

Russian Split With Communist China Not Believed To Be Deliberate Plant

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Washington—(UPI)—Did Russia deliberately "plant" exaggerated accounts of its split with Red China in an effort to lull the West into a sense of false security?

Was this a Kremlin device to influence the United States and its allies to look with more favor on Soviet proposals when contrasted with the tough Chinese attitude?

Most Soviet affairs experts here, after studying all the available evidence, don't think so. But they do believe that the Russians, once news of the widening gap became generally known, decided to try to get some mileage out of it.

The Reds have done this by hinting in talks with Western officials that it might be well for Moscow and the West to bury some of their differences to take a bit of steam out of the Chinese psychological offensive.

Informants here say that the line has been that some concessions to Moscow by the West would strengthen Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's arguments that negotiation instead of war was the better way to deal with world problems.

Yanks Not Buying

The Chinese Communists challenge this view, accusing Russia of deviating from pure Communist dogma which calls for an inevitable military conflict.

American authorities are not "buying" the Soviet hints that accommodation on Moscow terms might be wise in some instances.

One principal reason is that they think Sino-Soviet differences, while of some magnitude, do not really threaten continued solidarity of the monolithic Communist front in the master plan for event-

ual elimination of Western democracies.

Reports of the bitter wrangling between Russian and Chinese delegates at the big Moscow conference last January reached the West shortly after the end of the meeting, which was attended by representatives of Communist parties from 81 countries.

These reports, which came through Poland and other east European Communist countries, even quoted long excerpts from the extremely bitter exchanges in which the

Chinese accused the Russians of being "soft" on capitalism.

The fact that the East European Reds suggested to the West the advisability of taking advantage of the situation to make up with Russia increased the suspicion in some Western quarters that the Russians might be deliberately planting the reports.

However, a thorough check of all intelligence sources has convinced experts here this was not the case. The belief is, too, that Khrushchev would not inten-

tionally risk further inflammation of relations with Peiping simply to attempt a dubious experiment to delude the West.

The view here is that the Russians tried to suppress reports of the bitterness, but were unable to do so because of the large number of Communist delegates present from so many countries.

When the news came out, according to the reasoning here, the Kremlin simply decided to see what use it could make of a bad situation.

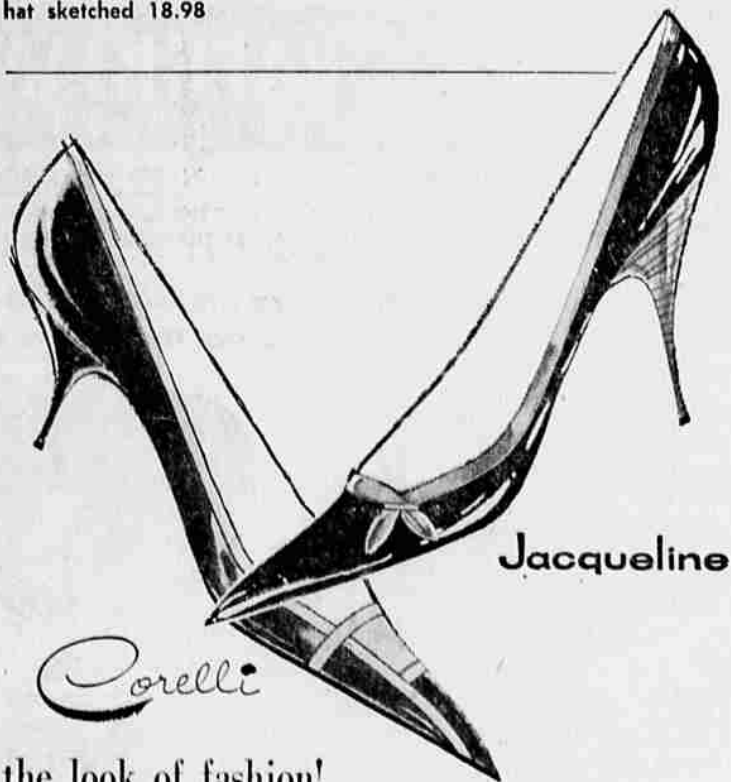


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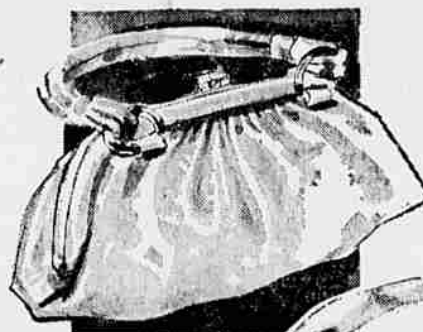


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General Electric Survivor Quits

New York — (UPI) — William S. Ginn, the highest ranking General Electric Co. executive to serve a jail term on price-rigging charges, resigned his \$135,000 a year post Thursday.

Ginn, 45, made it clear that he gave up his job as vice president and general manager of GE's turbine division because of his conviction for fixing prices on electrical equipment with other manufacturers.

"It is my conclusion that current circumstances, and in particular the relentless publicity involved, have severely limited my effectiveness in my present position or any other future management position with the General Electric company," he said in his letter of resignation.

He did not say whether anyone else had offered him a job.

Building Collapse Survivor Freed

Chicago — (UPI) — Rescuers freed a lone survivor Friday after he was trapped nearly 19 hours in the rubble of a four-story building which collapsed, burying him and two other men.

William McCoy, 38, a wrecking crew employee, was conscious and waved to a crowd around the wreckage as he was carried to an ambulance.

Extent of his injuries was not immediately determined.

Dead in the wreckage of the one-time sausage plant was Alfred Mack, 60, of St. Anne, Ill. Robert Walker, 31, of Chicago, was missing and presumed dead.



CONNA RAIN? — Tommy, a black bear at Fleishacker Zoo in San Francisco, takes no chances as he tests an umbrella in case of wet weather. The weatherman has predicted rain for the Bay area in the next few days. (UPI Telephoto)