

Reds Await Word on Stalin; Ike Expresses Sympathy

USSR Leaders Delay Report About Condition

MOSCOW, Thursday, March 4 (AP)—Russia's millions still waited for new word early today on the condition of their paralyzed and speechless leader, Joseph Stalin.

There was speculation outside Russia that Stalin already may have died and Soviet leaders are delaying the announcement.

Stockholm reported Moscow radio remained silent on Stalin's condition in its 4 a.m., Moscow time, newscast this morning.

The Council of Ministers cabinet of the USSR and the Commu-

BULLETIN

LONDON, Thursday, March 5 (AP)—Moscow radio broadcast a medical bulletin early today which said the condition of Joseph Stalin "remains serious."

The Bulletin added that arteriosclerosis has developed.

nist party's Central Committee announced that they were "guiding" the party and the country and expressed confidence the 200 million Soviet people, "in these difficult days," would rally round.

There has not yet been any indication here as to how leadership of the government or party will be affected by the fact that Stalin is incapacitated.

There has been no word from the Kremlin about Stalin's condition since the first bulletin, which covered the situation up to 2 a.m. today. Further bulletins have been promised, but there is no hint as to when they will come.

There was a growing feeling in the West that Stalin already has succumbed and that announcement of his illness was a means of preparing the minds of the Russian people for news of his death.

Radio stations repeated throughout the day the original bulletin—which said the Prime Minister and generalissimo was stricken with a brain hemorrhage, or stroke, Sunday night in his apartment behind the 12-foot-thick walls of the Kremlin. Between readings, the stations broadcast slow and somber instrumental and choral music.

The heads of major Soviet churches—Jewish, Moslem, Buddhist, Baptist and Russian Orthodox—called on their believers to pray for Stalin's recovery. The head of the Russian Orthodox church, Patriarch Alexei, held a special service in Yelokovsky Cathedral in Moscow. As a youth, Stalin studied to be a priest in the Russian Orthodox church.

McGranery Denounces Secret Police Pacts

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—Former Atty. Gen. James P. McGranery today denounced any secret pact whereby the Justice Department would keep hands off cases of alleged New York police brutality involving civil rights.

Pope Prays for Better Future for Russians

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President Eisenhower expressed his sympathy to the Russian people and voiced the hope that God will watch over them "regardless of the identity of government personalities."

In the Vatican, Pope Pius XII prayed for a better future "for the oppressed Russian people" and for the conversion of Stalin, who once, long ago, was a student for the priesthood in the Russian Orthodox church. The leaders of that church ordered prayers today for Stalin in Russia.

Foreign Office experts and physicians in Western Europe speculated that Stalin already is dead and that announcement of his illness was designed mainly to prepare the minds of the Russian people for the news of his death.

Stalin Paralyzed

In a sense, this was a technicality. Someone beside Stalin is running the Soviet Union today and has been since Sunday, when Stalin was stricken.

In their own words, the Russians told that Stalin was rendered speechless by the brain hemorrhage, the same kind which killed Franklin D. Roosevelt eight years ago, and that his right arm and leg were paralyzed. Stalin's left hand was withered and useless.

The Moscow radio's announcement said pointedly: "The serious illness of Comrade Stalin will lead to his prolonged absence from government and party leadership."

Beria Is Possibility

Who is the new boss? Maybe it is George M. Malenkov, secretary of the Soviet Communist party and a man who reputedly harbors a deep hatred for the West.

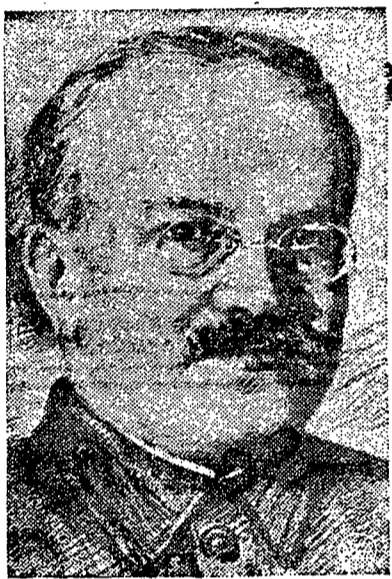
It could be L. P. Beria, boss of the secret police and of Russia's atomic development project. He is a friend of Malenkov.

Or maybe it is V. M. Molotov, deputy prime minister and former foreign minister. Molotov, a contemporary of Stalin, is one of the handful of old time pre-revolutionary Bolsheviks still left in important positions in Russia.

These three or some other grouping in the Kremlin might form a triumvirate to govern Russia for a while to present a show of unity to the rest of the world. More likely, however, the struggle for succession has already been decided or is being settled now.

Vincent to Retire

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles today settled the controversial John Carter Vincent loyalty case by permitting the veteran career diplomat to retire.



V. M. Molotov
May succeed Stalin

Taft Wants 'Cooling-off' Of Debate

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—Senate Republican Leader Taft of Ohio today called for a "cooling-off" period in the bitter rift over the wording of a resolution denouncing Soviet Russia's violation of World War II agreements.

Democrats angrily blasted the GOP-revised version of the resolution, originally submitted by President Eisenhower, as challenging the validity of pacts negotiated by the Roosevelt-Truman administration. As the White House proposed the wording it would only denounce Soviet persecution of the agreements to enslave free peoples.

With a wide-open break appearing almost inevitable Taft told newsmen there will be no attempt to get Senate action on the controversial resolution this week.

"We'll try to let everybody cool down," the Ohio senator said.

Hot Dunking Averted

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 4 (AP)—A broken thermostat allowed the water in the First Baptist church baptistry to get up near the boiling point just before a baptism.

The Rev. Douglas Rae's wife said she scurried around the neighborhood for ice cubes to dump into the baptismal font and the ceremony went on.

Krupp Sells Control Of Steel Industries

BONN, Germany, March 4 (AP)—The vast Krupp industrial empire which armed Germany for three wars was broken up today. Alfried Krupp agreed to sell his family's coal, steel and iron holdings and never return to these industries.

Krupp, who served 2½ years as a war criminal, will receive \$47½ million for the properties he sells. In return, the Allies will give him sole control of the rest of the family holdings, estimated to be worth \$95 million.

The holdings he retains will still leave him one of Europe's greatest manufacturers of steel products. They include plants making everything from pots and pans, through pipes and plumbing, trucks and locomotives to ocean-going tankers.

Once worth nearly a \$½ billion the sprawling industrial empire was confiscated by the Allies when Krupp, now 44, was convicted by a U.S. war crimes tribunal in 1948 of using slave labor and plundering occupied countries. Sentenced to 12 years, he was freed in 1951 by former U.S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy as an act of mercy.

The plan to sell off the coal, steel and iron properties was worked out directly with Krupp by the United States, Britain and France. The West German government declined to guarantee that Krupp would not try to buy back into these industries.

Today Krupp gave his personal pledge in an agreement signed by his two American attorneys, Joseph S. Robinson of New York and Earl J. Carroll of San Francisco. Krupp himself is vacationing in Switzerland.

A statement issued by the management of the Krupp main office in Essen said Krupp will soon return as an active manager of his remaining properties.

It added that nobody could expect the firm to welcome the Allied order which it said would result in "serious damage" to the German economy. "On the other hand," it said, "a state of uncertainty and paralysis is ended."

The Krupp agreement is part of the Allied program to break up all big German steel and coal companies into smaller, competing concerns to eliminate "excessive concentrations of economic power."

ROKs Advance After Day's Battle

SEOUL, Thursday, March 5 (AP)—Tough South Korean infantrymen—supported by Allied planes and artillery—regained a scarred height on the Korean Central Front Wednesday in a 23-hour battle that left almost half of the Chinese Communist attackers dead or wounded.

The Republic of Korea soldiers gave up the hill position southeast of Kumsong in the early morning before the onslaught of 400 Reds. They stormed back in late afternoon after fighter-bombers and heavy artillery unleashed a day-long bombardment.

Allied planes concentrated Wednesday on close ground support strikes along the front. Sabre jets raged over North Korea but met no MIGs.

Soviet War Not Likely —Van Fleet

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet told Congress today he does not believe the Soviets are interested now in a "shooting war" and said only a military victory can end the fighting in Korea.

The former Eighth Army commander also urged that the draft be extended from 24 to 30 or 36 months "to better prepare our boys to live" through combat, by permitting them more and better training.

With "a little more of what it takes to fight," he said, the United States can gain a military triumph in Korea without necessarily broadening the war.

Chairman Chipfield (R-Ill.) reported Van Fleet told the House Foreign Affairs Committee behind closed doors that "he felt that the Soviets at the present were not interested in engaging in a shooting war."

Chipfield said in a statement the general expressed belief American forces could "be withdrawn in large numbers from Korea" only after a military victory permitted the Americans to turn over a shorter defense line to the Koreans which they could hold with American support.

Chipfield said Van Fleet "was emphatic in stating that the war in Korea must end in nothing short of victory. Anything short of that would be a defeat. Peace in the Orient would require the unification of all, or almost all, of Korea."

Tax Bureau Lashed Again

WASHINGTON, March 4 (AP)—The Internal Revenue Bureau, shaken by scandals since 1951, was accused by a House Republican leader today of "allowing political considerations to outweigh the public welfare."

Rep. Kean (R-NJ) leveled the criticism at high tax officials as he concluded a two-week investigation of the stormy career of Donald S. Tydings as an alcohol tax official.

Kean said it seems that Tydings was "untouchable" in the revenue bureau because he was a cousin of former Sen. Millard E. Tydings of Maryland.

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