

MALENKOV

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The Malenkov declaration over the weekend is being received with caution in Washington. The words are fair but the Soviets have a way of following fair words with foul acts.


Today a spokesman for the State Department issued a declaration ~~xxx~~ saying: "Protestations of peaceful intent are not new from the Soviet Union, but words must be weighed against acts. The war continues in Korea," the statement goes on "and planes on peaceful missions are shot down in Germany". It will be interesting" the statement concludes "to see how, in these and other present matters, Mr. Malenkov intends to implement his words of peaceful intent."

Moscow dispatches however, picture the foreign diplomats over there as being much impressed by the Malenkov statements -- regarding these as a virtual invitation to the United States and the West to sit down and try to talk out some agreement to end the cold war. today Malenkov repeated/what he had said

at Stalin's funeral -- that there were no differences between Soviet Russia and the western powers that could not be settled amicably.

Even more important, in a way, is the negative side. The new Soviet premier, in his harangue, did not denounce the United States. He made no mention of American imperialists and war mongers - the Moscow propaganda line being conspicuous by its ~~xx~~ absence.

His declarations were made before the Supreme Soviet, which gathered in Moscow to give



Malenkov an okay, as the successor to Stalin. The Supreme Soviet is part of the Russian government -- and would correspond, in a vague way, to a parliament in the West. But the real power in Russia is not the official government. It is the Communist party, which dominates the government. The new Malenkov regime had been installed by the top committee of the Communist party, and the Supreme Soviet was little more than a rubber stamp giving its okay -- unanimously.

Among the changed voted were a series of government reorganizations. Some - interesting.

Higher education, art, radiom motion pictures, publishing, are placed in charge of a new Minister of Culture.

All of which is said to herald the rise of a new star in Soviet politics. His name is a mouthful of resonant Russian syllables Panteleimon K. Ponomarenko. He's the new Minister of Culture, a Bolshevik big wig to watch - Panteleimon K. Ponomarenko.

CZECH

It looks as if the new top man in Czechoslovakia will be -- Zapotocky. Today, he led in the funeral honors paid to President Gottwald, who died on Saturday. Zapotocky is regarded as a sinister figure -- prominent in the overthrow and hanging of Rudolf Slansky, and other former big shots accused of Zionism.

Stalin passes, succeeded by Malenkov. In the satellite country, it is Gottwald followed by Zapotocky. Much smaller potatoes, but a similar transition.

BERLIN

In Berlin today, the Soviet commander, General Chuikov -- called off a "baby blockade". The Russian general was on his way to make a courtesy call on the new U.S. High Commissioner -- Dr. Conant. When, on the highway, he noticed a jam of trucks. Soviet border guards obstructing traffic to allied sectors of Berlin. A "baby blockade".

General Chuikov immediately ordered the allied trucks to be let through, and ^{(detailed a} ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Russian Colonel to ~~XXX~~ make sure that the "baby blockade" came to an end.

GERMANY-PLANES

In Germany along the Iron Curtain today, American Saber jets were sweeping on patrol. Those F-86s had just arrived ~~in~~ from England, and were on their first mission in less than twenty-four hours, after their arrival in Germany. They were carrying out the U.S. warning that -- violence would be met by violence, shot for shot. This -- after the shooting down of the American F-84 last week, a Thunder jet.

The difference in the types of planes tell the story. The Thunder jets are older and slower -- probably less efficient than the MIGS. But the Saber jet -- the F-86, is our newest and fastest -- same as those jets of ours that shoot down the MIGS in Korea.

MIGS

The Navy denies reports that a hundred MIGS ~~were~~ attacked, or approached, the United States fleet off Korea last November. ~~The~~ Stories of some kind of spectacular air battle between American and Soviet planes have been circulated. But the Navy merely repeats ^{an} ~~the~~ account it ~~xxx~~ released in November.

Unidentified planes were spotted by radar. Panther jets were sent aloft to investigate. There was a quick encounter in which two MIGS were shot down.

In this affair, the strangers were not identified, ~~The~~ MIGS bore no markings and it is not known to which country they belonged.

So says the Navy, denying new sensational stories.

KOREA

The Air Force reports -- a champion truck-busting exploit. A Red supply column, five miles long, trapped and blasted to kingdom come -- one hundred motor trucks loaded with supplies and ammunition, in one long line of explosions and flame.

It happened in a remote pass through Korean hills where the Reds were trying to sneak through a huge convoy along a mountain road. But, they were spotted, and Australian jet planes began the kill - with two strikes at exactly the right place.

Then, U.S. Air Force and Navy jets went to work on the five miles of enemy vehicles. Flying along the line, working over the convoy with bombs, until that mountain pass flamed and erupted -- turned into a scene of smoke and ruin. ➔

(At the same time, U.S. planes were smashing
an important rail center southeast of Chongju, on
the Korean west coast. They blasted rolling stock
and dumps of munitions - which exploded -- sky high.

All of which, was a part of round the clock
~~the~~ assaults of enemy communications -- and the ~~the~~
~~the~~ Reds have their suspicion. Today, the Chinese
Communist ^{radio} leader indicated the belief -- that the
U N army is getting ready to launch an offensive.
"Reinforcements and fresh supplies have been brought
up" says the Red radio, declaring that the ~~fighting~~
battlefront is becoming -- more tense.)

ADD KOREA

The latest tells of a Red attack that hit a strong point called Little Gibraltar. A mass of Chinese swarmed over American defenses -- and at last reports the battle was still raging.

from which hostile aircraft would have to fly to
assail the United States. - **Defend** -- by attacking.

ATOMIC

At Frenchman's Flat on the Nevada desert the newsmen report a growing interest in what promises to be the debut of new atomic cannon. Those monster weapons will, for the first time, fire atomic shells, in a maneuver of battle. The giant guns are on their way to the scene of the atomic war-games that begin tomorrow. There's a suspicion that the eleven inch atomic shells have already arrived, although officials won't say so. The debut of atomic cannon will be staged as a climax of the new tests.

TITO

London is giving a spectacular welcome to Marshall Tito of Jugoslavia -- the anti-Soviet-Communist. The most spectacular part of it being -- the security ~~precautions~~ precautions, for ~~the security of~~ Tito. Landing from a Yugoslav warship in London today, Tito was welcomed to Britain by the Duke of Edinburgh, husband of the Queen, and, the Prime Minister -- Winston Churchill. London crowds were out as the Red master of Jugoslavia drove through the streets.

As Tito's warship navigated up the Thames, the British Navy and Air Force were out with swarms of patrolling vessels and circling planes. On shore the route that Tito followed was ~~is~~ guarded by hundreds of armed police, and a special guard of Scotland Yard detectives.

Yet, there was one startling incident, although nothing serious. As Tito and Churchill drove along in a bullet proof automobile, there was -- an explosion. The loud bang of a bomb. Which turned out to be mere fire crackers, making a racket

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behind a line of spectators. Some London jokester, apparently poking fun at the Tito visit -- with fire crackers.

QUEEN MARY

In London the royal physicians are worried about Queen Mother Mary, who is ill. They report that the eighty-five year old Dowager had a "less restful day."

The second adverse report in succession. They say they found it difficult to get the aged Queen Mother to take any sort of food.

One immediate question is -- if Queen Mother Mary should succumb how would that affect the Coronation of her granddaughter? There is no official speculation on this in London but it must cause concern.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court handed down a series of rulings today -- one of which concerned the government handling of aliens that can't be deported because their native country won't admit them. Some are being kept in jail -- and this the Supreme Court now upholds. By a vote of five to four - the high tribunal agrees with the Department of Justice, which said its handling of aliens was necessary to deal with foreign spies.

BASEBALL

The St. Louis Browns will not move to Baltimore. They'll stay in St. Louis.

Today, the American League rejected owner Bill Veeck's application for permission, at a meeting held in Tampa, Florida. Result - a stunning blow for Veeck. They criticized him for his "hasty and haphazard" ways. And -- gave the opinion that there was not time enough to move the Browns to Baltimore by the beginning of the baseball season. The whole thing too complicated for such a brief time. Moreover, the baseball moguls pointed to protests in St. Louis. Demands that the Browns remain there.

Tonight, indications are that the National League, similarly, will reject the plan to shift the Boston Braves to Milwaukee.

FOOTBALL

In the world of football, Michigan State
votes against -- the Rose Bowl Game. The big
college at East Lansing declares itself in opposition
to a ~~XXXX~~ renewal of the football pact with Pacific
Coast Conference schools, saying -- that the Rose
Bowl pact should be cancelled after Nineteen Fifty-
three.

Michigan was put on probation, for a year,
for violating conference rules on aid to athletes.
University President John Hannah now serving as
Assistant Secretary of Defense, came out in opposition
to bowl football games. (~~Today, he returned to~~
~~East Lansing from Washington -- to preside over the~~
~~the Faculty meeting. The decision was by a faculty~~
~~vote -- one hundred and fifty-four to eighty-four,~~
~~not ~~see~~ to go in for post season football games~~
~~again~~)

The attitude of Michigan is regarded as
more or less decisive. Other colleges in the mid-
western Big Ten are reported to be split on the

question of the Rose Bowl. So Michigan might well
sway the balance. In which case the Rose Bowl people
might have to look somewhere else for competition
in their big post season game.

JUDGES

Chicago has a legal mix-up -- with two judges claiming the same bench. Donald Gregg, Democrat, and Judson Harris, ^{Republican.} Both insist on filling the post of Chief Judge of the Probate Court. They showed up this morning and there was a lively argument. ~~two rival judges, and there is only room for one, on that particular bench.~~ The mix-up comes about following the death of Probate Court Judge William Waugh. His successor, it seems, was to be named by the clerk of the court, John Tachen who proceeded to name the Democrat; Donald Gregg. But then, for some reason, the court clerk changed his mind, and appointed the Republican, Judson Harris. He said his previous appointment of Gregg was -- temporary.

So today, Judge Harris opened the court -- in spite of a loud protest by Judge Gregg. ^{n.} ~~It happened~~ In the midst of the complications, Judge Harris left the court room. Whereupon, Judge Gregg immediately

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called out "hear ye, hear ye this court is now in session."

Sounding that court room cry he proceeded to sign legal papers -- as Judge.

That led to a new uproar and the dispute is now headed for the higher courts -- the case of the two judges who claim the same bench.

And now - I'm going to share my bench and microphone, with the eminent judge of -- well you tell them "elson.