

PEKING

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Red China's president Liu Shao-Chi--again on the hot seat today in Peking. Wall posters put up by so-called "Revolutionary Rebels"--accusing Liu of an unsuccessful plot to overthrow chairman Mao Tse-Tung. This supposedly a year ago last February--while Mao was staying at his winter home in Shanghai. Why it failed--what went wrong--they don't say.

Meanwhile, a bitter denunciation of Pope Paul today--from official Radio Peking. ^{This} In contrast to recent Soviet publications--calling the Pope "a standard bearer of Socialism," Peking calling him simply "a hypocrite." Further accusing the Pontiff of entering into a "counter-revolutionary Holy Alliance" --with both Russia and the United States ⁱⁿ ~~for~~ a vain effort--to end the war in Viet Nam, said Peking.

NIXON

Former vice president Richard Nixon--a man-on-the-move today; traveling from Saigon to Jakarta--on his current fact-finding tour of the Far East.

Leaving Saigon--Nixon saying he saw no chance--of a negotiated peace in Viet Nam. Hanoi's repeated rebuff clearly showing--said he--there is "no possibility of the enemy accepting any offer that has been made--or could be made."

At the same time--Nixon criticizing three Democratic Senators--also Dr. Martin Luther King--and anti-war demonstrators back home. They are only making efforts to end the war more difficult--said the ex-vice president.

Later, on arrival in Jakarta--Nixon declaring that total victory in Viet Nam is merely a matter of time. And when that time comes--said he--"South Viet Nam will join the other free Asia nations--in progress toward political and economic stability."

STRATFORD

Here at home -- a break today; in that strike at the Lycoming division of Avco Aviation -- in Stratford, Connecticut. With a Federal judge ordering the strikers back to work -- for a period of at least ten days; and plans for resumption of negotiations -- immediately getting underway.

The plant is vital as sole producers of engines of T53 helicopters; used as troop transports -- in Vietnam.

VIET NAM

From Viet Nam itself--news today of the second dramatic troop movement in less than two weeks. With hundreds of U. S. Air Cavalrymen--reassigned to the northern provinces bordering that phony demilitarized zone. The crack airborne troops joining U. S. Marines and Infantrymen--currently facing an estimated twenty-eight thousand enemy troops--across the d-m-z.

Earlier--a Viet Cong terror trap today in Saigon. Enemy terrorists setting mines on either side of an enlisted men's billet--then hurling grenades at G-I's attempting to leave the building.

Four Americans--seriously wounded. Worse, the wounded forced to lie unattended for twenty minutes--until the mines were safely out of the way.

CAPE KENNEDY

America's latest Surveyor Three moon robot--is speeding through space tonight at a speed of ~~better~~ ^{greater} than five thousand miles an hour. The craft on an "extremely accurate" course--according to space scientists; with a lunar landing set for Wednesday night--barring the unexpected.

Surveyor Three--equipped with a tiny power shovel to probe the lunar surface. Also a rotating television camera--to relay the scene back to earth. This the next big hurdle--toward placing a man on the moon.

SPACE FOLLOW CAPE KENNEDY

Speaking of space travel--a report today from the House Space Committee. Showing what a difficult task it is--this business of hurling a space craft to the moon and beyond--with pin-point accuracy.

Of course, the principal problem in a moon shot--is that of overcoming the earth's gravitational field. Farther out--the problem becomes more complex; calling for advanced mathematics--abetted by high speed computers--to keep the space craft on target. With the slightest ^{unexpected} pressure--~~unforeseen~~ enough to wipe out an entire mission.

Take, for example, the pressure from solar radiation--the heat of the sun. ^{This} ~~Not much, to be sure.~~ In fact, the pressure of sunlight on a space craft--about the same, they say, as the pressure exerted on an elephant--by the breeze from a single bee's wing.

And yet a pressure so slight--can cause a miss of more than twelve thousand miles on a voyage to Mars; more than fifty-five thousand miles--on a trip to Jupiter.

ACCRA

Revolt in Ghana--apparently backed by exiled president Kwame Nkrumah--ended today as quickly as it began.

Three Army officers signalling start of the attempted coup--in a broadcast early today over Radio Accra.

The Rebels saying Ghana's new government had been overthrown--and later trying to arrest the military leaders who ousted Nkrumah last year.

Within a matter of hours, however--another broadcast from Radio Accra, ~~with~~ a spokesman from the military regime--reporting the coup had been crushed. Its three leaders--to be tried as mutineers--said he.

EAST BERLIN

The Seventh Congress of the East~~er~~ German Communist Party-- in session today in East Berlin, ~~Beginning~~ with a flat rejection of a West German proposal--calling for closer cooperation between the two Germanies. East German president Walter Ulbricht saying there can be no cooperation--until Bonn officially recognizes his regime.

As an alternative--Ulbricht then calling for a change in the statu~~s~~ of West Berlin, ~~a~~ change that would make it politically independent--of both Bonn and the Western Allies.

~~This necessary said Ulbricht because West Berlin is a constant "fire hazard" in the cold war.~~

TOKYO

For the first time in the history of free elections in Japan--an avowed leftist has just been elected governor of Tokyo. Ryokichi Minobe--running with Communist support--easily beating his Conservative opponent in weekend polling, ~~and so~~ winning the difficult job of running the world's largest city--over the next four years.

The governor-elect ^{was} ~~an~~ an economics professor at Tokyo Education University ~~until~~ until he decided to enter politics. Winning nearly three-quarters of the vote--in this his first try at elective office. With observers ^{ascribing} ~~seeing~~ much of his success--to frequent television appearances to woo the voters--mostly women.

Minobe's victory--also a blow to Japanese Premier Sato--who campaigned for his opponent. As such--posing still another threat to U. S. and Japanese relations.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

At the Air Force Academy in Colorado--famed General Jimmy Doolittle was named winner today--of the Academy's Thomas D. White National Defense Award for 1967. The award is presented annually--to an American who has made "outstanding contributions to the national defense and security." General Jimmy--who led the fabled ~~Doolittle~~ Raid on Tokyo in World War Two--surely another great choice.

LONDON

Less than three years in office -- British Prime Minister Harold Wilson will soon be making his ninth official visit to North America. The announcement today -- from London. With Wilson to visit Expo Sixty-Seven in Montreal -- on British National Day, June One -- before heading for Washington, to confer once again -- with President Johnson, concerning efforts to spur peace talks in Vietnam -- as well as Britain's planned military withdrawal "east of Suez."

COURT

World heavyweight boxing champion Mohammed Ali -- sometimes known as Cassius Clay -- a victim of a T-K-O today in Washington. The U.S. Supreme Court refusing even to hear his appeal -- from a scheduled draft date April Twenty-Eighth.

On another front -- the high court today reaffirmed a lower court order -- on school integration. Which means that six deep south states -- will be required to desegregate their public schools in all greades -- by next fall.

Senate

A final note--from Capital Hill. Where Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen today introduced his perennial resolution--to make the Marigold the national flower.

Why the marigold? Because--said Everett Dirksen--
"it is as spritely as the daffodil--as colorful as the rose--
as resolute as the zinnia--as delicate as the carnation--as
sporty as the chrysanthemum--as aggressive as the petunia--
as ubiquitous as the violet--and as stately as the snap
dragon." *End s-l-u-t-mar-*

~~Like the man says: it happens every spring.~~