



Big Three Ministers Open Pre-Geneva Strategy Talk



Nikita Khrushchev, just starting his climb in the Communist Party, stood close to Joseph Stalin in this Moscow airport ceremony in 1936. Now Stalin is dead and Khrushchev is top man in the party.

Khrushchev: Key To Kremlin

Gamble On 'Sure Thing' Brought Nikita's Success

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Twenty years ago Nikita Khrushchev seemed drab and colorless—a faceless, fawning party hack.

Who, today, would think of applying such terms to the man whose moon face, alternate beaming and scowling, dominates the world stage?

The man who now seems playing for incredibly high stakes was not, always, a gambler. Nikita Khrushchev's history links him as a man who liked a sure thing.

The success story is peculiarly Communist. Khrushchev found a set of cocktails, climbed aboard for the ride.

The cocktails belonged to Lazar Kaganovich, who pacified the Ukraine for Stalin in the bloody days of farm collectivization.

Khrushchev had talent. Kaganovich recognized it. With ruthless real Khrushchev had thrown himself into the war on Stalin's political foes, an earnestly brutal man assisting in the awesome purges which sent untold thousands before firing squads.

Dressed for the part in slovenly cap and sloppy peasant clothing Khrushchev went to the Ukraine to direct another mop-up of Stalin's real and imagined enemies.

There is no way of estimating how many were executed in that operation. A conservative guess puts the number at 3,000.

A thorough man, Khrushchev not only directed the purge, but reorganized Ukrainian farming. As a result, under Stalin and Kaganovich, Khrushchev became general party secretary in the Ukraine, boss of an area of 42 as France, with about 40 million population.

Anybody might to the role, Khrushchev even emphasized the Ukrainian accent which remains.

—NEIGHBORS GO TO COURT—

Act Civilized Judge Urges

ENCINO, Calif. (AP) — One driveway isn't worth two \$300 houses. Not these two, anyway.

The single driveway that serves them is a regular hot man's land.

For more than a year it has touched off insults and castings. The feuding neighbors say water has been squirted through windows. And, at least once, there was a tongue stuck out.

All this was attested to court yesterday. Each family blames the other for all the fuss.

Lewis L. Glick and his wife Helen have sued their neighbors for \$475,000 damages.

Virginians Map Plan Of 'Choice'

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia's General Assembly begins consideration today of new legal lines of defense against the spread of racial integration in public schools.

It appeared the program the Assembly will be asked to enact will add up to a freedom-of-choice plan as successor to the now-defunct massive resistance program which collapsed in state and federal courts.

The phrase "Freedom of Choice," a source close to Gov. J. Lindsay Almond Jr. said, was chosen because the plan may offer a community or an individual the choice between state-aided private schooling or integrated public schooling.

KEPT SECRET — A 40-member legislative commission has kept its deliberations secret. The assembly meeting is a resumption of the special session of January 28 called after the courts invalidated laws which had held the school segregation line since the Supreme Court's 1954 decision on the subject.

The Assembly remained in session through Feb. 2—the day 17 Negroes in Norfolk and 9 in Arlington were admitted to previously all white schools.

There were a number of last ditch proposals offered to block this integration. Almond opposed them, saying none of the ideas would stand in a federal court test.

Legislators enacted the two major requests Almond made — state tuition grants of up to \$250 for pupils who refused to attend integrated schools, and repeal of the compulsory school attendance law.

The Assembly then recessed and Almond named the commission to draft a new school program. This program apparently will head the state toward a dual system of part public, part private education.

While the commission deliberated a touch of court-ordered integration came to Alexandria with the admission of four Negroes to a white school.

Closed Warren County High School at Front Royal, Va., reopened under a court order and admitted 21 Negroes. But not one of the white pupils in a school which previously accommodated 100 showed up.

SO COUPLE KISSED AND WENT HOME

SWANSEA, Wales (AP) — Keith Roberts took his new bride, Violet Epps, to the movies last night, kissed her good night at her parents' doorstep, and then went home to his own folks.

The couple, both aged 16, have no home of their own.

"Until we find a home, we'll just see each other in the evenings as we used to when we were dating," said Keith after their wedding, yesterday at the registrar's office.

Keith and Violet were also two years young to join the wedding reception in a local bar. While the guests drank their health, Keith's father said, "We'll take something over to the house for them."

Evening Prayer

We thank Thee, O God, for the shadow of Thy presence which has fallen across the threshold of our home. May its influence be ever felt in our midst. May it take from our lives all selfishness. This may we live for one another and discover here the true joys of Thy kingdom. This we pray in Jesus' name. . . . Amen.

After the Glicks hit the gate several times with their car bumper, the di Lucas sought a criminal complaint. It was refused by the city attorney.

Both sides presented Superior Judge Ellsworth Mayer with affidavits and pictures to support their stand. One picture was identified as showing Mrs. Glick sticking her tongue out in the direction of the camera. Others purported to show water falling over the fence.

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Hares Will Never Beat This 'Tortoise'

Coming in for a landing at the Los Angeles International Airport, this passenger plane scatters the rabbit wildlife that abounds on the field. A "live and let live" pact protects the bunnies so far, but trouble looms, for rabbits killed accidentally attract buzzards, which pose a real threat to planes.

—'I WAS SO CLOSE'— Father Watches As Three Die In Fire

NEWARK, N. J. (AP) — A young father stood by helplessly today while two of his children and a brother-in-law perished in a fire.

"I was so near, still I couldn't save them," said Robert Donaldson, 29.

The victims, all Negroes, were Ronald J. Donaldson, 3, his sister, Pauletta, 6 months; and the children's uncle, Robert Rodgers, 12, who was visiting them.

Deputy fire chief Joseph Drew said an apparently defective burner scattered flaming oil while two of his children and a brother-in-law perished in a fire.

Brenda Rodgers, 10, Robert's sister, managed to flee the burning room.

The two boys, who slept in a bed, burned to death while the baby girl suffocated.

Donaldson, a cook, said he awoke in the next room when he smelled smoke.

"I screamed to the children to get up and I tried to get to them, but I was stopped by flames," he said.

"There were flames all around the oil stove and spreading to the walls. I was so close. . . ."

The fire was spotted by patrolman Donald Delia Santi at 2:35 a.m. He sent in the fire alarm and helped arouse two other families in the three-story brick building. The flames were confined to the Donaldson's first floor apartment.

Donaldson's wife, Barbara, 21, and another child, Robert, 18 months who slept in his parents' room, escaped unharmed.

Fred Robinson, who lives on the third floor, carried another resident, Mrs. Louella Galloway, an invalid, to safety.

The results of the sessions are to be made known to the 15th annual Atlantic Pact Council which begins a 10th anniversary meeting here Thursday. The Berlin crisis promises to be the main werry at this three-day conference.

The most important part of the strategy talks probably will come Wednesday when all four foreign policy chiefs consider how to reconcile their remaining differences.

MATTER PACKAGE

The four allies have pretty much decided on a master "package" offer to the Soviets which would give them the long-range problem of how to unite East and West Germany while providing security to the rest of Europe.

But they are understood to be far apart on a short-term plan for dealing with the Soviet Union's threat to give East German Communists control of all land, air and water routes to West Berlin.

This is the remaining 25 per cent of their chore—and the toughest.

Some British authorities are taking privately of negotiating an international status for West Berlin along with promises to curb the Soviet Union's role of the West Berlin radio.

But American, French and West German authorities are cool to this idea. About the only basis for a combined Western approach appears to be Secretary Dulles' suggestion that the Allies allow West Germans to take over some Soviet responsibilities provided the Soviets openly acknowledge them as "agents."

The Soviets have given no sign that such an offer would be satisfactory.

The working experts will have four weeks to hammer out their differences. The foreign ministers are to get together again in Paris April 27 for what they hope will be final approval before sitting down at a conference table with the Soviet Union's Andrei Gromyko in Geneva May 11.

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4 Persons Drown

Atlantic Storm Delays Shipping

NEW YORK (AP) — A violent spring storm raged unabated over a vast area of the North Atlantic today, pummeling even the biggest liners aloft. Sailing schedules were drastically slowed.

The tempest was marked by gigantic waves and screaming winds of as much as 100 miles per hour.

Four crewmen of the 19,000-ton German liner Berlin were swept overboard Saturday while repairing a leak during a storm, the North German Lloyd Line announced today. All four were drowned.

The line said the Berlin was forced to leave to port for 24 hours 700 miles northeast of the Azores because of raging seas.

A spokesman said the ship and its 300 passengers were in no danger. The Berlin proceeded on its voyage to New York and is expected to arrive there on schedule next Saturday.

Seas were on such a rampage along the American Eastern Seaboard that an Argentine liner, the Rio Tumbon, had to return to New York yesterday after having sailed Friday on a voyage to South America.

A passenger said it was "a horrible 48 hours" before the vessel turned back. Furniture and work was blown as much as 24 hours 70 per cent of the vessel's passengers. Four of the 99 passengers were injured, although none seriously.

Partly cloudy and somewhat warmer today and tonight. Wednesday, partly cloudy and warm with scattered afternoon and evening thunderstorms.

Low this morning . . . 41
Low tomorrow morning . . . 50
High today . . . 73
High tomorrow . . . 69
Sunrise today 6:13 a.m.; sunset today 6:43 p.m.

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The two are law partners.

CARTHAGE, Mo. (AP) — Richard M. Webster, a lawyer, was fined \$5 after pleading guilty in magistrate court to driving a car with an expired license.

Webster is a former assistant county prosecutor. The prosecutor was the man who succeeded him, Ben Pyle.

Sorry, Partner, But It's The Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The House today passed a bill to create a new committee to study the feasibility of state aid to counties and municipalities in the purchase of new machines.

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Apportionment Showdown Near

RALEIGH (AP) — An expected showdown battle in the House on legislative reapportionment is now set for Wednesday.

The bill was on the House calendar for Monday night, but action on it was postponed at the request of Rep. Radford Powell of Rockingham, whose county would gain a House member under the measure.

The question of reapportionment has been before every Legislature since 1960 and has met defeat. Under the bill introduced by Powell and Rep. George Long of Alamance, four House seats would be reshuffled to bring representation in line with the 1950 census.

The measure calls for Cabarrus and Pitt counties, which now have two House members each, to lose one each. Rockingham and Alamance would gain one member each.

WANTS DELAY

Powell told newsmen before the House convened he would prefer that the House delay action on the measure until more members could be present. He said, "I know of several who told me they would be in the House."

Although the Monday evening sessions usually have a poor attendance, the House chamber was near capacity.

Only one new bill was introduced in the Senate and five in the House.

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