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### Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

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#### THE GREAT SHAKE-UP

We appear to have come to one of those moments in history when the state of things, which for good or evil, was fairly steady, is suddenly shaken up. No one can now see better than dimly what will be the new shape of things. But we can, though very tentatively, see some of the implications and side effects of the two obvious major crises we are now living through — the one in this hemisphere around Cuba and the other in Asia around the invasion of India.

As for Cuba, though the full agreement about verification of the removal of the strategic weapons is still to be worked out, there is no doubt that the United States has the upper hand in this part of the world. For if Castro attempts to frustrate the implementation of the Kennedy-Khrushchev agreement, he will lay himself open to heavy penalties from a tightened blockade. The Soviet Union cannot now protect him in his recalcitrance. It will not protect him because its own interest is to write off the Cuban military venture as fairly as possible. It is dismantling its own missiles and it does not have the naval power to challenge, even if it wanted to risk war for Castro, the blockade of, let us say, oil shipments.

Castro has been deprived of the military protection of the Soviet Union, and if he is to replace it with some guarantee besides the promise of the United States not to invade him, his best course is to invite the Organization of American States to make Cuba a neutralized island which will concentrate its attention on its own internal development.

WHAT is happening in Cuba is having far reaching effects not only in Latin America but, almost certainly, in Africa and the Middle East and Asia. Cuba itself is not very interesting to Africans and Arabs and Asians. But by conjunction with the Chinese invasion of India, the effects of the Cuban affair are compounded. Both in Cuba and in India the Soviet Union has had to water down or write off the promises of support which it had made.

India's foreign policy under Nehru has, as he himself has confessed, been based on an illusion. But what was the illusion? Not that the Chinese were too kind to hurt India. Red China has been nibbling at the Indian frontier for five years. The Indian illusion was that the Soviet Union was the paramount power in the Communist orbit and that it would and could prevent China from committing a serious aggression against India.

It is not, I think, an exaggeration to say that these parallel and coinciding crises in the Americas and in Asia have reduced dramatically the ve-

lue of the Soviet guarantee to a distant country.

This will have great reverberations in the underdeveloped and unaligned and newly-liberated nations. They will no longer have India as their leader and their spokesman and their example, for India will no longer be unaligned.

NOT being myself a Kremlinologist, I do not know what will be the effect of the two great crises on the internal situation of the Soviet Union. But if we suppose that in the crunch the vital interests of the Soviet Union will be out ahead of the Communist ideology, then, so it now appears, the Soviet Union may be entering upon an internal conflict of enormous proportions.

The Soviet Union finds itself contained and blocked in both directions. In the West, towards Europe and the Americas, the nuclear balance of power is against her, and her two attempts to close the gap — by resuming testing and by planting first-strike missiles in Cuba — have failed.

In the East, Red China is consolidating control of the Tibetan plateau which threatens Soviet Siberia. By the blow at India, Red China has dethroned the Soviet Union in India and shown that neutralism in Asia will not be tolerated. Overriding all this is the prospect that Red China is growing in strength in spite of its economic troubles, and that in the years to come Red China will, with its vast armies and with nuclear weapons, threaten the whole Soviet position from the Urals to the Pacific.

THE crucial question is, it seems to me, whether the Kremlin will take a short or a long view of the situation.

On a short view, the Kremlin will pretend that there is no significant change inside and outside the Communist world, and ventures will be made to recoup what prestige may have been lost.

But on the long view, which is that of the security and well-being of the Soviet people and the peace of the world, the true interest of Russia is to make peace in Europe and with the West, and, to speak indirectly, to recognize that the containment of Red China is becoming much more important than any other Soviet interest.

#### Dermatologists Say Carrots Are Useless

Cincinnati, Ohio (UPI) — Lots of carrots or carrot juice won't cure night blindness or cataracts, Drs. Ira A. Abrahamson Sr. and Ira A. Abrahamson Jr. of Cincinnati, caution.

The dermatologists, reporting in the Archives of Ophthalmology, said carrots and carrot juice, while not the most expensive therapy, is the most useless. What's more, drink enough carrot juice and you'll get hypercarotenemia, a yellowish-orange discoloration of the skin.

## Boxer Rebellion Hero Was Company Bugle Boy; Presented Medal of Honor

BY MYRAM BORDERS  
Hollywood — (UPI) — "I'll try, sir."  
Those words spoken in the heat of battle more than a half century ago helped win a war for one of the first international police forces.  
The unsung hero was a scrawny private who "just happened to be a good climber" — Calvin Titus.  
This is the way it happened: The United States and six foreign countries sent troops to China at the turn of the century when the "open door" policy was abruptly halted. Chinese militia bands — dubbed "Boxers" — laid siege to the capital city of Peking, cl-

maxing their purge of foreigners.  
Titus was a bugle boy with Company E of the U.S. 14th Infantry during the "Boxer Rebellion."  
On the morning of Aug. 14, 1900, two companies worked their way under heavy fire in sweltering midsummer heat to the base of a 30-foot wall surrounding Peking.  
The men crouched behind a bastion.  
Titus recently recalled: "Col. Aaron S. Daggett, a tough professional who had fought in the Civil War, looked up and asked my CO if he thought we could get up there. "I was standing nearby ...

the bugler always is up front with the company commander. I was skinny in those days and just happened to be a good climber so I said 'I'll try, sir.' "The old man eyed me and said 'Well if you think you can do it go ahead and try.'"  
Titus threw off his gear and weapons and started clawing his way up the adobe-loke wall.  
"The top of the wall was about 15 or 20 feet wide and had a few mat-like houses on it," he said. "Fortunately the Chinese were concentrating their fire from the other side of the wall."  
Titus gave the all clear sign and other men followed his

lead bringing with them ropes to pull up weapons and ammunition.  
By late afternoon Company E firmly was encamped within the walled city. Victory in Peking was assured.  
"Titus' actions won him the Medal of Honor and an appointment to West Point. He served in the occupation forces following World War I and eventually was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel."  
Titus retired in 1930 to a comfortable, book-lined home near Hollywood. He isn't as "skinny" as when he climbed the wall around the Forbidden City. But he is trim, alert and well read. He has two sons —

one a retired Air Force Colonel, the other a Silver Star winner in World War II action.  
Titus was 20 when he offered to scamper up the enemy held fortress 62 years ago. It was President Teddy Roosevelt who presented him with the Medal of Honor while he still was a plebe at West Point.  
Titus said the president growled: "Don't let this give you the big head."  
After the ceremony a wide-eyed second classman congratulated Titus with "Mister, that's something!" That 2nd classman received the same medal for service during W.

W. II — Douglas MacArthur.  
A native of Vinton, Iowa, Titus was the son of a blacksmith who took the family to Oklahoma in the 1880 land rush. Following the death of his mother, young Titus settled down with an aunt and uncle, a Kansas marshall turned preacher.  
"My uncle bought me a coronet because he wanted music at the church meetings ... so I learned to play."  
"If my uncle hadn't been a wandering preacher who needed some music, I suppose I never would have been in China when they needed someone to climb a wall," Titus said mistily.

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