

Mao Is Believed Reduced To Power Struggle Front

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HONG KONG (AP)—Here, at the window of China, a conviction is growing among competent watchers that Mao Tse-tung is a man without power, a front for a regime to which he surrendered himself voluntarily as a virtual prisoner.

Students of the situation—Chineses and others—detect a new phase in the power struggle. A showdown seems to be coming, and when it does, it is likely to inflict heavy damage on the Communist party, perhaps dividing it for years to come.

Chinese propaganda hints the time is near when names will be named and—as the propaganda puts it—"dogs not already in the water" will be drowned, meaning that those resisting the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution will be shown no mercy.

Mao's thinking—Maoism—rules. But in mainland China, Mao's thinking more and more is in the thinking of Lin Piao, the saturnine, ailing defence minister who is being increasingly glorified. Recent statements on China's new nuclear explosion contain significant hints.

SCIENTISTS COME LAST
The Peking press says the success was achieved by the army, workers, technicians and scientists (scientists last) who "enthusiastically responded to the call of comrade Lin Piao, holding high the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought." Since Lin now interprets Mao's thought, it is Lin who reaps the glory.

The communique announcing the successful guided missile-nuclear weapon test was issued jointly by the Communist central committee and its military commission. Lin controls both, having taken over chairmanship of the military commission from Mao, who held it for 30 years.

Lin and his allies have not yet, however, won the day in the power struggle. A showdown may come at a new party congress, already five years overdue. By that time Lin and his supporters will have wrought vast change in the party Mao

CBC Blasted On Sex Film

TORONTO (CP)—The Toronto board of education has accused the CBC of depicting 50 school children into viewing a sex education film, then interviewing them on their reactions for a new public affairs television program called Sunday.

A CBC spokesman denied there had been subterfuge. Trustee Barry Coutts said the film was much too advanced for the children, some as young as 10 years old.

It was titled Human Reproduction and its American distributor says it is intended for children 14 to 16 years old. Mr. Coutts, whose daughter was among the group which saw the film Wednesday, protested that the CBC had taken advantage of parents and children.

Hugh Gauntlett, supervisor of special programs and public affairs for the CBC, said whether the interviews with the children will be shown on the program will depend on the quality of the material and the attitudes of the parents.

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strument because of their reckless cruelty.

The Young Communist League has been all but disbanded. Its millions of members—too mature for the purposes of daily terror—along with the many high party figures in Peking and the provinces who have been humiliated—are potential revisionists of the future, when the old men now running the party become too weak to carry on.

The "in" group at the moment seems to include, in order of power, Lin, Tao Chu, Chen Po-ia and Kang Sheng. Premier Chou En-lai still is listed high among these, but is regarded as a useful functionary and there have been clear indications that his influence has lessened.

The most intriguing figure is Tao Chu. He seems to be the technician of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution and definitely a man to watch. His rise has been meteoric. At the moment, the guess is that he is next to Lin in terms of personal power.

Tao, now 60, had a career as a military man and political commissar, a ruthless director of land reform, but also an able government administrator. He is a Hunan province man, like Mao, and was close to him. He now is considered close to Lin. Tao may be the real string-puller in the background, operating behind the glitter of the ailing Lin.

Four Possibilities Emerge As Republican Party Leaders

WASHINGTON (CP)—For a handful of participants in Tuesday's U.S. elections, the next important date is 1968—the presidential race.

Four Republicans moved into contention for the nominally leaderless party, still scarred by the right-left split accompanying Barry Goldwater's disastrous assault on the White House.

Alabama segregationist George Wallace gained strength as a possible third-party candidate, he insists.

Some potential Democratic candidates took their lumps.

The moderate wing of the Republican party also got a stiff injection of new or revived blood, with implications for 1968.

Michigan Governor George Romney, old pro Richard Nixon, freshman Illinois Senator Charles Percy and new California Governor Ronald Reagan stand front-and-centre now in the Republican hierarchy.

For Romney, who won a third term there is not much doubt about his intentions, although he says he has made no decision yet. He benefited from the more moderate and apparent

So Nixon stands out as an acceptable and available right-of-center candidate.

PERCY COULD MOVE BY Charles Percy, the sort of bright young (47) politician party now want, could have, seasoned enough in two years to make a real bid.

Meanwhile, neither Senator Robert Kennedy of New York nor Vice-President Richard Humphrey—the Democrats lined up now for the presidential nomination in 1972 at the latest—covered themselves with glory.

Kennedy campaigned in vain for Democrats, who lost in California, New York and other major power bases.

Humphrey saw his old Minnesota stamping grounds go Republican as well.

TO RESTORE ART WORKS
FLORENCE, Italy (Reuters) Mrs. John F. Kennedy, wife of the late U.S. president, will head an American committee of the international appeal to restore Florence's flood-damaged art works, the Italian broadcasting company Rai said Thursday.

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Smith Suggests Wilson Meeting

SALISBURY (Reuters)—Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith has called for new "man-to-man talks" in a final effort to solve Rhodesia's independence crisis, apparently meaning a face-to-face meeting with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

Smith put forward his suggestion in a country-wide radio and television broadcast on the first anniversary of his white-minority government's unilateral declaration of independence from Britain.

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