

Secret Information Sources Are Drying Up; Soviet Shakeup Details Are Not Known

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Reds May Hit Iran

The iron curtain around the real truth about the Soviet cabinet shakeup is that no British or American observer really knows what's going on inside the Kremlin—and this includes our super-secret military intelligence men as well. Kremlin is almost impenetrable, and all the speculation as to what the Molotov-Vishinsky shift means was nothing more than that—mere speculation.

There was a time when the United States was able to get reasonably accurate inside-Kremlin information from the Czechs and the Poles but since the Czech Communist purge and the tightening up in Poland, those sources have dried up.

However, if past precedents are any criterion, the Russians will not take the North Atlantic pact lying down. They are more than likely to move—and may move in the opposite direction.

That is behind feverish American plans to fortify Iran, also behind U. S. Ambassador John Wiley's frantic cables from Tehran. He seems convinced the Russians will move there next.

"S. O. B." User Rebuker

The vice-president of the United States isn't advertising it, but he once participated in a severe note of censure of a congressman who used the same S. O. B. initials recently used by the President of the United States.

The vote of censure was taken against Rep. Thomas L. Blanton, Democrat of Texas. Passed unanimously by the house of representatives when Alben Barkley was a member, the resolution stated:

"Whereas Thomas L. Blanton inserted in the Congressional Record, a letter which was indecent, obscene, vulgar and vile;

"Whereas the said Thomas L. Blanton . . . has offered an indignity to the house and to the people represented by the membership in congress . . . for which he deserves the severest rebuke and drastic censure, therefore be it

"Resolved that the speaker of the house is hereby directed to summon him to the bar of the house and deliver to him its reprimand and censure."

The obscene matter which Blanton had inserted in the Record on Oct. 22, 1921, was a letter written by Millard French, an employee in the government printing office, addressed to George H. Carter, public printer. The letter contained the abbreviation S. O. B.

Narrowly Escaped Ouster

Nevertheless, Blanton escaped being expelled from congress by only an eight-vote margin. A total of 293 congressmen voted to expel him.

Among those in congress at the time were such close friends of President Truman as James F. Byrnes, later Truman's secretary of state; Tom Conally of Texas, now chairman of the senate foreign relations committee; Speaker Sam Rayburn and Vice President Barkley.

All the above voted to expunge Blanton's S. O. B. abbreviation from the record, but none of the above opposed the resolution of censure, though they did not vote to expel.

The attack against Blanton was led by the late Rep. Frank Mondell, of Wyoming, and Nicholas Longworth, late speaker of the house, also now deceased. Mondell, urging that Blanton be expelled said: "Anyone uttering in public anywhere the words placed in the Congressional Record by the member from Texas should be subject to fine and imprisonment. While we cannot repeat the words which form the basis of this charge, it can be said that they are unspeakably foul, vile, profane, filthy, blasphemous, and obscene."

After the resolution of censure was voted, Blanton was called before the speaker's rostrum, where Speaker Fred Gillett stated:

"I have been directed to censure you because, when you had been allowed by the courtesy of the house to print a speech, you inserted in it foul and obscene matter . . . and that disgusting matter was transmitted as part of the

Doreen Held a Bride at Orchard

PAGE—Miss Doreen Held and Robert Wood were married at Orchard on Sunday, March 27, at St. Peter's Lutheran church parsonage, Rev. Phillip P. Wirth performed the double-ring ceremony.

The couple was attended by the bride's sister, Miss Melba Held, and Clarence Juracek. The bride wore a coral rose dress with black accessories and her attendant wore an aqua-shade dress.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Held, of Venus. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood, of Page, and is a World War II veteran.

They will make their home at Orchard where Mr. Wood is employed at the Gotten Motor Co.

REHEARSALS BEGUN

ATKINSON—Rehearsals have begun on the senior class play, "Aaron Slick from Punkin' Creek," to be given the latter part of April. Mrs. Marguerite Baker is assisting Randall Smith, class sponsor; in directing the play.

To Plant Trees —

PAGE—The Page Improvement club met with Mrs. Allen Haynes Monday evening with

13 members present. Mrs. John Lamason, Mrs. Neil Asher, Mrs. Soren Sorensen and Mrs. Frank Snyder were guests. Mrs. Lamason and Mrs. Asher joined the club at this meeting. It was voted to hire some one to trim the trees in the city park and also to plant a tree there on Arbor day.

Other Page News

Mr. and Mrs. Larbee Kelly returned home by train from Rapid City, S. D., where they had gone to attend funeral services for Mrs. Kelly's brother, Clyde Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Soren Sorensen, sr., and Soren, jr., drove to Creighton Saturday where they expected to visit their son and brother, Russell Sorensen, and family. Because of bad roads, they were unable to see them. They visited a cousin, Mary Sorensen, at the Walton Morrison home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Leach, of Bellingham, Wash., who had spent the winter in Florida, came Tuesday, March 29, to visit Mrs. Leach's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Williamson, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mrs. I. O. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nissen and son, of Plainview, spent Sunday afternoon at the P. E. Nissen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Held and family visited Mrs. Held's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edson,

at Creighton Friday evening. Mrs. Myrta Van Conett returned home Saturday from Kansas City, Mo., where she had gone two weeks ago to visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harold Swansen, and family. Mrs. Swansen came to Page with her to spend a few days. Mrs. Van Conett's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cooke, of Chambers, had accompanied her to Kansas City. Mr. Cooke secured employment in that city where the family will make their home.

Classes of the Page school were resumed on Wednesday, March 30, following the burning of the Page school house the preceding Friday. Because of the storm there was no school last Thursday.

W. E. Snyder and Mrs. Roy Snyder, of Ainsworth, and Mrs. Melvin Carson, of Page, returned from Lincoln Saturday after taking almost two days to get here because of bad roads. Mr. Snyder and Mrs. Roy Snyder continued on to their homes the same day. They had visited at the Lowell Miller home at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith and daughter, Linda, of Page, and Ernest Trowbridge, of Inman, drove to Ralston Tuesday, March 29, to visit at the home of Mrs. Smith's brother, Ivan Stuart, and family. Mr. Smith attended a welders' convention at Omaha. They also attended the

Ice Capades there and returned home Friday.

BROTHER DIES

INMAN—Mrs. M. L. Harkins has received word of the death of her brother, David E. Martin, at North Platte. Funeral services were held on Monday but due to weather and road conditions Mrs. Harkins was unable to attend.

Other Inman News

Pfc. George Geary, who is stationed at Spokane, Wash., arrived Tuesday afternoon, March 29, and will spend a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Geary, and Pvt. Paul Hartigan, of Ft. Bliss, Tex., arrived Saturday for a 10-day furlough which he will spend with his mother, Mrs. Mary Cullen, and Pat; his grandparents, Mrs. Jessie Hartigan and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cary.

Mrs. Sam Henry and Lyle Ruth Jackson, of Omaha, have spent the past week here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kelley, and helping with the care of Mrs. Kelley, who has been ill.

Walter Jacox, of Carbondale, Colo., arrived Tuesday afternoon, March 29, and spent several days calling on old friends and looking after property interests here. The Jacox family formerly lived here.

Ernest Trowbridge spent several days in Omaha the past week, returning home on Saturday.

Mrs. John Gallagher went to Tilden on Friday afternoon and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Winkler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hines, of O'Neill, have rented and moved into the Charles Sobotka rent property in the South part of town.

Charles Young, James and Rufus Sholes and John Mattson drove to Long Pine Friday and spent the day trout fishing.

Sunday visitors in town included: Mr. and Mrs. Vere Butler and family, of Neligh, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Butler; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Watson, of O'Neill, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Watson; Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, of Norfolk, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hartigan, of Oakdale, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Barnhardt, of Ewing, in the home of Mrs. Mary Cullen.

G. Ezra Moor returned to Beatrice on Monday after spending the past week here looking after farm interests.

James Sholes spent the weekend in Sioux City visiting his nephew, Gordon Sholes, who is a patient at the Lutheran hospital there.

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