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Soviet Ukraine Is Target of Security Purge

**Strokach Appointed;
Fechner Ousted by
Red German Puppets**

BERLIN (AP) — The Communists announced a shakeup in the Soviet Ukraine today in the mushrooming purge of security and justice officials in the U.S.S.R. and in reserve East Germany.

In the third Communist shakeup in the last two days, Moscow radio announced the appointment of T. A. Strokach as interior minister of the Ukrainian Republic, second biggest of the 16 in the Soviet Union, and long reported to be a holdover of nationalist sentiment against Kremlin dictates. Wednesday night East Germany's puppet government announced it had purged Max Fechner, minister of justice, as "an enemy of the people." This is a charge reminiscent of the death in Fechner's place of a woman jurist with a reputation for dealing mercilessly with "enemies of the Red Regime."

The purge follows the booting of Lavrenty P. Beria, the former Soviet police boss, and apparently suits from that act. The officials affected are those dealing with enforcement of internal security and the task of keeping the people in line.

The ousting of Fechner, a Socialist turned Communist seven years ago, came 12 hours after Moscow had announced the purging of one of Beria's top lieutenants in the Soviet Republic of Georgia. He is Minister of State Security Vladimir G. Dekanozov. The broadcast said he was expelled from the party. Presumably he also lost government job.

The Soviet Ukraine has always been a headache for the men in driver's seat in Moscow. It is rich grain-producing area and it to the Soviet economy. When the last war many Ukrainians cordially welcomed them at first deliverers from Communist tyranny.

Fechner is 60, bald, heavily built, a former toolmaker, and former Socialist who espoused communism in 1946. Of all the top Communist clique refugees say he is the only one who ever showed any sympathy and understanding toward the victims of the system.

His 41-word communique announcing his ouster did not disclose the reasons for the accusations against him.

He has a son and daughter-in-law also seized.



Pfc. Donald Hardinger

Soldier Missing In Korean War

**Donald Hardinger
Lost on July 6**

A Marshfield soldier believed to have been serving at Finger Ridge, in the "boom" against which the Chinese Reds this week launched a major offensive, is missing in action.

He is Pfc. Donald Hardinger, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardinger, route 4.

His parents received the dreaded message from the Defense Department Tuesday night. The soldier is listed as missing in action on July 6, a week before the Reds mounted their heaviest attack in two years.

The soldier, who had been serving as a lifeguard in the Finger Ridge area, is a native of Marshfield. He was born April 15, 1931, receiving his elementary education at St. John's Catholic School. Later he attended a University of Wisconsin short course in agriculture for two years.

He was employed by his father as a silo builder prior to his induction into the Army Oct. 20 last year. After 16 weeks of basic training at Camp Chaffee, Ark., the soldier was home on a six-day furlough before going overseas. The infantryman spent only one night in Japan and then went directly to the east central front in Korea. That was in March.

In his latest letter, written July 4 and postmarked July 7, Pfc. Hardinger wrote that his outfit was digging new bunkers. "I'm afraid there's something coming, because we're digging in."

His sister, who was discharged from the Army in November, 1952, after serving 15 months in Germany, Floyd, Patay, Laverne, Carol, and Jan, all at home.

300 GIs

Red Negotiators Call for Recess In Truce Talks

**Clark's Arrival in
Seoul for Showdown
May Indicate Crisis**

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United Nations Command, has placed before Red truce negotiators at Panmunjom a firm demand that they agree at once to take the steps necessary for prompt signing of an armistice.

On instructions from Washington, authoritative information said today, Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison is understood to have told the Reds that they now have sufficient assurances from the U. N. side that South Korean President Syngman Rhee will cooperate in observance of the truce terms.

By agreeing to a recess until Saturday in the Korean armistice negotiations—presumably to consider a new Allied proposal—speculation mounted that a break is near in the stalemated talks.

Authoritative quarters had predicted a showdown today. But the negotiators talked only for 24 minutes, and then recessed until 2 p. m. Saturday.

There was no official hint what was being discussed in the brief meeting, which was delayed for 15 minutes while the U. N. Command delegation awaited a hurried message from its base camp at Munsan.

But observers outside the weathered conference hall noted that Allied interpreters held the floor most of the time to deliver three separate statements.

Communist Correspondent Alan Winington of the London Daily Worker said the Reds asked for the recess, suggesting that the Communists planned to relay a new U. N. proposal to headquarters for an answer.

Gen. Mark Clark, the U. N. commander, flew to Seoul from Tokyo today and accused the Reds of violating the secrecy which surrounds the armistice talks.

Clark told newsmen a Peiping radio report that Allied delegates staged a walkout at Wednesday's negotiating session "violated the executive nature of the truce session."

Clark talked for 50 minutes with South Korean President Syngman Rhee. There was no announcement of what was discussed but informed sources said the two talked of the truce talks at Panmunjom and the massive Communist attack on the east-central front.

Prime Minister Paik Too Chon

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FBI Agent Is Named to Take Matthew's Job

**McCarthy Offers
Olive Branch to 3
Resigned Democrats**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) today called a conference to announce the appointment of Frank Patrick, 37-year-old FBI agent, as executive director of the subcommittee.

McCarthy said Carr has in the New York City office of FBI, and had charge of the investigation that led to the arrest and conviction of the Communist leaders in the U. S.

The job of executive director of the subcommittee carries a salary of \$11,600 a year.

Carr replaces J. B. Matthews whose employment had touched a controversy which wound up Matthews' resigning and Democrats quitting the committee.

McCarthy said the appointment had the approval of the other 10 Republicans on the subcommittee. He also said he had discussed selection with the three Democrats before their walkout week.

At the time, he said, the Democrats voiced no objection to Carr's appointment.

McCarthy meanwhile sent "I bury the hatchet" letter today to the three Democrats who resigned last week from the subcommittee investigations subcommittee heads.

"The door is open for your turn," the letter said.

Saying he was writing with approval of the three other Republican members, McCarthy declared:

"I want to assure you that you have changes to suggest in methods of operation, we shall happily sit down around the committee table to discuss your points with you and to consider your suggestions and recommendations."

Senators McClellan (D-A. Symington (D - Mo) and He Jackson (D-Wash) quit the committee after the four

Mother Found After Abduction

**Hitchhiker With Her
Checkbook Located**

BISMARCK, N. D. (AP) — An expectant mother who was abducted by a knife-wielding hitchhiker was found early today on a roadside near Medina. A short time later a man was found wandering on a Medina street with her checkbook in his pocket.

Officers said preliminary examination by a physician indicated Mrs. Albert Geible, 33, pretty wife of a Strasburg, N. D., grain elevator operator, had been raped. She is being treated in a Jamestown hospital for cuts, including a cut tendon.

Picked up in Medina was a man identified from a Canadian military card as Donald Blackwell, Argyle, 31, Regina, Sask. He was taken to Linton where he is being held without charge.

He told officers he couldn't even remember his name. He wore a