

NATO Nuclear Problems Studied

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A government official conceded today there are problems to be worked out in developing a multinational nuclear force but this does "not necessarily mean" the proposal will be altered to meet French President Charles de Gaulle's objections.

State Department press officer Lincoln White said the general question of NATO's nuclear force had been going on for "nearly a year" in the council of the alliance and much remained to be discussed.

He said this included the pact reached by President Kennedy

and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan at their conference at Nassau late last month.

He said "many questions remain to be worked out in connection" with the proposal for a multinational nuclear force which was worked out at the Nassau conference.

Asked whether this meant the United States might be willing to amend the Nassau agreement, White said "I do not necessarily mean that."

Other officials said Kennedy is more determined than ever to push plans for a multinational force instead of independent national

British Find No Sense Of Humor In Red China's Chou

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LONDON (NEA) — An obscure left-wing newspaper which most Britons had never heard of has suddenly become something of a public hero since Red China's leaders started throwing tantrums about it.

The affair has shown the Chinese to be not only humorless and wooden, but bullies as well, in British eyes.

Thin-skinned Chou En-lai, Red China's prime minister, not only objected to an article which Tribune (40,000 circulation) had published as a joke, but began pulling wires in Peking and London to force the paper to publish a retraction.

"It was like using a steamroller to crush a butterfly," as one of the paper's reporters put it.

In its New Year's issue Tribune published a number of satires, including what purported to be an open letter from Chou to British Communists, in which he urges them to make 1963 "a year of liberation."

The letter spoke of setbacks suffered in 1962 "due to the machinations of Anglo-American imperialists and their lackeys Khrushchev, Tito and Nehru," and gives a "top secret" plan for liberating Europe.

"Our British comrades will be glad to know that Calais is at

last going to be restored to them and taken away from the decadent de Gaulle and Thorez," the French Red leaders' letter said.

It spoke of liberating Goa from the "warmonger Nehru" and returning it to the "great Portuguese people and their wonderful leader Salazar." It also makes



RED CHINA'S CHOU — Behind this inscrutable smile there is no sense of humor.

mention of Leon Trotsky (whom all good Communists hate) as "our great comrade."

Chou's first mistake was in taking the letter seriously. It appeared in a double-page of satirical articles including an account of how the British Army had captured the House of Commons.

The parody was not very funny, but every nation likes to think that its humor is best. If Chou did not appreciate the joke, he would have done better to ignore it.

Instead, he committed Mistake No. 2. He set the diplomatic mills grinding. In Peking a special press conference was called to condemn the letter as "a criminal act of forgery and calumny," while in London the Chinese Charge d'Affaires called at the Foreign Office.

The Chinese diplomat actually requested the Foreign Office to pressure Tribune into publishing a retraction. This was Mistake No. 3.

In vain, Sir Harold Caccia, the Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, tried to explain that the press in Britain is not government controlled. The Chi-

nese looked unconvinced.

In the end, in order to save as much Chinese face as possible, the Foreign Office agreed to have the statement "conveyed" to Tribune, which promptly published it on the front page. It read in part: "The Charge d'Affaires of the

People's Republic of China solemnly states that the above-said letter published in Tribune weekly is an out-and-out forgery aimed at smearing the policies of the People's Republic . . . and defaming the leaders of the Chinese nation. . . . Resorting to . . . a

slandering letter serves only to show how despicable and shameless these elements hostile to the People's Republic . . . have degraded themselves."

Having staggered from blunder to blunder, Chou has apparently come to rest.

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DEC	10 Problems	40 Year	70 Reverts
	11 Keep	41 Friendly	71 You
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