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## BRITAIN ORDERS TRAINING PLANES IN GERMANY ARMED

### Eisenhower Maps New Strategy For Far East

#### Supreme Soviet Votes Approval Of Georgi Malenkov

By THOMAS P. WHITNEY  
MOSCOW. (AP)—The Supreme Soviet has unanimously approved the selection of Georgi Malenkov as the new prime minister and as quickly agreed to a sweeping reorganization of the government that abolishes more than half the cabinet posts.

More than 1,000 delegates to the two houses of the Soviet Parliament—some of whom had travelled for days to reach Moscow—then adjourned and went home after the Sunday session lasting 67 minutes.

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Commenting afterward, one foreign diplomat said "his speech almost amounted to an offer to sit down with the United States and anyone else and try to ease the world's tension."

"It could be one of the most important statements to be made in a very long while," said another diplomat.

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#### Aimed At Strengthening Allied Forces

By Seaghan Maynes  
WASHINGTON. (Reuters)—President Eisenhower and his defence chiefs have mapped a new long-range strategy for strengthening all the Allied forces in the Far East to increase all-round military pressure on the Communists, it was authoritatively learned today.

Basic factor in the planning is a presidential decision that the conflict in Korea must no longer be regarded as a parate fight but an integral part of the big anti-Communist front in Asia.

**Top ems**  
Within this framework the plans, some of which are already in operation, would include:

1. Closer co-ordination between the Allied forces fighting the Communists in Korea, Indo-China and Malaya.

2. Training and equipment of up to six new South Korean divisions so that a 20-division Republic of Korea army could hold its own.

3. Gradual withdrawal of United States divisions from the Korean front line for the build-up of a highly mobile reserve striking force.

4. More and faster aid to the French and Vietnamese armies in Indo-China to help raise two new Vietnam divisions trained in guerrilla-type warfare.

5. A steady build-up of Chinese Nationalist strength on the island of Formosa which would include more ships and strikes at the Communist-held mainland.

**First Steps Taken**  
The first steps for closer association of the Korean and Indo-Chinese military commands are already being taken.

It was learned that Gen. Mark Clark, the Allied commander in Korea, will leave soon for Indo-China to inspect the situation there and consult on future moves against the Communists.

Although defence department officials were naturally secretive it did not appear that the United States military leaders were contemplating any full-scale Korean offensive in the near future.

#### Japanese Election Called For April

TOKYO. (Reuters)—Rebels broke away from the Liberal party of Premier Shigeru Yoshida Sunday and formed their own "Japan Liberal party" to fight the election called for April 19.

Yoshida will try to regain power at the head of his party, which is mainly conservative in complexion. He dissolved the Diet Saturday night because the secession of 22 liberals brought him defeat in a "no confidence" vote.

The 22 claimed Sunday they had been joined by two other party members in forming their new group. They said they would be led by Ichiro Hatoyama, a former Liberal party leader.

#### Queen Mary Spends Comfortable Night

LONDON. (AP)—Queen Mary, who will be 86 in May, spent a comfortable night in her sickbed at Marlborough House, doctors said Sunday. The queen has been ailing for three weeks with a recurrence of a gastric disorder.

#### Mother of Actor Charles Laughton Dies

SCARBOROUGH, Eng. (AP)—Mrs. Eliza Laughton, mother of actor Charles Laughton, died Saturday. She was 84.

#### P.E.I. Soldiers En Route To Korea



Working en route to Korea aboard a U. S. troopship are two P. E. I. boys, Spr. B. A. Murphy, French River and Spr. W. G. Wilson Stewart, Murray Harbor. Both are with the 59th Independent Field Squadron, R. C. E.

#### Two Destroyer Commanders Appointed Rear-Admirals

OTTAWA. (CP)—The navy has promoted two of its Second World War destroyer commanders to rear-admiral, the defence department announced Sunday.

Rear-Admiral James C. Hibbard, 45, and Rear-Admiral Hugh F. Pullen, 48, are the only two Canadian naval officers who entered the navy since the First World War to rise to flag rank.

Rear-Admiral Hibbard of Victoria and Ottawa has been an active rear-admiral and chief of naval personnel. He was appointed flag officer Pacific Coast March 2. Rear-admiral Pullen of Oakville, Ont., takes over as chief of naval personnel April 1. He now is commanding RCN barracks at Halifax.

**Rear-Admiral Hibbard**  
Rear-Admiral Hibbard joined the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteers Reserve in 1924 as an ordinary seaman. He entered the Royal Canadian Navy in 1926 as a cadet. In the same year he went overseas for training in HMS Erebus and was promoted to midshipman while serving in the battleship Emperor of India.

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#### Malan Given Personal Acclamation In Election

JOHANNESBURG. (CP)—The deadline for nominations in South Africa's forthcoming general election passed Saturday with 298 candidates nominated for the 136 seats in the House of Assembly.

Prime Minister Malan, whose white supremacy policies are the major election issue, was one of two Nationalist party candidates assured of personal re-election when no opponents were nominated. The other was J. H. Conradie, Speaker of the House.

Eighteen members of the United party opposition were also re-elected unopposed.

Nominees were 148 United candidates, 137 Nationalists, six Labor and five independents. Most of the 136 fights will be between Nationalists and United candidates. Eight of the candidates are women.

The balloting takes place April 15 and most foreign diplomatic observers agree the result will be close with the odds slightly favoring Malan.

#### Tito Due In Britain Today

LONDON. (AP)—President Tito, Communist ruler of anti-Soviet Yugoslavia, entered British waters Sunday on his historic state visit to the Western world.

Four British destroyers screened the Yugoslav naval training ship Galeb Seagull as it moved through the haze off Ramsgate toward the mouth of the Thames where it anchored overnight.

#### Put Teeth Into Protest Over Air Incident

LONDON. (AP)—Britain ordered Saturday night that its training planes in Germany be fully armed and provided fighter escorts where necessary, putting teeth into the British protest against the destruction of an RAF bomber by Soviet Mig 15's Thursday.

The action is in line with that of the U. S. air force, which lost a Thunderbolt to Czech-flown Mig's Tuesday.

The biggest RAF bomber command exercise since the end of the Second World War will be held over the continent this week.

**Seventh Airman Dies**  
The air ministry issued a communique on the subject soon after the Russians disclosed the seventh and last surviving member of the four-engine RAF Lincoln bomber they downed in flames over the Elbe river valley had died in their hands.

About the same time, British, U. S. and French high commissioners in Bonn protested jointly to Soviet Gen. Vassily I. Chulikov against incidents involving the bomber and two other British planes Thursday.

**Dem. Punishment**  
They demanded punishment of the Mig pilots responsible for downing a bomber, for making a mock attack on another bomber and for buzzing a British Viking transport over the Frankfurt-Berlin air corridor and called for (Continued on Page 8 Col. 5)

#### Narriman Flying To Cairo Thursday

GENEVA. (CP)—Ex-Queen Narriman will fly to Egypt Thursday to get a divorce from her playboy husband Farouk, leaving behind her baby son, King Fuad.

Trans-World Airlines revealed in Cairo she has reserved a seat from Geneva Thursday. Meanwhile Narriman called in reporters Saturday to her hotel to disclose her desire to seek "comfort and tranquility."

As she issued this statement to reporters from her hotel here, a reliable Egyptian source in the city said Premier Mohamed Naguib had sent her permission to return to Egypt "just as soon as possible."

Her uncle, Mustafa Sadek, said in Cairo Saturday that her arrival back in Egypt will be followed by divorce.

The 19-year-old Oriental beauty who fled from Rome to Geneva two days ago denied that it was mother-in-law trouble that caused her break with Farouk.

In Rome, the throneless Farouk ordered his armed bodyguards "take special care" of the baby Fuad, now king of Egypt.

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### Czechoslovakia Faces New Purges, Uncertain Future After Death Of President Gottwald

VIENNA. (CP)—Communist Czechoslovakia, shaken by mass discontent and the death of 56-year-old President Klement Gottwald, appeared to be facing new purges, shoptages and an uncertain future.

More than 30 hours after the sudden death of Gottwald from the after-effects of a cold he apparently caught at Stalin's funeral, there had been no announcement of a successor to the 56-year-old Czechoslovakia dictator.

**Element of Doubt**  
Gottwald's unexpected death, nine days after Stalin's, is bound to leave an element of doubt among the 12,500,000 Czech people as to whether he may not have been murdered by agents of Russia's prime minister, Georgi Malenkov.

With his concentrated powers, Gottwald could have taken Czechoslovakia out of the Kremlin camp as Tito did Yugoslavia.

Gottwald's successor may have to initiate a new purge of the government and Communist party to consolidate his power. Such a purge would be the third in five years. It would add dissonance to discontent, uncertainty to latent unrest.

It was possible there would be a struggle among Gottwald's four top deputies. But one of them—68-year-old Premier Antonin Zapotocky seemed to diplomats here to be the most likely heir to much of Gottwald's authority.

**Virtual Dictator**  
Like his life-long friend, Stalin, Gottwald had been a virtual dictator since he seized control of Czechoslovakia in 1948. He held final control over the government, the Communist party, the army and the police.

The post of president now may be given to a figurehead personality—perhaps white haired, 75-year-old vice-premier Zdenek Nejedlik—but his powers probably will be split up.

Zapotocky, former trade union chief, is likely to take over many of Gottwald's government and party powers.

Alexei Opejka, harsh, youthful son-in-law of Gottwald, is said by some diplomats to be Zapotocky's chief competitor. He is defence minister and may take over Gottwald's title as army commander-in-chief.

#### China's Boss To Confer With Malenkov

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#### Butler Seeks Canadian Help On Trade Plans

OTTAWA. (CP)—Britain has enlisted the support of Canada to make sure that highly-confidential Commonwealth proposals to expand world trade are not sidetracked in Washington.

Richard Butler, chancellor of the British exchequer, emphasized Saturday in a parting speech that the proposals will have a tremendous impact on the ability of the Western world to defend itself against the Communist menace.

Later he returned to London by air. He had placed these proposals—believed to include suggestions for reduction of U.S. tariffs and trade restrictions—before the new American administration two weeks ago, but Washington couldn't make any snap decisions.

Mr. Butler was told the Americans will not fail to take again his historic role in linking the Commonwealth with North America," he said.

"If we can succeed in this joint enterprise, we shall have assured a stable and lasting foundation for all our policies—for the defence that is so vital if we are to preserve our heritage of freedom against the highly-organized menace that continually besets us and for the social and political progress for which we are all dedicated."

#### Canadians To Move Base From Hannover

HANNOVER. (CP)—Plans are being made to transfer the Canadian Army's base installations in Europe from this German city to the Antwerp area in Belgium.

Lt-Gen. Guy Simmonds, chief of the general staff, was in Brussels Saturday discussing the transfer arrangements with Brig. John Pangman, commander of the Canadian 27th brigade, and Canadian diplomats.

#### Will Head Boy Scout Contingent

OTTAWA. (CP)—J. Barry Calc of Shawinigan Falls, Que., will head the 3-member boy scout contingent going to the Coronation, the Scouts Association announced Saturday.

The contingent is slated to leave for England May 18 and return to Canada towards the end of June. Included in the list of scouts who will make up the Coronation troop are:

D. M. Forbes, Dartmouth, N. S.; W. D. Ives, Charlottetown; Thomas Sparks, St. John's, Nfld.; G. D. Boggs, Wolfville, N. S.; W. J. MacDonald, Montreal; J. M. Edward, Trois Rivieres, and D. C. Ferrier, Westmont, Que.

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"Unless present taxation policy is altered the outlook is grim indeed," the report said. "Ships must be replaced as they grow old and fleets modernized."

And despite the fact British shipyards now have record numbers of vessels building, this country is falling behind its competitors in the replacement and modernization of its merchant fleet.

During 1952, for instance, Britain increased her merchant fleet by 73,000 tons, all in tankers. Japan acquired in the same period 605,000 tons of new shipping, Germany 367,000, France 271,000, Italy 327,000, and Panama 131,000 tons.

With a proportionally smaller fleet, British shipping executives fear they will get a smaller share of the world's cargoes in future. That could set in motion a vicious circle of dwindling earnings—owing to a lack of cash—a further diminution of orders for new ships.

Biggest present holdup, they say, are the high taxes which swallow up the money they want to set aside to buy new vessels at current high rates.



TORONTO. (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	10	18
Victoria	30	50
Edmonton	10	26
Calgary	22	36
Regina	15	19
Winnipeg	18	20
Toronto	35	43
Ottawa	30	35
Montreal	28	37
Quebec	24	29
Saint John	26	32
Moncton	23	30
Halifax	30	38
Charlottetown	30	38
Sydney	29	31
Yarmouth	32	41
St. John's, Nfld.	21	40

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