## **Today's Commentary**

## Sino-Soviet Puzzle **Baffles Westerners**

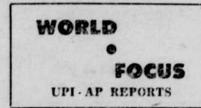
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any degree of certainty.

ers. The Communists couldn't they came to power, which they confuse the West any more if did. they tried and that may be what they're doing.

In recent weeks alone, expert speculation has run the gamut predictions that the quarrel soon will be patched up.

There's what appears to be evi-



dence at both extremes of that speculation.

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 fail 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-



Message Wins Praise WASHINGTON (UPI) - President Kennedy has sent Congress ee urging I

nism for more than 25 years." He has a simpler view of the so-The enigma of relations be called rift. Shapiro says there tolerate such action or for that tween the Soviet Union and Red never has been a unity of view-China is one of importance to the point between Red China and the whole world and not alone to the Soviet Union. He says the late Caribbean Communist stronghold. Communists. How it will finally re- Josef Stalin favored an alliance solve itself can't be guessed with between the Communists and Chiang Kai-Shek in China simply The Sino-Soviet dispute con- because he knew he couldn't continues to baffle Western observ- trol the Chinese Communists if

king People's Daily lumped all the lines of speculation and dump- the Central Intelligence Agency ed them into one basket. Each from forecasts of a total break school of thought gained a cer- last October. The move was made between the two Red giants to tain amount of support. The Peo- only a few days before Soviet ple's Daily attacked the Khrush- offensive missiles were discovered chev policy of co-existence and on the island by SAC. As Mc-Moscow's new friendship for Namara put it, the number of President Tito of Yugoslavia. This flights had increased to the point was political. It attacked Moscow's where the CIA just couldn't hanfailure to support China in its dle them. border war with India. This was challenge for leadership. Backing have been surveying American up economic speculation on the carrier fleets in the Pacific and rift, it attacked the Soviets for the Atlantic for more than one "perfidiously" tearing up hund- month. He said these Soviet reds of contracts with the Pe- flights were made by long-range king regime.

ference but only on the basis make them. He pointed out that that the Soviets accept the Chi- the U.S. conducts similar aerial nese viewpoint.

**US** Refuses **Red Troops** 

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Mc-

Namara 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 matter, any combat use of the Soviet troops now stationed in the

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 in-ON FEBRUARY 26th, the Pe- volved when the job of aerial surveillance of Cuba was passed from to the Startegic Air Command

He revealed that Soviet planes flights were made by long-range bombers, that they were over in-The People's Daily again pro- ternational waters and that the posed a Communist summit con- Russians had a legal right to reconnaissance of Soviet ships.



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**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.