

SOVIETS

Red Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai left Moscow for home tonight, after - his talks with the new Soviet hierarchy. But the usual communique issued after such high level parleys - gave no sign of a major healing of the Chinese Soviet split. The talks were frank and comradely - said the communique. And - that was that.

Western observers on the scene think however that Chou was mainly interested in setting up - full scale conferences between the two giants, and in persuading the Russians to postpone that meeting planned for December - by Nikita Khrushchev. That gathering of twenty-six Communist parties - who were to map out a world Communist showdown with Peking.

The word circulating in Moscow tonight is that - the new Kremlin bosses have agreed to postpone the conference. That conference so dear to the heart of - Nikita Khrushchev.

TIBET

A Tibetan refugee who has just arrived in Nepal - has this to say. "We are back in the days of - Mila Raspa." That ~~is~~ ^{may sound} mysterious ^{to us} ~~going~~ here in the West; ~~But~~ in Tibet - it has ~~much significance~~ Tragic significance.

Mila Raspa was the greatest of Tibetan poets. He lived during the European Middle Ages - a hermit of the Himalayas. Preferring a cave high up in the mountains - to a house in Lhasa. Communing with nature - instead of conversing with the Lamas. Writing thousands of verses - by candlelight. Classical verses - of Tibetan literature.

What's the connection between Mila Raspa - and today? The fact that thousands of Tibetans - are imitating him. Refugees from the Red Chinese occupation - fleeing into the Himalayas. Hiding out in caves - as the battalions from Peking roll across the roof of the world.

And while today's hermits may not be poets - they still have a connection with their great poets - many

of them, ^{attempting to} conserving the historic culture of Tibet - as far as they can, including - the poetry. We are told of new manuscripts - copies of in the caves of the Himalayas. Among them - new versions of the works of Mila Rāspa.

POVERTY

As for the war against poverty - that is the world over, it received a boost today when Pope Paul dramatically handed over - gave away - the golden crown studded with diamonds - which he wore at his Coronation. Placing it on the altar - during a special Byzantine rite mass, which was being held in St. Peter's, a mass to stress unity between Catholics of the East and West.

The crown weighs three pounds - is fifteen inches tall, and shaped like a beehive, with - a cross of diamonds on top of a lapis lazuli globe. Its value - more than twelve thousand dollars. It was given to the Pope for the Coronation - by the people of Milan. Pope Paul hopes his gift will start off a world wide collection - to help the poor. As he left St. Peter's the crowd of ecumenical fathers and members of the diplomatic corps, applauded and shouted - "long live the Pope of Poverty."

VIET NAM

Viet Nam's new prime Minister Tran Van Huong is refusing to bow before the combined wrath of South Viet Nam's high national council, its newsmen - and those demonstrating students in Saigon. All of whom want him to reshuffle his cabinet, And told him so. ~~in public session and at a news conference for three and a half hours~~

Prime Minister Huong, only two weeks in office - wants time to prove himself and his cabinet. And says he'll resign - if he doesn't get it. He rejects the argument that the situation is so critical - that there's no time to spare. "This urgent situation" says Premier Huong - "has lasted since Nineteen Forty Five." So he doesn't see why he should be stampeded into major changes - before he has time to try out his present government.

All this taking place ^{still} ~~as~~ another storm - battered the central coastal area, where already nearly five thousand people - are reported ~~to~~ dead in the last two weeks from storms. And - more than a million are

**homeless. Leaving defenses weakened and open to attack - from the Viet
Cong guerrillas. Not to mention the threat - of epidemics.**

ISRAEL

Trouble again today - on the always explosive Israeli-Syrian border.

The Israeli Air Force - attacking Syrian gun emplacements. Accusing the Syrians of shelling Israeli settlements near the border. The situation - not unusual in that part of the world, where some sniping goes on most all the time. But it has been months now - since the Israeli Air Force has been involved. So, today, the U.M. truce commission - hastily stepped in, and managed to arrange - a cease-fire, after - two hours fighting.

President-elect Diaz Ordaz of Mexico is the latest on the list of V.I.P.'s - to be taken on that now celebrated guided tour; the L. B. J. ranch tour.

Before he went home this afternoon the Mexican President-elect was escorted round the premises by his host; - then the two leaders had a final exchange of views - to round off the two day visit. One result of the get-together, as we know - a joint pledge to fight against poverty, disease and hunger in the western hemisphere.

When President Ordaz left him President Johnson - called in Labor Secretary Wirtz, and - Welfare Secretary Celebreze, to discuss Labor and Welfare.

CAPSULES

This, in a way is a footnote - to the saga of Hurricane Ethel. Of - unhappy memory.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration tells of the finding of two camera capsules from ^{our} Saturn Moon rocket - fired in September. The capsules, encrusted with barnacles, taken from the sea one hundred and forty miles apart - and more than two hundred miles from where the Saturn hit. One - in the Bahamas - the other - at San Salvador in Central America. Both - in good condition. Containing - film made during the flight. ~~Two~~ Two of eight capsules - aboard the rocket.

Where does ^{Hurricane} Ethel - come into it? Well, Nasa

says no search could be made for any of the capsules - at the time. Because of - rough seas churned up by that

^{Now, Dick,} Hurricane. ~~Ethel~~ ^{Now,} they're hoping ~~these~~ ^{six} other ~~one~~

capsules will turn ~~pxx~~ up somewhere.

CHIVALRY

They say history - repeats itself. But ~~it didn't~~
~~happen~~ ^{not} today ^{at} Brighton, England. In spite of the
efforts of - a certain student at the new university of
Sussex, ~~there~~. Who gallantly threw his raincoat - over a
puddle in the path of Queen Elizabeth the Second. Imitating
the famous gesture of Sir Walter Raleigh in the Sixteenth
Century. When he ~~spread~~ spread his cloak before Elizabeth
the First ^{who was} ~~known~~ known - to the British ~~anyway~~ as
Good Queen Bess.

But alas, our Twentieth Century knight - was
unlucky. His ~~rain~~ rain coat - not falling directly in front
of the Queen. Who didn't tread upon it. But the would-be
courtier - did have a reward. A beaming smile - from
Queen Elizabeth.