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Report on Red China

A recent issue of the Manchester (Eng.) Guardian, one of the great newspapers of the world, contains correspondence from its special correspondent in the far east, Robert Guillain, who writes also for the Paris Le Monde. From an observation post in Hongkong Guillain gives an account of the progress of the red revolution in China, which if correct, will force a reorientation of the views of the western world toward China. We quote pertinent paragraphs:

"It is even clearer than two years ago that not one of the comforting interpretations made at that time has held its ground in the face of the facts. They were the arguments of the Europeans who had lived in China, the old 'China hands'; China, they said, will always be China, the country of fantastic disorder, of amorality, of ungovernable individuals, and of governments with no steady convictions. There was the second illusion that communism would never devour China; it would be China that devoured communism. A third proposition was that economic needs would dictate policy, and that the attraction of the dollar would outweigh that of Marxism. One might continue this list of predictions, which led ultimately to the conclusion that in China Stalinism would give place to Titoism, and that the revolution would soon 'Sinify itself'."

"Even those who made these calculations now admit that they were wrong. China seems to them to have altered almost beyond recognition, and they no longer know whether they will ever understand her. It is impossible in fact to shut our eyes any longer to certain realities that were already becoming evident in 1949, when I was last in China. The first is that Stalinist Marxism has an absolute hold over the whole directing organization, and consequently over the masses, whatever the elements of opposition may be. The second reality is the extraordinary dynamism of this revolution. It may be true that on the lower levels 'it is still China'; but there is no denying the speed with which the communist virus is infecting the whole organism, and the red stain is spreading over everything. The whole country is being profoundly modified by an irreversible process."

"The third reality is that, in spite of popular disappointment and steadily spreading discontent, the government still is consolidating its position. It is faced by no force capable of bringing it down within any measurable time. It alone has filled the void left by the collapse of the Koumintang. Failing a foreign attack with a mass invasion of its territory (and only the United States could embark on the enterprise), the Chinese People's Republic has a good chance of enduring for years."

"The west may dismiss the idea of abating the rigour of the new regime, of bringing it to a position midway between east and west. The British themselves have abandoned any such hope. The situation might have developed differently if the United States had not left Great Britain to sail off on her course alone, and herself set out in another direction. But in any case it is too late to win China over; for a long time to come she is in the Russian camp."

Guillain reports that it is not a case of the USSR taking China over: "the Chinese revolution was at bottom a rallying of China to the Soviet Union and not an invasion by the Soviet. . . . And it was Russian ideology, not Russian arms, that swept Mao Tse-tung and his followers into power. (China received no arms from Russia before 1950, if then.)"

What is the significance of all this?
First: The communist revolution in China is an accomplished fact, and the guerrilla activity which is reported is not substantial enough to achieve a successful counter-revolution.

Second: It seems foolish to contemplate ferrying Chiang's army to the mainland and expect it to overthrow the Mao government. The point it would accomplish would be to establish an enclave in south China, and more probably would be wiped out.

Third: We should quit regarding red China

just as a subsidiary of Moscow. The recent addresses of John Foster Dulles and Dean Rusk, assistant secretary of state, before the China Institute in New York seem quite unrealistic, in the light of the Guillain report. Dulles said: "We should treat the Mao Tse-tung regime for what it is—a puppet regime." And Dean Rusk said: "The Peiping regime may be a colonial Russian government—a Slavic Manchukuo on a larger scale. It is not the government of China. It does not pass the first test. It is not Chinese."

Those are positive statements; but how well do they square with reality? Under Mao Tse-tung China has become a militant communist state, its government evidently strong enough to stand alone. Mao caught up the popular revolution launched by Dr. Sun Yat-sen which was aborted by Chiang Kai-shek. History offers little evidence of successful counter-revolutions launched by compatriots in exile, with or without assistance of other nations. The "gentlemen of Coblentz" in the French revolution are still in Coblentz—in their graves.

The Statesman sees little profit and grave danger in carrying the war in China. In Korea the prime objective has been attained; resisting North Korean aggression. Better to confine warfare to that limited area than to carry it to the continental mass of China, whose possibilities remind one of that passage from Milton's Paradise Lost:

"... that Serboman bog
Betwixt Damiatra and Mount Cassius old
Where armies whole have sunk."

Oregon Industry and War Contracts

Another meeting of the governor's committee for organizing efforts to obtain a larger portion of government rearmament contracts for Oregon firms will be held in Portland next Monday. This picks up an activity which so far as publicity is concerned has been rather dormant for some weeks. A news picture did show the president of the East Side commercial club in Portland presenting Governor McKay with a \$500 check to help get this job rolling. It will take more such checks, and larger, to make an effective and aggressive campaign for government business. Glenn Jackson, that sparkplug from Medford, is stirring up activity upstairs, and the Monday meeting may bring the juice to a jell.

There is no immediate prospect of resumption of shipbuilding which gave Oregon its great business boost in the last war. But the contraction of supplies of steel and other metals for civilian use idles some of the expanded metal working plants in Oregon. They are qualified for a variety of war work, and as the flow of orders steps up their facilities may be in demand.

In the last war a pool of Oregon industries was formed which handled many prime contracts, subbing them out to individual plants. Also it handled many subcontractors for prime contractors like Kaiser. Most every machine shop of any size was kept busy.

An organized spirited effort will be required now to get a good share in this government business. Chances are the contracts will not be so much on a handout basis but as a result of competitive bidding. The recent advice has been to sharpen pencils; and those who are looking for government orders will have to keep that in mind.

The Monday meeting should close the deal on whether Oregon industry really is going to bat or not. We predict that it will.

Russian Pseudo-Moves Toward Big 4 Talks Said Only Aimed to Block West Rearmament

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP)—Just as believed in the beginning, it now becomes obvious that Russia's original suggestion for a big four meeting was a designed to obtain a forum for interference in western rearmament plans rather than to seek sincere settlements.

After three months of futile effort to get agreement on an agenda for a foreign ministers conference, the disputes finally asked Russia to a meeting in Washington to be based on any one of three partially-agreed agendas "in the interests of strengthening peace."

Russia replied that she would be glad to come—provided. The proviso was that the allies accept what they had repeatedly refused to accept—a discussion of the Atlantic pact, dragged in by Russia at Paris when it appeared other bases for discussion might be agreed upon.

The allies are not going to discuss with Russia business which involves treaties with numerous other countries who would not be represented. Such a discussion would immediately evoke the fear among the pact members that the big three might make a deal behind their backs directly involving their safety.

The Russian claim that the world's tension goes back to the pact is hogwash.

The pact itself was a reaction to Russia's violation of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements, to her obstruction of the peace efforts of the United Nations, to her aggression against her weak neighbors, and to her general procreancy for a 450-year-old

tradition of imperialist expansion as against cooperation with the rest of the world. The Russian reply, amounting to rejection of the invitation to send her foreign minister to Washington, raises some political difficulties for the western diplomats. Firstly, they see no point in continuing the Paris negotiations, but do not wish to take the responsibility of breaking them off in the face of Russia's expressed desire to continue.

Thus the meeting has been

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers
BROTHER DEATH, by John Lodwick (Duell, Sloan & Pearce; \$2.75)

Eric Rumbold, thanks to his upbringing and his hazardous experiences on special assignments for warring England, winds up in postwar Marseilles a black marketeer and a man without a conscience. Traveling as light as only a man with no scruples can, he starts home via Spain and Portugal, meets a woman who also travels light. An old murder is uncovered, a new and nasty one is committed, and the interested and watchful law closes the case, though it doesn't really settle the score.

The story travels light, too, unburdened by any matter to make you pause and ponder. It's fast reading, but not in a class with Lodwick's earlier "The Man Dormant."

THE ANGRY MOUNTAIN, by Hammond Innes (Harper; \$2.75)
Though Dick Farrell had had some gruesome experiences in the war (much like Eric Rumbold), he finds, as we find in this novel about it, that post-

war can be even gruesomer. The scene opens behind the Iron Curtain where the aluminum-legged ex-soldier has gone on business, and ends near Naples where the author lets you have the works: Adventure, sadist, a fortune in diamonds, Communism, skull-duggery, even a volcano and above all a mule, a sort of deus ex machina which furnishes the most unlikely pages in an unlikely, but fast-moving, suspense yard.

THE CITY OF FROZEN FIRE, by Vaughan Wilkins (Macmillan; \$3)
A royal messenger with his hand lopped off; a gold crown set with big rubies; a giant brute of a Negro; knife-throwing Captain Darkness; the turncoat Yemm; indomitable Aunt Tuppenny; a hidden and impregnable land in South America inhabited by descendants of Welsh voyagers mentioned by Hakluyt; a teen-age boy and the princess who becomes his friend; a few murders and such-like are the ingredients of this adventure story, the third and last one I shall have to read in all of 1951. . . . I hope.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"You're always helping me tell other stories... how about a little help on this one about the bees and flowers?"

Silverton's Council Asked to Increase Defense Perimeter

SILVERTON — Just how far Silverton as a city could go in defense of the surrounding area was discussed at the Monday night meeting of the city council.

While no definite rulings were made, three petitions which had already been submitted to the city council were considered. These were from three school districts, Brush Creek and Central Howell and District No. 4, which is the Silverton district.

Mayor Errol Ross, presiding officer, said that as these are in the Silverton trading zone it would be natural that they came within the city of Silverton defense area in time of emergency. No other districts have petitioned to come in as yet and the council voted to accept these three.

X-Ray Unit Due
H. B. Ford, with the county health department, was at the council in the interest of the Federal TB X-ray unit coming to the valley in July. Ford explained that communities were asked to raise 16

cents per person for processing the x-rays taken and that the remainder of the expense would be borne by the federal agency. Silverton's total would be \$507 for the 5,900 x-rays to be taken in this area, Ford explained. To date local organizations had pledged \$72 but many of the organizations have not yet been contacted, Ford said, adding that he felt that rural organizations would also wish to assist as the rural groups in Silverton's trade area were included in the Silverton x-rays.

While Ford asked if any assistance could be had from the city itself, Mayor Ross said "We'll do what we can, but we cannot expend city money for a community project, much as we might like to." Mrs. P. A. Loar, Ford reported, is in charge of the Silverton area. **Larger Water Main**

Petitions were read asking for a larger water main on B and A highway. This, too, the council reported was needed but questioned "whether we can take on any further water improvement outside the city."

"The people in the district will have to help," Mayor Ross said, as he suggested that some form of amortization of the improvement might be worked out for over a period of 10 years. The matter was tabled for further consideration later.

Petition for the improvement of Schador street on the assessment plan was also read and filed for further consideration.

Passed was an authorization to Manager R. E. Borland to spend "up to \$100" for new automatic attachment to Silverton's siren. If this is materialized the siren will blow each day at noon.

Mayor Ross explained that this would be of great importance to the fire department. During the winter months the siren is sometimes frozen and the telephone operators have had to call the firemen by telephone.

A special meeting of the city budget committee will be held Thursday night at 7:30.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Has Robert put in his appearance as yet?"
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "column"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Savagery, saturnine, saurkraut, sanctimonious.
4. What does the word "vindicate" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with de that means "a misleading of the mind"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "Has Robert appeared yet?" 2. Pronounce kol-um, and not kol-yum. 3. Sauerkraut. 4. To sustain; justify. "The boy vindicated his father's judgment." 5. Deception.

Quote for the Day

Without labor there is no rest, nor without fighting can the victory be won.—Thos. A. Kempis

Here Are the Objectives of Civil Defense

THIS IS CIVIL DEFENSE Chapter 3

Imagine even one atomic bomb being dropped on an American city. Many thousands of persons would be killed instantly. Thousands more would be wounded and in need of immediate care. Hundreds would be trapped or buried in the wreckage. Every street within the major damage area would be completely blocked with rubble. Large fires would start within a matter of minutes.

These are the main things that could happen, but there are others. The city's food supply might be destroyed or cut off, and the water supply might be knocked out. Regular communications and transportation might stop entirely. Thousands would find themselves homeless, without food, clothing, shelter or money.

What would happen without civil defense?

Ask the Japanese. Hiroshima and Nagasaki had almost no civil defense as we know it. When atomic bombs were dropped, their citizens were almost completely unprepared. Result: The people panicked badly. Many thousands were needlessly hurt or killed, families were broken up, property was lost. The wounded and helpless, who might otherwise have lived, died because proper civil de-

VOTE CLOSE IN SICILY

PALERMO, Sicily, Tuesday, June 5 (AP)—Premier Alcide De Gasperi's Christian Democrat party appeared early today to have squeaked out a hairline victory over a Communist-Socialist bloc in Sicily's stormy regional assembly election.

Solicitor Posts Bail on Charge

An Oakland, Calif., man who attempted to sell a magazine subscription to an ex-city policeman was arrested Tuesday on a charge of soliciting without a permit. Henry Ernest Taylor posted \$35 bail in municipal court after city police arrested him on charges of soliciting subscriptions for American Fruit Grower, The Horse Lover and Pacific Stockman magazines from a Salem street corner.

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