

Belief Evoked Stalin Is Dead

LONDON, Thursday, March 5 (AP) — There was growing speculation today that Joseph Stalin already may be dead.

The rising belief that the man in the Kremlin has died came from these indications:

Moscow radio has made no mention of its stricken leader in its home programs since 3 p.m. Moscow time (7 a.m. EST) yesterday. Since then it has broadcast only serious and sombre music.

Some Western medical men, after studying the Soviet medical bulletin on Stalin, have wondered whether the aging and ruthless Communist leader could have survived this long after his brain hemorrhage Sunday night.

World Uninformed

There was a two-day lag in Moscow's first announcement that Stalin was gravely ill.

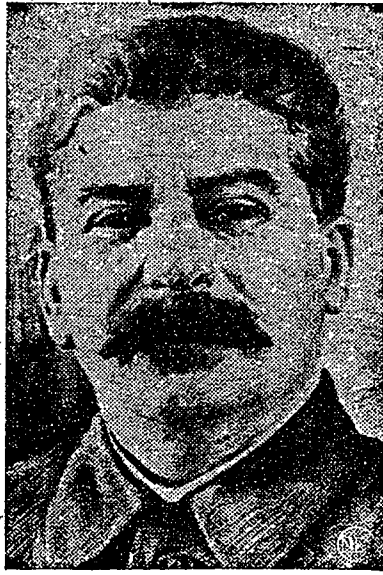
The outside world — and the Russian people — didn't know for 48 hours that Stalin was lying unconscious from his stroke. Many Westerners believed there would be a similar time-lag between Stalin's death and its announcement.

The London press already is questioning Moscow's silence on Stalin's condition.

Is Stalin Dead?

The London Daily Express headlined: "Stalin: Is he dead?" The Daily Mirror and the Daily Mail carried identical headlines asking: "Is Stalin dead?" The Communist London Daily Worker significantly headlined: "Soviet leaders call for unity and solidarity."

The news that the 73-year-old



Joseph Stalin Near Death

world Communist chief lay paralyzed and speechless sent waves of speculation through the Western world.

It also sent Red bosses from the satellites scurrying to Moscow for an emergency conference.

Successor Unknown

But no one in the non-Communist world can say what Stalin's successor—whoever he is—will do. Will a headstrong new Russian leader step up the cold war? Will a struggle in the top echelons for Stalin's mantle touch off a fuse that could explode World War III.

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IFC Recommends Dating Code Change

Interfraternity Council last night voted unanimously to submit a change in the IFC unchaperoned dating code to the College Senate allowing women in fraternity houses without a chaperone until the time required for women to return to the dormitories.

Under the present conditions, women must be out of fraternity houses by 8 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

The recommendation, which will go to the Senate through the Senate committee on student affairs, amends section 3-b of the dating code to read:

All women guests must be out of fraternity houses at the time stipulated for women students to return to the dormitories. Any women staying in the fraternity houses after hours must be accompanied by College-approved chaperones.

Two other proposals were included in the recommendation. One suggests removal of chaperone requirements at fraternity and sorority affairs. It amends section Z-2-e of the Regulations for Undergraduate Students to read:

"Sorority and fraternity entertainments need not be provided with chaperones but must be reported one week in advance to the dean of men, the dean of women, and the IFC Board of Control chairman. (The latter when functions are held in fraternity houses.)"

The other requests that provision be made for better representation for fraternities on the Senate committee and sub-committee (Continued on page eight)

Measle Cases Total 13

Thirteen cases of German measles, six men and seven women, were confined in the Infirmary yesterday, according to Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, director of the College Health Service. Persons confined there totaled 20 late yesterday afternoon.

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Senate to Examine Calendar Proposal

A proposed College calendar policy will be considered at today's meeting of the College Senate at 4:10 p.m. in 121 Sparks.

A suggestion concerning excuses for students confined to their beds in the dormitories is expected to be presented by the Senate committee on student affairs. This committee will also present the result of a student poll on the proposed calendar.

In addition, the senators will consider proposed changes in courses and in under-

Christoff Confesses Robberies

Jean Christoff admitted Tuesday taking \$1100 worth of articles in Blair County after he learned that his cache of stolen goods had been found at his home near Frugality in northern Cambria County.

He was scheduled to undergo a lie detector test yesterday in the office of District Attorney Fred J. Fees of Cambria County. State police were planning to question Robert Oberly, the ex-fiance of the dead girl, although they emphasized that he is not a suspect. Oberly is an eighth semester industrial arts major.

Christoff, brother of 21-year-old strangulation victim June Christoff, a former coed, was sought in the mysterious death of his sister last month. He disappeared shortly before the discovery of the girl's body.

The 28-year-old combat veteran was found Monday in an abandoned coal mine near his home. Christoff was sought for ten days. After police questioning, he denied knowing anything of his sister's death.

According to Cambria County police, Christoff said, "I don't know why I took these." Police say the robberies were usually committed after dark on Saturdays during September and October.

Christoff took a TV set and booster valued at \$400 from one home. After the serial number was removed, the set was put in use in the Christoff home.

Christoff also admitted stealing four bicycles and two power saws. One bike was given away, two had been dismantled and hidden under the chicken coop, and another found in the garage.

graduate regulations and the suggested establishment of two new engineering degrees.

No Semester Vacation

The calendar plan, devised and presented by the Senate committee on calendar, sets up a policy from which the calendar for any year may be determined. The committee's report suggests that a person appointed by the College President formulate the calendar, in future years, from the policy determined by the committee. The calendar would need the approval of the Council of Administration.

The calendar, as outlined in the committee's report, will provide a one day vacation at Thanksgiving, eliminate the between-semester vacation, and will end spring examinations on the last Tuesday or Wednesday in May or the first Wednesday in June.

Under the suggestions, Baccalaureate Day may be the last Sunday in May or the first Sunday in June. The first calendar that may be made under the suggested policy is the 1954-'55 calendar.

Laubach Conducts Poll

All-College cabinet has recommended that instructors be requested not to schedule tests on Thanksgiving Friday and Saturday, that there be scheduled a week's vacation between fall semester examinations and registration for the spring semester, that an athletic event be scheduled for Thanksgiving day, and that each year's calendar be subject to review in order to check for conditions that may make vacations more advantageous to students. These suggestions were made after considering the proposed policy.

The poll to be used in making the report of the student affairs committee is being conducted by All-College President John Laubach.

The student affairs committee will also bring up discussion of the situation of ill students being told by the College Health Serv-

Poll Shows Cutting May Be High

Cutting would be excessive on the Friday after Thanksgiving day if the Thanksgiving recess were Thanksgiving day only, according to a poll conducted by All-College President John Laubach for the Senate committee on student affairs.

The poll also indicated that students find limiting the Thanksgiving recess to one day more objectionable than not having a recess between fall semester examinations and spring semester registration.

Results of the poll will be reported to the committee by Laubach. From these results and subsequent discussion at today's meeting, the committee will form a plan to be reported to the meeting of the College Senate at 4:10 p.m. today.

The questions asked and the returned answers are:

1. Which of the following results of the calendar plan is more objectionable to you? (1) Thanksgiving vacation being restricted to the day? (2) No break between fall semester finals and spring semester registration?

Seventy-six students checked the first of the choices and 27 the second, indicating that the majority felt the one day Thanksgiving vacation to be more objectionable.

2. If some special event, such as a football game, were regularly scheduled on Thanksgiving (Continued on page eight)

Guild Resumes Shows Tonight

Radio Guild will resume programming over WMAJ at 9:30 tonight when Albert Dame interviews George L. Donovan, manager of Associated Student Activities, on "Spotlight on State."

Allen Klein will direct. Others are Jay Murphy, announcer, and Ralph Schorr, engineer.

Richard Andersen will read "University Days" by James Thurber and "What College Did to Me" by Robert Benchley at 9:45 on tonight "Call Card." The cast includes Sally Lowry, director; Luella Martin, sound; John McCormick, announcer; Robert Murrer, voice; and Johanne Llewellyn, librarian.

Frosh Cager Injured In Practice Session

Robert Hoffman, star quarterback on Coach Earl Bruce's freshman football team and a member of the freshman basketball squad, was injured last night when he collided with Edward Haag, a member of the varsity basketball squad, during a practice session in Recreation Hall.

According to Head Coach Elmer Gross, Hoffman collided with Haag during a scramble for the ball. Hoffman was knocked backward and struck his head on the floor, Gross said. Hoffman suffered lacerations of the head and a cut over the left eye. Infirmary officials refused to issue any comment on his condition.

Gown Deposits Due

Only three more days remain in which June graduates who expect to be student teaching the last eight weeks of the semester may sign up for their caps and gowns at the Athletic Store. The deadline is Saturday, and the deposit for caps and gowns is \$5. Invitations and announcements, costing 10 cents each, may be ordered at the Student Union desk in Old Main before noon Saturday.

Kashmir Vital, Ikramullah Says

By CHIZ MATHIAS

Settlement of the dispute in Kashmir will determine the success or failure of the United Nations, Begum Shaista Ikramullah told the final Community Forum audience last night in Schwab Auditorium.

"It is not a question of pleasing Pakistan or pleasing India, but if the UN is impartial enough to give a fair decision to a small nation and risk offending a larger country," she said.

90% Moslem Population

The stateswoman from Pakistan said her nation is trying to be a self-sustaining free state but cannot succeed as long as her strength is being sapped by trouble with India over the acquisition of Kashmir.

"When Pakistan was partitioned Aug. 14, 1947, it was agreed that the outlying provinces would be acquired by the free state or India depending on the geographical location of the province," the begum said, "but the right of Kashmir to align herself with Pakistan has been denied by India."

Kashmir is a nation of ninety per cent Moslem population with a Hindu ruler. For years they have been in open revolt against the despotic Hindu prince. Indian troops are stationed in the



Begum Ikramullah Speaks at Forum

country to quell such revolts, the stateswoman said. In 1947 a United Nations commission was set up to study the problem but no decision has been made yet, she said.

"Pakistan is beginning to feel that the UN is no better than the old Holy Alliance formed for un-

holy purposes," the begum said. Numerous solutions have been proposed by the commission, but India has rejected all of them, she said. India wants a plebiscite set up with Indian occupation troops in charge. Pakistan is agreeable to the plebiscite but asks the intercession of a third, neutral nation.

When Pakistan's boundaries were set in 1947 all the large cities and the heart of her culture were lost to India," Begum Ikramullah said. "The people want something besides desert and swamps. To India Kashmir is only a trophy. To Pakistan it is an economic necessity."

Economic Differences

Two of India's five rivers originate in Pakistan, the begum said. India is now building canals to divert the course of these rivers and rob Pakistan of her waterways. Pakistan's ports have been blocked. Cargo must be imported and exported by boat which is very slow and expensive, she said. Travel between the provinces must be done chiefly by air.

The begum gave vast differences in economic cultures and not religions as the motivation behind partitioning of the two countries. She traced the migra-

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