

New International Crisis Seen If Khrushchev Means What He Says About Berlin

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If Nikita Khrushchev really means what he says about abrogating four-power rule in Berlin and freedom of transport between West Berlin and West Germany, there's going to be a new and dangerous international crisis.

The Western powers stood up to the Soviet Union 10 years ago on this issue and forced a Russian backdown with the successful airlift.

So long as the Russians and their East German satellites only talk about blockading Berlin things will be all right.

What Khrushchev said at the Polish-Russian friendship rally in the Lenin Stadium in Moscow Monday was plain enough.

Statement Plain

He said four-power rule in Berlin should be ended. He said the agreements under which the West has unhindered transport and communication rights between West Germany and West Berlin are obsolete and that the Communists should free themselves from them. He said the West should deal with East Germany directly on questions concerning East Berlin and stressed that the Soviet Union would consider an attack on East Germany as an attack on the Soviet Union.

This sounds menacing. If Khrushchev is really serious, then it would follow that the Russians will formally denounce four-power rule in Berlin and the agreements on which it is based, that the East Germans will interfere with surface and air transport into West Berlin and that the Soviet Union would regard any action of force by the West to break a blockade as an act of war.

Would Mean World War III

The catch here is that, as Khrushchev no doubt knows, this would mean World War III. It seems questionable that he intends to start the world conflagration, at least in this way.

Even if Khrushchev doesn't want a new world war, however, he still might like to have some increased international tension in the atmosphere. The Russians are in the midst of a crackdown all along the line on malcontents, "revisionists," and intellectuals in general in the Soviet Union and the satellites. Sharply increased tension would give an excuse to press this crackdown faster and harder.

It is therefore possible that the Russians may try to jockey the Berlin question into position as a "Western Quemoy." If so this will be one more in a long series of examples of aggravation by the Communists of international tension for reasons of internal politics.

REA Director Proposes Interest Rate Raise

DENVER (AP)—The director of the Rural Electrification Administration proposed this week a one-half of one per cent increase in the interest rate on REA loans, said this would enable the agency to pay its own way without relying on government subsidy.

Clyde T. Ellis, general manager of the National Rural Electric Co-Operative Assn., promptly challenged the proposal. Said Ellis:

"If the administration's high interest rate or Wall Street financing bills become law, rural electric co-ops will start falling at every hand."

The remarks were exchanged before REA members from Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska. They represent 108 rural farms.

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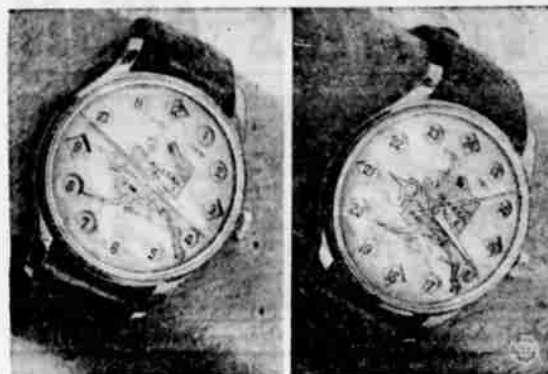
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Some Viruses Have Built-In Handicap Which Kills Them

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BERKELEY, Calif. (AP)—Some viruses have a built-in handicap which causes them to crowd themselves to death, says a Rockefeller Institute researcher.

When they invade a cell and multiply in great numbers, only a scattered few of them retain the power to multiply and perpetuate the disease they have started, he said. This probably explains, he added, why humans and animals seldom die of virus disease alone.

The self-limiting feature of virus growth was reported in a paper before the National Academy of Sciences Thursday by Frank L. Horsfall Jr.

Dr. Horsfall reported on tests with two types of human influenza virus, a swine influenza virus and the viruses of mumps and fowl plague. He planted these viruses in living chick embryos and measured their growth.

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