

China's first atomic plant was built with Russian aid, a gift which some day may boomerang.

## Most-RED CHINA

will be a billion land-hungry Chinese ready to spill over from crowded China into the underpopulated farmlands of Soviet Asia. Backed by a strong industry and armed with nuclear weapons, such a China would be a far more dangerous threat to the Soviet Union than America is now, or will be then. We want nothing Russia has; we just want to make sure Russia doesn't attack us or our friends. An armed and land-hungry China would be a very different kind of enemy.

Khrushchev perhaps may feel a temptation to take preventive measures while he has the chance. The grim infantry marshals who still boss the Soviet armed forces (Malinovsky, Konev, Sokolovsky, Grechko) may think of pushing out to occupy "buffer areas" in the East as they already have done in the West. This would be the army's chance to reconsolidate its dominance of Soviet military affairs against the encroachments of the space scientists and missile wizards.

The missilemen, for their part, may suggest that just a few of their "birds," if used while the Chinese nuclear program is still in the developmental stage, could strangle that dangerous infant in its cradle. Either of these measures would, however, bring into the open the spectacle of the great Communist world revolution liquidating itself as an ideological force. To a convinced and dedicated Communist like Khrushchev, such a spectacle must appear utterly repulsive.

Chances are, then, that Khrushchev will stall for time while he seeks some other solution. Probably both Peiping and Moscow will go along for a while paying lip service to each other and patching up differences. Such immediate advantage as we derive from their differences may take the form of slowly increasing confidence in democracy as the stabilizing force of the future on the part of free Asia.

President Eisenhower's recent visits to India, Pakistan, and other Asian lands were well-timed to help this confidence jell.

Novosibirsk, Russian industrial city in Siberia, is potential target in war between Reds.



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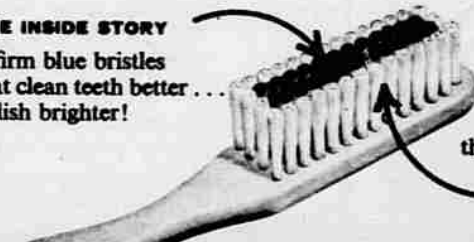
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