of Red China and the visit of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrush-chev to Pelping. The following UPI dispatch is by special ar-rangement with the London Daily Express.

By CHRISTOPHER DOBSON

PEIPING (UPI)-I watched the leaders of world Communism gath

the world, leaders of governments, men in exile, men who do not own

niversary of the Chinese Commu-nists' defeat of Chiang Ka'-shek

their soft- g ey tunic uniforms. Mikhail Suslov, Khrushchev's leav thinking-machine and chief representative here was in the place lice investigated today the food of honor. So was Ho Chi Minh, poisoning of nearly 100 students once a scullery boy in London, at the Amman Industrial School new boss of Viet Ninh. Monday.

The Panchen Lama, in his rich silken robes, sat immediately behind Chou En lai. They were gathered together before an audie ce of 10,000—no. I'm not mistaken, 10,000 people—sitting comfortably

in the incredible building.

It is so huge it makes the United Nations Building in New York look like a village meeting hall. It is modern and yet the er in a massed aray 300 strong on the stage of Peking's vast new Hall of Congress. have a delicate tip-tile to suggest a Chinese pagoda. It has two souring balconies, discreet trong on the stage of Feking's suggest a Chinese pagoda. It has ast new Hall of Congress.

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men in exile, men who do not own the label of Communist but men who jointly make up the power of Communism throughout the world.

They had come to the 10th antique are yellow are of the Chinese Communism and express contempt for the way of life way to be a communism and express contempt for the way of life way to be a communism and express contempt for the way of life way to be the West.

as we know it in the West. There was a Uruguayan deleas to a shrine, a political shrine where they can declare their worldwide solidarity and plan for the future.

Party leader Mao Tse-tung and Premier Chou En-lai stood out in their soft-g ey tunic uniforms.

STUDENTS POISONED

AMMAN, Jordan (UPI)

TELEPHONE NEWS for...

LA GRANDE

West Coast Telephone Company

One of a series of messages about the progress and plans of the West Coast Telephone Company.



We frequently receive calls in this office from a subscriber who is having problems with someone on his party line. When you consider that here in La Grande we have 4,334 telephones and that approximately 23,000 local calls are placed from the phones each day, it's not surprising that there is some frustration among people trying to get a line.

In this column, I'd like to tell you about party lines in La Grande—what the Company is doing about them and what you can do to get better service from them.

WHY PARTY LINES?



You need only look around this area to find the main reason for party lines. The reason is growth. Today we have more than twice as many telephones in our system than we did ten years ago. When new people move into the area, our first task is to make telephone service available to them.

UP-GRADING SERVICE

In order to keep up with the demands for new service and to "up-grade" party lines we must constantly add new lines and all the complex central office equipment necessary for handling them. During the past four years we have spent 867,321 dollars on new construction in the La Grande exchange alone. We are planning continued expenditures to add still more lines to "up-grade" existing lines to the point where we can fill subscribers' orders for even better classes of service.

CAUSES OF PARTY-LINE PROBLEMS

Four things cause a subscriber to call our office about another party on his line. They are, in order of frequency:

- 1. Prolonged conversations that tie up the line both for inming and outgoing calls.
- 2. A phone "off the hook." This usually is the result of children playing with the telephone
- 3. Unreasonable demands by one party to use the line when someone else is on it. The most common form of this complaint is that someone "picks up the phone every few
- 4. Abusive language either by a subscriber trying to get the line or by one refusing to give up a line.

Fortunately we have had practically no complaints about any-one faling to give up the line when informed that another par-ty needed to place an emergency call. This form of party line discourtesy is, of course, a misdemeanor as covered in the crim-inal codes of the state.

THE CALL THAT COMES THROUGH MAY BE FOR YOU

Many companies in the United States are confronted with the same or more severe party line problems than those of West Coast. Some have recently installed an automatic cut-off system that disconnects a party line call after a certain length of time, usually 5 minutes.

We of West Coast do not believe that this kind of approach is the answer to the problem. The answer, we think, lies in the course we are taking: to work with every available resource to continually "up-grade" the service, and to make subscribers aware of the basic problems that are inherent in all party lines.

As I said earlier, we are working just as fast as money, material and men become available to do away with the necessity of even one person being on a party line who doesn't want to be on one. Until we have completed accomplishing this job you will get better party line service if you remember to keep calls brief and to space your ealls so that incoming calls can get through. Remember, "the call that comes through may be for you."

If you have any questions about party lines or any other phase of West Coast Telephone service, please drop me a note. Write to: Mr. Ed Watts, Division Manager, West Coast Telephone Co., La Grande, Oregon.



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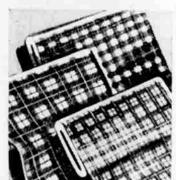
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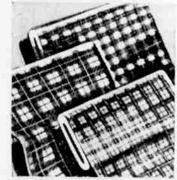
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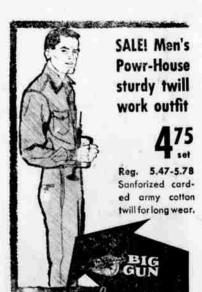
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