

Peking's Feat Seen Gloomier News For Many

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Red China, after travelling a long, rocky road to a nuclear test explosion, now can be expected to mount a diplomatic drive to become the nuclear club spokesman for a third world.

Peking's feat—no matter how long it will take to acquire stockpiles and deliverables—is gloomy news for the West and the Soviet Union.

Not only is the development likely to increase tension between Moscow and the Chinese, but it also can step up the potential of the Peking regime for trouble-making.

With the explosion of a nuclear device, China is in an enhanced position to pursue one of its major policy aims—creation of an "intermediate zone" as a third world—which it envisages as a bloc, regarding the Soviet Union and the United States with equal hostility.

The main direction of this drive is toward Africa and Latin America, the so-called underdeveloped world, where Communist Chinese diplomacy already is extremely active—and in some cases highly successful.

In the non-white world, the impact of the feat will be significant.

It is probable that the Chinese did what a accomplished without significant help. China's do-it-yourself drive toward the nuclear club does begin in earnest in 1958. Since then the drive brought increasing estrangement from Moscow, a widening rift in the world Communist movement and a quiet rivalry inside China itself, pitting both the party and the army.

A Chinese test explosion can be considered strong propaganda for Peking, raising its potential in political wars of Asia and Africa and its capacity to harass its political opponents in Moscow, even though Nikita Khrushchev, the No. 1 enemy, is gone.

While the Chinese are a long way from a delivery system and their explosion of a device will raise difficulties for Russians and Americans, both acutely aware of the propaganda effect. Other countries, too, will be uneasy. Japan, for example, may seek revisions of her treaty with the United States to strengthen her security. India will be deeply worried.

VOW Shocked At Bomb Test

MONTRÉAL (CP)—The Voice of Women has expressed shock and horror at the Chinese nuclear test announced in Peking.

A VOW statement said, however, "we are heartened by the Chinese call for a summit conference, the prohibition and destruction of nuclear weapons." This indicated China "has accepted the implications of the necessity for control of nuclear arms."

News of the Chinese test came as Voice members were saying goodbye to four Soviet women in Canada as part of a mutual program for international co-operation year, the statement added.

"Our shocked response was the same," it said. "We all with one voice oppose testing with the dangers of radioactivity for our children."

The statement, signed by Kathleen Macpherson, Canadian president of the Voice of Women in Canada and F. Casgrain, Quebec president, said the Voice repeats its call for the inclusion of the People's Republic of China in the councils of the world, including the United Nations.

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KHRUSHCHEV'S PORTRAIT MISSING

Portraits of the Soviet Communist Party's leaders are shown on Moscow street. Missing from the lineup, from left are: First Secretary Leonid Brezhnev; Premier Alexei Kosygin; Soviet President Anastas Mikoyan (and out of sight in this picture) ideological expert Mikhail Suslov. The portraits were erected as part of a decoration for homecoming celebration of crew of Soviet space ship that successfully orbited the earth (AP Wirephoto via cable from Moscow).

Godless Or Ogress View Taken Of London Actress

NEW YORK (AP)— "Sure, I'm a nuclear upper," says Joan Littlewood with obvious relish. "But I haven't even begun."

"How I'd like to start all over again, kicking the bloody monsignor out of the theatre!" Perched lightly before an afternoon breakfast of hamburger, raw, and beer, London's celebrated stage rebel ignored an aide's suggestion that she watch her tongue.

"They can't make me discreet," she grinned with crusading ardor.

Miss Littlewood, despite such belligerent hyperbole and a fishwife vocabulary, is much more than the "red-necked scull" from the slums of London's East End which she calls herself.

"She is just about the most tasteless person I have ever met," comments one author who has felt the unmitigated force of her enthusiasm. Admirers regard her as a goddess, opponents as an ogress.

Her self-portrait in conversation is a paradox. With all that purple talk, unsightly Joan retains a womanly bustle, short and slim, dark hair in a tousled bob, Miss Littlewood at 50 is a bright-eyed apparition who has been boisterously pecking at the Establishment for 32 years.

Just what is the Littlewood method of acting?

"There's a tremendous discipline, but I can't talk about that. It's much more difficult than the discipline for idiots in the regular theatre. My people have to learn to think—and that's awful difficult at the start for some."

She refers to her pre-performance sessions as "inventions," during which her clowns start with the playwright's dialogue and go on to improvisation.

Among the Littlewood targets of scorn are critics—including the ones who first made the workshop famous in London.

"I think you lot over here are worse. People who walk around thinking they're tyrants have a way of losing their brains."

"The critics have been much so important, of course, by the producers who are a bunch of sausage-makers who go into the theatre to make a quick buck."

Management on both sides of the Atlantic is included in Littlewood's indictment. Her only exceptions are Sir John Gielgud and Sir Laurence Olivier; she doesn't admit them as actors, "but they've at least a bit of the humanity to put their own money back into production."

The big interest that has her driving forward now is a scheme for creation of a huge "place of delight" for all comers on London's sylvanbank. Included would be a giant mobile auditorium, promenades, places for good gossip, theatre, adult toys, instant movies.

"All my life I've been trying to get such a place," she says. "I'll need millions, and it will run at a tremendous loss which must be paid by the government, which wastes money in libraries and universities where people don't learn anything."

"It," declares Miss Littlewood, "would be what the theatre should be."

Time Required To Show Trend In New Fallout

OTTAWA (CP)—Dr. Peter Bird, chief of the federal health department's radiation protection division, said here it will be 10 days to two weeks before it is known whether the Chinese nuclear explosion has increased radioactivity levels in Canada.

Dr. Bird said he made this forecast on the assumption the Chinese exploded a nuclear device in the atmosphere. If the explosion was underground, it was unlikely this would increase current levels.

Radioactivity from an atmospheric explosion likely would start arriving on the west coast in four to six days. This would depend on meteorological conditions.

Dr. Bird said it would take another six to eight days to have air samples from the coast tested in Ottawa to determine their radio-activity levels.

He said the timing of the explosion means milk supplies during the rest of this year and until next summer will not be contaminated with additional amounts of strontium-90. All fodder for cows until next summer has been harvested and placed in barns where it should not be subjected to further contamination.

Radiation levels in Canada have been declining steadily since the United States, Britain and Russia ceased exploding nuclear devices in the atmosphere. The quantity of radioactivity is far below permissible levels.

STAGED REVUE

She came over to stage *Oh, What a Lovely War*, a satirical revue by her theatre workshop company, on Broadway.

The entertainment, based on events, memoirs and songs of the First World War, opened to widely divided notices, and director Littlewood is still making adjustments to attune the long-run English hit to American audiences.

Just about everything she's ever done, has—to her—managed to involve "both love and hate." Stretching ambivalence a notch farther, Miss Littlewood declares: "I've never worked a moment in my life," then delightedly asserts later: "I work day and night."

North American audiences have previously seen such examples of what she wants in "a living, smashing theatre" as *A Taste of Honey*, and *The Housewife*. She was here briefly to supervise the latter. Mention of its late author, Brendan Behan, uncovers a chink in her gruff armor.

"It was difficult to come back this time without him," she sighs. "We'd have done anything short of hanging him on the head to keep him in line."

"Theatre" she regards as a word descriptive of the existing order.

"We broke out of the racket through skill, cunning and immorality," the lady remarks through nose-stops puffing on a cigarette. "We used to have a lot of outcasts in England really—neither London nor Dublin wanted them. They used to call me a Cockney Sinn-Feiner."

"Our company never does the same thing over treated. Stage rehearsal in cases of dire necessity. People never do the same thing over and over, do they? Why should the theatre?"

Miss Littlewood points out that she's even treated Shakespeare to unorthodox performance. ("Nobody liked what we did but the public.")

"I'm bloody stupid in some ways—and so are you," she says.

Her favorite word for the performers who have been with her during the last 12 years at the Theatre Royale is "clowns."

"They aren't actors when I find them. They're with them in the theatre. Sometimes it takes six months to unlearn all the things they got in drama schools."

Doosco Reports Loss For Year

MONTRÉAL (CP)—Dominion Coal Company Ltd. and its subsidiaries reported a net loss of \$1,297,076 for the year ended July 31, 1964, compared with a net income of \$1,141,044 during the previous year, the company's annual report released here revealed.

Production of coal for the year amounted to 3,908,242 tons as against 3,908,242 tons in 1963.

The company said the drop in production and an increase in production costs were the main factors contributing to the deficit.

Net tons of coal sold totalled 2,523,525 as against 3,522,116 in the preceding year.

The drop in sales in relation to 1963 was also a direct result of lower production, the company said.

It also anticipated the market for coal will continue to be strong for the balance of the current year and probably for some time thereafter. This is due to increasing energy requirements generally and to expansion of thermal power producing plants in Nova Scotia and central Canada, the company said.

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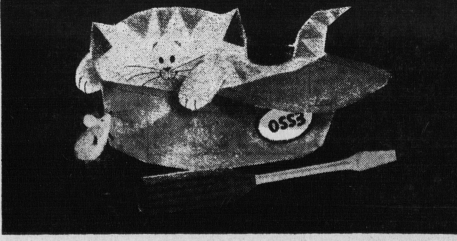
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