

Western World Suffers Serious Disaster In China—Now What To Do?

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(P)—This country doesn't know what to do next. That's about the best that can be said of the United States' policy toward China now.

The Communists are in control there. This country doesn't like it. But what this country should do about it is something that hasn't been figured out yet. It's up a tree.

That's what you have left when you cut through a river of words that came out of the State Department in its "White Paper," explaining why things went wrong in China.

Summed up, the paper says: 1—The Chinese Communists have taken over most of the country and can take over all of it, any time they want to.

2—The only opposition to the communists—the nationalist government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek—was rotten and it's not worth a dime any more.

3—This government had helped Chiang's outfit but has washed its hands of the Chiang crew now. And that polishes off the last real block inside China to the communists.

The White Paper says more: We were in there pitching for Chiang, and we poured help into him, but he didn't know what to do with it. He was bullheaded, and he blew the help we gave, and messed up his armies. And instead of reforming his rotten government into one the Chinese people could have faith in, and rally around, he let it rot. The government and his armies melted away and the communists took over.

That's a pretty gloomy picture in the White Paper, when you remember it's a great boon to Russia to have a communist China by its side and a great blow to this country since a huge chunk of friendly Asia is lost to us.

In fact, Secretary of State Acheson told a news conference when the White Paper was released, the Chinese communists are Russian stooges, ready to sneeze when Russia feels a draft.

But Acheson tried to throw a

cheery note into the China disaster by saying he's not "defeatist" about it at all. Indeed, he went further and said:

The U.S. is willing to help the Chinese people establish true independence. But the big question—How?—was something he didn't answer.

All he could do was list five principles for this country's attitude toward China. They said, in effect, we'd like to help the Chinese people get rid of Moscow's Chinese lieutenants. And—he said the problem of how to do it is being studied.

But the Chinese communists, if they're like communists everywhere else and they seem to be, will rule the people with an iron hand. And that ought to be pretty good in keeping down any outbreaks against the communist regime, particularly since there's no real military opposition left.

Disaster To Western World That's going to make it very tough, if not impossible, for this government to do anything for any of the Chinese people who'd like a different kind of government.

At this moment it seems the only thing this country can do is help China's neighbors in Asia if the Chinese communists try to run over them.

One thing the White Paper makes clear: in its fight against Communism, the western world suffered a tremendous disaster in China. About 300,000,000 people in China were lined up with the 200,000,000 in Russia.

It may be years before the West feels the full effect of this, since the Chinese communists have a big job on their hands in industrializing their country and getting it on its feet, for the first time in history.

Bishop Oxnam Raps Spellman's School Bill Stand

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(P)—G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist bishop of the New York area, accused the Roman Catholic leadership Sunday of killing the proposals in Congress for federal aid to public schools.

In a radio interview he said Francis Cardinal Spellman's "personal attack" on Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was a part of a "coldly calculated plan" of the Catholic hierarchy.

He said this plan was "designed to deny federal aid to public schools unless the hierarchy can get its hands in the public treasury and secure millions for the support of parochial education."

Cardinal Spellman recently accused Mrs. Roosevelt widow of President Roosevelt, of anti-Catholic bias "unworthy of an American mother" after she had opposed the use of federal funds for non-public schools. Mrs. Roosevelt denied any such bias and said God will be the final judge of the worthiness of all human beings.

Bishop Oxnam said the American people have recently learned that federal aid of education is dead for this session of Congress, and most of them deplore the fact.

Bishop Oxnam also said there is a "striking parallel between the organizational structure and method of the world-wide Communist political party and the world-wide Roman Catholic Political party. Both are totalitarian. Both seek control of the minds of men everywhere. Both practice excommunication, character assassination, and economic reprisals."

In New York, Cardinal Spellman could not be reached for comment.



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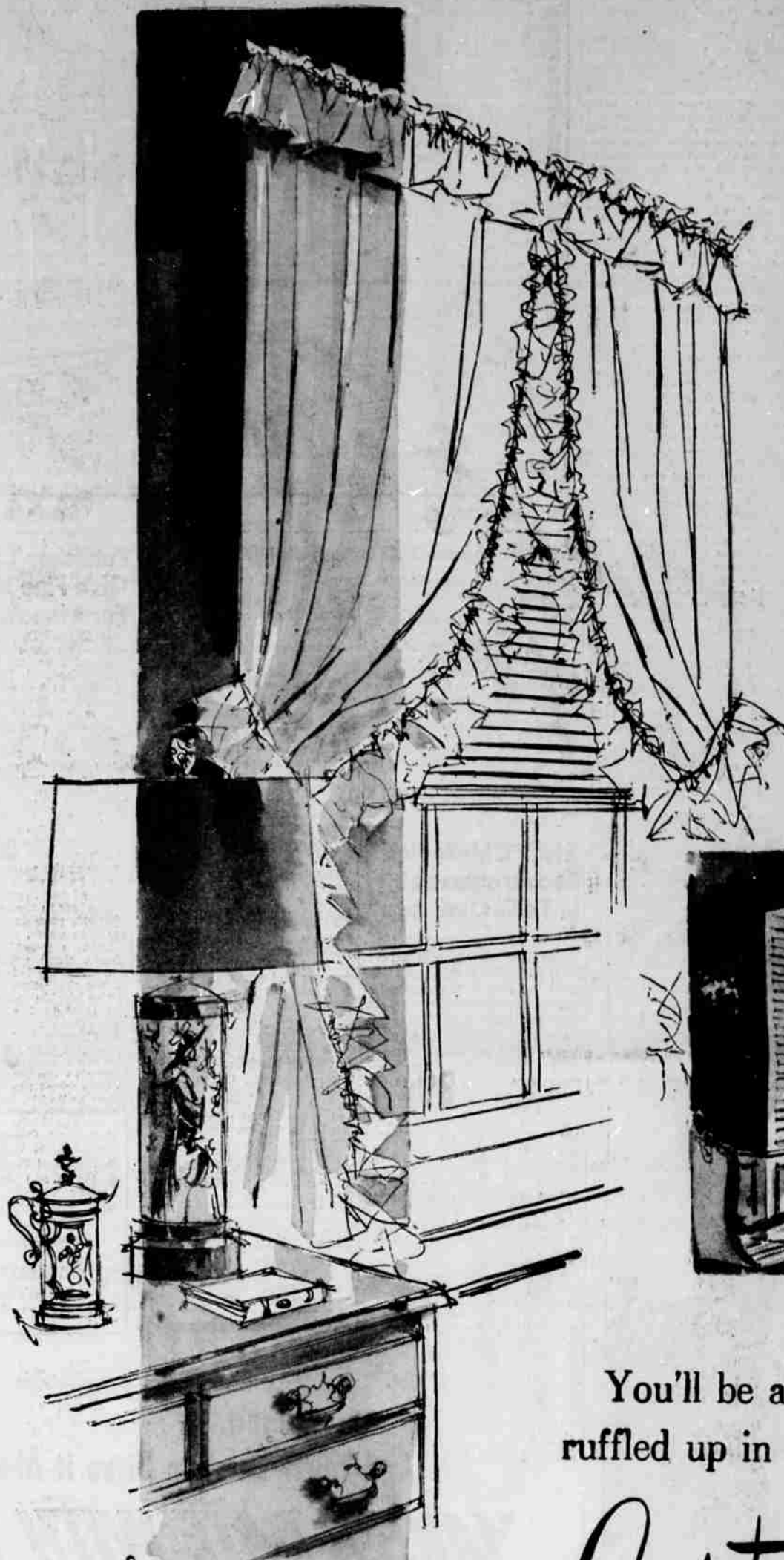
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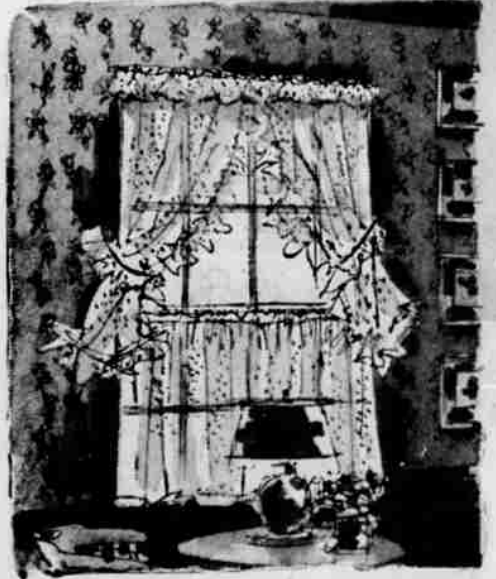
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