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A Switch In Our Favor

Russian Premier Khrushchev's rejection of a summit conference within the United Nations Security Council is welcome news to the ears of most Western leaders.

It reads to them like a telegram from an unwanted, unloved cousin saying he is canceling his plans to descend upon your doorstep for a two-week stay with his eight children and his menagerie of pets.

As observed by James Reston of the N. Y. Times, never has a "no" from Moscow sounded so good to most officials of this country and the West.

The United States never really wanted the meeting within the Security Council fold. It feared that Khrushchev in that setting would be able to confine the discussions to Communist assault upon America and British troop landings in the Middle East as an alleged aggression.

Khrushchev's sudden switch to a demand for a special session of the United Nations General Assembly was readily accepted by the United States and Britain in the conviction that in this larger framework the West can broaden the debate to include the case against indirect aggression in the Middle East by the Soviet Union and President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

In the flurry of messages exchanged between West and East on the issue of a summit meeting within the Security Council, it appeared for a time that each side was simply jockeying for maximum diplomatic and propaganda advantage.

But Khrushchev's latest is a clear turnabout.

The big question is why he has done it.

There is a considerable body of expert opinion which believes that his switch is directly related to his recent trip to see Red China's Mao Tse-tung in Peiping, and that Mao was a prime influence in the change.

Some experts on communism believe that Mao and his associates are now the intellectual leaders of Stalinist communism in the world and that in this role they are repeatedly pushing Khrushchev away from more moderate, conciliatory policies.

One such expert, NEA correspondent Leon Dennen, has pointed out that this is the third switch in four months by Khrushchev which can be tied closely to influences exerted from Peiping.

The other two were the previous abandonment of a broader summit meeting last spring and Russia's rupture of close links with Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito after earlier publicly admitting error in assailing him.

What all this may mean for the future course of policy in Moscow is still far from clear. But it is plain enough that at this critical moment it has played into the hands of America and her Western friends.

Another Jab Of The Spur

Bertrand Russell, the English philosopher who just attained 86, has made a lifetime specialty of provocative, rebellious thinking.

He obviously could see no lasting satisfaction for himself in the role of rationalizer, smoother of troubled waters, apologist for the dominant strands of Western thought. He made himself a burr, a thorn, a nettle.

On his birthday, for instance, he said he is accepted as a respected scholar today because "if you stick to any opinion long enough, it becomes respectable."

If you analyze that notion closely, you can see it bears close resemblance to the old Hitlerian idea of the "big lie." That is, if you repeat anything often enough, even the most monumental falsehood, people finally will believe it and accept it.

Side Glances



"Anybody Know Where This Goes?"



Indonesia Observes 13th Birthday

By ROBERT MONAHAN
United Press International
JAKARTA (UPI) — Indonesia marks its 13th birthday as an independent Republic Sunday and moves into a new period which its leaders hope will bring peace and prosperity to Southeast Asia's biggest nation.

On August 17, 1945, two dedicated nationalists stood at attention outside a private home in Jakarta and watched while the Republic's red and white flag was hoisted ceremoniously for the first time.

The two men were Sukarno, a Dutch-educated civil engineer, and Mohammad Hatta, a scholarly economist.

Sukarno (like many Indonesians, he has only one name) has served as the republic's president for the entire 13 troubled years of independence.

Hatta resigned from the vice-presidency in December, 1956, and has since declined repeatedly to rejoin the government. He remains, however, with Sukarno, a principal hero of the independence movement.

Successfully Quell Rebellion
The last year, without question, has been the most crucial and trying period the young nation has experienced.

A campaign to wrest control of western New Guinea from the Dutch focused, sometimes painfully, the spotlight of world attention on Indonesia and brought a fresh wave of economic problems as well.

The campaign against the Dutch was followed by a rebellion in the outer islands which had chafed for years over grievances with the central government.

The untested Indonesian armed

forces succeeded brilliantly in militarily crushing the rebellion. But the main offensives and the mopping up war that continues in the jungles of Sumatra and the Celebes have put a further strain on the economy.

The Republic's leaders acknowledge that the country is faced with problems that would tax severely even the most stable of nations.

But they are confident these problems can be overcome with the same spirit and determination that gained the island nation of 82 million persons its independence from The Netherlands.

Period of Survival
President Sukarno frequently speaks of the "period of survival" any young nation must go through. The next step, he says, is creation of "a just and prosperous society."

Economic troubles aside, Indonesia takes pride in gains made since independence in the fields of health, education and foreign affairs.

Medical workers, assisted by international organizations, are waging a continuous battle against diseases like malaria and yaws. The results have been encouraging.

The nation can boast that now well more than half its population is literate, while under Dutch rule only a bare handful of Indonesians could read or write in the Latin alphabet.

Indonesia is highly conscious of its place in the Afro-Asian family of nations. In 1955 Indonesia sponsored a historic, unprecedented conference at Bandung, West Java, where leaders of these nations assembled to talk about common problems and aspirations.

The republic since its inception has heaved to what its leaders call an "active, independent policy" steering clear of alignment with any major power bloc.

The leaders say this policy met its crucial test during the last year when Indonesia was thrust into the world spotlight and subjected to pressures from all sides.

PGE Signs 50-Year Power Contract With Bonneville

PORTLAND (UPI) — Portland General Electric Company today signed two 50-year contracts with the Bonneville Power Administration for "wheeling" 331,000 kilowatts of power from Priest Rapids and Rocky Reach hydroelectric projects in central Washington to PGE load centers.

PGE had previously contracted to buy part of the power generated at the two projects.

Provisions of the long-term contracts call for transmission of 207,000 kilowatts from the Grant County PUD's Priest Rapids project and 124,000 kilowatts from the Chelan County PUD's Rocky Reach project to the Oregon PGE system.

Power from the two dams will enter BPA's regional high voltage grid in central Washington at the Administration's Midway and Columbia substations and a new substation to be constructed at Maple Valley. Deliveries in northwest Oregon to PGE under the wheeling contract will be made through BPA's St. Johns, Keeler and Troutdale substations, and from BPA's Big Eddy substation to the company's new McLoughlin substation now under construction east of Oregon City.

PGE President Frank M. Warren Jr. said the contracts represent "a co-operative effort on the part of PGE and BPA to integrate new power projects with the Northwest Power Pool and take full advantage of the interconnected transmission systems."

The Priest Rapids project, capable of producing 788,500 kilowatts, is scheduled to go "on line" next summer, with completion in 1961. Completion of the 7,772,000 kilowatt Rocky Reach plant is scheduled for 1962 with the first generation going "on line" in 1961. Wheeling distances for the PGE deliveries will be about 160 and 188 air line miles from the respective dams.

Elgin Clinic Set, Aug. 18-19

ELGIN (Special)—The date for the annual pre-school clinic has been set for Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 18 and 19, at the office of Dr. Albert Will, as announced by chairman, Mrs. Rita Hindman. Mothers are asked to make appointments.

Dr. Will states the new dentist will be in Elgin the latter part of the month. Appointments for anyone wishing them may be made through Dr. Will.

All pre-school children must have a dentist form filled out before school starts.

RECEIVES CITIZENSHIP
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (UPI) — Shigeru Yanu, 40, a former Japanese air force pilot who lived undetected for 12 years in Malayan villages, has been granted Malayan citizenship, it was disclosed today. Yanu had changed his name, married, raised a family, become a Moslem and learned to speak the national language fluently.

Rickover Overlooked; Navy Sorry

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Navy apologized to Rear Adm. Hyman G. Rickover for failing to invite him to last week's White House ceremony celebrating the historic trip under the North Pole by his brainchild — the atomic-powered submarine Nautilus.

Navy Secretary Thomas S. Gates said in a statement Tuesday that top Navy officials overlooked Rickover in their excitement over the submarine's achievement.

"In our preoccupation with the operational significance of a unit of our fleet," Gates said, "we failed to include Adm. Rickover, a man whose devotion and scientific skill had so uniquely contributed to the creation of the ship which made the cruise."

Rickover, known as the "father" of the nuclear submarine, was omitted from the list of top Navy officers invited to witness the White House ceremony in which President Eisenhower pinned the Legion of Merit on Cmdr. William R. Anderson, skipper of the Nautilus.

Rickover's congressional supporters protested that it was a deliberate snub.

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