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Halo Smashed Red Leaders Bast Stalin

By STANLEY JOHNSON
MOSCOW (P)—The Soviet hierarchy's growing campaign against the works and acts of Joseph Stalin took a dramatic turn today as the Russian press and radio issued a direct blast against the once revered leader.

The unprecedented attack appeared in the text of a free-swinging speech by 1st Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan at the 50th Congress of the Soviet Communist party.

The speech, which denounced Stalin's political and economic writings by name, was not printed until more than 48 hours after Mikoyan spoke. This indicated party leaders gave thought before releasing it to the public.

Following the lead of the party chief Nikita S. Khrushchev and others in the Soviet hierarchy, Mikoyan extolled the merits of collective leadership.

Khrushchev, who took over Stalin's post as the party's first secretary, set the tone of the Congress in his 50,000-word keynote speech Tuesday when he blasted the one-man rule idea.

In his speech Mikoyan rapped Stalin on several counts.

1. He declared the former premier's writings ignored the history of the last two decades and called for new teachings and studies.

2. He assailed treason charges Stalin brought many years later against the one-time heroes of the 1918 Bolshevik Revolution.

3. He declared Russian foreign policy had become active, flexible and calm after Stalin's death in March, 1953.

The veteran Armenian Communist's attack pinpointed Stalin's books, "Economic Problems of Socialism in the U.S.S.R." and "The History of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, A Short Course."

Mikoyan took issue with one passage dealing with the United States, Britain and France. He declared Stalin's assertion "after the world market has broken up, the volume of production in these countries will contract," was incorrect and could hardly help the Soviet cause.

"We must not," he added, "that several other lines economic problems, after seriously considering them, require that our economists should study them deeply and review them critically from the Marxist-Leninist point of view."

This differs considerably from the views Mikoyan expressed about Stalin's writings at the party Congress in 1952.

On that occasion he declared the work "lights up with Stalin's genius both the great historical path we have traversed as well as the road toward a more and more tangible Communist future."

At that time he also referred to Stalin's works as "A treasury of ideas" and said that in the books "Comrade Stalin illuminates our life with the brilliant light of science."

Mikoyan shouted "glory to the great Stalin!" at the end of his 1952 speech.

This time he hailed the new collective leadership of the Communist party and deplored the 20 years during which he said it had been in eclipse.

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The text of a statement from the War Office said: "The War Office announces with regret that a civil aircraft on charter to them crashed on take-off from Luqa, Malta, this afternoon."

"It is believed there are no survivors from the crew of six and 45 personnel on board.

The plane was a York, a four-engined high-wing monoplane used for transport and troop carrying. The York carries 50 to 60 passengers and has a flying weight of 30 tons and a cruising speed of 275 miles an hour. It is a civil development of the wartime Lancaster bomber.

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The big Marine plane was just 21 miles from its landing at Alameda Naval Air Station on a flight from El Toro and Four Frontiers Marine Bases in Southern California.

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Although Foard escaped personal injury, his car was slammed on both sides — on the left by a hurled body and on the right by one of the wrecked automobiles.

"If I had been 10 feet over on either side," said the witness, "I don't know what might have happened. I think the Lord I didn't try to open my door and jump out."

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"I first looked to the left and saw the Chevrolet.

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"Their objective is simple," Stevenson said. "They want to be everlasting sell the people on their kind of government, to run down the competition and thereby to sell their product. One of the techniques is to smile and sneer, and to which the veto message will be referred Monday, said he foresees "no attempt to override."

MAY RUN AGAIN
Many members of Congress professed to see in Eisenhower's veto a fresh indication that he may run again.

Democrats, including even some who welcomed the bill's death, joined in attempting to hang a "political limbo" on the President's decision.

Opponents have said the measure would have raised consumers' gas prices but proponents have defended this.

Evening Prayer

O God, our hearts overflow with gratitude for Jesus, the key to this hating life. If we have seen and followed Him and then turned again to the petty ways of the world, dear Lord, forgive us and bring us back to the fold. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

State Department Feels Pressure After Embargo

WASHINGTON (P)—The State Dept. found itself under heavy pressure from all sides today because of its White House-approved action in embargoing all shipments of arms and military equipment to the Middle East.

These are the pressures:

1. Saudi Arabia was urging that the government "soon find a way" of delivering 18 Walker Bulldog tanks which were caught at the port in New York early yesterday when the embargo was imposed.

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