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## India Not Expected to Balance Power of Red China in Far East

Editor's note: This is the last of three dispatches in which a West Virginia newspaper executive reports on his recent tour of the Far East.

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Veteran newspaper correspondents, who, over a period of many years, have devoted themselves to a study of Asiatic politics are unanimously of the opinion that we never can look to India to balance the power of China in the Far East. These two nations are not too far apart in population, or even in undeveloped raw materials, but the Chinese are ambitious and industrious while the Indians, by and large, are satisfied to sit all day in meditation. A taxi-driver in Honolulu said to me that the Hawaiians think only of today, the Japanese think of next week, but the Chinese think of next year. This tells the tale.

I talked with a number of people who have visited Communist China and are thoroughly familiar with conditions there. There is no doubt that the cities' sanitary conditions and the entire scale of living have been improved by the Communist regime. At the same time they are having their difficulties.

**Communes Resisted**  
Their farm communes are being bitterly resisted and agricultural production has fallen off. There simply is not enough food to go around. The backyard steel production has been a dismal failure. At the same time they are producing some automobiles and trucks, and their production of heavy goods, while not significant in volume, is just under the old regime.

I found no one who was of the opinion that Chiang Kai-Shek ever could regain the mainland. It is within the realm of possibility that millions of mainland Chinese are willing to rise in revolt, but you simply cannot fight machineguns with pitchforks.

**Serious Rivalries**  
Just as in Russia, a governmental hierarchy has grown up in China, and this has given place to some serious rivalries. Whatever the remote future may hold, newsmen see little present indication of a revolution which might be the means of overthrowing the Communist system. The rivals are all too prosperous to upset the apparent no matter how vaulting their ambitions may be.

China lost much face throughout Asia when she failed to attack Quemoy and Matsu after announcing to the world her intention to do so. Many students of the Far East feel that the border invasion of India is an attempt to recapture the face that is so important in the Orient.

**Unanimity Opinion**  
India has nothing that China could use so there seems little occasion for an all-out Chinese-Indian war. As a matter of fact, such an eventuality is utterly out of the question for India, as the Chinese have approximately five million men under arms while the armed forces of India number approximately 150,000. Eventually, then, India will have to accede to such demands as China may make. I cannot conceive of any more foolhardy gesture than for our country to take a decided stand in the dispute.

Among all the people I

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talked with there was unanimity of opinion that Russia now fears China and that fear is behind Khrushchev's desire for disarmament and an end to the cold war. They point out that China's necessity is for agricultural land and natural resources. To expand south means only more mouths to feed.

### Vets May Borrow On GI Insurance

In financial emergencies, veterans who hold permanent GI life insurance are better off to borrow on their policies rather than to cash them in to raise money. S. T. Brannock, contact representative, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, said today.

The GI policyholders may borrow up to 94 per cent of the cash surrender value of permanent plan policies, Brannock pointed out. Only GI term insurance has no loan value.

Even if the policyholder borrows the limit permissible on his policy, the policy remains in effect, although the protection is reduced until the loan is repaid, Brannock explained.

All protection ceases forever when the policy is surrendered for cash, Brannock said, because once the GI policy is cancelled, it cannot be restored.

Annual interest on GI policy loans is computed on the unpaid balance, and should be paid on or before the due date, Brannock emphasized. Should a veteran die before repaying the loan in full, the unpaid balance is deducted from the policy proceeds before the beneficiaries are paid.



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## Alarm System to Outrun Shock Waves Of Atomic Attack

Washington - (UPI)—A simple, telephone pole device that responds to only one stimulus—the blinding flash of a nuclear explosion—can solve a critical defense problem, congressional testimony has disclosed.

### Moon Will Be In Full Eclipse Early March 12

Washington - (Science Service) - Only the early "early bird" or the all-night stargazer will get to see the moon move into the earth's shadow on March 12 as the total lunar eclipse occurs at 11:41 p.m. (p.s.t.).

Lunar eclipses occur only at full moon as the moon has to be on the side of the earth away from the sun to pass through the earth's shadow, the umbra. In that position the full half of the moon which faces the earth is lit up by sunlight.

Although lunar eclipses occur fairly frequently, it has not been over three years since a total eclipse has been visible, as this one will be, from parts all over the United States.

Around the umbra, or inner shadow of the earth, lies the penumbra, or outer shadow, but little effect in the light or color of the moon is seen from earth as the moon passes through it. In the late hours of March 12, or exactly at 10:38 p.m. (p.s.t.), the edge of the moon moves into the umbra from the penumbra, and at 11:41 p.m. (p.s.t.) all of the moon is completely obscured, or eclipsed, by the earth's inner shadow.

While eclipsed, by the umbra, the moon takes on the reddish color that caused ancient primitive societies to see "blood on the moon" and term it a sign of religious significance. This red color is not always the same, from one eclipse to another. Sometimes it is a dull red, other times it is more coppery. Astronomer Simone Gossner of the U.S. Naval Observatory here said that the color can not be predicted.

for U.S. cities or military targets were hit by a sneak nuclear attack, would our military and missile commands get word soon enough to launch a quick retaliatory attack? Communications lines would be wiped out, even if there were survivors to use them.

And if the attack were aimed at the retaliatory forces themselves, how could the military determine rapidly what they had left to work with in launching their counterattack?

The Air Force has told Congress it has the answer. It is building a simple fool-proof

bomb alarm system that will flash a report of local destruction to key military centers fast enough to outrun the atomic shock waves.

The heart of the system, according to testimony published by the House Appropriations committee, is a small light-sensitive unit which reacts only to the flash of a nuclear blast.

At least three - and in the case of Washington, seven - of these units are to be mounted on telephone poles on the outskirts of more than 100 critical target areas and cities.

After the nuclear flash, of course, comes a blast that

will destroy the unit and the teletype circuit over which its signal is routed. But the report is moved so fast it will be on its way before the blast hits.

The signals will be channeled to command points, including the White House, Strategic Air Command headquarters, the Pentagon, and an alternate emergency Pentagon buried in rock near Ft. Ritchie, Md.

Military commanders thus can know instantly how many and which targets have been hit.

Operating the system will cost only about \$2,000,000

(M) a year, the Air Force said. Despite this relatively small outlay, Appropriation committee members gave the plan a dubious reception.

Among other things, the transcript showed, they sought assurance the warning system was not the brainchild of the Civil Defense agency. The Air Force said it wasn't although Civil Defense supports it.

Members also expressed concern that lightning or an accidental blast of some kind might set off the sensors triggering a military response. The Air Force said nothing short of a nuclear bomb would activate the device.

"I find it hard to believe that this is the only warning device which will tell us a bomb has exploded," said Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes (D-Fla.).

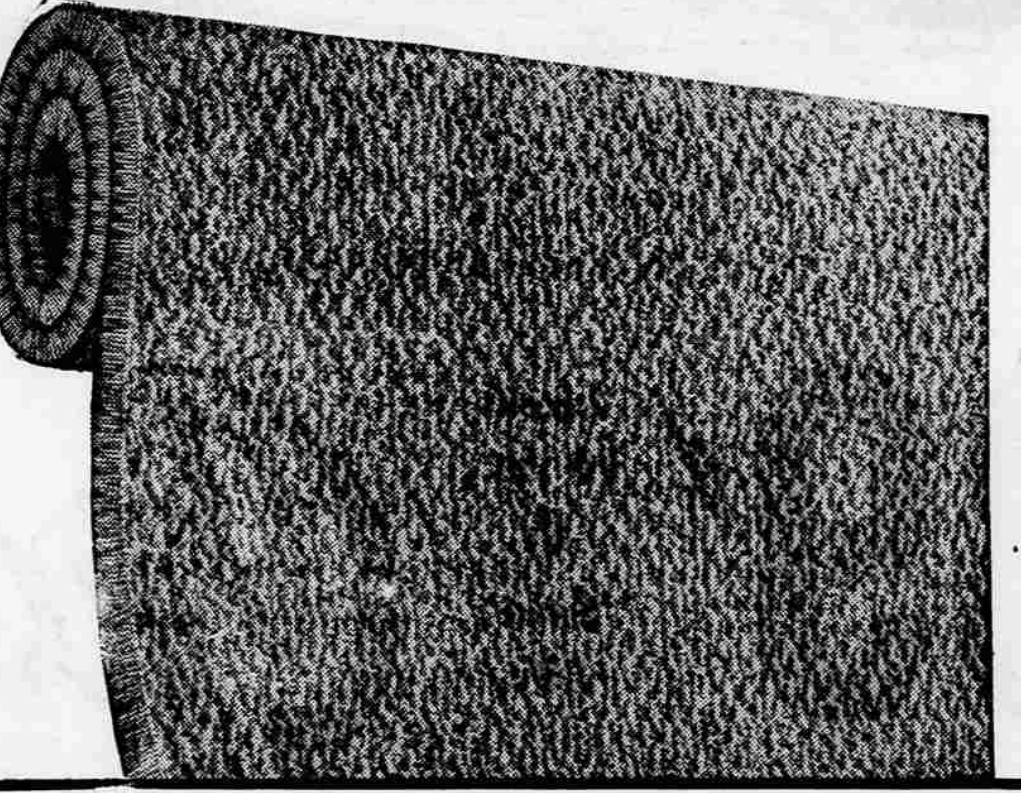
"I do not believe we have any other system to do this particular job," the Air Force witness replied.

"What happens after you get the alarm?" Sikes asked. "The bomb is already dropped. The enemy is through and on top of us."

"I would have to assume what the commander in question would do," the Air Force spokesman replied. "He would launch."

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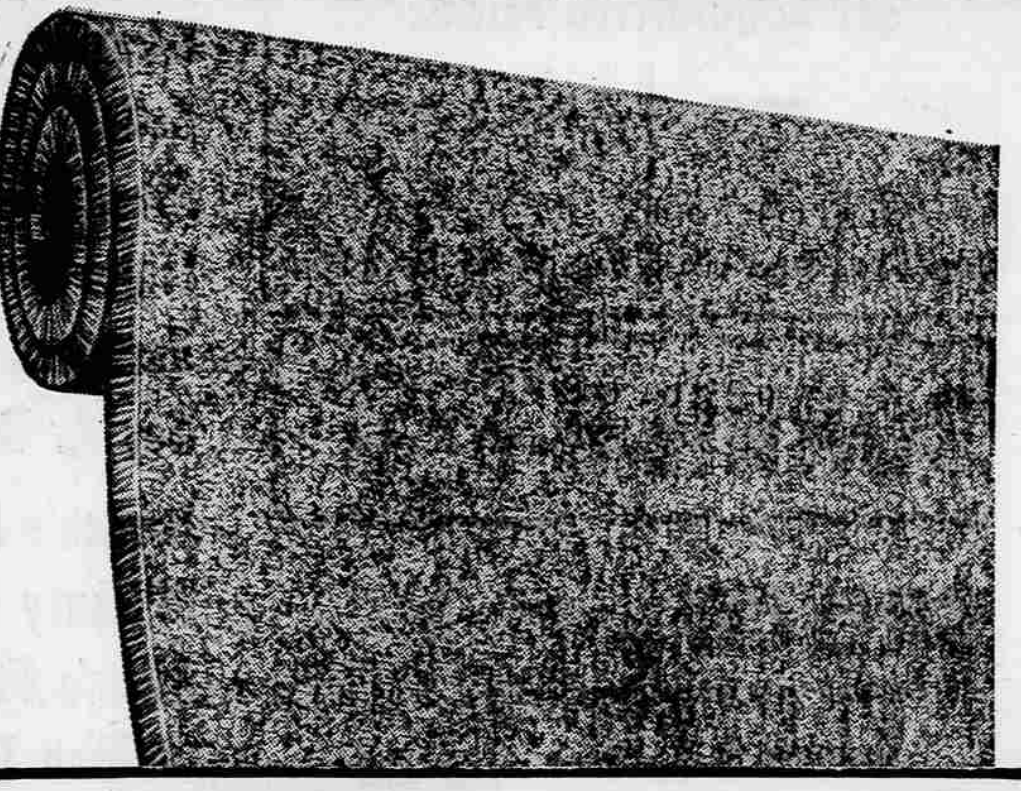
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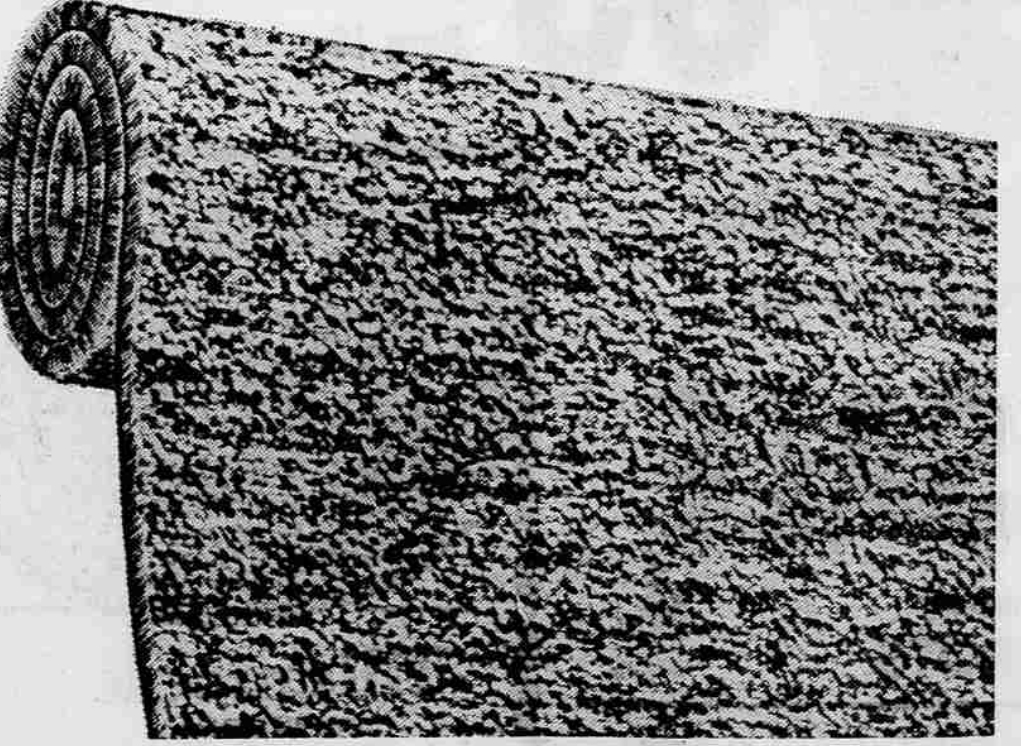
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