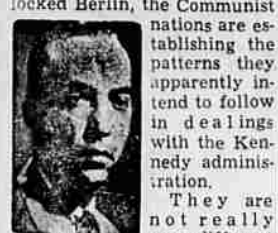


Communist Nations Establish Patterns They Intend to Follow in U.S. Dealings

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From isolated, land-locked Laos to equally isolated, land-locked Berlin, the Communist nations are establishing the patterns they apparently intend to follow in dealing with the Kennedy administration.

They are not really very different from those followed by the Reds during the eight years of the two Eisenhower administrations.

In the weeks which followed the presidential elections last November, Communist diplomats in Western Europe "leaked" the information that Nikita Khrushchev would give the new U.S. administration six months to get on its feet before pressing any of the important issues over which the two nations are at odds.

Propaganda Value

Such assurance was in the pattern of Khrushchev's co-existence theme but were of greater propaganda than practical value.

Last week three important meetings took place.

In a country dacha outside the Siberian city of Novosibirsk, 1,700 miles from Moscow, U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson sat down with Khrushchev to deliver a message from President Kennedy.

It had taken Thompson two weeks to deliver the message

in itself, considered a Soviet rebuff in which the President expressed the hope of improved U.S.-Soviet relations.

with some specific recommendations for guaranteeing the neutrality of Laos.

The results were not particularly encouraging. Thompson flew back to Moscow with the only comment, "I shall always be an optimist."

There seemed not even room for further talk with Red China.

Chinese Hold Firm

In a renewal of their meetings in Warsaw, the United States proposed an exchange of news correspondents and appealed for the release of five Americans held by the Red Chinese. Both the proposal and the appeal were rejected summarily.

In the United Nations, the United States sought to push the thorniest cold war issues into the background, at least temporarily. U.S. delegate Adlai Stevenson proposed to Andrei Gromyko that the assembly agenda be cut to the bone and steps be taken to pave the way later for serious negotiations on such items as disarmament.

The Soviets refused to surrender even momentarily their propaganda forum.

The Kennedy administration has not hesitated to change course when it believed such a change advantageous. But experiences of the last week indicated that the Communist concept of co-existence still mean only total surrender.

Castro Foes Fire Woolworth Stores

Havana — (UPI) — Foes of Premier Fidel Castro set fire to two government-seized Woolworth stores Tuesday night and bombed two other nationalized retail centers in the biggest outbreak of anti-Castro sabotage in downtown Havana since New Year's.

The fires, apparently set by delayed action phosphorus charges in top-floor warehouses at the two stores, started about 7 p.m. and burned until after midnight. Thick black smoke blanketed downtown Havana.

A fire department spokesman blamed both blazes on "sabotage." The Castro radio blamed it on "phosphorus sent by the Yankee imperialist Central Intelligence Agency and placed by traitors bought by blood-stained Yankee gold."

Kennedy Slates Afternoon Talks

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy divided his time today between his weekly news conference and two White House meetings on national security and foreign affairs.

The President was scheduled to meet with newsmen at 10 a.m. (EST). The conference, which was not being televised or broadcast live, was Kennedy's seventh since he took office on Jan. 20.

The news conference was the President's only scheduled morning activity. He had a 2:45 p.m. meeting with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, former Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Presidential Assistant McGeorge Bundy. At 4 p.m. Kennedy planned to confer with Bundy and State Department and Defense Department officials.

Seven Children Die in House Fire

Excelsior Springs, Mo. — (UPI) — Seven children, 2 to 11 years old, died today in a fire which swept a rural home near here while the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Floyd, were away.

The children were Glenn Douglas Floyd, 2; Mona Lou, 3; Roxie Ann, 4; Wiley, 6; Kathy, 7; Sheila, 9; and Arnold Eugene, 11.

Authorities said the parents came here Tuesday night to do the family laundry at a laundromat. They returned to find the house, near the village of Vibbard, Mo., in flames. It was destroyed.

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Washington Report

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Washington—President Kennedy does not lightly join issue with anybody in the spirit of either-or, of all-or-nothing. But he has committed himself to just such a flat-out contest with a part of Congress against general federal aid to private and parochial schools.

On this one, the die is cast; he will not turn back. The consequences cannot be wholly foreseen; but they will surely be many and grave.

Indeed, it now appears that in these first few months of his administration he may be entering a crisis no less fundamental than the crisis of 1938 when Franklin D. Roosevelt tried to pack the Supreme Court. That crisis brought to an end an extraordinarily long political honeymoon for Mr. Roosevelt. Never again did he attain the degree of public backing he had enjoyed.

Peace Negotiations On Algeria Nearing

Paris — (UPI) — France and Algerian Moslem rebels have reached virtual agreement on arrangements for opening formal peace negotiations to end the six-year-old Algerian war, it was reported today.

Reliable sources predicted the negotiations would begin before next week end.

French and rebel emissaries also were said to have agreed to an informal "cease fire" once the talks began. Both sides would end military operations under a purely "gentleman's agreement."

The arrangements were completed in a series of secret talks in Switzerland during the past two weeks by representatives of France and the Tunis-based Algerian rebel "government."

Sources said the two sides avoided all arguments on procedure which caused the collapse of preliminary contacts in Melun last June.

STORM ENERGY

Washington — An average thunderstorm may release as much energy as 50 of the atomic bombs used in World War II.

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