

# Khrushchev Marking 71st Birthday Today

MOSCOW (AP) — Nikita S. Khrushchev marks his 71st birthday today, six months after his colleagues toppled him from the peak of Soviet power as first secretary of the Communist party and premier of the Soviet government. Officially, the birthday prob-

and tributes to his leadership poured into Moscow from most parts of the Communist world. This year, Khrushchev and his family are expected to mark the date quietly in their suburban home on the outskirts of Moscow. The home could be considered one of the benefits of the precedents Khrushchev set in applying lenient policies to political outcasts. In addition to the country home, he has a city apartment, a chauffeur-driven car, a generous pension and apparent freedom to move about the capital. Khrushchev and his wife, Nina, have been seen in public several times. He looked a bit paler and somewhat stooped and subdued, but for all that, still self-possessed and cheery of manner.

**WON'T COMMENT**  
He refuses to comment on the policies and acts of his successors, party chief Leonid Brezhnev and Premier Alexei Kosygin, who head a new "collective leadership" of the party and government apparatus. The change from the Khrushchev era is certainly one of style, if not of policy. Neither Brezhnev nor Kosygin monopolizes the limelight, and men immediately behind the two seem to be wielding much more influence on directions of Soviet policy and action than they did as Khrushchev's subordinates. Unlike Khrushchev, the new regime has tried to apply the soft answer to the Soviet party's critics in the Communist world. Against the background of increased tension over Viet Nam, the Soviet leadership's attitude toward the United States is stiffer than it was during the latter days of Khrushchev's power. Despite this, Soviet officials have hinted privately and publicly that they remain interested in improving Soviet-American relations.

## TRAIN VANDALS POSE PROBLEM

LONDON (AP) — Wild elements among Britain's teenagers have come up with a destructive new pastime—train wrecking. Biggest incident so far was the derailing of a suburban train at Elm Park on the eastern outskirts of London in which two persons were killed and 15 were injured March 29. An official inquiry ruled the crash was caused by youngsters sabotaging the line with pieces of steel. Railwaymen told the inquiry of the terrors they have on this stretch of line they have dubbed Hooligan Mile. Here are a few examples: A driver brought his train to a halt just before hitting a barricade of concrete blocks and bicycle parts; A driver found large lumps of concrete and timber on lines; Favorite trick of some youths is to dangle a heavy object on the end of a rope from a bridge over the line so that it smashes the driving cab windows of oncoming electric trains. "By the time you see it it's too late," said a railwayman. Authorities feel that unless the vandalism is controlled a disaster may occur. To this end police and rail patrols have been stepped up at known trouble spots and railway authorities have offered a £1,000 (\$3,000) reward for information leading to the arrest of vandals.



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Pope Paul VI carries a five-foot wooden cross in front of altar located before the ruins of the ancient Roman Temple of Venus at the edge of Palatine Hill in Rome during a Good Friday sunset observance. The traditional services mourn Christ's death on the cross. The Pontiff paused 14 times to recall the stations of Christ's journey to Calvary. (AP Wirephoto via cable from Rome)

## Court Gives Girl Freedom Due To Stenographic Error

TORONTO (CP)—A 17-year-old Saint John, N.B., girl was awarded her freedom by an Ontario Supreme Court Justice Thursday because of a stenographic error on a committal warrant by the National Parole Board. The girl, Ronnie Gaye Burke, was sentenced Oct. 1, 1963, to two years in the Good Shepherd Reformatory by a Halifax magistrate for vagrancy. Under the Criminal Code of Canada, the maximum term on the charge is six months. However, the magistrate imposed Section 99 of the Prisons and Reformatory Act, applying only to Nova Scotia, which allowed him to substitute the two-year reformatory term. The special section applies only to Roman Catholic females between 16 and 21 who have been sentenced to more than two months. Miss Burke served three months at the reformatory, and then was returned to Halifax city jail for misconduct at the reformatory. On June 22, 1964, she was paroled from the city jail after about five months. ARRESTED IN PICTON Last October, she was arrested in Pictou, N.S., about 100 miles east of Toronto, for breach of parole. She had been unable to get along with her mother and was visiting a boy friend in the army. The National Parole Board made out a committal warrant, dated last Oct. 21. Miss Burke was taken before a Pictou magistrate who recommitted her to Mercer Reformatory here to serve the remainder of her two-year sentence, plus the time she spent on parole. She was transferred to Ingle-side Reformatory at nearby Brampton. From there, she applied for legal aid. Lawyer Benzon Sischy said Miss Burke had been given an illegal sentence because the committal warrant declared she was sentenced to two years in Halifax jail for vagrancy. In fact, she had been sentenced to Good Shepherd Reformatory. If she had been sentenced to jail, Mr. Sischy argued, six months was the maximum sentence allowable and the parole board would have lost power over her by the time she was recommitted last October. Mr. Justice Leo Landreville agreed, saying any mistakes on the committal warrant could have been corrected by the attorney-general's department before the hearing. He said he must accept the document at its face value and that therefore she should be released.

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## U.S. Views On German Unity Expected Soon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States probably will issue a major statement soon on Germany insisting on the right of the Germans to move toward peaceful reunification by their own free choice. This restatement of the U.S. position probably will come in the form of a major policy speech by a top figure of the Johnson administration, authoritative sources reported. Such a speech might replace a three-power declaration, suggested by the West Germans, to remind the Russians of their responsibility toward Germany. Bonn temporarily would be satisfied with a joint declaration by the United States, Britain and France. The West German government originally asked that a "new initiative" be made to revive the dormant question of reunification. The U.S. informants said, agreed to this plan and the British government is known to be sympathetic to it. There has been no response from France. U.S. officials say they have no reason to doubt that France ultimately will consent. If not, the appeal will be made unilaterally, in the form of a top-level speech.

## Storm-Damaged Fishing Boat Heading Home

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. (CP) A storm-damaged halibut boat continued a slow return home from the Bering Sea Friday, charting its way with a single, small compass. Eight men, including five from Nova Scotia, were aboard the B.C. Mac. They reported Wednesday by phone from Elfin Cove, Alaska, the vessel lost her wheelhouse, directional gear, radio equipment and desk fittings in a storm last week. Mrs. Kenneth Deinstadt said here the boat was expected back Friday evening. Den Deinstadt is from Shelburne, N.S. crew members William King and Raymond Swin are from Osborne Harbor, N.S.; Milton Burgess from Port Mouton; and Richard Langille from Lunenburg County. Owners of the boat, all aboard, are Capt. Milton Bish and Charles McAdams of Prince Rupert and George Cook of Vancouver. Mrs. Bish said her husband told her from Elfin Cove he and two members of the crew had suffered minor injuries.

## Gold Samples 'Contaminated'

MONTREAL (CP)—Assay reports on inspection samples taken at the drilling holes of Equity Explorations Ltd. "show that in many cases the gold content is considerably lower than that which was reported" by the company, the Quebec Securities Commission said here. "Reason for the large difference between assays of Equity and those of the commission appears to be contamination of the Equity samples by addition of small fragments and powder of a distinctive sugary quartz containing fine native gold," the commission said in a statement. A study of individual assay returns indicated "salting," and Equity itself acknowledged that certain samples were contaminated, the statement added.

PLAY SOCCER AT EXPO Expo '67 officials have announced 12 days in June will be set aside in the new stadium for a major international soccer competition.

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Valley and adequate supplies of all-purpose vaccine are available. Accommodation will be available for several thousand. In Greater Winnipeg, the concentration now is on the 24-foot Elm Park Dike. Volunteers were called for sandbagging. A flood crest of 24 feet is expected April 24 in Winnipeg, but no decision has yet been made on whether to raise Winnipeg's primary 24-foot dikes. The level of the Red River at the James Avenue pumping station here was 19.7 feet at 3 p.m. Friday, up one-tenth of a foot since 6 a.m. Thursday afternoon the level was 19 feet.

## BELOW 1948 LEVEL

At Emerson Friday morning, the Red River had risen 1.25 feet in 24 hours and was eight feet below the 1948 flood level. At Morris the river rose one foot in the same period and was 11 feet below the 1948 level. "It would be foolhardy not to anticipate trouble," Mr. Robin told reporters. He was commenting on optimistic views from the U.S. weather bureau. The Red River at Grand Forks, N.D., had a flow of 47,000 cubic feet a second compared with 34,000 cubic feet in 1948. The Red River overflowed its banks in 1948 and flooded one-third of the Red River Valley farm district stretching from Winnipeg to the North Dakota border. About 1,200 homes in Winnipeg were inundated. Any farmers wishing to move livestock to safety should contact the two co-ordinators quickly, Mr. Robin said. Carmen, for the west bank, and St. Pierre, for the east bank, were designate distribution centres for displaced livestock. There now is a heavy movement of grain into elevators and railway cars were standing by to move it out. Residents at Morris began moving furniture, grain and livestock Thursday as the Red River continued to rise. At Emerson officials are ready, though Mayor Leonard Carless termed the provincial governments' evacuation warnings as "bunk."

## STEAL 700-POUND SAFE

ROME (AP) — Police said Sunday burglars used a truck marked "Prose Theatre" to haul away the 700-pound safe of the de Paolis moving picture producers here. The safe, containing 300,000 lire (\$50,000) in cash and promissory notes worth 5,000,000 lire (\$10,000) was carried from the movie company offices Saturday night and hauled away in the truck, which the burglars had parked outside.

## Ship's Bell Goes To LBJ

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## Calif. To Get Cover-Up Law

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California's burgeoning body of nearly nude waitresses, models and entertainers got the word today — cover up the bare bosoms. "Things have gone too far" was the message from the state capital in Sacramento. James O. Reimel, director of the department of alcoholic beverages control, moved Thursday to cover up the bare bosoms that have blossomed in bars and night spots throughout the state. Assemblyman Joe Gonsalves, father of nine sons, introduced legislation aimed at shutting down establishments where "the bosoms of any of the female participants are exposed or are covered only by a transparent covering." Gonsalves would authorize the state to suspend or revoke the liquor license of anyone offering such shows.

## Chatham Bridge Contract Let

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP) — A \$3,000,000 contract for fabricated steel for a new bridge at Chatham, N.B., has been awarded the Canadian bridge division of Dominion Steel and Coal Co. here. THE 3,800-foot long bridge will have a steel superstructure set on concrete piers and a cantilever arch at the centre which will cross the Miramichi River at Chatham. Estimated total cost for the bridge is \$5,500,000. The company estimates the contract represents work for 100 men for a year. The Chatham bridge, to be completed by May, 1965, will be the longest in New Brunswick and it is the first public tender work let by the province through its department of public works.

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## Ice Conditions Said Improving

SYDNEY (CP) — The transport department's ice information office here said Friday ice conditions around Cape Breton Island and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence are improving. The marine operations officer, Capt. James Cuthbert, said the improved conditions are due to a shift in the winds which had been driving the ice into coastal waters. He said the Gulf of St. Lawrence is generally open although shipping is being hindered by large floes. The federal icebreaker, Sir Humphrey Gilbert is assisting ships in the gulf. The West Coast of Newfoundland was reported open Friday but was expected to be blocked today when westerly winds were forecast to push the ice back in along the coast.

## ROYALTY SENDS AID COPENHAGEN

COPENHAGEN (AP) — King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Denmark have decided to contribute personally 25,000 kroner (about \$3,500) to the aid of victims of last week's earthquake in Greece. It was announced here. Their youngest daughter, Anne-Marie, married King Constantine of Greece last year.

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