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China's Busting At The Seams

Headlines chronicle the skirmishes in Laos and India. If you discard the idea that the Ike-Khrushchev talks have prompted the Red Chinese-directed fighting in Asia, you may be willing to agree that these latest aggressive attitudes are caused by inner stresses inside China.

The vaunted Chinese commune system has flopped. The "backyard" iron industry has fallen short of its goals, and it has been shown that individual ironmongers cannot supply the needs of the nation. Agriculture goals have been cut in half as a result of devastating floods and commune farmers not being able to meet their quotas.

One important alteration in the original commune plan has been to devote about half of the commune's income to wages and free supplies for producing members. Incentives are being substituted for Communist-like slogans. The state has already set aside nearly half a billion dollars from this year's budget to assist the intensified development of the system.

The commune system is an essential part of Red China's effort to overcome a critical shortage of capital for industrialization. This shortage has been intensified by the Soviet Union limiting economic aid to its Asian ally.

To counter the growing restlessness of the Chinese peasant with his lot under the commune system and to project their country into a new power role, the Red Chinese leaders are apparently trying to shore up the domestic program by liberalizing the commune system.

At the same time they are trying to cover up their embarrassment over the obvious shortcomings of the commune system by creating external diversions to distract attention from the domestic scene.

Red China's current thrusts into the affairs of other nations should put those persons favoring closer ties with the Chinese mainland on notice that the Red regime is not only unrepentant of its past crimes against civilization but is busting at the seams to commit new transgressions.

Another Example Of Of Over-Optimism

It is about time zealous community boosters started using minimum estimates instead of maximum forecasts. This applies to both Centennial year and non-Centennial year promotions.

Take the case of the National Indian Encampment held July 18 to 26 in Pendleton.

Before the encampment, the Observer was bombarded with publicity releases estimating approximately 250,000 visitors would attend the nine-day meet.

At the time we noted that 250,000 would be enough to make the 17,000 good citizens of Pendleton pack and streak for the hills.

Well, they didn't get their 250,000. Seems like it was more like 50,000. Fact of the matter, only 18,748 paid—the remaining attendance being made up of children who got in free.

And Pendleton business and professional people were left holding a \$27,000 deficit.

But evidently the same guy that made the 250,000 estimate in the first place has come up with a new set of figures to square it with the local merchants.

First, he figured that half the paid attendance consisted of heads of families

—or some 9,374, more or less.

"We can safely say that 9,374 families spent at least one extra day in Pendleton," said the spokesman.

Of course, this figure would have to be based on the assumption that no one from Pendleton or surrounding communities attended the encampment.

The spokesman said that "these spectators, statistically, spent \$35 per family per day, bringing \$328,265 of new money into the local economy.

"This expenditure," the spokesman continued, "plus the almost \$50,000 spent by the encampment itself, makes a total of \$378,265 in so-called new money placed in Pendleton cash registers."

According to Pendleton Chamber of Commerce officials, such an amount, revolving in the local economy at the "recognized" 29 to 1 ratio, would have made the National Indian Encampment responsible for the creation of a "whopping \$10,969,685 shot in the arm for all local businesses."

Well, now, that's a pretty good shot in the arm, by golly.

In the meantime there's a little matter of a \$27,000 shot in the wallet for the merchants to worry about.

And, brother, they're worryin'.

When They Fire, Pardner...

Gun slinging has become a sport, we see, and Saturday at the Centennial in Portland a contest will be held to see who is the "fastest gun in the West." Doc Holliday, marshal of Frontier Village, predicts that a winning time of 25/100ths of a second will be recorded.

It seems that electric timers have been devised to measure the lapse of time from holster to the fall of a hammer on a six shooter. No bullets are involved. Taming down the serious business of drawing and firing a gun is undoubtedly the reason the real masters of the art—Palladin and Matt

Dillon—are not entered in the Portland contest. When they fire a gun, pardner, somebody dies—every time.

Barbs

On the hot, lazy day's it's fun sitting on a bank to fish even when you know you can't bank on their biting.

It's a smile when a TV announcer says, "We'll resume with the picture in just a moment." How can you ring in five commercials in a "moment"?

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Banned Books Would Have U.S. Strike First Blow

(Note To Editor — While Drew Pearson is on a "work and play vacation" his column is being written by his associate, Jack Anderson. Mr. Pearson is preparing some revealing columns on the Khrushchev visit for release shortly.)

WASHINGTON—In the book Secretary of Defense McElroy has banned, Gen. Tom Power, the big bomber boss, advocates striking the first blow if a total war appears inevitable and using nuclear weapons to hurl back limited aggression. McElroy has forbidden publication of the manuscript on the grounds that a commander shouldn't write about "his area of responsibility while on active duty in that command." However, California's crusading Congressman John Moss, the freedom-of-information champion, is investigating the book-banning. He has asked McElroy whether he personally read the book before censoring it, also whether anyone in the Army or Navy put him up to it.

From a bootleg copy of the censored manuscript, this column is now able to present the most explosive passages.

"Our military strategy is essentially defensive. This does not preclude the possibility that we may have to strike the first blow," writes the bomber chief. "But while pre-emptive action on our part might initiate open warfare, it would not represent offensive strategy because it would be undertaken only in self defense."

Pre-Emptive War

He describes "pre-emptive" war as beating an enemy to the punch after gaining "certain knowledge of an imminent attack."

"It is conceivable," he warns, "that we may be placed in that position with respect to Russia."

Elaborating, he points out grimly: "The decision to launch a pre-emptive war against the Soviet Union would be a very difficult one to make even if our intelligence should have ascertained beyond any doubt that the Soviets were preparing to attack us in the immediate future."

"Regardless of how successful our initial attack might be it could not possibly destroy the entire offensive capability of the Soviets. Some of their bombers and missiles would escape destruction and succeed in mounting a counter-attack, exacting a high price with their nuclear payloads. But if there were no other way left to escape an imminent surprise attack, our government might well resort to pre-emptive war which, even though it could not save us entirely from damages, would serve to keep our losses to a minimum."

"Nevertheless," General Power hastens to add, "there is relatively little likelihood of a pre-emptive war against the Soviet Union because so long as there is the slightest hope that we can prevent a Soviet attack through diplomatic means or a strong posture of deterrence, our government backed by the majority of the American people would be opposed to more drastic means."

Defending the use of nuclear weapons in limited wars, the strategic air commander writes:

"The possession of missiles will encourage the Soviets to precipitate one incident and crisis after the other, to exhibit still greater audacity and inflexibility and eventually to launch a massive missile attack if their nuclear blackmail is no longer effective."

"To deal with this growing threat, the American people must first make up their minds that they will under no circumstances condone Soviet actions that are contrary to our national interests or yield an inch from our stated position. Second, we must convince the Soviets that we are prepared to retaliate with a massive and sudden missile attack with decisive results. Third, if we should become involved in local military actions, we must never again hesitate to use the best weapons required to protect our interests."

Recommends Priority List

Power boldly laid down his recommendations for solving our military muddle. Here are his principal ideas:

1. "An impartial and well-balanced group of the best qualified experts in the nation should take a hard look at all major projects of the armed forces and other government agencies concerned. On the basis of their findings, they should list these projects in a recommended order of priorities based strictly on considerations of national security."

2. "The existing organization of our armed forces is entirely inadequate for nuclear war, because it is divided and subdivided along lines of demarcation which modern weapons have largely wiped out. Instead of an incongruous conglomeration of vaguely defined and conflicting operation areas, we need a thoroughly integrated and centrally controlled organization with clear cut lines of authority and firmly established responsibility."

These ends can be attained only through complete and real unification of the present military services."

3. "To insure the survival and rapid recovery of this country in case of a massive nuclear surprise attack, we should establish a coordinated national survival plan to include air defense programs, an emergency control program and an economic recovery program. The emergency control program should cover all aspects of civil defense and be assigned to the U.S. Army. Reserve personnel under all military services should be assigned as appropriate to the Army's emergency control force units."

Military vs. Space

4. "The emphasis of our space program should be on early military utility rather than on long-range scientific aspects."

5. "We should strive for a professional military force which has the stability, high level of proficiency and combat readiness which are indispensable in the nuclear age."

6. "An aggressive program should be undertaken by the government to combat misconceptions and lack of understanding among the public with

OBITS

United Press International
PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (UPI) — Dr. Stenio Vincent, president of Haiti from 1930-41, died Thursday. He was believed to be about 80.

NEW YORK (UPI) — G. Albert Smith, 61, a Broadway and Hollywood character actor, died Thursday. He appeared in the television series "I Remember Mama."

NEW YORK (UPI) — Martin Lawlor, 90, a Hatters Union leader until his retirement about 15 years ago, was found dead Thursday in his home.

PLEADS FOR UNITY

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (UPI) — Iceland's Gudmundur Gudmundsson opened a conference of Nordic foreign ministers here Thursday with a plea for unity on issues of common interest.

respect to the threat which we are facing and the actions required to meet that threat."

The general winds up his controversial book with this thought: "No matter what the future may bring, we have every reason to face it with confidence so long as we maintain the unsurpassed power of our ultimate weapon—the inflexible determination of our citizens to survive as a people and to prevail as a nation."

QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International

MOSCOW — Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, taking on the role of an art critic while looking at a huge statue of a plump nude woman outside the American exhibition in Moscow: "I don't understand this. The artist obviously doesn't understand women."

MALDEN, Mass. — Blonde Doty Farrangamo, 31, puzzling over complaints about the "rhythm steps and wiggling" she does—clad in a bikini—in her backyard after work: "My dancing isn't suggestive. I do some rhythm steps and wiggling, but nothing suggestive. I don't see why they object."

MILLINOCK, MAINE — Police Chief Lloyd Rideout, denying his daughter belonged to a gang of girls after she and six other teenagers were charged with aggravated assault on a 15-year-old baby sitter: "Every one of these girls comes from a darn nice family. None of them has a record of any kind."

LOS ANGELES — Vice Adm. Hyman Rickover, warning the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention that the United States should

REMEMBER WHEN

... 25 years ago, this date, G. Bohnenkamp scored a hole-in-one on the local golf course. The shot was witnessed by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perkins. In the social whirl, Langdon D. Strong was wed to a Minnesota girl, the former Lorraine Gruenhagen, at the First Presbyterian church.

The Detroit Tigers and New York Giants were one day closer to a possible meeting, with both cities filled with the pen-pant fever.

... 15 years ago Union County 4H Clubs captured state honors, winning a \$100 War Bond. Especially cited for his display was Harold Hermann of Rt. 1.

In sports locally, 35 boys turned out for the La Grande High School football team. Cecil Sherwood was coach in those days.

Counted on to bulwark returning lettermen was Jim Courtney, a three-year veteran.

be concerned over Russia's submarine and naval missile capabilities: "Since returning from the Soviet Union, I am more convinced than ever that we cannot afford to delay. The Soviets have the second largest naval fleet in the world. They have 450 submarines compared to our 120."

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