

Latest Moves by Communists In Asia Draw Mixed Opinions

Tokyo (UPI)—What are the Communists up to in Asia? That was the big question following Premier Jawaharlal Nehru's report to the Indian Parliament that Red Chinese forces had attacked Indian territory at two widely-separated points.

Fighting in Laos, stepped-up action in the Formosa Strait, threats against the tiny feudal states of Sikkim and Bhutan, and now the attacks against India—what do they mean?

United Press International polled its diplomatic sources in Asian capitals with that question.

The results were inconclusive. No one really knew. Perhaps the only ones who did know were Mao Tse-tung, Liu Shao-chi and Chou En-lai in Peking, and possibly Nikita Khrushchev in Moscow.

Guesses as to what was go-

ing on ranged from a concentrated, coordinated Communist assault on the Western world beliefs before the President Eisenhower-Khrushchev visits, to an opinion that the India-Laos-Formosa incidents were unrelated and purely coincidental.

But everyone in Asia was watching closely.

Here are some views on the Communist activities in Asia:

Similar Situation Last Year

The Communists always want to increase tension in one area following lessening of tension in another area—in this case Asia after the lull in the Berlin crisis. The same thing happened last year when the Reds launched a bombardment of Quemoy after things had settled down elsewhere.

There also were those who felt the unrest in Asia was planned to give Nikita Khrushchev a greater talking point and more chips on the table when he meets with Eisenhower.

This view was not shared by others who pointed out the Laos trouble started long before there was a hint of an Eisenhower-Khrushchev meeting and that a 27-shell shelling of Quemoy did not mean the big bombardment was about to start again.

But they admitted there was a possibility the increased Laos fighting, the shelling of Quemoy and the attacks on India could signal a deliberate Communist attempt to step up tensions on the eve of the meetings.

Of all the questions involving the Communists in Asia the biggest one was "why pick on India?"

India has always been one of Communist China's best friends internationally outside the non-Communist world. Yearly, she calls for the admittance of Red China to the United Nations.

Premier Nehru has even been accused of appeasement.

Then why attack India?

Over-Confidence Blamed

A favorite view was that Communist Chinese leaders have become cocky.

For years they have done just about what they wanted. Korea, Viet Nam, Tibet—all were considered by many as Communist victories. They were halted at Quemoy last year, but the question was whether the Chinese Communists really wanted Quemoy.

Today, it was Laos and India. Perhaps, said some sources, the Reds believed they could keep on going.

Another theory was that the Communists were engaging in one of their time-practiced maneuvers—stirring up trouble outside to disguise trouble at home.

Some sources drew a parallel to last year. It was just one year ago that the controversial commune system was inaugurated in Red China. It immediately ran into trouble, and immediately there was tension in the Formosa Strait.

This year, the Communist economy is not in the best shape. So there was trouble in Southeast Asia.



ENTERING ASSAM from Tibet, Chinese Communist troops are reported to have killed and wounded border guards of Indian Army. Both sides are reinforcing.

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Welfare May Not Work Arbitrarily, Thornton States

Salem (UPI)—Attorney General Robert Thornton said Tuesday the public welfare commission may not arbitrarily shut off aid to dependent children in an effort to find out if recipients should get more money but that it may revise policies for reviewing eligibility.

Jeanne Jewett, welfare administrator, asked Thornton whether in order to require a more frequent review the commission might "arbitrarily terminate each month one-sixth of all ADC cases in an attempt to require reapplication by those who wish to apply again and a redetermination of their eligibility for further assistance."

Thornton said that such terminations would not be legal under Oregon law because, among other things, "it is a basic rule of administrative law that administrative regulations must be reasonable and not arbitrary."

He said he could see no objection to the commission altering or revising its present policy in reviewing the ADC program in order to reduce the number of cases which do not arbitrarily terminate and meet with approval of the U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare.

Present commission policy requires at least an annual review of aid to dependent children eligibility.



HE WAVES BACK—President Eisenhower (right) waves to London crowds as he and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan enter auto leaving the American Memorial Chapel in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Pan Am, Firestone Strikes Are Averted

United Press International Labor peace returned to the airlines and rubber industries today, but strikes or the threat of strikes continued to rock the business boat in rocketry, railroads, insurance and steel.

A threatened strike by flight engineers against Pan American World Airways over the issue of the "third pilot" in jet airliners was postponed indefinitely Tuesday night.

A second major strike in the rubber industry was averted Tuesday night when the United Rubber Workers union and Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. signed a contract calling for 10-cent hourly wage increases for 18,000 workers.

But little progress was reported in other labor disputes around the nation.

Negotiations were to resume today in New York in the nationwide steel strike after a five-day breathing spell. No progress was evident.

Canaveral Workers Idled

A strike by equipment operators at Cape Canaveral, Fla., idled 800 construction workers engaged in building missile facilities at the major rocket testing site.

The Air Force said the strike, now in its third day, had affected "work on all construction projects at Cape

Canaveral," but added that the workers had not delayed missile launching schedules.

The chairman of the Western Carriers Conference committee, a railroad management group, criticized labor leader George A. Leighty for threatening a strike by 850,000 non-operating rail workers.

Theodore Short said Leighty seems "more interested in force than negotiation."

Agents Demonstrate

Insurance company agents pressed their demands for wage and job security improvements with a non-violent demonstration at the Prudential Insurance Co. of America headquarters in Newark, N. J.

Union leaders have warned that 10,000 Prudential agents in 34 states may strike Sept. 8 unless the company agrees to a new contract by Saturday.

Members of the United Steelworkers union walked out at eight northern Ohio steel fabricating plants when negotiations failed to reach agreement before contract expiration.

In Chicago, two meat industry unions and Armour and Co. metpackers reached a 15-minute agreement.

Spokesmen said the pact would probably head off a threatened industry-wide strike.

Huge Tank Blast Damage Serious But No One Hurt

Lima, Ohio (UPI)—Ohio Oil Co. officials said today that damage from an explosion of a huge oil tank, touched off after it was set afire by a lightning bolt, would probably run to several hundred thousand dollars.

No one was injured Tuesday in the fire and earth-shaking blast that sent flames fed by crude oil hundreds of feet in the air. The tank, which held 100 thousand barrels, was nearly full.

About 30 families in a six-block area on the southern edge of the city were forced to leave their homes, but they returned after the flames were brought under control.

The fire was set during a violent thunder storm that dumped nearly three inches of rain in the late afternoon.

Police ordered families to move out of the immediate area while firemen and company employees erected barriers to keep the flames from spreading after firemen had run out of water.

Then about four and a half hours later, the tank exploded with a tremendous roar, sending aloft flames and thick smoke.



LEAVING CHURCH in Ellesborough, England, President Eisenhower walks beside Rev. Cyril Norman White, the rector. Behind them at center is British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan who sat with President at services.

Teen Gang Leaders Wanted for Murder Captured by Police

New York (UPI)—Police today captured the alleged leaders of the Hell's Kitchen playground attack early Sunday that left two teen-agers dead and prompted state and city officials to call a series of top-level meetings on this city's rising youth violence.

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Local Woman Hurt In Traffic Mishap

Mrs. Patricia Lee Young, 1920 Sunset dr., Medford, was taken to Rogue Valley hospital yesterday afternoon following a traffic accident at Howards ave. and North Highway 99, according to Medford police reports.

Police said a collision occurred between a car driven by Mrs. Young and one driven by Charles Bateman, 2130 Taylor rd., Central Point. Bateman was issued a citation for violation of basic rule, police said.

Mrs. Young reportedly complained of neck and back injuries. She was released after treatment.

Hunt Suspect To Be Queried

Boulder, Mont.—(UPI)—Sheriff Keith Anderson of Idaho's Gooding county arrived here early today to question a possible suspect in the slaying of a Portland, Ore., plant pathologist.

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