

THURSDAY,

Malenkov Now Officially No. 2 Man In Soviet Union

By DON DALLAS

LONDON, (Reuters) — Recent news dispatches from Moscow place the name of Georgi Malenkov directly after that of Premier Stalin, with Vyacheslav Molotov's name third.

Observers here interpret this as meaning that Malenkov is officially recognized ahead of the older Molotov in the running for Stalin's successor.

Malenkov, 51, is second in command, after Stalin, of the Communist party machine which governs Russia. It was Stalin's control of the party machine which led to his becoming supreme dictator.

Molotov, 62, is senior vice-premier, presiding at cabinet meetings not attended by Stalin. After Stalin, he is the most experienced man in controlling the governmental machine and the conduct of affairs at home and abroad.

Both are members of the directing presidium of the Communist party, and Malenkov also is a deputy premier.

Rumors Not Confirmed — Reports that Molotov is in ill health are so far not confirmed here. Moscow radio reported that Molotov voted in Sunday's elections to the local Soviets.

It was obvious last October that Malenkov's star was rising in a big way. He was chosen then to present the report of the central committee of the Communist party to the first party congress held for 13 years, a chore performed by Stalin at almost all previous party congresses.

While the limelight fell on Malenkov, Molotov made only a short introductory speech.

List Of Bigshots — But at that time Moscow radio, listing bigshots present at the congress, followed the order which had been accepted as "official" for many years past: 1. Stalin; 2. Molotov; 3. Malenkov; 4. Lavrenti F. Beria, secret police chief.

World Day Of Prayer At Crapaud

The Women's World Day of Prayer, February 20th, was celebrated at Crapaud in the L. O. A. Hall with more than 50 women of St. John's Anglican and Crapaud United Churches in attendance.

The girls of St. John's Junior W. A. also attended as a group.

Mrs. Robt. Dawson, president of the United Church Auxiliary presided and was assisted by Mrs. Wrixon Moore, president of St. John's W. A.

The special prayers were offered by Mrs. Frank MacDonald, Mrs. Lorne Higgins, Mrs. John Nicholson, Mrs. Ebsary, Mrs. John McQuarrie and Mrs. Arthur Inman.

A very fine address was given by Rev. Mr. Ebsary, Rector of St. John's Church, who used as his theme "Jesus the Light of the World."

A solo "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sweetly rendered by Miss Frances Craig. The offering was received by Miss Audrey Coles and will be sent to "The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada."

The meeting closed with benediction, pronounced by Rev. Mr. Ebsary. A vote of thanks to members of the United Auxiliary was extended by Mrs. Wrixon Moore, and responded to by Mrs. Robt. Dawson.

A social hour was then enjoyed with lunch served by the United Church Auxiliary.

SUDBURY, Ont. (OP)—Two ice fishermen at Mattagama Heights near here caught the "big one." Fishing with smelt bait, they hooked a pike weighing 16 pounds and measuring 38 inches.

Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

Every day in Canada and the U. S. A. 65 million pounds of meat is eaten.

Hanged, drawn and quartered, was the awful fate passed on to persons guilty of treason in early days in England.

The criminal was drawn to the gallows on a hurdle, hanged, and his body was cut into four quarters, each being spiked in a public place as an example to others.

A common flea can leap 30 times its own height and draw 80 times its own weight.

One out of every three trees felled ends up in the comics!

Anciently a woman who was convicted of capital offences was burnt to death. The last recorded execution of this kind occurred in 1789.

The next act was passed doing away with such brutality. That amazing weapon known as the boomerang was the invention of some savage black of Australia.

It is interesting to note that while spears, arrows and slings, are found among the aborigines of widely separated parts of the world, the boomerang is 'exclusively confined to the blacks of Australia.

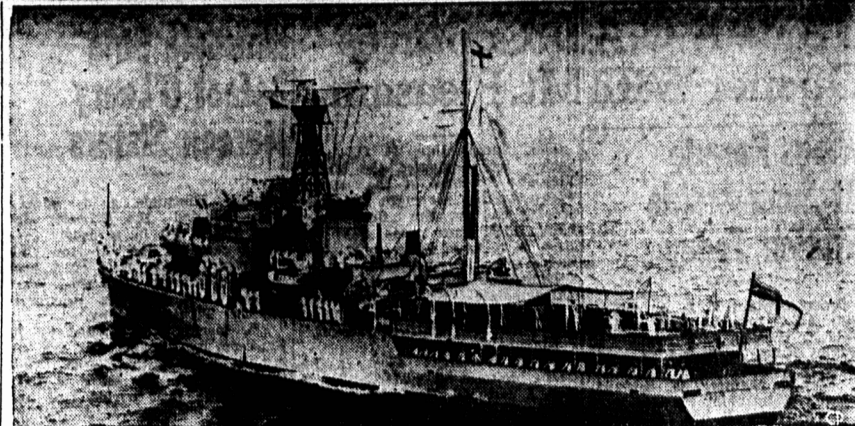
Did you know that Ants have three genders — male, female, and wingless neuters?

An acre is an acre, you say. Not always. By an act of George IV the varying measures of the acre then current in the United Kingdom were reduced to one uniform standard.

But even today the Scottish and Irish acre differs from the English, though the latter is current in Uncle Sam's Country.

Believe it or not, but some 50 years ago a sect known as the Dirt Eaters and led by one William Windsor, of St. Louis, Mo., believed that dirt would prolong human life and make its eaters healthier.

Windsor made a modest fortune from his gullible followers. But dirt eating is not a modern thing by any means. The practice is almost universal among civilized peoples as among primitive tribes.



MADE ROYAL YACHT—HMS Surprise is being converted into a royal yacht at Portsmouth.

Edinburgh will review Her Majesty's fleet from the Surprise at Spithead, June 15. Nearly 200 ships of the Royal Navy will take part in the review and 350 naval air-

craft will take part in the fly past. This photo shows the Surprise during service with the Mediterranean fleet. (Op from U. K. Information)

Children may often be seen eating earth or bits of ash, due no doubt to lack of roughage in the system.

In Java, the natives eat different colored earth wafers believing that by so doing they'll keep their figures slim, beautiful and irresistible.

In Siberia a sort of powdered plaster is mixed with flour and baked before being eaten.

In Morocco religious fanatics scrape the dirt from the tombs of the saints and either eat it or hang it up in little sacks in their homes to keep thieves at a distance.

In the West Indies during the 18th century, slaves, resenting capture, committed suicide by eating poisonous clay. To put an end to this, planters placed iron masks over their faces, which were removed only at mealtime and when they lay down to sleep.

Many letters we receive are little more than a scrawl. Perhaps we ought not to expect more, for the word is derived from the latin littera, to smear. And it was an appropriate appellation because the characters — now called letters — were scrawled on parchment instead of being cut into a tablet.

As late as the 14th century a bed was nothing but a heap of straw thrown up in any room of the shack.

British Empire to pilot a plane. Aviation in Canada has come a long way since Jack McCurdy took off in the Silver Dart at Baddeck, N. S., in 1909.

During the year, T. C. A. aircraft alone flew 25 million miles and carried nearly 980,000 passengers over the companies 17,000 miles of North America and international routes.

Icebergs often tower as high as 300 feet above the sea and for each cubic foot above water there are eight below.

One sighted near Baffin's Bay by Sir John Ross was grounded in 1500 feet of water!

There is the instinctive feeling in every woman that she is entitled to be called a lady.

The literal meaning of lady is bread-kneader so all who make bread and attend to other household duties may rightly be looked upon as ladies.

Newspapers have introduced more than one famous poem. A case in mind is Charles Wolfe's poem on the burial of Sir John Moore. It first appeared in an Irish newspaper in the year 1817.

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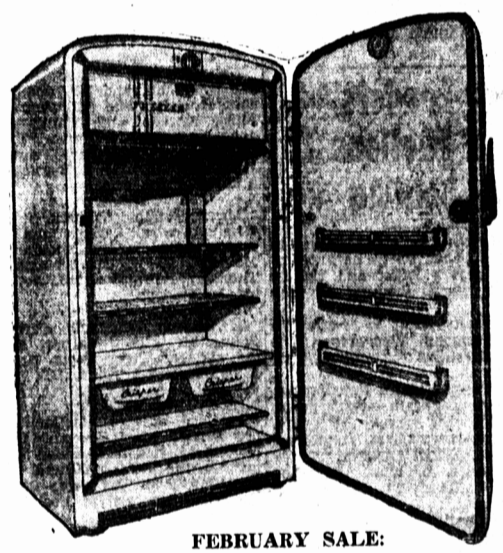


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First Aid News

Refresher Course

First Aid Instruction from many different points in Prince County met in the Summerside High School last week-end for a Refresher Course. Dr. Austin Delaney and Dr. Beer lectured to the group on different phases of First Aid.

Mr. J. A. Murphy supervised the course. The latest method of Artificial Respiration, the Back-Pressure-Arm lift, was demonstrated. Each instructor practiced this skill and mastered the technique.

This type of artificial respiration was adopted by the Red Cross at the International Conference held in Toronto last summer.

Mr. William MacPhee, head of the Teacher Training Department of Prince of Wales College, spoke to the class on the fundamentals of teaching. Mr. Wm. MacPhail and Mr. Victor Ross from the Department of Education tested the candidates on their teaching ability.

Dr. A. J. Murchison, chairman of the First Aid Committee, conducted an oral test on Friday afternoon. Saturday morning the practical work was tested. The names of the successful candidates will be announced within a few days.

Provincial First Aid Course — A Provincial Red Cross School for First Aid instructor candidates was in session last week at Red Cross Headquarters in Charlottetown.

Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan gave the opening lecture on the organization of First Aid at the scene of an accident.

Drs. McVicar, Theriault, Laidlaw, J. A. MacMillan, MacNeil O'Meara and Prowse lectured during the week.

Dr. Prowse's lecture was on the Respiratory system and was followed by a Danish film which showed the Holger-Nielsen method of artificial respiration. This is carried out in practically the same manner as the Back-Pressure-Arm-Lift technique which is now taught by the Red Cross along with the Schaeffer method.

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