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Soviet Shakeup Continues As Alexandrov is Ousted

LONDON, March 21 (AP)—Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin today fired Minister of Culture Georgi Alexandrov, continuing a shakeup of his new government.

The Moscow radio said Alexandrov, a friend of the recently deposed Premier Georgi Malenkov, was sacked because "he failed to ensure the leadership" of his ministry.

Churchill Hits French Delay

PARIS, March 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill has warned France he believes a Western security system could be organized without French help if there are further delays in ratification of West German rearmament.

The British leader expressed this view in a personal letter sent to Pierre Mendes-France Jan. 12 and made public today. Mendes-France, the French Premier at that time, initiated the correspondence by suggesting immediate moves for a Big Four conference.

Churchill turned down Mendes-France's cold on this proposal. He said he was "firmly resolved that there be neither meeting, nor an invitation, under any foreseeable circumstances among the four powers, either at the foreign minister level or at the level of the heads of government until the London and Paris agreements have been ratified by all the signatories."

Nikolai A. Mikhailov, ambassador to Poland, was appointed successor to Alexandrov, short, dark-haired chief Soviet propagandist in World War II.

This marked the 12th major change in the Soviet government within a month, reflecting a realignment of Kremlin political factions following Bulganin's rise to premier Feb. 8.

Alexandrov's dismissal was foreshadowed last week when he was rebuked publicly for not publishing good books on corn planting and livestock breeding. Farm production is the specialty of Nikita Khrushchev, powerful first secretary of the Soviet Communist party.

Today's announcement did not elaborate on the reasons for Alexandrov's ouster. He held the key job of chief of propaganda and agitation from 1941 until 1947.

Malenkov appointed him culture minister last March. An expert on history and philosophy, he is a member of the presidium of the U.S.S.R.'s Academy of Sciences and secretary of the academy's economics, philosophy and law department.

The World At a Glance

Prosperity Forecast

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—Board Chairman Benjamin Fairless of U.S. Steel Corp., forecast today "one of the greatest periods of prosperity" in the nation's history.

Fairless related his optimism to the Senate Banking Committee after another sharp clash between Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark) and Sen. Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind) had kept him waiting on the witness stand.

Draft Program Uncertain

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—Congressmen working on a new reserve program told the military today that the whole thing might be killed if it provided for drafting youths into a six-months training corps.

The corps would be made up of young men who would serve seven and one-half years in the active reserve after the half-year training period. They would thereby escape the draft.

High Speed Glider

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—A piloted, rocket-boosted glider capable of reaching any distant point on earth within two hours appears possible of attainment in the future, an aviation scientist said today. It would fly 13,000 m.p.h. and 40 miles high.

12 Killed in Plane Crash

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 21 (AP)—Twelve persons lost their lives and 23 others were injured as an American Airlines plane crashed late last night, a few minutes before its scheduled landing here.

Military Command

LONDON, March 21 (AP)—Russia and her satellites have decided to set up a unified military command after ratification of the Paris agreements rearming West Germany, the Soviet Foreign Ministry announced today.

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