

Bulganin Starts Army Shakeup

Zhukov Appointed Leader Of Red Armed Forces

MOSCOW, Feb. 9 (AP)—Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, Russia's most glittering war hero, became head of the Soviet Union's armed forces today in a continuing shakeup of the regime. The conqueror of Berlin, designated defense minister, was among a number of army figures moving into the spotlight against a background of tough foreign policy pronouncements.

Through the Supreme Soviet Parliament the Soviet Union addressed a declaration to all parliaments of the world, warning that Europe "could become the arena of a new war" if the Western nations carry through plans to arm West Germany.

Succeeds Bulganin

The new Premier, Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin, handsome in his marshal's uniform, nominated Zhukov to succeed him as defense minister. He also nominated the deposed Premier, Georgi M. Malenkov, to be minister of power stations as well as a deputy premier, a big comedown for Malenkov but still an important government position.

The historic joint session of the Supreme Soviet's 1,300 members accepted both nominations—as they had accepted selection of Bulganin Tuesday—with a show of hands and stormy applause.

Zhukov, once in relative eclipse in the postwar Stalin days, emerged to great prominence after Stalin's death. He was a wartime acquaintance of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, then Allied commander in chief, in Germany and the two have spoken words of mutual esteem.

Konev Speaks

The session turned the spotlight on another World War II military hero, Marshal Ivan S. Konev, also emerging to greater prominence.

Konev headed the military court which condemned police boss L. P. Beria to death in December, 1953, in a purge of the Soviet Union's secret police system.

"Our army," said Konev, "represents a mighty force which fully answers the demands and characteristics of modern war. If the imperialists dare to attack our motherland, the Soviet armed forces have at their disposal all kinds of weapons for the complete defeat of the aggressors."

A similar tone was set Tuesday in a major foreign policy statement by Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, providing the background for the Soviet appeal drawing attention of the world's parliaments to "the situation in Europe."

Nehru Asks China To Delay Invasion

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP)—India's Premier Nehru appealed today to Red China to hold off on any attempt to invade Formosa.

Nehru told a news conference India and the great powers, including Russia, are exchanging ideas on how to end the China fighting. Among these is a suggestion for a Geneva-type conference outside the United Nations.

Chinese Down U.S. Aircraft

TAIPEL, Formosa, Thursday, Feb. 10 (AP)—Chinese troops began quitting the scorched earth of the Tachens yesterday under guns of the U.S. 7th Fleet standing between them and nearby Red islands, press reports said.

The touchy situation was underscored by the loss of a Navy Skyraider shot down by Communist ground guns yesterday when it wandered off course west of the Tachens. Its three-man crew was rescued.

Communist MIGs were sighted by U.S. pilots along the mainland coast, which lies 15 miles west of the Tachens, for the second straight day.

AP correspondent Forrest Edwards with the 7th Fleet reported high flying Navy jets spotted considerable shipping activity in Red islands north of the Tachens. This could mean the Communists were massing ships to take over the Tachens when the withdrawal ends. Best estimates are the evacuation will be ended by Saturday or Sunday.

Vice Adm. Alfred M. Pride, 7th Fleet commander, messaged that the last organized group of the 17,000 civilians in the Tachens, 200 miles north of Formosa, were taken off Wednesday. Only a few stragglers remained in the hills and they were to be picked up later.

Chiang, U.S. Sign . . .

Senate Ratifies Formosa Pact

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The Senate, by the overwhelming vote of 64-6 tonight ratified the Formosa defense treaty.

The pact, signed with the Chinese Nationalist regime of Chiang Kai-shek, commits the United States to defend Formosa, Chiang's bastion, and the nearby Pescadores, against the Chinese Reds.

The Senate vote was far in excess of the constitutional requirement that treaties must obtain approval of two thirds of those voting. The Senate decision completed action, since treaties are not submitted to the House. The Chinese have already ratified.

Tonight's vote was the second recent notice to the Chinese Communists to keep hands off Formosa which they have vowed to take. On Jan. 28 the Senate completed congressional action on a resolution authorizing President Eisenhower to fight if necessary to defend Formosa, the Pescadores and "related positions."

Under this authority the 7th Fleet is now engaged in redeploying Nationalist forces, screening their evacuation from the Tachen Islands 200 miles north of Formosa.

Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind-Ore) declared the treaty in his opinion pledges the United States to defend "not a country but a government whose rule is very doubtful."

"This document is a military alliance, not a treaty," he said.

SEC Okays Power Plant

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Dixon-Yates contract sponsors today gained approval of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the key financing provision of their controversial power project.

Opponents said that despite the action they were far from through in fighting the plan to let the government buy private power in the Tennessee Valley Authority area.

Four SEC members voted to authorize the issuance of \$5½ million of common stock in a new plant at West Memphis, Ark. Paul R. Rowen, one of two Democrats on the commission, dissented.

Mississippi Valley Generating Co. would sell the stock to the two holding companies which set it up—Middle South Utilities and the Southern Co. Among principal officers of the latter are Edgar Dixon and Eugene Yates.



Marshal Bulganin
New Premier

Ike Considers Zkuhov Visit

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower declared today America will remain alert and continue to pursue peace through strength in the face of a Soviet shakeup he interpreted as an expression of internal "dissatisfaction."

In a spur of the moment reply to a news conference query, Eisenhower also said he would not hesitate to consult his advisers—"if we found it desirable"—on the question of inviting his old friend, Soviet Marshal Georgi Zhukov, to visit the United States.

What the top-level reshuffling in Moscow means to the world, the President said, "won't be apparent for some time." He said it doesn't necessarily signify a tougher policy toward the United States, since the Russians "would say anything that would suit their purposes at the moment of a great significant change of this kind in their government."

Nor, he said, is there any proof that Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov was right in claiming that this country now is the laggard in atomic weapons as a result of Russian success in developing the hydrogen bomb.

Money Wanted But . . .

Congress Dislikes Determining Salary?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Offhand, a congressman's lot would appear to be a happy one. For he is among the comparatively few persons in the fortunate position of determining his own salary.

Yet congressmen have never been too keen about this part of their job. That's been true from the first Congress, when members decided they were worth \$6 a day, but only on days when they showed up for work, to the present Congress, which looks to be about ready to hand itself a \$7500 to \$10,000 annual raise.

The U.S. Constitution, no less, says:

"The senators and representatives shall receive a compensation for their services to be ascertained by law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States."

That's what Congress is doing right now, trying to ascertain how much it is legally worth.

Congress never is comfortable about raising its own pay. What shall it profit a congressman to vote himself a raise if that should miff the voters and he winds up with no job at all?

Those who favor an increase say congressmen have fallen steadily behind since they got their last increase, in 1946. Rep. Victor Wickersham (D) of Mangum, Okla., has said that, on the average, a congressman's expenses are so great the job costs him \$5,900 a year.

Pinay May Give Up Fight for Top Post

PARIS, Feb. 9 (AP) — Antoine Pinay's chances for becoming the new premier of France swung in the balance tonight amid reports he may have to give up even before seeking confirmation in the National Assembly.

At one point today, an informed source said Pinay was ready to stop trying immediately. Later, at the insistence of political friends, he went ahead with consultations on the crisis that developed with the fall of Pierre Mendes-France's government Saturday.

Stock Market Rally

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (AP)—The stock market in one of its strongest advances of the past 15 years today sent the Associated Press average of 60 stocks racing ahead to the highest level in its history.

Today's vigorous rally followed a deep drop yesterday on the heels of Russia's unexpected reshuffle of its high command.



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