

**Today's Commentary**

# Sino-Soviet Puzzle Baffles Westerners

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The enigma of relations between the Soviet Union and Red China is one of importance to the whole world and not alone to the Communists. How it will finally resolve itself can't be guessed with any degree of certainty.

The Sino-Soviet dispute continues to baffle Western observers. The Communists couldn't confuse the West any more if they tried and that may be what they're doing.

In recent weeks alone, expert speculation has run the gamut from forecasts of a total break between the two Red giants to predictions that the quarrel soon will be patched up.

There's what appears to be evi-

dence at both extremes of that speculation. He has a simpler view of the so-called rift. Shapiro says there never has been a unity of viewpoint between Red China and the Soviet Union. He says the late Josef Stalin favored an alliance between the Communists and Chiang Kai-Shek in China simply because he knew he couldn't control the Chinese Communists if they came to power, which they did.

ON FEBRUARY 26th, the Peking People's Daily lumped all the lines of speculation and dumped them into one basket. Each school of thought gained a certain amount of support. The People's Daily attacked the Khrushchev policy of co-existence and Moscow's new friendship for President Tito of Yugoslavia. This was political. It attacked Moscow's failure to support China in its border war with India. This was challenge for leadership. Backing up economic speculation on the rift, it attacked the Soviets for "perfidiously" tearing up hundreds of contracts with the Peking regime.

The People's Daily again proposed a Communist summit conference but only on the basis that the Soviets accept the Chinese viewpoint.

# US Refuses Red Troops

WASHINGTON (UPI) — McNamara cautioned against use of Soviet troops in Cuba to put down a revolt against Premier Castro. The Defense Chief said simply that the United States would not tolerate such action or for that matter, any combat use of the Soviet troops now stationed in the Caribbean Communist stronghold.

McNamara told a news conference it was too early to report on whether Russia would keep its promise to withdraw several thousand of its troops from Cuba by about March 15th.

He said no policy shift was involved when the job of aerial surveillance of Cuba was passed from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Strategic Air Command last October. The move was made only a few days before Soviet offensive missiles were discovered on the island by SAC. As McNamara put it, the number of flights had increased to the point where the CIA just couldn't handle them.

He revealed that Soviet planes have been surveying American carrier fleets in the Pacific and the Atlantic for more than one month. He said these Soviet flights were made by long-range bombers, that they were over international waters and that the Russians had a legal right to make them. He pointed out that the U.S. conducts similar aerial reconnaissance of Soviet ships.

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AFTER THE withdrawal of Soviet missiles from Cuba, words exchanged between the Chinese and the Soviets were those usually reserved for enemies.

Then, Nikita Khrushchev's friendly approach to the Chinese Ambassador at a Moscow reception led to a new round of speculation. Perhaps the two were approaching a solution to their troubles if only to take advantage of the obvious split in the Western Alliance.

This Western speculation also gets scrambled with questions that fall into the category of "which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

IS THE RIFT actually ideological as we've thought, or is it economic, or is it less a matter of ideology than an outright fight for Communist leadership?

The United Press International Bureau Manager in Moscow, Henry Shapiro, has watched the ins and outs of Soviet Commu-

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**Message Wins Praise**  
WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy has sent Congress a special message urging passage of civil rights legislation.

The message won praise from Liberals in both parties but provoked the wrath of Southern lawmakers.

Kennedy's first direct request for anti-discrimination legislation on behalf of Negroes ask for bills to protect voting rights. It provides federal aid for school districts trying to desegregate and to broaden the operations of the United States Civil Rights Commission.

The President told Congressmen new laws are needed to protect Negroes from what he called "the cruel disease of discrimination."

**Protest Blocks Action**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Republican protests have blocked congressional action on President Kennedy's request that the temporary ceiling on the national debt be maintained at 308-billion dollars until the end of June. Under present laws the debt ceiling will drop to 305-billion on April 1 unless Congress takes action. The GOP contends the administration can get by with this figure until the middle of May. Because of the GOP protests Chairman Wilbur Mills of the House Ways and Means Committee has put off a vote on the issue and is now seeking a compromise that will gain backing from both Democrats and Republicans.