

What The Communists Are Up To In Asia Is The Big Question Now

TOKYO (UPI)—What are the Communists up to in Asia? That was the big question following Premier Jawaharlal Nehru's report to the Indian Parliament that Red Chinese forces had attacked Indian territory at two widely-separated points.

Fighting in Laos, stepped-up action in the Formosa Strait, threats against the tiny feudal states of Sikkim and Bhutan, and now the attacks against India—what do they mean?

United Press International polled its diplomatic sources in Asian capitals with that question. The results were inconclusive. No one really knew. Perhaps the only ones who did know were Mao Tse-Tung, Liu Shao-Chi and Chou En-Lai in Peking, and possibly Nikita Khrushchev in Moscow.

Guesses as to what was going on ranged from a concentrated, coordinated Communist assault on Western world beliefs before the President Eisenhower-Khrushchev visits, to an opinion that the India-Laos-Formosa incidents were unrelated and purely coincidental.

But everyone in Asia was watching closely. Here are some views on the Communist activities in Asia: **Similar Situation Last Year**—The Communists always want to increase tension in one area following lessening of tension in another area—in this case Asia after the lull in the Berlin crisis. The same thing happened last year when the Reds launched a bombardment of Quemoy after things had settled down elsewhere.

There also were those who felt the unrest in Asia was planned to give Nikita Khrushchev a greater talking point and more chips on the table when he meets with Eisenhower. This view was not shared by others who pointed out the Laos trouble started long before there was a hint of an Eisenhower-Khrushchev meeting and that a \$750,000 shelling of Quemoy did not mean the big bombardment was about to start again.

But they admitted there was a possibility the increased Laos fighting, the shelling of Quemoy and the attacks on India could signal a deliberate Communist attempt to step up tensions on the eve of the meetings.

Of all the questions involving the Communists in Asia the biggest one was "why pick on India?" India has always been one of Communist China's best friends internationally outside the non-Communist world. Yearly, she calls for the admittance of Red China to the United Nations.

Premier Nehru has even been accused of appeasement. Then why attack India? **Over-Confidence Blamed**—A favorite view was that Communist Chinese leaders have become cocky.

For years they have done just about what they wanted. Korea, Viet Nam, Tibet—all were considered by many as Communist victories. They were halted at Quemoy last year, but the question was whether the Chinese Communists really wanted Quemoy.

Today, it was Laos and India. Perhaps, said some sources, the

Reds believed they could keep on going.

Another theory was that the Communists were engaging in one of their time-practiced maneuvers—stirring up trouble outside to disguise trouble at home. Some sources drew a parallel to last year. It was just one year ago that the controversial commune system was inaugurated in Red China. It immediately ran into trouble, and immediately there was tension in the Formosa Strait.

This year, the Communist economy is not in the best shape. So there was trouble in Southeast Asia.

Man Cleared In Slaying By Lie Test

HELENA, Mont. (UPI)—A lie detector test revealed today that a Californian held for questioning in the Idaho murder of Dr. John Hunt Jr., 37, of Portland, Ore., is innocent.

Sheriff Dick Walsh of Kalispell, after completing the tests late Thursday said of the man, Samuel McGuffee, "the boy is clean. He was through the area where Hunt was murdered, but he's definitely clean."

McGuffee, a 40-year-old itinerant stevedecker from Lodi, Calif., has been held in the Jefferson county jail in Boulder on a drunk driving charge. The sheriff there, George Paradise, said he would release him after he completes his 10-day sentence later this week.

Sheriff Keith Anderson of Gooding county, Idaho, who came to Montana to question McGuffee, said after the lie test was completed: "We have just a few more leads to work on. The way it looks, though, we're up against a brick wall."

Swift Plant Is Idled By Strike; 350 Out Of Work

PORTLAND (UPI)—Some 350 employees of the Swift & Co. meat-packing operation here were idled today by a nationwide walkout of members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and United Packinghouse Workers unions.

Thirty-five Swift plants were struck by the unions. About 16,000 workers were idled across the country. The walkout was called at 12:01 a. m. today after negotiations broke down in Chicago.

Harold R. Knutson, secretary-treasurer of butchers local 656 in Portland, said all employees of the Swift company's Portland operations were to meet today at 2 p. m. in the Labor Temple here. He did not disclose the nature of the meeting.

Union spokesmen in Chicago said Swift had agreed to union demands for a 15 cent-an-hour wage boost. But the strike was called when Swift asked for an adjournment of negotiations until next Tuesday. Company officials said they wanted time to work out fringe benefit proposals.

Disney Film Now Playing At Granada

Fairytale fun reaches a new high in Walt Disney's magnificent Technirama-Technicolor presentation of the wonderful and ageless legend of true love triumphant, "Sleeping Beauty."

The film is currently being shown at the Granada theatre in La Grande through Sept. 2. The princess is blessed with three godmothers, all of them good fairies, and it is Flora, Fauna and Merryweather who provide much of the laughter and drollery to balance the necessary fury and misadventure in the contest between good and evil in which the classic romance is couched.

The \$6,000,000 production is combined with the adapted score of Tchaikovsky's celebrated Sleeping Beauty Ballet. Mary Costa is the voice of Aurora. The trio of godmothers, whose voices are those of Verna Felton, Barbara Joe Allen and Barbara Luddy, provide the same entertainment delights the Seven Dwarfs contributed to "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Flora, Fauna and Merryweather are plumpish, matronly and very worthy sprites who spirit the infant princess to the forest beyond the castle to protect her from the wicked enchantress. There she grows up believing herself a simple peasant maid, and there she meets and falls in love with a young gallant prince.

Sheriff Seeks Motherwell's Extradition

ATLANTA (UPI)—California authorities call on Georgia Gov. Ernest Vandiver today to ask that Larry Lord Motherwell be extradited to Sierra County, Calif., to face murder charges.

"We don't have any plans other than to get Motherwell and take him back to California," Sheriff Wilbur D. Johnson of Sierra County said when he arrived here Wednesday night from Washington, D.C., the home of the 72-year-old widow Motherwell is charged with murdering.

Motherwell was arrested Aug. 25 by FBI agents at the Atlanta Airport. He was sought by federal agents on a charge of flight to avoid prosecution. He is held in \$50,000 bail.

His alleged victim, Mrs. Pearl Ida Putney, disappeared last summer after taking a motor trip with Motherwell through the South and West.

Assessor, Appraiser Attend Convention

R. M. (Dick) Hartsock, Union county assessor, and Roy L. Long, chief appraiser in the assessor's office, left Tuesday for the state-wide convention at Roseburg of the assessors' association.

The confab lasts Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Morris Borker of Roseburg is state association president.

NAVY FIRES ROCKET POINT ARGUELLO, Calif.

(UPI)—The Navy has blasted a two-stage Nike-Asp rocket 150 miles into space during a sun flare to check on solar interferences which cause radio interference. The Navy announced Tuesday the 21-foot missile was equipped with a transmitter to send information on the sun flareback to earth.

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If confirmed, the polio toll would push Oregon's new reports so far this year to 89 cases and five deaths. This is more than four times the number of cases reported at the same period a year ago.

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