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## Dancing on Stalin's Grave

OPINIONS of the late Joseph Stalin that have recently been expressed by some of his closest collaborators, such as Nikita Khrushchev, coincide strangely with successive opinions from such men as Igor Gouzenko, Kravchenko and Petrov. The verdict is that Stalin was a madman, a bloodthirsty tyrant, a monster who kept his associates in constant terror. Reports of Khrushchev's sensational attack on Stalin at a secret session of the Supreme Soviet, indicated that some members asked why the tyrant of the Kremlin was not assassinated by those close to him, who, presumably, had the opportunity to do it. That may have been, in fact, what happened is suggested by Joseph Newman, former Moscow bureau chief of the New York Herald Tribune, in a despatch to the Telegram.

The evidence that Stalin was assassinated is circumstantial, though convincing, and it is possible that direct proof is already in the hands of various Western intelligence services. In any case, the destruction of the Stalin-myth by the Red dictator's successors is an event that has world repercussions. Inside Russia, the hands of Khrushchev & Co. will be occupied for some time with the business of re-educating the Russian people. That may be a favorable omen for the West, indicating that the men of the Kremlin have their internal problems as well as the leaders of the West. Communist parties outside Russia are falling in line with the revised official views on Stalin. They have known little of what is going on inside Russia. They are content to take orders from the Kremlin, whoever may issue them.

As the Russians destroy the Stalin idolatry, the position of the Kremlin's collective leadership, in which Khrushchev is No. 1 man, attracts the keen attention of the world. One thesis, suggested by The Telegram a week ago, is favored by the Washington Post, which has suggested that the Bolshevik revolution is following the classic pattern of social revolutions elsewhere. Long-repressed forces inside Russia may now be released which may be beyond the power of the leaders to control. It cites the historical example of the 9th Thermidor in France, which brought the downfall of Robespierre and his colleagues of the Jacobin terror. In the reaction the first victims were the former leaders and the decisive blow fell to military officers.

It is unwise to push a historical parallel too far but events in Russia today suggest that it will be the Red Army that will control Russian destiny in the future.

—The Toronto Telegram.

## Hubby's Rights Upheld

A NAPPEAL court in Vienna has ruled that it is illegal to take a married woman to the theatre in Austria if her husband objects. Such action, the court said, constitutes a "disturbance of matrimony." The ruling came in a case in which a lower court had given a man a four-month suspended sentence for taking his married woman friend to the theatre, despite her husband's protest.

We don't know how such a rule would apply in this country, but the first thing that occurs to us is, how is one to know whether a husband objects or not if he's on shift work and you can't ask him?

## Public School Dances

THE board of education is advising public school principals that public school dances should end earlier. This should please many parents who can't even get used to the idea that there are dances for public school children. —St. Catherines Standard.

### Scriptures

Lord, teach us to pray. Luke 11:1.  
We have known of spectacular answers to prayer. One thing that utterly sincerely is needed and a feeling of great necessity.

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## As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

### NATO Seams Split

THE main shield of the western democracies, in the struggle to contain the expanding power of world communism, is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, nicknamed NATO.

The basic idea behind that alliance was as simple as it was strong and solid.

There was a certain vital strategic area of the world which had to be firmly held by the western democracies in order to make sure of the survival of our way of life.

The experience in the two world wars had shown that the west could not afford the loss of any part of that crucial area without having to fight a long and costly battle to get it back. Hence the sensible thing to do was to organize the defence of the whole area in time of peace, on so firm and integrated a basis that no aggressor would ever dare to attack any part of it.

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NATO is now seven years old, and until recently has worked remarkably well.

There is now little if any danger of an attack by the Red Army in Europe, or against Turkey, for the obvious reason that such an attack could not profit the aggressor.

The armed forces of the 14 NATO allies are now organized as a single entity, in a single defense line that stretches from Alaska in the far west, across the Arctic through Greenland, Iceland, Norway and down across Germany through Greece and Turkey.

Those forces are on the alert 24 hours a day, every day in the year. If the Red forces ever did attack any part of the whole NATO area, by land, sea or air the retaliatory atomic bombers could be en route to Russia within an hour of such an attack. But the armies and navies, as well as the air forces of all the 14 NATO allies would also be operating together, under a single command.

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NOW NATO is threatened as it has never been threatened before. Here are some proofs:

1. Iceland's parliament has passed a unanimous resolution requesting the "foreign" garrisons, that is the Americans, to get out of Iceland and go home.
2. France has withdrawn three-fourths of her best armoured divisions from the Iron Curtain defence line in Europe in order that they can help suppress the nationalist home rule revolt in North Africa.
3. Britain and Greece are at loggerheads over Cyprus, where the British garrison is engaged in an operation of suppression all too tragically reminiscent of the German occupation of Czechoslovakia in the 1940s or the Russian Communist suppression of the revolt in East Germany in the 1950s.

4. Both the Premier of France and the Foreign Minister of France have recently sharply criticized American-British NATO policies, especially in regard to what the French government considers a too stubborn attitude towards Soviet disarmament proposals.

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NATO is coming apart at the seams because the western democracies do not really believe enough in democracy to settle such differences, as that in Cyprus, by the democratic process.

### Wheel-Barrow Pusher Ends Planned Trek

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—The first two miles of a planned 7,000-mile hike were the last for Harry Livingstone, 69-year-old war veteran.

Pushing a wheelbarrow up the first hill out of New Westminster, he suffered a slight heart attack and was taken to Shaughnessy Military Hospital by Canadian Legion officials.

Mr. Livingstone had planned to push the barrow to Ottawa, then south and back to the Pacific coast through the southern part of the United States.

THIS CARTOON by Merle L. (Ting) Tingley of the London Free Press is the winner of this year's National Newspaper Awards. Publishing during the Ford strike negotiations, it shows a clearing American labor boss reaching across the border to make the next move in a close checker game between mediating Canadian labor and management.

(CP Photo)

## Russian Growth Curbed By State Says Sinclair

NELSON, B.C.—Russia's one weak link lies in her basic philosophy of the supremacy of the state. Fisheries Minister James Sinclair said here Tuesday.

He was addressing the Nelson chamber of commerce while here to open a new federal building.

"Because all authority is centralized in the capital, progress is bogged down," he said. "In a country less vast than Russia, its stultifying effect on economic growth might not be so great."

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Mrs. Zucco said provincial Labour Minister Lyle Wicks told her by telephone from Victoria, "I was wasting my time."

But the mother of four children, who took three of them on a protest strike to the workers' compensation board in Vancouver and the provincial legislature in Victoria, says she's not giving up.

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