

Moscow startled the world with news that Premier Malenkov had, as they put it, "resigned." Stalin's would-be successor has found the going too tough, against rivals with better brains and about the same scruples. ~~But not Molotov or Krushchev is the new man; Defence Minister Bulganin is~~ *Surprisedly Malenkov* named Premier. Whether the change means a more, or less, friendly Russia is guesswork at this stage.

OUR PARTNERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PLAN. THEY WILL HAVE TO BEAR IN MIND THAT THE PLAN HE ASKED THE O.E.C. COUNTRIES TO PRACTISE MORE LIBERAL TRADE POLICIES TO HELP ITALY OVERCOME THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM DURING THE TEN YEAR PERIOD; BY THE RAPID REMOVAL OF THE OBSTACLES WHICH STILL HAMPER SOME OF HER CHARACTERISTIC EXPORTS HE ASSURED THE MINISTER THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ENCOURAGE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS AND HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SHORTLY TABLE A BILL WITH THIS END IN VIEW THE MINISTER SAID THE PLAN WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO DEVELOP THE POORER SOUTHERN REGION OF ITALY AND BRING THE ITALIAN SOCIAL SYSTEM INTO EQUILIBRIUM, WHICH IT HAS NOT KNOWN FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY," HE SAID. MR. R.A. BUTLER, CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, SPEAKING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERS CONGRATULATED ITALY ON HER PLAN AND SAID HE HOPED MEMBER COUNTRIES WOULD KEEP IT IN MIND WHEN THEY WERE FORMULATING THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES. A WORKING PARTY IS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE O.E.C. TO STUDY ASSISTANCE WHICH CAN BE GIVEN TO ITALY IN CARRYING OUT THE PLAN.

12.50 P.M. LAOTIAN OUTPOSTS OVERRUN
VIETNAME, LAOS, FRIDAY.
TWO LAOTIAN OUTPOSTS AT SAM NEUA, 70 MILES NORTH OF HERE, HAVE BEEN OVERRUN BY PATHET LAO AND VIET MINH TROOPS, THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT SAID TODAY.

12.56 P.M. ANNETTE MILLS MEMORIAL SERVICE
CHILDREN, THEATRE AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES, MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY, INCLUDING HER BROTHER FILM STAR JOHN MILLS, AND ORDINARY TELEVISION FANS ATTENDED A MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS TODAY TO MISS ANNETTE MILLS - THE VOICE OF MURKIN THE MULE - WHO DIED LAST WEEK IN A LONDON NURSING HOME. MR. D.J.R. McDONALD HOBLEY, THE TELEVISION ANNOUNCER READ THE LESSON, AND MR. SILBERT HARDING, MR. RICHARD HEARNE, MR. PASTRY, MR. HUMPHREY LESTOCK, AND MR. EDWARD ANDREWS, A FORMER PARTNER OF MISS MILLS, WERE USHERS.

12.58 P.M. LAO XAI FL