

# China Blasts Soviets In Letter Communist Rift Worsens

**TOKYO (AP)** — Peking loosed a new blast at Moscow yesterday, accusing the Soviet Union of plotting with the United States to encircle China and to sell out the Vietnamese people. The Chinese denounced Russian "dirty deals," "tricks," and "Chauvinism."

In a letter to Moscow broadcast by Radio Peking, the Chinese rejected an invitation to the Soviet Communist Party Congress in Moscow Tuesday in terms so harsh as to seem to bring the two nations closer to an open split. Albania, Peking's only ally in Europe, also brusquely declined to go to Moscow.

The Chinese said the Russians distributed an Anti-Chinese letter to world Communist parties recently and asked: "In these circumstances, how can the Chinese Communist Party, which you look upon as an enemy, be expected to attend your Congress?"

The Russian letter, as published in West Germany this

week, accused the Chinese of trying to involve the Soviet Union in a war with the United States, of stirring up incidents on the Russian border, and of blocking Soviet arms aid to North Viet Nam. The Russians said the Chinese had rejected united action to resist the United States in Viet Nam.

Peking answered with this counterblast:

"Despite the tricks you have been playing to deceive people, you are pursuing U.S.-Soviet collaboration for the domination of the world with your whole heart and soul.

"In mouthing a few words against U.S. imperialism and in making a show of supporting anti-imperialist struggles, you are conducting only minor attacks on U.S. imperialism while rendering it major help.

"Your clamor for 'united action' especially on the Viet Nam question, is nothing but a trap for the purpose of de-

ceiving the Soviet people and the revolutionary people of the world.

"You have all along been acting in coordination with the United States in its plot for peace talks, vainly attempting to sell out the struggle of the Vietnamese people against U.S. aggression . . . and to drag the Viet Nam question into the orbit of Soviet - U.S. collaboration."

Charging Moscow with working with the United States "in a whole series of dirty deals inside and outside the united nations," Peking declared:

"In close coordination with the counterrevolutionary 'global strategy' of U.S. imperialism, you are now actively trying to build a ring of encirclement around Socialist China."

Peking called this "a holy alliance against China."

The Chinese then referred specifically to the "Anti-Chinese letter to other parties," that Peking said was circulated about the time the Russians were inviting the Chinese Feb. 24 to the Congress.

"You wantonly vilified the Chinese Communist Party as

being 'bellicose' and 'pseudo-revolutionary,' as 'refusing to oppose imperialism' and 'encouraging U.S. imperialist aggression,' and as being guilty of 'adventurism,' 'splittism,' 'Trotskyism,' 'nationalism,' 'great power chauvinism,' 'dogmatism,'" the Chinese declared.

These charges, together with one that "China has been encroaching on Soviet territory," all show that the Soviet invitation to the Moscow Congress "is merely a gesture and is sent with ulterior motives," the Chinese said.

## Analysis Of Red Rift

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Angry words from Peking yesterday showed how bitterly irreconcilable the dispute between China and the Soviet Union has become.

Essentially, the Peking blast changed little in the two great Communist powers' relationship, but it could have an effect on other Communist parties caught in the titans' struggle for leadership of the Red world.

The angry words explained China's reasons for rejecting an invitation to the Congress of the Soviet Communist Party, opening next Tuesday.

Peking reiterated accusations of a Soviet-American deal to sell out the Communist revolutionary cause.

The new situation was created for other world Communist parties which received invitations to the Congress. By attending, they will in effect take a stand on the Soviet side in the Moscow-Peking dispute. Most outside the Chinese camp followers are expected to attend.

There has been much speculation in the past two years since the dispute degenerated into public name-calling that it would lead to a former split of the Communist

world.

The Soviet Party Congress could now be interpreted as forcing a split on the issue of other parties attending.

But the Soviet attitude in the recent past would appear to rule this out.

Repeated Soviet statements, while criticizing China, have ended with appeals for unity and optimistic expressions that differences can be overcome. This has given the Kremlin an air of being above arguing with errant children.

In the absence of information from the secret councils of Soviet Communism, most outsiders here think this Kremlin attitude is likely to be maintained at the Congress.

It is possible that the Soviet collective leadership will choose to denounce the Chinese. But with the Chinese absent the chance of an explosive confrontation is eliminated.

Thus any formal split seems just now to depend more on Peking than Moscow, if the Russians maintain their attitude of hoping for unity.

The Chinese said last year there can be no unity unless the Soviet leadership admits its errors—in effect surrenders completely to Chinese policy.

## Congress Sends Viet Nam Money Bill To President

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The House accepted a technical Senate amendment to assure Congressional scrutiny of Pentagon spending and sent President Johnson yesterday an emergency \$13.1 billion appropriation to help finance the Viet Nam War.

The House had originally passed the bill last week and the second approval was by voice vote without discussion except for a brief explanation of the amendment. The Senate had passed the bill 87 to Tuesday.

The money total, exactly what Johnson requested, is to provide extra funds to pay for the stepped-up pace of the fighting during the remaining 3 1/2 months of the fiscal year which ends June 30.

The amendment would limit it Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara's authority to transfer funds in support of South Vietnamese and other allied troops. It limits to the current fiscal year his broad authority to lump together numerous military expenses as

was done during World War II and the Korean conflict.

The House had approved the authority as well as for the larger appropriation being considered for the next fiscal year.

The Senators who sponsored the amendment said, however, that the authority probably will be written into the bigger money bill but it will enable Congressional committees to retain regular checks on Pentagon spending and activities.

## Viet Nam Students Protest American Support Of Ky

**SAIGON (AP)** — Student demonstrators in Hue and Da Nang criticized the United States yesterday for its support of Premier Nguyen Cao Ky's military government. They contended the American backing of Ky a revival of civilian rule.

"Is this a conspiracy to sell Viet Nam to the Communists?" demanded one of many leaflets handed out at a gathering of 2,000 in Da Nang, the site of a strategic air base and U.S. Marine headquarters 380 miles northeast of Saigon.

Banners of similar import marked an antigovernment rally of 10,000 around the municipal hall in Hue, the old imperial capital 40 miles farther north. Hue was the spring-

board of the Buddhist-led uprising that toppled President Ngo Dinh Diem's regime in 1963.

But not all the banners were critical. Others read: "We thank our American friends for helping us fight the Viet Cong."

U.S. Marines fighting the Viet Cong found 100 more enemy bodies buried at the scene of the leathernecks' battle Monday with two Communist battalions near the village of Phon Dinh, 70 miles south of Da Nang. This boosted to 358 the announced Communist dead from a four-day drive called Operation Texas.

Other Marines closed out Operation Oregon, a sweep on the northern flank of the main force. They said they killed 99 and captured eight.

## North Carolina News Roundup

### Brownbagging To Be Outlawed?

**RALEIGH (AP)**—North Carolina has a drinking problem. It isn't that the folks in the Tar Heel state are hitting the bottle too hard or too often. It's just a legal entanglement over when and where to take a nip.

For years North Carolina has operated under a county option, state liquor store system. In the "wet counties" you can get a beer in a tavern and a bottle of booze at the state-operated liquor store. In the dry counties you can't get anything stronger than root beer or buttermilk unless you know the local bootlegger.

All of North Carolina is off-limits for mixed drinks served at the bar.

For just as long as the law has existed, North Carolinians who like mixed drinks have done one of two things—joined a private club or practiced "brownbagging."

"Brownbagging" means you buy a bottle at the liquor store, place it in a brown paper bag and tote it with you to the restaurant or lounge. You can order ice, mix, and a glass. With a bit of effort you pour from the brown bag and have your pre-dinner cocktail.

But suddenly, this way of life is being threatened in North Carolina.

Judge William T. Grist of Charlotte ruled Tuesday that it is illegal for anyone to possess whisky except in his home or in the transportation of it from the state liquor store to your abode.

The ruling, if upheld by the State Supreme court, would outlaw hundreds of private and bottle clubs in the state.

It could affect the country clubs where liquor is served and some even predict great damage to the tourist trade, especially along the sandy beaches of the Atlantic Ocean.

Grist expressed the opinion in a case against Georgia McLain of Charlotte, convicted of liquor law violations for operating a bottle club. The judge said he wasn't actually ruling on "brownbagging," but wanted the case to go to the state's high court for a final solution.

Just as confused as the average North Carolina drinker are officials of the State Alcoholic Board of Control.

Director Ray Brady said, "We are caught in something of a gray zone on the matter of consumption of alcoholic beverages in private clubs. Much of the time, and especially now, we don't know where we stand."

"This whole thing is confusing," said Brady.

Police Chief John S. Hord said yesterday he will seek a clarifying ruling on the state's liquor laws before any wholesale raids are made on private clubs in the Charlotte area.

"As things stand right now," said Hord, "we're not going to run out here and raid every club in town. This is a question that needs clearing up."

### Three Mental Patients Escape

**RALEIGH (AP)**—A search was under way yesterday for three criminals, none considered dangerous, who escaped from the Dorothea Dix Hospital near Raleigh.

The escapees were identified as: Archie Scott, 31, serving 25-30 years for second degree murder. He entered State Prison in March, 1952, and was transferred to Dorothea Dix in May, 1964, for treatment of advanced arthritis. Treatment for the disease was not available at Central Prison.

Richard Caldwell, 26, of Charlotte, admitted to the hospital in September, 1965. He was charged with storebreaking, larceny and forgery. Hospital records show he was diagnosed as schiophrenic reactive.

George Moore, 18, of Fairfield, sentenced to four years in prison in March, 1964, from Buncombe County. He was charged with storebreaking, larceny and receiving. He was sent to Dorothea Dix in April, 1964, and diagnosed as schiophrenic reactive.

## Lyndon Says U.S. Will Push NATO

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Clashing with President Charles de Gaulle, President Johnson declared yesterday that America will push for a strong, unified Atlantic defense system with or without France.

"The United States is determined," Johnson said, "to join with 13 of her other allies to preserve and to strengthen the deterrent strength of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."

Calling on De Gaulle for "consultation, not isolation," Johnson held the way open for the 15th ally, France, "to return to the common task."

Johnson outlined the U.S. position in a major speech on the growing NATO crisis, delivered to senior foreign service officers at the State Department.

While the President did not once mention De Gaulle by name and used the word "France" only sparingly, the 15-minute nationally broadcast and televised speech was clearly designed as a public presentation of the American position in the face of Paris' move to pull out of an integrated NATO.

De Gaulle says the North Atlantic Alliance formed in the shadow of the Soviet threat to Europe in 1949 is still acceptable but the need for an integrated NATO military structure under the alliance is past.

A strong advocate of national sovereignty, De Gaulle served notice this month that France will pull her forces out of NATO and that he wants NATO bases and headquarters off French soil unless put under French control.

Noting that "some say that new circumstances in the world today call for the dismantling of NATO," Johnson contended that:

"The experience of two world wars has shown that advance collective planning and organization by allies is needed for successful deterrence of an aggressor.

"Fragmenting the alliance now would dim the long-range prospects for arriving at a peaceful solution with the Communists for a general European settlement — 'The reconciliation of Western Europe with the people of Eastern Europe.'"

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