

SOVIETS

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There is ~~such~~ irony in the request of the French Communist Party - to send a delegation to Moscow. The original idea of the Red International - was that the Kremlin summoned its henchmen to get their orders. The Party Line - which they obediently followed when they got home.

Now - it's the other way around. The new Russian regime is on the defensive - with regard to the Comrades abroad. Brezhnev and Kosygin, rather apprehensive because questions are being asked - about the way they demoted Khrushchev. The leaders of ~~the~~ Italian and Scandinavian Communism are insisting that Khrushchev be allowed to defend himself, ~~Publicly~~ - and without fear of reprisals. And now the French Reds want to examine the whole affair for themselves - in Moscow. They even want to talk to Khrushchev - about it.

The point is that the most faithful followers of Marx and Lenin - no longer believe everything the Russians tell them. ~~Not~~ after the way the Russians deceived them - about Stalin. This time, the Reds of the West are informing the

Kremlin bluntly - that they want more facts about the alleged misdeeds of Khrushchev.

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Presidential politics came to a standstill today -- in honor of a former President. The leaders of both parties -- forgetting their ambitions -- for the moment. Taking time out -- for a trip to New York. All four, appearing at Saint Bartholomew's Church -- for the memorial service. Lyndon Johnson -- and Barry Goldwater. William Miller -- and Hubert Humphrey. Along with hundreds of other national figures, diplomats, family and friends. Only illness kept our two former Presidents away -- Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry Truman.

There was no eulogy, just an impressive, simple service -- conducted by Doctor Terence Finlay, Rector of Saint Bartholomew's. Service without eulogy. That's a fitting epitaph for the man they were honoring -- whom we all honor. Herbert Hoover.

TRUMAN - EISENHOWER

The trouble with Mr. Truman -- we already know. That fall in his home -- when he had to be taken to the hospital for cuts -- and broken ribs. Mr. Truman returned home today.

The trouble with Mr. Eisenhower - has been diagnosed at Walter Reed Hospital. Laryngitis. "Moderately severe" -- says the medical bulletin. Stay in the hospital -- at least a week.