

Khrushchev Must Reverse Policy To Stop Cold War, Truman Declares

Counterattack Sought Against Check Passers

An intensified counterattack by merchants, the public and law enforcement officials against fraudulent check passers has been called for by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce in commending Hoover's action, is urging all business and professional people and citizens in this

area to cooperate "by exercising greater care in cashing checks for strangers without adequate identification."

In a letter to law enforcement officials, Hoover revealed that the annual loss due to fraudulent checks amounts to \$535 million.

National Pestilence

He wrote, "The plague of the fraudulent check passers who day to day amass a fortune in illegal profits from

American business and citizens is assuming proportions of a national pestilence.

"Based on available data and police experience, employment in the criminal occupation of bad check passing is at a new high level, with no recession in sight."

In the battle against fraudulent check passing, the "victim" represents the principal hope for success. The bad check passer does not have to

contend with the danger of physical violence confronting the armed robber. His major obstacle lies in alertness and good judgment on the part of his victim.

Although these unscrupulous criminals rely on skill and cunning, a fundamental factor in their prosperity is the carelessness of shopkeepers and business employees in requiring adequate identification, Hoover noted.

Recorded Instances

Numerous recorded instances of checks cashed, such as one signed "U. R. Stuck" and one drawn on the "East Bank of the Mississippi," serve to illustrate the extent of this negligence.

A nationwide chain store organization recently estimated that it loses nearly \$700,000 a year on bad checks, a loss amounting to the profit on \$25 million worth of sales.

Hoover wrote that "to cope with the far-ranging activities of this class of criminals, however, the counterattack must be intensified on a nationwide scale. Carelessness of the victims themselves . . . must be a primary target . . . Only when the work becomes difficult, the profits small, and the risks great will the nefarious trade of worthless check passing cease to flourish."

BLASTS VITAMIN PILLS

Memphis, Tenn. — (UPI) — Dr. Louis M. Orr, president-elect of the American Medical Association, said Tuesday that the vitamin pill fad causes the public to spend a billion dollars a year on "nutritional nonsense." Orr, an Orlando, Fla., urologist, said our food supply provides all the vitamins and minerals necessary for good health.

Selfish Soviet Conduct Blamed For Situation

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For our part, we tried to help many nations to help themselves at a great sacrifice to our own people. We are still doing it. But Russia since the end of the war has used the resources of nations she occupied for the requirements of her own military and economic and expansionist aims.

It is out of such selfish Soviet conduct that the cold war developed, and the only way to stop the cold war is for Khrushchev to reverse this policy of building Russia at the expense of her neighbors.

It is because of Russia's persistent refusal to cooperate that NATO, whose tenth anniversary will be observed in April, was organized. In the face of Russia's encroachments, NATO provided mutual safety and protection against aggression. NATO today provides force and constant vigilance against any threat to the safety of any of its members. NATO was set up solely for the protection of the independence of its members and has no other reason for its existence.

Costly Undertaking

The maintenance of NATO has been a costly and burdensome undertaking, but the price of freedom has always been costly, and I would suggest that this is no time to subordinate the peace and freedom of our allies and ourselves to economic considerations. This may as well face it. This problem is going to be with us for a long time to come, and we will have to continue to make a ke economic sacrifice, perhaps on an even larger scale.

I would remind Mr. Khrushchev that he is deluding himself about the economic endurance of the West and about the resoluteness of its people to be free. One is as limitless as the other, and certainly both are inexhaustible as long as the Kremlin continues to challenge free governments.

Of course, it is disconcerting to see the head of a mighty power, inflated by his missiles, try to impose his will on the rest of the world. To play on the hopes and longings of the world for peace one day and dash them the next is cruel and heartless behavior. It is possible that Khrushchev's histrionics are the fruit of his education in the Lenin school of political warfare where the Communist leaders were instructed to concentrate on achieving military supremacy and where it was taught that once having achieved this supremacy, the next step in the Communist timetable was to launch a peace offensive.

Sweetness and Light

In this peace offensive they would shift from intransigence to sweetness and light to dazzle the unsuspecting free nations with promises. The third step in the timetable is to wait until the West's protective guard is lowered and then follow this with a swift attack and ultimate conquest.

We have every reason to be wary of Russia's professions of peace unless we get unmistakable evidence that Russia means it now. I would say to Khrushchev that peace is a serious and solemn business and that we will be ready to deal with him, or his successor, in a four-tright way.

Surely Prime Minister Macmillan's recent experience in Moscow illustrates how each change in the Kremlin brings new stresses and anxieties to tax our hopes for peace. I believe that Macmillan's visit to Moscow is significant for this reason: It should serve to remind the world and some of the leaders of the West that peace with the Soviets is still a one-way street and can, at this stage, be had only on their terms.

Therefore, there must be unity among our allies and not several attitudes with even minor variations, developing lest the Russians exploit the situation to divide us.

Sense of Insecurity

When we had the monopoly of the atom bomb, Russia's intransigence was explained away on the grounds that she was fearful of the West and acted belligerently out of a sense of insecurity. Khrushchev now boasts that he can wipe out any part of the world, with his stockpile of missiles and hydrogen warheads. Yet Khrushchev's behavior is still intransigent and his manner belligerent. It should be clear by now that the Kremlin's attitude has nothing to do with Russian security, but is solely domi-



MEETING IN EAST BERLIN, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev smiles as East German Premier Otto Grotewohl (right) makes point in conference on Berlin crisis. At left is Walter Ulbricht, secretary of East German Communist party.

NO WITNESS BOXES

New York—(UPI)—Kings County Surrogate Maximilian Moss called his first court to order Tuesday in Brooklyn's new \$18,500,000 Supreme Court building. He noticed that something was missing—the witness box. Building officials informed Moss that the architects had not provided witness boxes in any of the elegant courtrooms because a committee of judges wanted it that way. Moss ordered a witness box installed with all due speed.

America's inadequate highway system involves a loss of about \$3 billion annually to the public in lost time, mishaps and other factors.

I would hope that we can avoid the dangers of impulsive action as well as the pitfalls of "flexibility" and expediency, which seem to tempt some of our friends. I continue to be optimistic about the prospects of peace, but only if we keep a firm grip on ourselves and if we think and act creatively in our foreign policy.

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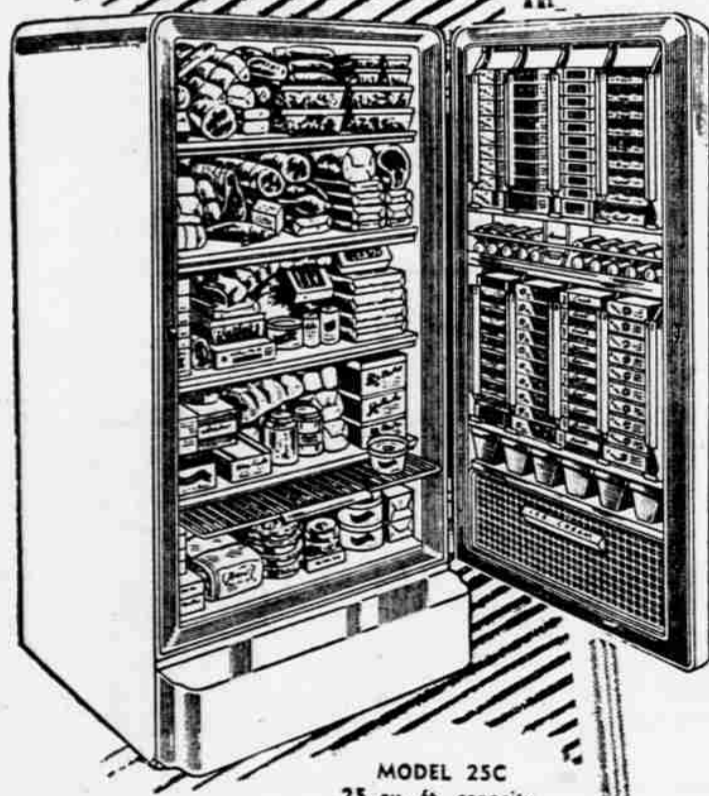
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