

Communist China Could Fire Nuclear Device Sometime This Year



CHAMPION GOATS—Charles Jolly, 12, is sporting his new crown and gloating over his new-found fame as "Ice Cream Eating King." Charles far outdistanced his three fellow finalists in an ice cream eating contest in Chicago by consuming 13 ice cream bars. He had eliminated some 250 other eaters in the contest. (UPI)

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Washington - (UPI) - Some time in the months ahead an awesomely familiar mushroom cloud will rise over the wastes of the Great Sinkiang desert.

Seismographs throughout the world will squibble their message, and scientists will flash the word - Communist China has fired its first nuclear device.

Washington experts say this could happen sometime this year or perhaps in 1964. They are certain it is coming, but not too certain what the world repercussions will be.

Communist China is known to have four reactors - one donated by Russia and three built by itself - at Peking, Hanyang, Chungking and Sian.

It is assumed, therefore, that the Peking regime will have enough plutonium to manufacture a crude nuclear device which will most likely trigger a "dirty" explosion such as France's first test in the Sahara.

U. S. officials emphasize, however, that even if Communist China were to explode

Two Trips Made by Mercy Flights, Inc.

Miss Terry Jacobs, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jacobs, Lakeview, was flown to Medford by Mercy Flights Inc. Wednesday from her home. She is hospitalized at Rogue Valley hospital suffering head injuries received when she was thrown from a horse while visiting at a ranch in the Lakeview area.

Also flown by the non-profit air ambulance service yesterday was Leslie Cox, Coos Bay, who was taken from Rogue Valley hospital to the Rehabilitation center in Portland. Cox was flown to Medford by Mercy Flights June 9 suffering back injuries received in a sand buggy accident.

The two patients bring to 1,589 the number who have been flown by the non-profit service since it was started.

It is estimated that the human blood stream contains 35 trillion red cells.

a nuclear device tomorrow, it should take 10 to 15 years for that nation to develop a nuclear arsenal and the means to deliver it.

But they do not minimize the effect a nuclear-armed China will have on the world.

A More Dangerous Place
"When it does come," Undersecretary of State W. Averell Harriman said last February, "it certainly will make the world a far more dangerous place than it is today."

Subscribing to this is United Nations Secretary General Thant. On June 28 he predicted Red China would explode an atomic weapon this year or next.

He told a news conference that the big nuclear powers - the United States, Britain and Russia - "had missed the bus" on negotiating a nuclear test ban treaty. The inference was that if they had, they would be in a position jointly to dissuade China from entering the nuclear club.

Thant doubted much would come from test ban talks in Geneva. President Kennedy himself is not too hopeful. But he is determined to exhaust all avenues before calling it quits.

Difficult To Prevent
Thant said Red China's nuclear potentialities must be reckoned with in any test ban negotiations and that "it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to prevent China from exploding a bomb."

The head of Communist China's nuclear development program is believed to be Dr. Chien Hsiang who studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. One of his major assistants is believed to be Dr. Ko Ting Sui, who studied at the California Institute of Technology.

China's nuclear development is considered almost entirely a home-grown product. Russia presented Mao Tse Tung's regime a reactor in 1958 but in 1960 pulled out all its technicians and left China on its own. It has been said that China would have become a nuclear nation much faster if it had continued receiving Russian assistance.

Big Question Posed
One of the big questions posed by a nuclear China is the attitude the Soviet Union would take, particularly in view of their current ideological breach.

Friends close to President

Kennedy said he believes that a successful nuclear test by the Chinese could add to Russo-Sino friction. This the President believes, could end up as an advantage to the western nations if Russia then shifts toward her more historical identification with western Europe.

Although there is almost unanimous agreement among world leaders that a nuclear test by Communist China would not make it an immediate military threat, there have been fears voiced over the psychological affect it would have upon developing

nations, particularly in Asia. Roger Hillsman, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, put it this way: "There is not a military capability that could challenge free world power. I think they will attempt to use it politically. This would seem to be the most likely, that they would attempt to persuade, to cow, to frighten some of the people in Asia."

World nervousness over a nuclear-capable Red China was shown by the reaction to two separate incidents this year.

In January, the head of

Japan's Defense Agency announced at a news conference that he had information Communist China had two nuclear devices ready to test. His statement was widely publicized although it developed later that it was a prediction based on the atomic development China was assumed to have made to date.

No Monitoring Information
In February, a report from Gangtok in the remote Himalayan kingdom of Sikkim claimed Red China had detonated an atomic explosion on Jan. 11. There was a flurry of excitement that quickly

died down when scientists throughout the world said they had no monitoring information to substantiate the report.

Some U. S. officials, including Harriman, have expressed the hope that Communist China would have become more conservative after it becomes a nuclear power. Hillsman agreed: "From what I hear of conversations in Peking," he said in a June panel discussion, "they are beginning to understand a little bit more about the devastation or disaster that would happen in the world, and some of them

at least are becoming more conservative."

Reading of Communist China's public pronouncements casts some doubt on this view, however. "The western papers," Peking said late last year, "have recently more than once disclosed that Washington is anxious to tie China's hands in developing nuclear weapons and have even openly stated that this is one of the objectives of the limited ban draft treaty recently put forward."

This view, said Peking, "is wishful thinking."

New Magazine Is Planned by OSU

Corvallis - The Oregon State university school of business and technology will begin publishing a quarterly business magazine, "Northwest Business Management," in September.

Plans for the new publication were announced by Dr. Clifford E. Maser, dean of the school.

Articles in the magazine will be aimed at practical management problems of

small and medium size business firms in the Pacific Northwest, he said.

Authors will include faculty members at OSU and other universities and prominent executives in business and government.

First issue article titles will include: Your Market May Be Larger Than You Think, Break-Even Analysis - A Key to Profit Control, Providing Capital for Your Firm, Records Protection, Improving Your Plant Layout, Are You Kidding Yourself About Your Profits?, and The Job Description: A Valuable Tool for Small Business.

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