

# Military Stalemate In Europe Believed Behind Red Strategy

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Russia's new global strategy provides evidence that the Kremlin believes a military stalemate has been reached in the east-west "cold war" and that a period of stabilization has set in in Europe, if not in Asia.

Soviet Communist party leader Nikita Khrushchev's and Premier Nikolai Bulganin's dramatic pilgrimage to Belgrade fits into the new pattern.

Sees Sweeping Proposals

Further to break the log jam in international affairs, the Russians may be expected to come forward at the forthcoming Big Four conference "at the summit" with sweeping proposals to end the cold war. These proposals will have a strong appeal in West Germany, France, in neutral and in uncommitted countries of the world.

The Soviet Union's grandiose peace offensive will assume unprecedented proportions.

One of the most significant items in the Soviet-Yugoslavia agreement of particular interest to China and Moscow's satellites is the recognition that "different forms of socialist development are solely the concern of individual countries."

Radical Deviation

This is a radical deviation from former Premier Joseph Stalin's insistence that Moscow is the exclusive and unchallengeable source of Communist wisdom and power.

Yugoslavia's Marshal Tito was the first of the foreign Communist leaders who defied Moscow, and survived and triumphed.

During my last sojourn in Moscow from 1948 to 1953 Tito was portrayed as a traitor and fascist of Hitlerian proportions. Now, Moscow eats bitter crow and hails him as "dear comrade" although he rejected Khrushchev's crude invitation

to rejoin the Cominform.

At the same time, Tito admitted a vague community of interest of socialist countries.

Tito's success is bound to have significant repercussions among the Communist satellites, something which Khrushchev, with all his apparent naivety, must have anticipated.

Encourages Dissidents

Actual and potential dissident communist elements in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria will be encouraged by Moscow's new line.

East Europeans and East Germans will now expect a certain degree of autonomy in their internal affairs and in relations with non-Communist powers.

Because of Tito's success, to avert the possible emergence of a Tito's China, and to anticipate Western arguments, it may well be that the Kremlin is contemplating a new formula for internal and foreign policy concessions to satellite countries. This may take the form of a new type of "Communist Federalism."

Increases Distrust

In the meantime, the Kremlin has been successful in raising Tito's bargaining power with the West and in causing a certain degree of disquiet in Italy, Greece and Turkey, where distrust of Tito may be increased as a result of his agreement with Moscow.

Stalin's policies after World War II led Russia into a position of dangerous isolation from which his collective successors now want to retreat.

In Yugoslavia, the Russians have given another demonstration of flexibility of maneuver, a willingness to make humiliating but uncstly accommodations which will make them more formidable adversaries in negotiations with the West than Stalin could have been.

# Tornadoes Strike Midwestern Area; Small Girl Killed

By UNITED PRESS

Tornadoes struck from the Texas border country to North Dakota last night and a vast storm system whipped the nation with rain and thunderstorms from the Mississippi river to the Rockies early today.

The twisters touched down at Encinal, Tex., 40 miles north of the Mexican border; at Florence, Tex.; near Spillville, Iowa; and near Valley City, N.D.

No lives were lost and the damage did not compare with the havoc wrought by twisters in the Southwest earlier this season. But the storms were a continuation of violent weather which has battered the area this year.

Lightning Kills Girl

Meanwhile, heavy rains soaked a wide area, a lightning bolt killed a little girl and knocked down two playmates in Chicago, and summery heat baked large portions of the East.

The most destructive of last night's tornado funnels struck at Encinal. Power was knocked out, a filling station and a restaurant were severely damaged, and three barns and two or three houses were whisked away.

At Florence, a house was unroofed, power was knocked out, and streets were littered with tree limbs and downed electric wires.

Farms Damaged

The Iowa twister roared through two miles of heavily wooded country, cutting a 50-foot wide swath of destruction. Two farms were in its path and suffered property damage.

The tornado missed one of the farm homes, but the suction was so great that small objects went flying out the windows.

Bradford, Ill., meanwhile, got the nation's heaviest dousing as 1.40 inches of rain fell in six hours and three inches came down in 12 hours. Other drunchings included 1.67 inches of rain at Shreveport, La., 1.36 at College Station, Tex., and 1.36 at Greenwood, Miss.

Hail stones the size of golf balls clattered down at Gainesville, Tex.

Man Dies in Mishap North of Vancouver

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — A man identified as John J. Gruhn, about 68, was killed on U.S. highway 99 north of here Saturday night after being hit twice by a truck and car.

County coroner Paul Mylan said Gruhn was apparently struck by a truck which had swerved to avoid him. The truck stopped, but another car ran over the body.

man Schulze.

J. D. Donovan, who managed the hospital for 36 years, will retire as of July 1. The hospital was used by both the Shelvin-Hixon and Brooks-Scanlon lumber mills.

# Two Young Koreans Sought After Escaping from Ship

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Immigration officials were searching today for two young Korean stowaways who broke their shackles and disappeared from the freighter Sea Serpent shortly before she docked Sunday.

The boys were identified as Fun Nat Gon, 17, and Kim Fang Chull, 16, both of Pusan, Korea.

Escape by Porthole

Ships officers discovered the youths missing from a makeshift brig when the ship docked at 6:30 a.m. (PDT) yesterday. The door of the converted stateroom was locked and authorities said the boys apparently escaped through an open porthole leading to the deck.

Handcuffs with which the boys had been shackled to their bunks also were missing.

The youths stowed aboard the Pacific Far East Lines freighter before she sailed from Pusan April 19. They remained hidden undetected in a lifeboat during a 24-day layover in Yokohama, Japan, and the 14-day voyage across the Pacific.

They apparently slipped ashore unseen when the ship docked at Ocean Falls, British Columbia, believing they were in the United States.

Returned to Ship

The minister of a church where they hid discovered them and Canadian police placed them aboard the Sea Serpent again May 27 for return to the Far East.

East.

The youths were placed in a custodial stateroom for the trip to Long Beach, Calif., and when the ship left Long Beach for San Francisco Saturday they were handcuffed to their bunks.

Canadian immigration officials said the boys had a list of Hawaiians in their possession and apparently planned to go to the island territory.

# State Grange Opens Convention at KF

Klamath Falls — (U.P.) — The 82nd annual Oregon State Grange convention got under way here today after a week end of pre-convention fun.

Yesterday, registering delegates found time for a picnic at Collier state park, a youth talent contest and a "get acquainted" party.

Top Grange officials present for the week-long convention include grange master Elmer McClure of Milwaukie; Overseer William Howes of Medford; Mrs. Delta Johnson, lecturer, Rufus; and Secretary Mildred Norman, Portland.

Miss Bertha J. Bush, former secretary of the state grange and now a member of its executive committee, will miss her first Grange convention in 50 years this time. The Corvallis woman

# Two Gun Bandit Robs Vancouver Market

Vancouver, Wash. — (U.P.) — Valley Farms market and creamery was robbed of an estimated \$5000 to \$6000 Saturday night by a two-gun bandit.

The bandit herded three creamery employees into a cooler and then escaped in a light green pickup truck belonging to one of the employees. He took with him receipts fattened by heavy milk sales to milk-shy Portlanders.

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**Umatilla County Jail Slated To Be Razed**

Pendleton — (U.P.) — Umatilla county jail will meet the same fate as the original Umatilla county courthouse and be torn down shortly to make way for a new structure.

The courthouse was torn down last winter and the building committee has decided that the jail will go too, as soon as granite stones for the new building's exterior arrive.

County jail prisoners will be transferred to Pendleton city jail and the Wasco county jail at The Dalles until the new structure is completed.

**Lumbermen's Hospital At Bend To Be Closed**

Bend — (U.P.) — The Lumberman's hospital, which operated here for nearly four decades, has been closed down, according to an announcement by Brooks-Scanlon General Manager Free-

# Wife of Turncoat POW Says He Wants To Return to US

Olympia, Wash. — (U.P.) — The wife of former Cpl. Otho G. Bell, one of 21 American prisoners of war who refused repatriation after the Korean truce, said today her husband wants to come home.

Mrs. Jewell Bell said she had received two letters from her husband through the Red Cross. In both letters, dated April 5 and 15, he expressed the desire to come home, she said.

Passport Difficulties

Bell told his wife in the letters that he was having difficulties obtaining a passport and that it would take him a few months to get out of Red China.

Mrs. Bell said her husband wrote there were a lot of things about his case that are "unexplainable."

She said Mrs. Francis Knight, director of the passport office here, told her that the United States has no representatives in Red China. However, Mrs. Knight added that if Bell could get to Hong Kong or any other place where United States representatives maintained an office, something might be accomplished.

Mrs. Bell said her husband apparently was not with any of the other 20 Americans who chose to remain behind the Iron Curtain after the Korean war. She did not know her husband's present whereabouts in Red China, but he told her he would send her a new address to which she could write him in the near future.

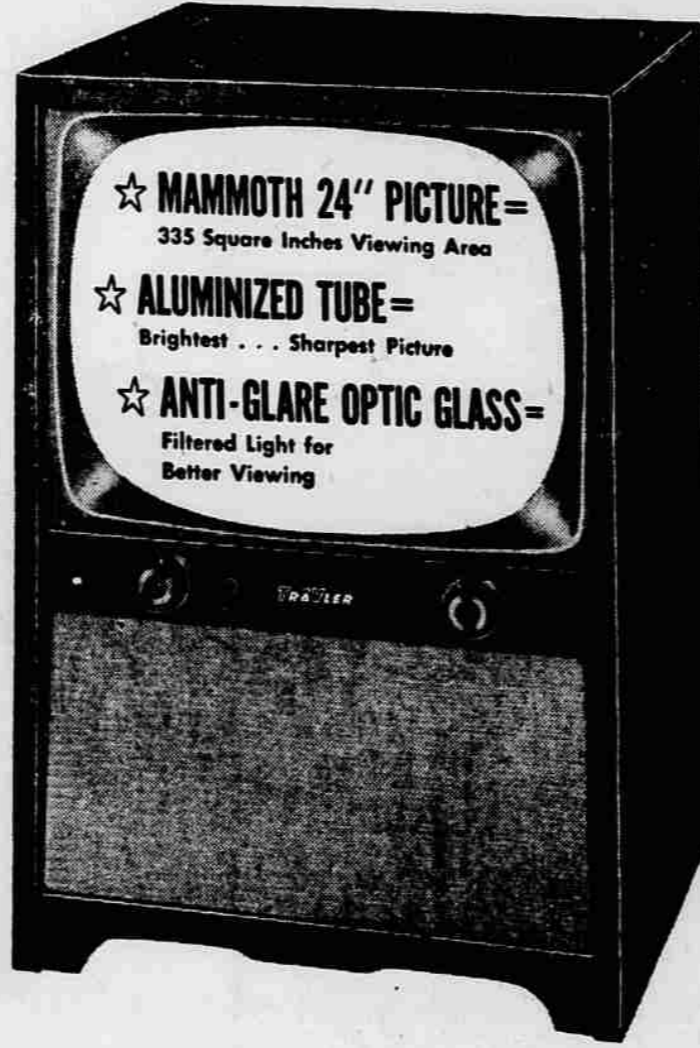
Sound Like Him

"The two letters that came by way of the Red Cross sound like him," Mrs. Bell said. "While some of the others I have received didn't sound like him at all."

Bell, 24, is the son of Elbert A. Bell of Rt. 1, Hillsboro, Miss. He and Mrs. Bell were married while he was stationed at Ft. Lewis, near here, before the Korean war.

He was captured by the Communists Nov. 30, 1950. While he was a prisoner of war, Bell made several broadcasts of messages to his family that he was being well treated.

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