

Scales Turn to West During Year; Good Year for Russian People

Initiative Is Held By West for First Time in Cold War

(Editor's Note: Who won the 1962 battle of the cold war - if there was a winner - the Soviet Union or the American-led west? The answer seems to depend on where you are sitting. In this dispatch the Western view is summed up by K.C. Thaler, Chief European Diplomatic correspondent of United Press International. The Soviet viewpoint is presented by UPI's acting manager in Moscow, Robert J. Korengold.)

By K. C. THALER
United Press International
London (UPI) - The scales of the 1962 balance have tipped in the West's favor for the first time in many years of the bitter East-West cold war.

The past 12 months, which witnessed the cold war's worst crisis since Stalin's Berlin blockade in 1948, left the West holding the initiative, with Russia on the defensive on the home and international fronts.

From the trial of strength between the two nuclear giants which brought them to the brink of atomic war, the United States emerged considerably fortified.

Russia drew back, faced with the threat of a nuclear showdown and has since been talking of "peaceful co-existence through compromise" as the preferable way to global settlement.

Solution Not In Sight

But at year's end, neither the Russo-American showdown nor the professed desire for negotiation have brought a solution of the major cold war problems and none was in immediate sight.

Three crucial events decisively marked cold war developments in the past year: The Cuban conflict, the deepening Sino-Soviet rift and the Red Chinese attack on India.

Each tends to have long range effects on East-West relations.

In the Cuban conflict, Russia suffered one of the severest diplomatic setbacks since the allied airlift collapsed the Stalin blockade of Berlin.

Premier Nikita Khrushchev drew back in Cuba when confronted with the determination of the United States to ride the storm out.

Numerical Superiority

According to latest estimates, if a showdown had come, the United States would have had a six-fold numerical superiority over Russia in intercontinental ballistic missiles while Russia would have had three times as many medium range rockets as the United States.

But, Moscow still has a case in Cuba and—at a price—a satellite-type Communist regime in the Caribbean that could serve as a potential jumping-off spot for spreading Communism in Latin America.

From the Cuban setback, on the other hand, stemmed a deepening of the Sino-Soviet conflict, which at year's end had assumed crisis proportions.

Has Become Fiction

Whatever the Communist attempt to camouflage the differences, the existence of a communist "monolith" has become a fiction. The conflict which in the past was merely ideological and largely limited to the Moscow-Peking axis has spread throughout the Communist world and beyond, to Communist parties in the west.

Khrushchev, angered by Peking's implicit claim to communist leadership, has given every indication he is determined to indicate Moscow as the Mecca of international Communism with himself as its chief prophet.

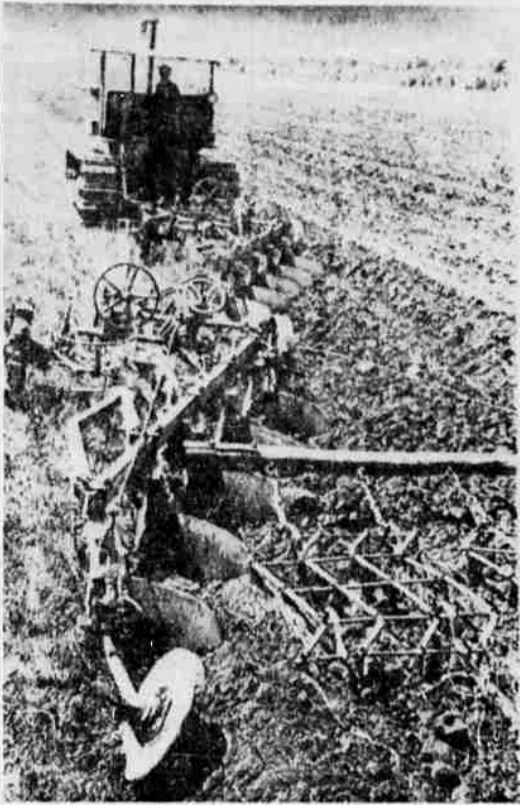
The third event, Red China's attack on neutralist India, has perhaps more than any single move in the past tended to tip the scales of the cold war against the Communists.

Destroys Fiction

It destroyed the fiction of Communism's peaceful policies, demonstrated glaringly the fallacy of non-alignment in a world of power bloc strategy and undermined the claim to solidarity of the neutralist camp.

None of the major neutrals backed India unquestioningly, although India had been the virtual leader of the neutral camp.

Last but not least, traditionally neutral India moved closer to the West than she ever was since she attained independence some 15 years ago, with as yet unforeseeable consequences for the future course of the embattled East.



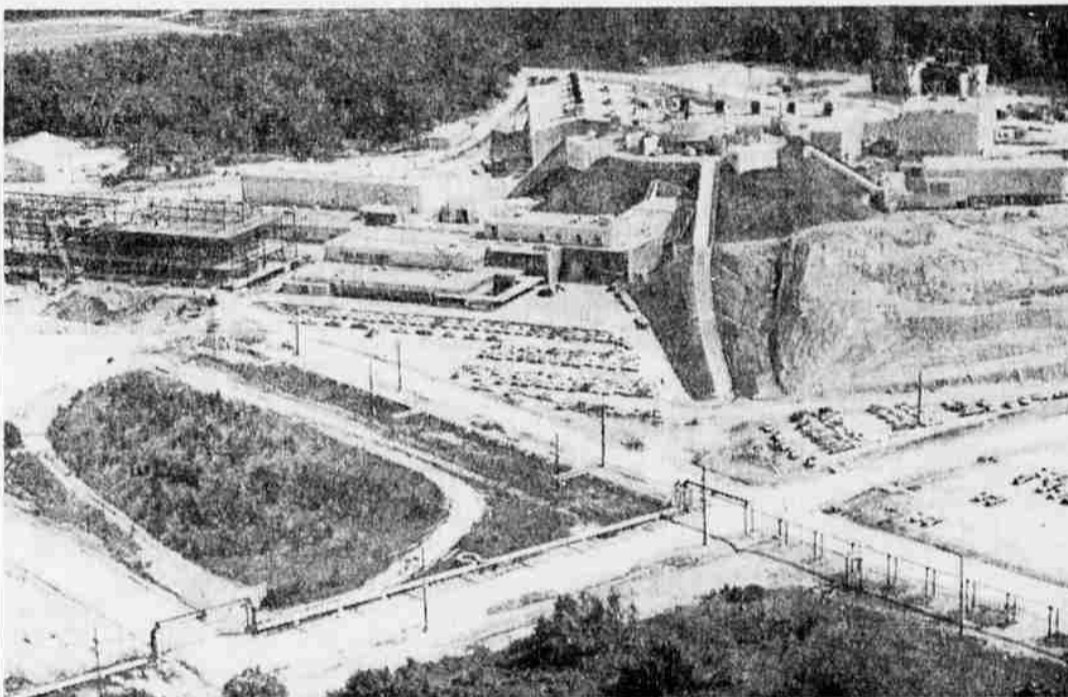
CONTRAST - Tractors pull plows in Russian field (left) in sharp contrast to Chinese peasants working with primitive hand tools in the field of one of Mao Tse-tung's communes.



munies. Agriculture has been one of the internal problems of both Russian and Red China. (UPI)

ly also has its shortcomings shown considerable gaps in Europe, where Britain's entry into the European community has become a big question mark, despite American insistence that European integration is a vital factor in the future cold war battle.

France's go-it-alone policy in the western defense alliance has proved another



SYNCHROTRON SITE - This is an aerial view of the Zero Gradient Synchrotron site at Argonne National Laboratory at Argonne, Ill. Covering 42 acres, this atom smasher, one of the largest and most powerful in the world, will be completed in 1963. A 200-foot circle of magnets, around

States in the near future. Instead, Moscow has begun to look to capitalist working methods as a stimulus to her own lagging economy.

These and the inner bloc troubles may force on the Kremlin a period of consolidation that could be reflected in a more cautious approach to cold war problems, including Berlin, in 1963.



which sub-nuclear particles will be accelerated, will form the "heart" of the synchrotron. This magnet ring is being installed in an earth-covered structure in the center of the picture. At left is the framework for a high-energy physics research center. (UPI)

1963 To Be Year of Deep Breath For America's Growing Space Program

Editor's note - After the dramatic missile and space achievements of 1962, the new year may seem dull. Actually it will be a busy time preparing for almost unbelievable conquests due for 1964. In the following dispatch, third and last of a series, the manager of UPI's Cape Canaveral bureau inventories the nation's space program in the year ahead.

By ALVIN B. WEBB JR.

Cape Canaveral - (UPI) - Newcomer 1963 will be the "year of the deep breath" for America's ever-growing space program - and it's going to seem dull compared with booming 1962.

Americans will continue to pour millions of tax dollars into space projects, but they will have to wait until 1964 or later to find out just what they bought.

Many of those dollars will be fed into existing programs which will be spending time on the ground for the "big push" ahead. Others will go into giant new space projects.

The most significant event to be expected in the year ahead is the ending of Project Mercury, the nation's first man-in-space program, and its replacement by the huge and expensive new Gemini and Apollo projects aimed at conquering the moon this decade.

The United States has scheduled only two manned space flights for the year and

the second one probably will be cancelled if the first goes all right.

Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper Jr., a 35-year-old Air Force major, has been selected for the next U.S. manned orbital mission - a 17-circuit trip, the most ambitious ever attempted in the free world.

If all goes well, Cooper will fly five orbits farther than the combined trips of his three globe-girdling predecessors - astronauts John Glenn, M. Scott Carpenter and John M. Schirra - who flew in 1962.

But the day-long flight, set originally for the end of 1962, already has slipped badly. It is now set for April, 1963, and it stands a good chance of being postponed until May or June.

A second day-long flight would be attempted only if something serious went wrong with Cooper's mission. Otherwise, U.S. space scientists will turn their attention to Gemini, the two-man space-ship program.

Meanwhile, the federal space agency is tooling up for the even more ambitious Apollo project, designed to put Americans on the moon - hopefully ahead of the Russians - before the end of the decade. But here again, a date well beyond 1963 is the target.

The court authorized a survey of other courthouse offices to see what their computer needs might be.

HEADS INVESTIGATION - Washington - (UPI) - Dr. Frances O. Kelsey, who kept the inside off the American market, has been named to head a new drug investigation unit of the federal government.

Signs of Easing Seen; New Goods Get Into Shops

By ROBERT J. KORENGOLD
United Press International
Moscow - (UPI) - To the average Soviet citizen, 1962 seemed a pretty good year.

There was some belt-tightening, but also some signs of easing - such as in housing. And some frightening moments came over Cuba.

But newspapers told the nation that Nikita Khrushchev's "statesmanlike handling" of the emergency saved the world from a thermonuclear catastrophe.

There was the normal thin trickle of new goods into the shops.

And once again the USSR showed itself a pioneer in space exploration with the marathon cosmic flight of Andrian Nikolayev and Pavel Popovich and the launching of a one-ton space probe toward the planet Mars.

Price Hike on Meat - A roughly 30 per cent price hike on meat, butter and other dairy products early in the summer was a blow to the pocketbook of the nation's consumers.

But most Russians, responding to an appeal from Khrushchev, pulled in their belts, and accepted his explanation that it was a necessary measure to boost the nation's lagging agricultural production.

A local stir was caused by such foreign invasions as Benny Goodman's jazz band and conductor Igor Stravinsky's return to his native land for the first time in 48 years.

Nikita Sergeevich, as the Russians often call their premier, displayed his expected energy all year long.

Some Anxious Moments - There were some anxious moments in January when it was rumored someone had tried to assassinate him during an agricultural junket to Byelorussia.

But he soon turned up, apparently unharmed and unbothered, at his Black Sea vacation residence.

Summer seemed to be just one thing after another.

There was the price boost, then the announcement that the Soviet Union was going to hold atomic military maneuvers in the Arctic - billed as an answer to continued Anglo-American testing - and the official claim that the nation had developed an underwater missile similar to the American "Polaris."

The most memorable event, however, was the joint flight of the "space twins," Nikolayev and Popovich, who sang to each other as they whizzed around the globe in separate rocket ships.

Tell of Bad Days - Poets told of the bad days of Stalin.

But in art and music the signs of year's end pointed to a tightening of party control in the wake of attacks by Khrushchev himself on modern abstract artists and Western jazz.

On the international scene it seemed to be a matter of some gains and some losses.

The peaceful settlement of the Laos crisis early in the year appeared a good start. But Cuba was a real scare for a nation bitterly aware of what destruction a war can bring.

Pledge From President - Pravda told the nation Khrushchev saved the world from a war over Cuba, and it was, as the Rus-

saturn C1 "super-boosters" - a 1.5 million-pound thrust rocket believed to be more powerful than anything Russia has flown to date.

The Saturn C1, with three successes in as many attempts under its bulky belt, will go to the firing pad for the fourth time in the spring, probably around April, for still another booster-only test. The next shot, scheduled for late in the year, will carry a live, hydrogen-propelled upper stage for the first time.

Thus, then, will be the full-scale Saturn rocket which will launch three-man teams of U.S. astronauts into earth orbits aboard Apollo space-ships starting in late 1964. More powerful Saturn C3 rockets, under development will lift them to the moon in another five years or so.



FRIENDLY MEETING - There is little evidence of the serious Sino-Soviet quarrel in this friendly meeting of Nikita Khrushchev, Premier of the Soviet Union (right), and Red China's Mao Tse-tung. Since the spring of 1960 there have been rumblings of "ideological" troubles between the two giants of International Communism. (UPD)

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Of course the Soviet press left a lot of questions unanswered - including why the risk had been taken to put the missiles into Cuba to begin with, and why First Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan had to spend so long in Havana talking with Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

It was also unclear, from the reports available to Soviet citizens, just why a big country like America was so heated up about a tiny one like Cuba, which had claimed it only wanted to be let alone.

Fight Over Border - For that matter, it was hard to tell from the Pravda reports just why a big Communist partner like China and a good neutral friend like India were fighting over some apparently desolate border territory.

Pravda summed it up neatly enough for most Soviets, however, by claiming editorially that the main thing was to stop the fighting and sit down at a conference table to settle the dispute.

As for the long-simmering question of Berlin and a German peace settlement, Russians had divined from their press and radio reports that post-Cuba Berlin policy was going to be slow and cautious for some time to come.

Skybolt Success Less Than Claimed - Washington - (UPI) - The test of the controversial Skybolt missile above Cape Canaveral, Fla., last Saturday was considerably less than the big success claimed for it, informed sources have stated.

According to reports, the air-to-ground missile would have missed its target by approximately 100 miles if it had actually come down. Actually it burned up at a high altitude because it carried no nose cone to protect it on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

The Air Force announcement of the successful test was released without prior Defense Department approval of the statement, it was learned.

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