

Dispute Between China, Russia Raises Succession Question for Mao

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Hong Kong - (UPI) - No one knows who will succeed Mao Tse-tung as top man in Communist China - not even Mao himself.

But the intensification of the bitter dispute between Soviet Russia and Red China has raised the inevitable question once again.

The public quarrel, with its consequent isolation of Peking in the Communist world, has probably increased the strength of Mao's grip on the party leadership.

At the same time, however, it has also probably had the effect of making Mao's orderly appointment of a successor much more difficult. It even brings forth the possibility that if Mao were to die or step down tomorrow, the Chinese Communist party might decide to make a fresh start with a younger, less doctrinaire leader.

Would Welcome Move
Russia certainly would welcome such a move on the part of the quarrelsome Chinese. Reds who have refused to accept the idea that all Communist roads lead to Moscow.

It is possible that if such a candidate were to emerge with Russian promises of support in the vacuum left by Mao's departure from the scene, he might be swept into power overnight.

Mao is now 69. He has been the unifying leader of the Chinese Communists for three decades, since the time they were a motley band of guerrilla fighters hiding out in loess caves in Yenan. Mao has been the unchallenged boss in Red China all this time with one notable exception - the stormy meeting of the central committee in Lushan in August, 1959, which led to the dismissal of Marshal Peng Teh-huai.

Choice As Successor
On several occasions Mao has made it clear that he considers state chairman Liu Shao-chi his choice as successor. But Liu is only four years younger than Mao, and each passing year makes him a less likely choice.

If the party should decide to make a new start in domestic and foreign policy with a change in leadership, Liu would be an unlikely candidate. He has been in leadership associated with both the disastrous commune policy at home, and the truculent line being held against the Soviet Union.

Nevertheless, Liu is now the heir apparent. But power politics, as waged in all Socialist governments, frequently have a habit of turning the chain of command topsy-turvy.

As of now it is difficult to see a likely candidate with sufficient backing to upset the top hierarchy of power, which ranks today as follows:

Liu Shao-chi - Silver-haired, Liu dates his Communist associations back to 1920. Unlike Mao, he studied in Moscow, and spent years in underground work in China when the Communists and Nationalists split up the coalition in 1927. He is tough, cold and a humorless administrator. His relations with at least a portion of the armed forces command are believed to be poor.

He succeeded to the state chairmanship in April, 1959, when Mao stepped down. He traveled to an important international Communist meeting in Moscow in late 1960, and today is believed to have a hand in writing many of China's most important policy statements in the argument with the Russians. His basic and most important piece of writing, "How To Be a Good Communist," written at the time of the war against the Japanese in the 1930's, was recently reissued by Peking.

Chou en-Lai - Chou ranks third in the party, holding the important government post of premier. He boasts the visible assets of possessing great ability and charm, good relations with the army and a reputation for being a "moderate." His political skill is the reason why he is so durable, as indicated by the fact that he has the longest record of continuous service on the politburo of any member.

He went to Moscow as chief Chinese delegate to the meeting in 1961 at which Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev denounced the Albanians for being "un-Communist." Chou quietly restated the Chinese contention that intra-bloc disputes should not be aired in public, without making any retorts against his Russian hosts. In domestic affairs he is believed to have had little to do with the initial formation of Mao's ill-fated "great leap forward," and once this was under way he kept relatively silent - a "diplomatic silence," as one observer puts it.

Teng Hsiao-ping - Another politburo member, on the other hand, who was a strident advocate of the correctness of the "leap" policy is Teng Hsiao-ping, the secretary-general of the party's central committee. This post is roughly equivalent to that held by Josef Stalin when he was Soviet Russia's all-powerful leader.

Teng was born in Szechuan province about 62 years ago. He was born in Szechuan province about 62 years ago. He traveled to France after World War I on a work-and-study arrangement, and joined the Communist party in Paris. On his return to China he did organizational work for the party. A shrewd, articulate politician, Teng is known among his colleagues for his argumentativeness bordering on arrogance.

Lin Piao - The men who succeeded to the post of defense minister following the disgrace of Marshal Peng is Lin Piao. He has disappeared unaccountably several times and reappeared again in recent years. He has the reputation of being a brilliant field commander, and is believed to enjoy considerable popularity within the army.

His age is about 55, which means the age gap between Lin and Mao is about the same as that between Khrushchev and Stalin, and his rise to power has been comparatively recent.

Although the Chinese communists list him a head of Teng on the standing committee of the party apparatus, any consideration of the candidates for succession to Mao's post Lin would probably be handicapped by the cardinal principle that the army serves the party and not vice-versa.

Lo Jui-ching - Another reliable party man is Lo Jui-ching, 59, whose rise to power has been even more recent than Lin Piao's. He was minister of public security when he was elevated to the party's secretariat last September, and as such Lo controlled China's nationwide network of secret police cells. He has had less experience



WAVES TO PARADERS - In a symbolic position just behind Red China's boss Mao Tse-tung, right, Liu Shao-chi joints the Communist strong man in waving to National Day paraders in this picture. Liu, 65, from Mao's province of Hunan, is officially No. 1 in the list of contenders for the top job in Communist China when Mao steps down. (UPI)

of party organization and theory, but in any power struggle he would definitely be a man to watch.

Plan Providing Lower Distance Charges Adopted

A plan providing new, lower long distance rates on station to station calls within Oregon between 9 p.m. and 4:30 a.m. was adopted Friday, March 1, by Pacific Northwest Bell, J. H. Creager, local manager, has announced.

The plan will become effective on April 1. The night time calling plan was filed with Oregon Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill Friday.

Creager said the plan will bring reductions of from 5 to 45 cents on station calls in Oregon. The lower rates apply on station calls 91 air miles or more distant when placed between 9 p.m. and 4:30 a.m.

Night Station Call
A night station call from Medford to Eugene, which now costs 70 cents for the first three minutes, for example, will be 55 cents under the new charges. A night station call from Ontario to Medford, which now costs \$1.05 for the first three minutes, will be 70 cents for the same time.

Creager said the plan was designed to offer families an opportunity to visit at reduced rates.

The telephone company also filed with the public utility commissioner minor revisions in both day and night person to person long distance charges within Oregon.

These adjustments will mean small decreases in some person to person charges, no changes in others, and small increases in others, Creager said.

The adjustments will more nearly reflect the costs of handling person to person calls than have previous charges, according to Creager.

Guide on Communism Considered by Board
Salem - (UPI) - A teaching guide on communism for use in Oregon high schools will be up for approval when the board of education meets here March 6.

The publication, "Understanding the Nature of Communism," was prepared for the board and has been evaluated around the state during the past year by interested organizations.



BIRDING

By JOSEPH HICKS

If we predict the arrival of spring as coincident with the arrival of swallows, then spring had an early start this year. Mrs. L. Thompkins saw both violet green and tree swallows at the game commission pond Feb. 11. Last year the swallows were first reported Feb. 22.

These first arrivals of swallows stayed in the valley for a couple of days, then moved. The next group arrived Feb. 23, and since then there have been both violet green and tree swallows in the valley.

The first spring migrants reported this year were a pair of cinnamon teal observed by W. Cavanaugh and on Jan. 28; a very early sighting of this duck. On Feb. 14 I saw a California bird, the black phoebe, near a bridge on the Applegate river. This migrant, like the early swallows, apparently moved on, for a check on Feb. 22 failed to locate the phoebe.

In addition to the early migrants, February has been interesting to birders for other reasons. Early in the month the cedar waxwings and robins came out of the mountains into the valley, and began to work on the pyracantha, cotoneaster, and other berries that are ripe in the winter.

From the many reports I received, I could almost follow the progress of these birds across Medford. The cedar waxwing is one of our most beautiful birds. Mrs. C. Paske gave me a very apt description, "a sleek, crested, grey-tan bird, with a yellow band at the tip of the tail, and a face with make-up."

Also during the early part of February, I received reports from J. Niedermeyer and others concerning a bald eagle that was seen on Old Stage road and near the Medco pond north of the airport.

Most of the observers noted the striking beauty of the eagle with its white head, white cape, white tail, and black body. The 7-foot wingspread was also noted. This is possibly the bald eagle that frequents the upper Rogue river during the winter months.

C. Richardson and I spent the morning of Feb. 15 checking the birds near Emigrant lake. At the recreation area we found a flock of seven western bluebirds all beautifully colored in their spring finery. There were three Lewis woodpeckers that gave indications of nesting in the scrub oaks.

Between Emigrant lake and Ashland there was a large mixed flock of tricolored blackbirds and crows feeding in a pasture. I have observed this same mixture of tricolored blackbirds and crows feeding together near the little Applegate river. Perhaps the tricolored blackbirds attach themselves to the crows to utilize the effective sentinel system maintained by the crows.

During February the family and I have made two one-day trips to Harris Beach north of Brookings. The coast is almost a month ahead of this valley in plant development. The camellias have already bloomed, but the cultivated azaleas, and rhododendrons are now at their prime. By March 10, I estimate the wild azaleas will commence to bloom.

Harris park is a good birding area, particularly if you are there at low tide. On the ocean I saw surf scoters, cormorants, loons, and many gulls. On a rock about 50 yards from the beach there was a small flock of rock sandpipers busily feeding while dodging the bigger waves. In the brushy area near the beach, there were flocks of golden crown kinglets, song sparrows, fox sparrows, and two curious wrentits who were interested in my bird call.

The game commission has a continuing project to place wood duck nesting boxes along the Rogue river and Little Butte tributary. While checking an approximate 50 boxes during February, it was learned that over 80 per cent of the boxes had been utilized by the wood ducks last year. In some of the remaining boxes they found screech owls and the nocturnal flying squirrels. I have had other reports that these squirrels will visit feeders installed near homes.

While making the foregoing survey R. Maben and W. Cavanaugh of the game commission located a blue heron rookery of at least eight nests in the Gold Ray dam area. With this information it will be possible in succeeding years to check the time of arrival of the blue herons at this rookery and the Hornbrook cemetery (rookery).

While writing this report, Mrs. F. Jones of Gold Hill has just reported a very early migrant. On Feb. 23 and 24 a male rufous hummingbird visited her garden to feed on some flowering jasmine. This report is more than a month earlier than any previous reports of migrating hummingbirds. The male rufous is a beautiful, bronze-gold hummingbird with a red throat. We see only the males in the early spring as later they move into the mountains.

To sum up, February has been a most remarkable month for early migrant records. For March, trips to the coast and to Klamath Falls are recommended as being of interest. One of my projects this spring is to get color slides of tricolored blackbirds. They nest in a group in dense blackberry or other brushy areas. Any information concerning the location of this nesting site is requested. Also, I would appreciate more details concerning the feeders and food used in luring flying squirrels.

Try and Stop Me
By BENNETT CERF
HENRY MORGAN is credited with the story of a yachtman whose boat foundered in the South Pacific. A Warlike he crept into the underbrush, and suddenly spotted a wisp of smoke ascending from the foliage in front of him. Was this a nest of cannibals? He maneuvered within a few feet of the smoke-makers and it was then he heard a human voice. It was a woman's - and what she was exclaiming was, "You idiot! Why did you throw away your high trump on that trick? I ought to throw these cards right into your stupid mug!"

"Thank heaven, I'm safe," breathed the relieved yachtman. "They're civilized!"
The bride kissed her husband warmly upon his return from the office and sympathized, "I can tell by your face that you've had one of those frustrating days where everything possible went wrong. What would you say to a round of vodka martinis, followed by a fine thick steak, French fries, a tossed salad, and some fresh peach cake?"
"Not tonight, darling," begged the bridegroom. "Let's just have dinner at home."
A student at Dartmouth College, challenged to include both the words "analyze" and "anatomy" in a single verse, promptly came up with:
"My analyze over the ocean,
My anatomy over the sea.
Oh, who will ride over that ocean
And bring back my anatomy?"
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THE WEEK IN CALIFORNIA

GOP Assembly Withstands Conservative Group Threat

By United Press International
The California Republican Assembly has withstood a threat by conservative elements and retained control for the old guard.

William Nelligan, a 54-year-old San Francisco telephone company technician and labor leader, won the presidency of the 10-thousand member volunteer organization in elections held at Anaheim.

He carried a slate of 11 vice presidents from various areas of the state and 9 other officers in a complete victory over conservative candidate Harry Waddell of Salinas.

The immediate past president, former Kansas Gov. Fred Hall, called the Nelligan victory "the turning point against the conspiracy of the John Birch Society and its supporters to capture control of the Republican Party in California."

Nelligan called it a "great victory" for the moderates. But the conservatives charged that the election was rigged. Former State Assemblyman Bruce Reagan of Pasadena called the Nelligan victory a "Rockefeller power play" and claimed that "a good deal more votes were cast than there were delegates registered."

The previous week end, a group of young conservatives led by Robert Gaston, a La Canada attorney, won control of the 13,000-member California Young Republican Organization at a Fresno convention.

Party regulars were set back by the Gaston win but last week he visited with GOP legislators in Sacramento in what was described as a friendly session. And he promised to work with the party for a victory in the 1964 presidential elections.

Center on Assembly
In the Legislature, much of the week's news centered around Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, who decided to delay all civil rights legislation until after April 2.

He sent the administration's bill to lift state licenses from firms who practice discrimination to the ways and means committee. An informant source said it would sit there until an election in Berkeley on a fair housing proposition.

Then, if the Berkeley voters reject the proposition, it might be sent to an interim committee for more study. Unruh said that the Berkeley election might indicate that the public has not been educated enough on civil rights matters.

Heart: A heart surgeon told the 12th annual convention of the American College of Cardiology in Los Angeles that kinking or twisting of blood vessels connected with the brain is a significant factor in some paralytic strokes.

And Dr. John R. Derrick of the University of Texas Medical Center said it may be more common than generally recognized.

Crash: A divorced Marysville couple who had been planning to reconcile died in a fiery crash south of Chico. Killed were John A. and Sally D. Forsythe. Their bodies were burned beyond recognition.

Prisoners: Three prisoners saved their way out of the Del Norte county jail but two were recaptured a few hours later. Still at large was 31-year-old David Burdick of San Leandro. The two who were recaptured were William Walker, 26, Morton, Wash., and Earl L. Harris, 22, London, Ohio.

Raft: The 30-ton raft Lehi V was launched on its second leg of a planned six-year trip. Skipper DeVere Baker hopes to prove that an ancient central American people came from the middle east by sea by retracing their voyage.

Satellite: A booster carrying a secret satellite was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base but destroyed when it veered off course after launch. The satellite presumably was of the discoverer series but the Air Force gave no information on the purpose of the pay load.

Water: The State Department of Water Resources announced a modified method of financing the state water project including about \$325 million in new revenue bonds. The bond issue will be supported by power revenues from the Oroville complex.

Kindergarten: And in San Francisco a group of kindergarten picketers picketed Mayor George Christopher because they like to hold animals. They were dismayed because a don't touch the animals rule was put into effect at Josephine Randall Junior Museum.

Special Film Set On Medicine Show

"Old Man Young," a special film on the problems of senior citizens, will be featured on "Adventures in Medicine" at 1 o'clock this afternoon over Station KBES-TV. Production of the film was co-sponsored by the American Medical Association.

According to the biennial report of the State Council on Aging to Governor Hatfield, the population of the United States now includes more than 16,000,000 persons 65 years of age and older—more than 9 per cent of the total population. This represents a national increase of more than 18 per cent in 10 years.

In Oregon, the increase in the number of senior citizens has been even greater—about 23 per cent in 10 years. Because the local Council on Aging is actively working on problems of senior citizens, it has been pointed out by the Jackson County Tuberculosis and Health Association, sponsors of "Adventures in Medicine," that the film should be of special interest in this area. It provides answers to many of the questions relating to retirement, and points out ways in which older persons can keep fit and happy while continuing to live useful, active lives.

POSTMASTER NOMINATED
Washington - (UPI) - President Kennedy today nominated Orval R. Layton to be postmaster at Lakeview, Ore. His name was sent to the Senate for confirmation.

56 Measles Cases Reported in County

There were 56 cases of measles reported in Jackson county last week, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, director of the health department, reported.

This put measles in the lead again by a large margin over other communicable diseases in the county.

Twenty-eight of the cases were at Central Point, 13 at Medford, 12 at Phoenix, and 3 at Jacksonville.

There were 13 cases of influenza, scattered among Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville and Central Point residents.

Other disease totals reported to the public health department were pneumonia, Medford 9, and Phoenix, one; mumps, Medford 2, and Central Point 5; chicken pox, Rogue River, 1, and Medford 1.

There was one case of infectious hepatitis at Central Point, one of rheumatic fever at Ashland and one of gonorrhoea in the county.

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