

Reds Play Down 'Family Squabble'

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MOSCOW—Russia and Red China played down their "family squabble" in an exchange of New Year's greetings published here Wednesday, but there was no indication the rift in the Communist world had closed.

The messages, printed by the Communist newspaper Pravda, paid lip service to "fraternal friendship" and "strengthening solidarity" between the Russians and Chinese.

Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Chinese Communist Chairman Mao Tse-tung both said their policies are based on decisions taken at the 1957 and 1960 conferences of world Communist parties.

Western experts here noted, however, that there have been sharp differences in how the two nations have interpreted those decisions, particularly

Khrushchev's argument that war is not inevitable and his proposals of "peaceful coexistence."

In an obvious reference to the Kremlin's Cuban policy, Khrushchev wrote Mao that "it has become more evident that the forces of peace are in condition to prevent thermonuclear war."

"The world socialist system is becoming a factor determining international developments in the interests of peace," he continued. He said this showed the "correctness" of the 1957 and 1960 decisions.

This was interpreted as an implied answer to Chinese critics of Khrushchev's Caribbean policy.

Khrushchev added that the Russians "will spare no effort to strengthen and develop the fraternal friendship between the Soviet Union and the Chinese People's Republic for the

good of our peoples."

In his message, Mao said the Chinese people would "always defend, together with the Soviet people, the revolutionary principles of the Moscow declaration and the Moscow statement."

In contrast to last year's greetings, however, the Chinese leader added that his people would "persistently fight against the imperialist policy of war aggression."

This was regarded as an oblique reaffirmation of the Communist Chinese claim that they recognized the danger of "imperialism" but also know better how to fight it.

Russia started the year with fresh pledges of support for Cuba and a stand-pat approach to most other East-West problems.

There was no sign that 1963 will bring any major changes in Soviet policy on such questions as Berlin and disarmament.

Speaking of Cuba during a toast at a Kremlin New Year's Eve ball, Khrushchev said the crisis showed that Soviet armed forces must have "new, modern weapons." He did not elaborate, but he warned that a Russia could destroy a capitalist aggressor "in a matter of hours—short hours."

The premier's year-end message to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro stressed "unbreakable, brotherly, Soviet-Cuban friendship."

Khrushchev told East German Communist leader Walter Ulbricht that the German question was among those "whose non-regulated status carry a serious danger to world peace."

But the Soviet leader mentioned no new proposals or a deadline for a Berlin settlement, and he made none of the usual threats about signing a separate peace treaty with the East German regime if the West balks at accepting the Kremlin's terms.

Peace Main Theme Of World Leaders

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The world ushered in the new year with a salute by French President Charles de Gaulle to the possibility of peace in 1963, and "a realistic warning" by Soviet Premier Khrushchev that the West would be destroyed in any nuclear war "unleashed by capitalism."

As millions of Russians lifted vodka glasses to toast 1963, Khrushchev went on the radio to tell them he wasn't making "a new year's threat" to the free world. He insisted that the Soviet Union prefers peaceful coexistence.

Meanwhile, at his Paris residence, De Gaulle told a New Year's Day party for foreign diplomats that all the nations represented at the gathering—"above all the most powerful among them—are endowed with means of destruction so terrible that everyone knows that by putting them to work they would proceed to their own destruction."

De Gaulle added, "I believe—like you—in the possibility of peace. It is this possibility and this compulsion that I salute at the threshold of this new year, in the name of France."

President Kennedy welcomed in the new year at a party in Palm Beach, Fla. He and his wife attended a 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Edward's Roman Catholic church.

Kennedy later attended the Orange Bowl football game in Miami.

In Bonn, in a broadcast beamed to East Germany, President Heinrich Lübke of West Germany urged restraint in the pursuit of the reunification of Germany. "It must not be realized at the expense of world peace," he said.

In Vatican City, Pope John XXIII blessed a holiday crowd of 50,000 gathered in St. Peter's Square. A New Year's Eve rain washed out a traditional torchlight parade to the square by Roman municipal workers.

Peking radio, broadcasting an editorial of the Peking People's Daily, said things were good in Red China in 1962—even though "our enemies at home and abroad created all kinds of trouble for us."

In this country, some 15,000 men and boys marched in Philadelphia's 63rd annual Mummers Day New Year's parade.



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Burned Out Smoke continues to roll from fire-leveled factory and homes in north section of Philadelphia Wednesday after more than 250 persons were homeless in a 12-alarm blaze Tuesday night. The fire started in the nine-story factory in center of photo and spread to row of houses along the street.

Philadelphia's Biggest Fire Destroys Warehouse, Homes

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A burned-out shell of a nine-story building and smoldering ruins of at least three dozen homes were all that remained Wednesday of what veteran fire officials termed the biggest fire in this city's history.

There was no immediate damage estimate, but authorities said it would be in the millions. The 12-alarm blaze, which started in a factory warehouse in North Philadelphia, raged for more than three hours before brought under control.

Fire Chief George E. Hink slipped on an icy pavement. He was the only person reported injured.

About 50 families were evacuated from nearby row homes that later were reduced to fiery rubble by the warehouse's collapsing walls.

Another 2,000 residents in the area were routed in freezing temperatures, but most of them returned when their homes were no longer threatened.

Food and shelter were provided by the Salvation Army and Red Cross. The Civil Defense also aided in evacuating families.

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Castro's Fourth Year

Cuban Tanks Mass For Celebration

By GEORGE ARFELD
Of the Associated Press

HAVANA—Long lines of Soviet-built tanks moved into position Wednesday to lead the military parade on the fourth anniversary celebration of Fidel Castro's rise to power.

Heavy armor stood by ready to roll down the wide route through Plaza de la Revolution, where the prime minister and other dignitaries will review the troops.

Havana papers carried messages of congratulations to the Cuban revolutionary regime from the Communist world—playing up those from Peking and Moscow.

Crowds converged on the capital for the celebration.

Cosmonaut Main Attraction

Truckloads of Castro sympathizers rolled through the streets sounding their horns and beating out Caribbean rhythms in advance of a military parade and a mass rally at which Castro was to speak.

Ceremonies launching the anniversary festivities took place in the presidential palace Tuesday night, with Soviet Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich, one of the space twins of last August's dual orbit, as the main attraction.

In Moscow, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda published an anniversary editorial emphasizing Soviet support of the Castro demands voiced during the October crisis, one of which calls for American withdrawal from the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo.

British, French Observers

Delegations from 60 nations were on hand to join the faithful at Plaza de la Revolution for the rally climaxing today's parade. A giant effigy of Castro bearing a rifle hung from one of the government buildings lining the plaza. Next to it a sign in crimson letters proclaimed "Venceremos" — "We will win."

Two Western military observers, the British attaché in Venezuela and the French attaché in Mexico, were among the foreigners on hand for the military display.

Among statements issued by Cuban organizations was one from the Committee for the Defense of the Revolution hailing the advent of the new year and the anniversary and said the Castro regime had handed "imperialism another defeat."

Union Votes Not to Work Robena Mine

CARMICHAELS, Pa. (AP)—No attempt was made Wednesday to reopen the Robena coal mines of the U.S. Steel Corp. Miners had voted not to return until there was further investigation of two explosions at the mine which killed 39 men.

James Kelly, recording secretary of United Mine Workers Local 6321, announced the miners' decision Tuesday night. U.S. Steel had no comment.

A public hearing into the latest explosion is to begin Thursday afternoon.

The blast, which ripped through the Robena No. 3 mine at the Frosty Run shaft on Dec. 6, killed 37 men.

Two months earlier, two other miners died in an explosion in another area of the Robena mine.

Kelly said about 600 working miners voted Monday to delay returning to the mines.

He said they want to know what caused the explosions, what has been done to correct the explosive conditions and what guarantees there are that there will be no more explosion.

The Robena mines have been closed since the Dec. 6 disaster.

Former Dictator Plans New Plea

MIAMI (AP)—Former Venezuelan dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez will make another bid for freedom Friday in the 5th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, it was learned Wednesday.

Perez Jimenez was jailed here Dec. 12 after losing a legal battle against extradition to Venezuela.

Jimenez is seeking to be released from the county jail here while his attorneys continue their extradition fight.

The present Venezuelan government wants Perez Jimenez returned to face charges of robbing the government treasury. The 48-year-old ex-dictator says his return to Venezuela means certain death.

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