

Soviet Changes Probed by West

MOSCOW, Feb. 10 (AP)—Western diplomats groped today for the significance of the momentous changes in the Soviet government, with Nikolai Buzanin as premier. Eastern bloc envoys had an even bigger job of interpretation.

One question puzzled both Eastern and Western observers; why did the Soviets decide to make the governmental changes

CIO Merger OK'd by AFL

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 10 (AP)—AFL union leaders today unanimously approved the AFL-CIO merger agreement and the pact appeared well on its way to being put into effect.

The endorsement by the AFL Executive Council was only one in a series of necessary ratifying actions but AFL President George Meany said he was confident they will be accomplished.

Meany and CIO President Walter Reuther, along with other top AFL and CIO officials, signed the detailed agreement to merge their big organizations here yesterday amid predictions that their 140 unions would be brought under the same banner before the end of the year.

AFL, CIO Plan Drive To Draw Members

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., (AP)—The nation's top union leaders, agreed on consolidating forces into a single organization, today planned a giant drive to take in millions of new members.

Leaders of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations decided to bury traditional rivalries and embark on the same sort of intensive mass organizing campaign that sparked the CIO's surge two decades ago.

Ike's Trade Program OK'd

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee today rolled up a surprising 20-5 vote for President Eisenhower's program to boost free world trade by gradually lowering U.S. tariffs.

Churchill Favors Top-Level 'Big 4' Talks With Reds

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill said today he still favors top-level Big Four talks with the Russians, but made clear to the new Kremlin rulers that Britain intends to push ahead with rearming West Germany first.

The 80-year-old statesman spoke in the House of Commons at the British ambassador in Moscow, Sir William Hayter, carried out secret negotiations aimed at a Formosa cease-fire.

Responding to Laborite demands that he invite the new Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, to join in Big Four talks soon, Churchill declared:

"The policy of the government is to seek a four-power conference at a time when it seems likely to yield genuine results, but that occasion is not likely to occur until after the ratification of the London-Paris agreements."



Marshal Bulganin

Pittsburgh Store Pickets Disappear

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 10 (AP)—Sign-carrying pickets disappeared today from three of five big strike-harassed department stores for the first time in nearly 15 months as 12 AFL unions adopted divide-and-conquer strategy.

Many—but not all—workers reporting for the first time since Nov. 27, 1953, were told to return home and await call.

The stores have refused to discuss resulting losses but unofficial sources say the figures will run into the millions.

Civil War Vet Is 108

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 10 (AP)—Albert Woolson, last of the 2,875,000 Boys in Blue of the Civil War, celebrates his 108th birthday without what he refers to as "a lot of hullabaloo." He was born Feb. 11, 1847.

The chipper old soldier will make only one public appearance, going to city hall in the afternoon.

at this critical time? The move coincided with crises over Formosa and West German rearmament, the fall of French Premier Pierre Mendes-France, and the Russians' own great drive for more agricultural and industrial production.

The problem for Eastern bloc diplomats is big and close to home. Their job is to report faithfully to their Communist governments the significance of the governmental changes in their big Soviet ally. They must have been amazed to note that it took only seven minutes Tuesday for the Supreme Soviet Parliament to accept by a unanimous show of hands the resignation of Georgi M. Malenkov as Premier.

Experienced Western diplomats showed no undue alarm over the changes that came with stunning rapidity these last few days. They had anticipated the policy changes, such as the stress on heavy industry, which had been foreshadowed by the recent resignation of Anastase I. Mikoyan as trade minister, and by various articles in Pravda and other Soviet organs. Mikoyan was the chief advocate of increased production for consumers.

The last of the University's ornamental cannons left the campus during World War II when it was donated to a scrap iron drive.

Pflimlin Will Try To Form Government

PARIS, Feb. 10 (AP)—Pierre Pflimlin, a 48-year-old Strasbourg lawyer and Cabinet veteran who backs West German rearmament, agreed tonight to try to form a new French government.

A member of the Popular Republican Movement (MRP), he took up the task at the request of President Rene Coty after Independent Republican Antoine Pinay gave up in the face of strong opposition in the National Assembly.

The Assembly, irritated and divided over many issues, brought on the crisis last Saturday by toppling Pierre Mendes-France's government, the nation's 20th since its liberation in 1944.

In the Assembly lobbies, the immediate reaction to the Pflimlin (pronounced "flam-lan," with both syllable equally stressed) candidacy was friendly. He was given a better than even chance of rallying enough support to be voted in.

Speaking to reporters tonight, Pflimlin said he hopes to form a government supported by all non-Communists. He quickly added, however, he is not seeking a government in which conflicting interests would nullify all possibilities for action.

Pflimlin singled out the North African situation as the most urgent problem for any incoming Premier. This was the specific issue which provoked the downfall of Mendes-France.

The University ice skating rink, which is 100 feet wide and 200 feet long, has approximately 13 miles of pipe beneath its surface.

Reuther Blasts Economic Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—President Eisenhower's economic planning wash sharply criticized today by CIO President Walter Reuther. He said the administration is "looking through a rear-view mirror" when it should be looking forward to the days of automatic factories and offices.

"I firmly believe that the administration is selling the American people short," Reuther said, "that its petty, half-hearted economic programs are based on an hypnotic preoccupation with statistical indexes of the long-run past, rather than with the tremendous strides toward economic abundance that present American technology and ingenuity are currently making possible."

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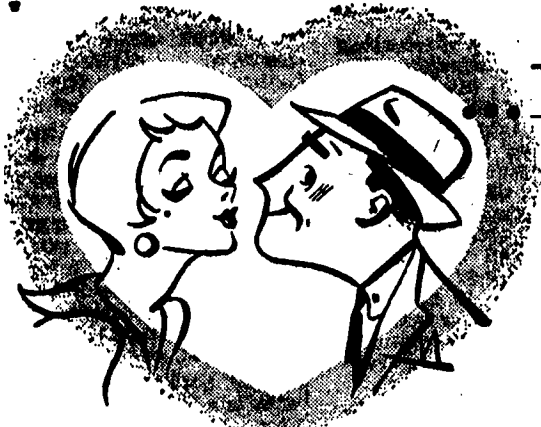


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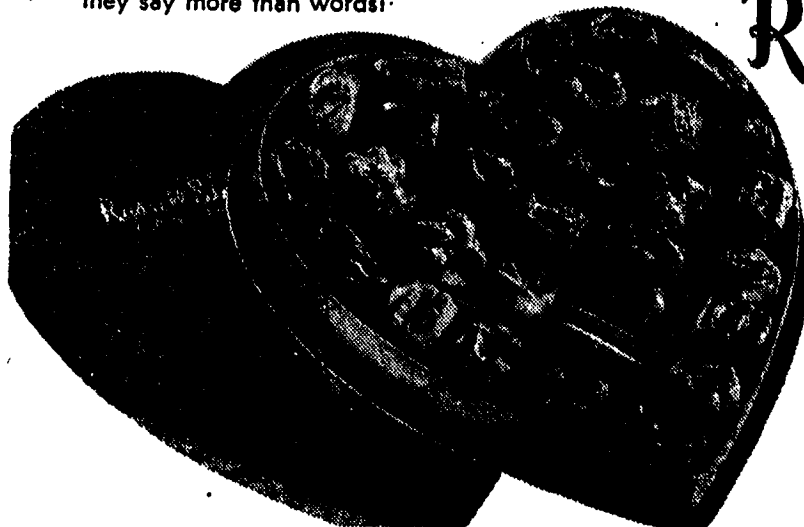
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