

## 4 Communists Head Hierarchy As Successors to Stalin's Mantle

Molotov, Zhdanov, Beria and Bulganin Are All Masters of Russ Ideology

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—When they talk about a successor to Stalin, they always discuss:

### Molotov

He's 57 years old, with a head shaped like a cube. His name means "Hammer" but privately Russians sometimes call him "Kameny Zad"—not a pretty word, it means "stone bottom."

When he turns on the charm, he has a Teddy Roosevelt smile featuring numerous teeth. But he hasn't charmed many people lately. Mostly he's glib, pedantic. Also suspicious, particularly of the West.

When he speaks, he gets a rather smug about the tightness of his argument, and a terrifically wordy. He irritates fellow diplomats by his slow, obdurate method of bargaining. He has a great capacity for detail—mass-produced by an army of aids.

Lenin once called him the best filing clerk kid ever seen. Curiously, though, everybody thinks he's first in line to succeed Stalin. He's never been a leader, just a follower—an old-time, old-line Bolshevik who was on board in St. Petersburg when the first revolution broke out in February, 1917. Stalin was in Siberian exile then. Lenin and Trotsky abdicated. So Molotov looked good in there—he'd always been a skillful intriguer. Thereafter, he became something of a Stalin today—often the butt of Stalin's brusque humor.

But he learned how to make a bureaucracy run, and in recent years has picked up plenty of experience dealing with foreign governments. Also, he's just broken into Who's Who in America. 1948-49 edition, with a wooden, unexciting biography that ends up with his address: The Kremlin, Moscow.

### Zhdanov

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### 2 Aussies Quaff 18,000 Gallons of Beer—So Far

Time Forans Service  
BRISBANE, Australia, Mar. 9—North Sydney's current "men of distinction"—two shipbuilders—started out 36 years ago to find out how much beer a man drinks in a lifetime.

To date, Rowley Collins, 59, and Stan Warren, 63, have tossed off 9,000 gallons of beer apiece.

Both plan another 24 years of steady drinking at the rate of 5½ pints a day to reach their estimated "lifetime" consumption of 15,000 gallons each.

That's if their stomachs hold out, they add.

EVER SINCE the pair embarked on this daffy research program in 1912, a bartender has been keep score. This is how they stand:

Collins, who lifts and replaces a pint of beer five times—taking four swallows to each hoist—has lifted his glass 360,000 times for 144,000 swallows.

Warren lifts and replaces his pint six times with five swallows to each lift. Result: 432,000 lifts, and 216,000 swallows in 36 years.

### Experts to Speak To Gardeners

Purdue University garden specialists will lecture and show colored slides and drawings for gardeners of the city and Marion County tomorrow at morning and afternoon sessions in the Purdue-Marion Agricultural Center.

W. B. Ward, assistant professor of horticulture, will talk about vegetable gardening, small fruits, lawns, trees and shrubs at 10 a.m. G. E. Lehker, assistant professor of entomology, will conduct discussions on insect control for flowers, vegetables, trees and shrubs at 11:15 a.m. and at 12:45 p.m.

C. Gordon Milner, horticulture specialist, will talk about flowers: Varieties, cultural requirements, fertilizer and disease at 1:30 p.m. From 2:45 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., the speakers will answer questions on gardening.

### Atom Bomb Color Movie to Be Shown

"God of the Atom," a full-color film depicting the atom bomb will be shown tomorrow at 8:15 p.m. at a meeting of the Bible Investigation Club in the Central YMCA.

The 45-minute movie demonstrates the theory of atomic power and shows the bomb in action on Nagasaki and Bikini. It was produced by Dr. Irwin A. Moon in Los Angeles under the auspices of the Moody Institute of Science. Frank Hardy is club president.

### Plan OES Luncheon

A covered dish luncheon will be held by the Cumberland OES Auxiliary 515 at noon, Mar. 17 in the home of Mrs. Lillian Miller, 943 N. Bank St. A business meeting and election of officers will follow.

believes Beria's new job is to head up Russia's atomic war activities. He may not know how to make an atom bomb, but he knows how to keep people quiet who might be making one.

Lavrenti Pavlovitch Beria is 49 years old. He wears a pince-nez, like Himmler; is tall, heavy-set, and rather elegant. Also, he's mild-mannered and some have found him "charming."

A Georgian, like Stalin, he has

long been close to the leader, and

from the standpoint of internal

security, high in the running as a

possible successor.

### Bulganin

Other generals and war heroes have fallen by the wayside since VE-day, but Marshal Nikolai Bulganin has grown steadily in stature. He was appointed a deputy premier a year ago, and made a marshal last November.

On Nov. 7, as defense minister and in the absence of Stalin, he made the key speech when the Soviet army massed its exemplary regiments in Red Square. A soldierly looking

man on horseback, he cut a neat figure as he reviewed the troops. But Bulganin has always been regarded more as a skilled administrator than a soldier.

He was mayor of Moscow when the Germans approached, and his organization of citizens into defense battalions and general conduct of the city's defense won him plaudits from the government officials who had removed to the safety of a capital in the Urals. After the Germans were turned back, he was made a lieutenant general—the beginning of a rapid rise in Soviet politics.

Though he's no professional soldier, he's the army's representative in the hierarchy—and would have the army behind him in any factional fight with party chiefs for Stalin's mantle. He's 52 years old, tall and gray. He was a co-ordinator of heavy industry for a time during the war and once was chairman of the state bank.

### Beria

He's the Himmler of Russia, who rose to be topman of the secret police—the MVD, which was the old NKVD, which was the old OGPU.

He purged the people who purged the ones who started the purging. Always emerged on top.

As commissioner of state security he eventually had an estimated 20 divisions of MVD troops and thousands of plainclothes agents behind him.

Two years ago he got another job—"special tasks." A returned correspondent, however,

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