

Peking's Effort To Woo Overseas Chinese Harmed by Moscow Split

By ARTHUR J. DOMMEN
 Hong Kong - (UPI) - The open split between Peking and Moscow has apparently seriously undermined the Red Chinese persistent effort to woo the important community of more than 16 million Chinese living abroad, principally in Southeast Asia.

As a consequence of its increasingly obvious isolation from the largest "have" country in the Communist world, Peking is now giving reassurances to the "overseas Chinese" that it can produce enough foodstuffs, industrial and consumer goods to survive on its own.

Letters received here from Chinese friends and relatives in Southeast Asian countries reveal a general perplexity about the present predicament of Communist-run China. There is worry over the future.

The overseas Chinese have always cherished the hope that their mother land will one day become prosperous and strong. The collapse of Peking's "great leap forward" has shown them that China

cannot do without outside aid on a gigantic scale, let alone raise the living standard of her 700 million people.

Little Understanding

Most of the overseas Chinese have little understanding of the issues involved in the Sino-Soviet quarrel. But they know of the withdrawal of Russian economic assistance and technical cooperation from their country.

"What will come to China now?" is a frequent question asked in letters addressed to Hong Kong, where people are regarded as being better informed about mainland conditions than they are in Bangkok, Singapore or Jakarta.

In an apparent attempt to counter this disillusionment, the Communist newspapers in Hong Kong have in recent weeks filled their columns with reports of improved living conditions inside China, of progress in agriculture and industry.

This emphasis on economic reports is coupled with a top-level insistence on the necessity of "relying on one's own strength."

For instance, during the visit to Peking last month of the North Korean delegation led by President Choi Yong-Kon, Chinese head of state Liu Shao-Chi praised the Koreans for building an independent economy and stressed the importance of this ex-

ample for other countries.

Always with a sensitive ear to sentiment among the overseas Chinese, Peking gave a warning to fellow Asians against economic dependence on non-Asian countries - such as the Soviet Union.

Motivating Reason

The desire to build up good state relations with other Asians, as proposed to non-Asians, appears to have been the motivating reason behind Peking's attitude towards the anti-Chinese riots in Indonesia last May.

Following the disturbances which inflicted serious damage on Chinese properties and threatened Chinese lives in that neutralist country, Peking maintained a stony silence for 20 days.

Finally, an authoritative Peoples Daily editorial on the riots laid the blame at the doorstep of "U. S. Imperialism."

Thus, the Chinese Communists repeated the words of Indonesian President Sukarno, who had referred to "disturbances incited by Indo-

nesian counter-revolutionaries and foreign subversive elements, aimed at overthrowing the Indonesian republic and Sukarno himself."

Faced with a complete cutoff of Russian aid, and perhaps trade relations, Peking has had the perspicacity to see that it cannot afford to antagonize the government of oil-rich, rice-rich Indonesia.

Left in Disgust

Literally thousands of overseas Chinese lured by Peking propaganda into giving up their holdings in Indonesia and journeying to China at the start of the "great leap forward" in 1958 have now left China in disgust and are stranded in Macao and Hong Kong.

A very few have gone to Taiwan but most would like to get back into Indonesia if they could. A one-way smuggling traffic has sprung up between Hong Kong and Indonesia. A European captain says he is being offered up to about \$350 per person to carry Chinese stowaways into Indo-

nesia territorial waters, where a local syndicate arranges to take them off in small boats.

All this has distressed the Peking regime, which has slackened off its efforts to attract large numbers of overseas Chinese to the mainland for "socialist construction."

The regime, faced with the growing reality of the split between the "haves" and the "have-nots" in world Communism, is now relying principally on glowing newspaper accounts (without statistics) to preserve the image of a strong and self-reliant nation of the first rank among the world powers.

Presumably, the achievement of a nuclear capability is intended primarily to place the cap on this strength-through-self portrayal.

High Blood Pressure Said Traceable to Hereditary Factors

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New York - (UPI) - By tracking down the brothers and sisters of persons with severely high blood pressure from no apparent organic cause, a noted medical scientist made a powerful case "for the paramount importance of genetic (hereditary) factors."

Medical science generally accepts the existence of such factors in the unknown causes of the form of high blood pressure called "essential hypertension." The common scientific doubts center around how important these factors are.

Dr. Robert Platt checked on 178 men and women with essential hypertension. The blood pressures of their 250 brothers and sisters, many living in widely scattered parts of the world, were taken by cooperating physicians.

These mass readings formed a pattern which demonstrated, in Platt's view, that "essential hypertension is a specific inherited disorder of middle age." On the other hand, he added, "secondary hypertension (high blood pressure due to specific organic disorders) is not, in general, hereditary."

Evidence From Twins

Platt also had evidence from three sets of identical twins who being identical would be expected to have identical heredities. One member of each set came to his attention originally as a patient with severe hypertension. Upon investigation the other member of each set was found to have the disorder in similar degree.

On the basis of his new study and his previous studies which date back some 20 years, he theorized that the time-bomb cause of the disease, set to go off in middle life, was transmitted from generation to generation by a single gene with incomplete "dominance."

Thus it wouldn't necessarily operate even when combined in a given individual with the same gene. But in proper combination it would give rise to severe hypertension, he said, and alone it could cause a moderate persistent high blood pressure.

Gene Modified

He suggested the gene has been modified over many generations by the "natural selection" mechanism of evolution. The gene form which exploded into severe high blood pressure during youth has been "nearly eliminated," he said, because the persons who carried it died of the disorder before they could reproduce.

The gene form now prevalent "accurately begins to kill not in old age but in the post-reproductive years." Since the persons who have it already have their children, natural selection now is "slow if not powerless to affect it much further."

He also suggested that it might confer some benefits. When it is operative on a lesser level it might enhance both the fertility and the resistance to infective disease of the carrier. And it "might be the elimination of aging relatives has survival value to the younger generation."

Platt reported his study to the technical journal, "The Lancet." He is professor of medicine at the University of Manchester, Eng., and has been knighted for his achievements in medical science.

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The program will be financed by a one cent increase in the state gasoline tax and a 19 per cent increase in truck weight fees. Senate tax consultants computed the increased tax will cost the average motorist less than \$7 per year.

Collier said the bill is expected to provide the following additional new revenues to Siskiyou county cities, with the present gas tax revenues indicated in parenthesis: Dorris \$7,363 (\$3,933); Dunsmuir \$12,369 (\$9,860); Etna \$6,370 (\$2,796); Ft. Jones \$8,037 (\$2,450); Montague \$6,860 (\$3,357); Mt. Shasta \$9,901 (\$6,826); Tulelake \$7,303 (\$3,864); Weed \$17,146 (\$15,125); Yreka \$17,338 (\$15,345). The total for all Siskiyou cities, \$90,723 (\$63,372); county of Siskiyou \$144,733 (\$767,887).

Collier said the county and cities would have to levy the following tax rates, based on 1962-63 figures, to obtain the same revenues as would be provided through his bill: Dorris 51 cents, Dunsmuir 40 cents, Etna \$1.22, Ft. Jones \$1.23, Montague 44 cents, Mt. Shasta 40 cents, Tulelake 68 cents, Weed 70 cents, Yreka 27 cents and county of Siskiyou 20 cents.

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