

RED CHINA

Tues. Apr. 18-67.

Continuing chaos in Red China--further apparent in this latest from Radio Peking. A public admission today-- that President Liu still has strong support throughout the country. So much--said the broadcast--that Chairman Mao will be unable to "crush completely" his arch rival--unless and until the Maoist forces achieve greater unity.

Meanwhile, reports reaching Hong Kong tell of an Army-enforced moratorium in China's so-called "Cultural Revolution"; at least--in the South China city of Canton. With Maoists and anti-Maoists alike ordered to suspend all demonstrations--for the duration of the present Canton Trade Fair.

Purpose: to avoid giving foreign visitors, quote-- "a bad impression" of Red China.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam -- a new peace challenge today -- from Saigon to Hanoi. South Vietnam urging North Vietnam -- to join in pulling back troops from that bloody demilitarized zone. Such withdrawal -- to be verified by the International Control Commission -- said Saigon; to clear the way for peace talks -- "secret or otherwise."

This -- in essence -- a peace plan put forward last week by Canada. Fine! -- Except that Hanoi has already rejected it.

In fact, a top general in Hanoi today expressing confidence -- that the Viet Cong will eventually defeat the Allied Forces in South Vietnam. The reason -- said North Vietnamese Army Chief of Staff General Dung: Because U.S. fighting men are weak and "cautious" -- when it comes to actual combat.

SEATO FOLLOW VIET NAM

Here at home--a solid expression of support today for American policy in Viet Nam; from ~~the Thai~~ Thailand's delegate to that meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization--currently underway in Washington.

At the same time--~~the Thai~~ Thai Foreign Minister Daoy taking a verbal crack at Britain and Pakistan. Criticizing both--for enjoying the full rights and privileges of SEATO membership; while refusing to help other SEATO nations--in the war against Communism in Viet Nam.

Daoy also singling out France--for special blame in Viet Nam. Accusing the French of leaving the country--in chaotic disorder thirteen years ago. Paving the way for the present conflict--said he.

East Berlin

Soviet Party Leader Leonid Brezhnev--lead speaker today at that East German Communist Party Congress in East Berlin. There accusing West Germany--of encouraging the rebirth of Nazism. Also charging Bonn with supporting what he called--"the bloody war of the American imperialists" in Vietnam.

Later turning full attention to Vietnam--Brezhnev ~~renewed~~ renewed cooperation between Russia, Red China and all the Communist nations of the world. This "unity of action" is vital--said he--"in the planning and in practical aid for the fighting Vietnamese people;" to insure--he added--that "the adventure of ~~imperialist~~ imperialist aggressors" will end in fiasco.

LONDON FOLLOW EAST BERLIN

Be that as it may--a second, related dispatch, comes today from London. Telling, ironically, of efforts to ease tension between East and West--on the German frontier.

As you know, the United States and Britain^{or} both planning a partial withdrawal of troops from West Germany this year.

So now we hear that British and American officials--are planning to ask Russia for some sort of "reciprocal gesture."

However, nothing definite, as yet--in the way of a formal request. And in view of Brezhnev's remarks--it's perhaps just as well to wait awhile.

ACCRA

That attempted coup yesterday in the Republic of Ghana--not quite as harmless as it first appeared to be. Radio Accra today disclosing the death of General Emanuel Kotoka--at the hands of the Army conspirators; in their brief, futile effort-- at gaining control of the government.

General Kotoka--commander in chief of Ghana's armed forces, *and* More than that--the man chiefly responsible for ousting ex-president Kwame Nkrumah-- fourteen months ago. Which apparently made him chief target for the rebels--all presumably Nkrumah men.

CEDAR RAPIDS

From Cedar Rapids, Iowa -- the story today of a woman in a delicate condition -- on two counts. First -- she's a convicted forger held in jail; and second -- she's expecting a child in a few weeks.

In an effort to remedy both counts -- the lady prisoner filing a writ of habeas corpus. Demanding her release from custody -- on the grounds that her unborn child has committed no offense; and therefore it's illegal for the authorities -- to hold the child in jail.

However, a local judge -- quickly rejecting the claim. Saying that pregnancy -- cannot become a "sanctuary" for lawlessness. The judge adding it's not the jail holding the unborn child -- but only the prisoner herself.

BIRMINGHAM

The main trouble with modern man -- he's just too big. This according to an item today -- from anthropologist J.H. Fremlin of Britain's University of Birmingham, who claims that man was intended to be -- only about three feet tall. We should all be midgets!

What made him so big then? Survival of the fittest -- says Professor Fremlin. Bigger men winning out over smaller men -- century after century; chasing the little people deeper into the forest; raising bigger and bigger children -- to the point where modern man does make his ancestors look like midgets.

Problems arising from the added height -- including not only bumping your head as you go through doors -- but over crowded conditions in virtually every phase of human life -- we're told; not to mention excessive use of natural resources -- which modern man needs in great quantities just to survive.

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Professor Frmlin concluding -- it's too late to do anything about it. Adding, however, that it might be nice -- for a man of today to be only three feet tall. Reason -- the maternal instinct in women. That would make him irresistible to the fair sex -- says Professor Fremlin. Huh! And now my giant colleague -- Warren Moran!

PHILADELPHIA

The ring of justice--tendered today with the softness of poetry--in a Philadelphia courtroom. In the case of an attorney appealing in [REDACTED] rhyme--an adverse decision in a lower court, ~~One~~ that held his client guilty of negligence--in a traffic accident.

After listening to the lawyer's verse Judge Michael Musmanno responding in kind. Said he: [REDACTED]

"Here ends the case of Dobby McDay,

"Who entered a street 'gainst the right-of-way.

"He hit a car which was where it belonged.

"He wants a verdict--but he's just dead wrong."

And a-l-u-t-mar -