

Wed. Feb. 15-67.

MOSCOW

Russia and Red China -- at it again today --
hammer and tong.

In Moscow -- an article in the official Soviet
Communist party newspaper Pravda, charging that
Mao Tse-Tung and his followers -- ^{even} had tried to start
a pro-Mao revolution in Russia, ~~itself~~.

The plot backfirin^g -- said Pravda; to the
point "of bringing Soviet-Chinese relations -- to
a complete rupture."

The article proceeding to denounce Mao --
his "personality cult" -- and his so-called "cultural
revolution," in the big^{gest} terest terms it has yet used
to attack the Red leader. Pravda asserting that Mao
and his supporters are "sacrificing everything" --
solely because of personal ambition.

PEKING FOLO MOSCOW

At the same time -- in Peking -- Red China's
Foreign Minister, ^{was} fanning the flames of hate.

Marshal Chen Yi, accusing Russia of "bloody suppression"--
in its treatment of Chinese students and diplomats
living in Moscow. This -- said he -- bringing
"relations between the two countries -- almost to
a breakup."

~~Meanwhile,~~ ^{appeared} a newspaper story today in Hong
Kong -- telling of alleged secret talks in Mongolia.
Russian emissaries supposedly discussing the
possibility -- of Soviet aid to anti-Mao forces.
But whether ~~it's~~ true or not -- we can only wait
and see.

VIETNAM FOLLOW PEKING

Meanwhile the bloodiest fighting of Nineteen-Sixty-Seven -- was under way today in Vietnam. U.S. troops -- clashing twice with the Viet Cong; first, in the Central Highlands -- and later, near the coast; with tough Korean troops beating off a Viet Cong sneak attack; in the process -- killing nearly Two-Hundred-Fifty of the enemy.

In the air war -- Ho Chi Min's spokesmen were telling of American jets flying over Hanoi today; in a bombing attack on Red targets not far from the north Vietnamese capital.

This the Pentagon denies -- saying there were no targets today closer than Thirty-Five miles from ~~H~~anoi.

DRAFT FOLO VIETNAM

Here at home -- a surprise announcement today from Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, ~~Extending~~ the draft to all men who enlisted in civilian reserve units -- but since have failed to serve in them. The new rule ^{is} expected to put in uniform about 30,000 men -- who otherwise would have been draft-exempt.

NAVY

The U.S. missile tracking ship Sword Knot -- barred today from landing in Durban, South Africa. After six days of waiting -- the ship ordered to proceed instead to the port of Mombassa, Kenya, where it will undergo repairs -- resulting from action off the coast of Vietnam.

Diversion of the Sword Knot -- apparently due to South Africa's official policy of apartheid, and comes on the heels of that recent controversy when the U.S. aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt -- docked briefly at Capetown.

PARIS

America's first Ambassador to the Soviet Union -- dead today in Paris. William C. Bullitt⁹ -- a victim of leukemia; at the end of a long -- distinguished -- and often-controversial life.

Bill Bullitt's public career began in Nineteen-Nineteen when he went to Moscow as a special emissary for then President Woodrow Wilson. His talks with Lenin -- paving the way for official recognition of Stalinist Russia -- some Thirteen years later.

With Bullitt eventually becoming -- one of the fiercest critics of the Soviet Union. He achieved his final flurry of excitement -- with recent publication of a book he co-authored with Sigmund Freud. ⁷ A book supposedly a psychoanalysis of President Wilson -- and not too flattering, to say the ~~least~~⁹ least.

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According to ~~doctors~~ ^{was} -- William Bullitt kept
alive in recent weeks - only by a desire to see
his native Philadelphia ^{for} one last time. A wish --
that could never be. He was 76.

WHITE HOUSE

Undersecretary of State ~~Nicholas~~ Katzenbach --
a former US Attorney General -- assigned today by
President Johnson to head an immediate inquiry *e*
dealing with the entire question -- of US Central
Intelligence Agency involvement in American
education.

The move apparently heading off -- at least,
temporarily -- a budding House inquiry, *e* Based on
charges that the CIA -- by subsidizing student
groups -- was guilty of undue pressure on student
policy. The President -- for his part -- quoted as
saying ^{*that*} "the integrity and independence of the
educational community -- must be preserved."

CHICAGO

That was a tragic, spectacular accident today in Chicago -- the light plane groping through fog that enshrouded the windy city -- looking for a lake-front airport, Meigs Field, just a few blocks from Michigan Avenue, suddenly two skyscraper apartment buildings loomed up dead ahead.

The pilot -- trying desperately to fly between the two buildings -- his plane hit one ^{at} the Sixteenth floor -- bounced back against the other at the Fourteenth floor; and then plunged crazily into a vacant lot -- just across busy Sheridan road; sending wreckage showering down -- in the midst of rush-hour traffic.

The pilot and his passenger -- killed instantly. But miraculously, no one else was hurt.

MIAMI BEACH

Comedian Bob Hope -- of all people -- under fire today from the Kremlin. Accused of being "a Pentagon clown" -- and a "salesman of aggression." Because -- said the Kremlin -- he took a troop of naked women to Vietnam -- to publicize a "dirty war," was the way the Kremlin put it.

From Miami Beach -- where he's currently on vacation -- Bob Hope issuing the following reply: It's "not true. If my unit" had been filled "with naked girls -- I'd have stayed in Vietnam" -- said he.

Bob Hope adding, however, that the Russians "are right about one thing." "I am selling aggression" -- said he -- "to get them out of the war."

NOVEL

The second and final volume of a strange and controversial novel was published today in Moscow. Marking the first time in Soviet history -- that a Russian writer has ever dealt favorably with the theme of Christ.

The book is called -- "The Master and Marguerita." It's one of the final works of the late Alexander Bulgakov -- regarded as the best of Russia's post-revolutionary playwrights. However, the novel was withheld from publication for nearly thirty years -- because of government censorship.

Now at last -- "The Master and Marguerita" -- which departs sharply -- from traditional accounts of the life of Christ; telling at one point -- of an argument he supposedly had with Pontius Pilate; ending with Christ predicting the ultimate disappearance of secular authority and the ultimate triumph of virtue and justice.

Later -- after the Crucifixion -- Pontius Pilate suffers such remorse -- that he orders the execution of Judas. The moral--Warren--that absolute power -- corrupts absolutely.