



Joseph Stalin lies in state.



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## The Outer Edges

Western leaders hoped some of Russia's satellites might break away. Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito advanced his visit to London to confer on approaches to these nations. Biggest question: What will Red China's Mao Tse-tung do?

**Background:** Mao has considered himself second only to Stalin in communism. Perhaps significantly, the official Red Chinese radio spent hours talking of Stalin's death, paid little heed to Malenkov's elevation to Russia's premiership.

While admitting hopes for a rupture in the Communist world, Western leaders did not count on it. British Prime Minister Churchill called for the largest defense budget in peacetime history; North Atlantic Treaty military leaders met in Paris to map strategy for defense against any Red attack.

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