

Repercussions of Incidents On Border Being Felt Today

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NEW DELHI (UPI) — Exactly one year ago today a yelling swarm of Communist Chinese shock troops swept down the Thag La Ridge of the Himalayas and opened a 31-day war with India.

The fighting was brief, the losses were small and staggering difficulties of supply limited the fighting to old-fashioned infantry warfare.

But the political repercussions were felt in every country in Asia, and may well have changed the world balance of power.

The disputed border which was the immediate reason for the conflict was hardly changed by the string of Chinese victories.

The Reds withdrew from their conquests on the Eastern Frontier, where they had scored their biggest successes. In the West they limited themselves to an area which had only recently been occupied by Indian troops and which was indefensible anyway.

Both sides have since avoided any serious border provocation, and Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru said earlier this month he did not expect any new fighting in the near future.

Following are the major changes triggered by the conflict:

The Armies
The Chinese "betrayal" of Nehru's confidence set the Indians to a belated effort to build up their small and antiquated defense establishment.

They accepted foreign military aid for the first time, getting commitments for \$120 million worth from the United States and \$60 million worth from the British Commonwealth.

They also got Soviet help toward producing their own supersonic jet fighters, and Anglo-American agreement for "joint air exercises" which could be easily converted into joint air defense if the Chinese attacked again.

Recruiting drives were launched. The defense budget was increased to \$1.7 billion.

The Chinese likewise strengthened and reinforced their border roads and garrisons.

The Cold War
Despite the Communist attack, India clung to its prized

Lodge Recalled to U. S. From Viet Nam
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge is being recalled to Washington to give the Kennedy administration a first-hand report on political and military conditions in strife-torn South Viet Nam.

One subject the administration will discuss with Lodge is how much harder the United States can and should crack down in the future on the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem to obtain reform.

The State Department, in making the announcement Wednesday, insisted that the move did not indicate an "emergency." Officials said Lodge is supposed to return periodically to meet with policy-makers here. He will return for several days of consultation at the end of this month or early in November.

Officials Hopeful About Wheat Sale
WASHINGTON (UPI) — U.S. and Soviet officials appeared optimistic today about prospects for American wheat sales to Russia, but the nagging problem of shipping costs was still unresolved.

The Commerce Department authorized the sale of 1.2 million bushels of yellow corn, valued at \$1,929,354, to Communist Hungary Wednesday. The department, by custom, declined to list the name of the private American grain trader who received the sale permit.

Informed sources said a second and even larger deal sending corn to Hungary was pending in the Commerce Department. An export license application also has been pending for sale of about 5,000 tons of soybean meal to Hungary with approval expected soon.

Music Center Sets Its Grand Opening
Grand opening of the Music Center, scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Medford, will be attended by J. W. Anderson, Rodgers Organ Company production manager.

Anderson, in addition to his managerial functions, has an active role in the design of the Rodgers instruments, and is a professional organist. He is a member of both the Portland and San Francisco chapters of the American Guild of Organists.

During the Music Center's opening, Anderson will answer questions about and demonstrate both the home and church-model organs on display in the Music Center's Arcade building show rooms.

"non alignment," declining to jump into the Western camp. Nehru maintained friendly ties with both America and Russia.

India likes to think its stand has lessened the tension between Washington and Moscow. The support of both capitals for India has put them on the same side in a major cold-war issue.

When India emphasized its friendliness with the Soviet Union in the midst of a Chinese attack, it forced the Russians to make a choice.

The Russians, who were having a running quarrel with the Chinese in any case, seem to have chosen New Delhi.

The British and the Americans were disappointed in their hope that the common threat from China would lead India

and Pakistan to settle their 16-year quarrel over Kashmir. Instead, Indo-Pakistani relations are worse than ever.

The Pakistanis are so upset about India's new arms build-up that they have drawn closer to Communist China on the old theory that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend." The Indians see this as the start of an aggressive Sino-Pakistani alliance against themselves.

The Politicians
India's disastrous unpreparedness shook the people's confidence in their government. Even Nehru, once above the storm, came in for sharp criticism. His "political lightning

rod" who had drawn off most of the criticism before, Yankee-baiting Defense Minister V. K. Krishna Menon, was the first to go, falling on the specific issue of unpreparedness. He has very little influence today.

But the chorus of criticism which began with defense issues gradually spread to include taxes, prices and corruption, and trained itself on other leaders of the Congress Party.

Not a shot has been fired for 11 months, but the government retains emergency powers to imprison people without trial, to close newspapers, to censor the press and to seize property.

Menon's sympathizers in the Communist party (100,000 card-carrying, several million voters) were undercut by the Chinese attack. Hundreds of them were arrested, and the party is still torn between a "Nationalist" majority and a pro-Peking faction which threatens to form an underground splinter group.

Indian Democracy
The official state emergency announced last Oct. 26 remains in force.

The property is owned by Jim and Dorothy E. Busch of Ashland. The site option will be transferred to the successful bidder who will purchase the land, construct the building to post office department specifications and lease it to the post office department on a 10-year basic lease with renewal options.

The present post office location at 53 Second St., occupied for the past 10 years, will be vacated, according to Congressman Duncan.

ASHLAND—Postmaster Parker T. Hess has been advised by Postmaster General John Gronouski that preliminary plans for the new Ashland post office will be prepared by the post office department's engineering branch and bidding forms and specifications will be available soon.

Congressman Robert B. Duncan announced yesterday that the federal government had approved a 27,500 square foot piece of property at the location of First and C Sts. as site for the new facility.

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