hear - that the one-time Dictator, ~~has been~~ evicted from the hotel, ~~and~~ has gone to live - in a suburban villa, which he rented.

EUROPE - WEATHER

The cold wave in Europe is breaking up, it seems.

5 After a month of bitter winter. Europe - an icebox. ^{And now} ~~But~~ the relief brings new dangers - floods and avalanches. Italy - hit immediately. Rivers in flood - in the southern part of the peninsula. On the Adriatic coast, a whole town is collapsing. A huge landslide - pushing houses into the sea.

EISENHOWER

At the White House, today - a meeting of two Presidents. Our own - and President Gronchi of Italy. Who is in this country on a formal visit.

In a brief ceremony on the north portico of the White House, President and Mrs. Eisenhower welcomed Signor Gronchi and his wife. All - according to protocol and official courtesy.

That was of international import. But, then, international affairs are number two, nowadays. Compared - with our own burning domestic issue. The question - of a second term.

Today, Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty said - the President is expected to hold a news conference on Wednesday, according to schedule. Reports being - that he'll make his announcement then. Although, today, Hagerty said - He didn't know.

~~He~~ He was asked - at what time would the news conference be held? A question considered - of high significance. One report being - the President would make

public his decision, after the closing of the New York Stock Exchange. So as to lessen the immediate impact - on prices in the market. The New York Stock Market closes at three. So you can see the meaning - if the news conference were held after three. Instead of the usual time - in the morning.

But Hagerty didn't illuminate that point either. He said - he didn't know the hour of the news conference.

But, anyway, Wednesday looks more and more like the day - that Leap Year day of February Twenty-Ninth.

EISENHOWER - QUESTION

Here's a question, pertinent and much to the point.

Propounded by United Press Washington Correspondent Merriman Smith - who, on the news wire, asks: "If President Eisenhower is such a sure thing for a second term race - why were some top Republican Senators telephoning newspaper reporters in Georgia last week? Beseeching them for clues - of the President's ultimate decision?"

The report was insistent, though denied - that the President had given the top Republican command the word, ~~That~~ - he'd run for another term. Nevertheless, top Republican legislators were trying to get a tip from reporters at the presidential vacation place in Georgia. Why ~~if~~ ^{that -} if they knew?

ATOMIC

In Washington today, negotiations began on President Eisenhower's "atoms for peace" plan. Soviet Russia and the United States together with ten other nations - debating the formation of an agency to work out atoms-for-peace proposals.

CRASH

Near Dayton, Ohio, an Air Force bomber crashed.

No survivors - eleven lives lost. The giant plane plunged into the home of Mrs. Medella Henderson, and exploded. Everything - turned into a mass of flames, bomber, house and all.

Mrs. Henderson, as it happened, was vacationing in Florida. Nobody in the house - when the catastrophe occurred.

CRASH

Three hours later another Air Force bomber crashed near Sedalia, Missouri - four lives lost. This one also hit a farm house. Two occupants injured.

MISSILES

In Washington today, the House voted more than fifteen million dollars - for research. One million - to improve a "transonic" tunnel. And build an "atmosphere-entry simulator".

Sounds mighty technical, but it's easy to explain in a general way. Research - for the development of an inter-continental missile. Which would go speeding at super-sonic velocity. So they must investigate problems of a missile - going so fast. Hence, the "transonic" tunnel.

An inter-continental weapon would soar to a great altitude - virtually above the atmosphere. Plunging down a hundred thousand feet at the end of its flight. Re-entering - the atmosphere. Hence the "atmosphere-entry simulator", reproducing this condition.

The missile would travel at fifteen thousand miles an hour. And at such velocity the problem is - heat. Enough to melt most metals. Or, at least, weaken them. One of the critical questions - in the development of what they call - the "ultimate weapon."

EARTHQUAKE

Eighteen days ago, February Ninth, there was a sharp earthquake in southern California. Which produced a spectacular effect - only now disclosed. By a party of scientists - ~~XXXXXXXX~~ returning from a remote area in Mexico, the peninsula of Lower California.

Down there, in the desert, the tremblor cracked open the ground - and warm springs came flowing to the surface. At one point, there's a fissure in the desert - eighteen miles long and a foot wide. *P* One of the warm springs - is really a big one. Pouring forth water at the rate of more than five hundred gallons a minute. The water - at a temperature of eighty-one degrees. Indicating that it is coming from deep down in the rock. Heat, at a great subterranean depth, warming the water. So say the Scientists.

MAYOR

Aurora, Illinois, is having a political rumpus.

The Town Council - demanding the resignation of the Mayor.

Who breathes defiance - saying he won't resign. The trouble -

a letter that Mayor Paul Egan wrote - making a proposal to

10 Soviet Russia. Addressing Deputy Premier Mikoyan, he suggested

that a couple ^{of} hundred ~~of~~ American Mayors should make a trip to

Russia, ^{quote} "in search of peace," ^{end quote}!

Previously, His Honor had angered the Town Fathers -

in various ways. His election - a stunning surprise. He was on

the Unemployment Compensation Rolls, when the citizens voted

him in as Mayor. Whereupon, he announced - that heavy trucks

would be kept out of Aurora. And had police barriers put up -

to enforce his edict. ~~Then he~~ ^{Then he} tried to fire his Chief-of-Police -

also the head of the State Commerce Commission. At the moment,

he is being sued for libel by ~~the~~ ^{La} City Commissioner.

All of which was a heavy burden for the Town Council.

The letter to Moscow - the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

So the City Fathers are trying to oust the Mayor - who refuses to be ousted.

ROBBER

Los Angeles reports - the arrest of a robber - a sacreligious, blasphemous robber - charged with looting churches - Only churches.

The police report Wesley Pond as confessing: "Every time I pass a church, I get an uncontrollable urge. I just broke into churches."

A few years ago, he went to San Quentin Prison - for church robbery. Released a couple of months ago, he went out and burglarized ten more churches. Until - caught.

One episode - the most curious of all.

The burglar tells how he went into a church, and was confronted - by a clergyman. He told the pastor he had come to pray for help, because he was without a job. The clergyman said - he'd help him. And went off - to procure some money. Whereupon, the burglar robbed the poor box - getting three dollars. The pastor came back, and gave him seven dollars - Christian charity.

ROBBER - 2

You'd think that would have touched the conscience of the church robber. And it did - in a way. Later, he repaid the seven dollars - but kept the three dollars he had stolen from the poor box.

TREASURE

At Itasca, Illinois, a lawyer was on a treasure hunt - in an old house. Acting as executor - for Miss Cecelia Schroeder, who died at the age of seventy-six. In the house, everything so out-of-date, it was weird.

In a bedroom on the second floor, the lawyer pushed aside a dresser. Behind which - was a curtain. Drawing the curtain aside, he saw - a small door, a secret entrance. Opening the door, he found a hidden room - with a treasure trove of the old and obsolete.

Heaps of coins, some dating back a hundred years. Coins - that have not been in circulation within the memory of living man. Copper half-pennies - and three cent pieces. Thus far, sixty-five hundred dollars in cash has been found.

Also - many pairs of shoes. The old high button fashion. Which women wore - once upon a time. Valentines, dated Nineteen Hundred. Clipped out advertisements from Chicago stores, - which had been out of business for fifty years. ~~Miss Schroeder kept sixteen cats - and never threw anything away.~~

TREASURE - 2

In her will, Miss Cecelia Schroeder left
one hundred dollars each - to eleven second cousins.
But not one penny - Henry - to nine first cousins.
She sure was odd.