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STALIN DENOUNCED.

Joseph Stalin, ruler of a sixth of the earth for thirty years, has been thrown from his pedestal. Colleague of Lenin in the stormy days when the Bolshevik Revolution shook the world - (the man who took the mantle of Lenin when he died) - Stalin is now officially branded a dictator by his own Party, through its spokesman, Comrade Khrushchev. The leader who was above criticism, the Little Father of his people, is convicted three years after his death of having ruled by terror.

Lenin is said to have warned the Party against giving Stalin too much power. Today, when thousands he purged are being declared innocent, when Russia has repaired the destruction of a war he would not foresee, his country must be remembering Lenin's warning.

When Stalin died, his body was laid beside that of Lenin in the Red Square. Now Moscow's workers are petitioning to have it removed; but in those days his colleagues would not dare to speak, for his name was still magic.

To Britain, at the moment of Stalin's downfall, comes the man who briefly succeeded him - Georgi Malenkov, heading a delegation of electrical engineers. He visits the Premier, and to a gathering of Labour leaders he says: "We have cleaned up Russia; we have stopped the dictatorship. It cannot come back."

The world hopes he will prove to be right.