

Communism's 'Hot Summer' Is On

Red 'Heat' Spreads to Africa and Europe
As U. S. Reacts at Last to Castro's Acts

The "hot summer" foreseen by those acquainted with international communism's tactics and strategy has begun.

For the time being the heat is building up in sections of Africa, Europe and the Caribbean. The Africans were given their independence without preparation for self-government. They are celebrating it, especially in the former Belgian Congo, with orgies against the white settlers. There are fears that the example of the Congolese will be followed by others.

In Europe the ubiquitous Nikita Khrushchev is directly and indirectly inciting trouble. His state visit to Austria was, as usual, turned into a propaganda campaign against the United States and West Germany, his pet hatreds.

Khrushchev warned once more that he intends to crush Chancellor Adenauer, whom he brands a "second Hitler," and protect Austria's neutrality by sending troops into that country in the event Austrian neutral airspace is violated by missiles which can be launched from Italy.

Austria's Chancellor Raab dared utter only the mildest rebuke for Khrushchev's provocative speeches. Austria is too close to the Soviet borders.

In Italy the Communist Party leader, Palmiro Togliatti, synchronized uprisings and general strikes by workers of the Communist-dominated Italian Federation of Labor with Khrushchev's verbal actions in Austria. The Italian people

are faring well these days. They are better off—although there are still a number of depressed areas, particularly in the south—than they have ever been before.

The Italians are not inclined to impair their present prosperity. But the disciplined hard Communist core has succeeded in creating serious trouble in Rome and other prosperous cities, although strike orders have been obeyed only in the "Red belt" around Bologna and other prosperous Northern Italian industrial centers. The success or failure of the movements ordered by the Kremlin stooge Togliatti depend entirely on the determination of Italian Premier Tambroni to fight back.

But it is in the Caribbean, and especially in Cuba, that the heat wave produced by Moscow most seriously affects us. We have committed undeniable blunders in Cuba ever since the administration decided some 18 months ago that Fidel Castro and his cut-throat gang was the answer to our prayers for democracy. Responsible officials in the State Department ignored the reports of the CIA and FBI dating back to 1948 describing Fidel and Raul Castro as being at least under the Communist discipline.

Castro was invited as guest speaker by the American Society of Newspaper Editors. Not only was he given the accolade of the free American press, but he also was received with honor by the administration. His speeches and utterances seemed moderate then. The State De-

partment was exultant. "We told you," officials said, "that we did not make a mistake in backing this youthful and unconventional leader."

The vast American business interests in Cuba, fearful at the outset of Castro's economic policies, breathed freely. They supported him financially by advancing him millions of much needed dollars to replenish the Cuban treasury, which had been emptied by Fulgencio Batista.

But shortly afterward Castro unfurled his true flag. It was all red. The honeymoon was over. Ever since he has kicked us in the shins, insulted our country and its leaders in words far more violent than those used by either Khrushchev or Mao Tse-tung and adopted a policy of spoliation by confiscating American capital and installations in the island.

When it was evident, even to the perennial optimists in Washington, that Castro and his gang had become only a front for the hundreds of Russian and Chinese "advisers" and that Cuba had become the foremost base of international communism, the administration woke from its torpor. The Cuban sugar quota has been cut and the State Department is being urged to freeze Cuban funds in the United States. Too late. Castro transferred funds amounting reportedly to some \$40 million to Switzerland several months ago.

The harm done by the mild policies of the administration has had repercussions in many Latin American republics, which at the present time are hesitating to follow us to bring Castro on the road to international decency.

SENATOR CAUCUS

—By Pete Wyma



"... And you're fully protected if stomped on during a convention stampede... and if you should be overcome while in a smoke filled room..."

POTOMAC FEVER

By FLETCHER KNEBEL

Lyndon Johnson takes charge of his own campaign in Los Angeles. By the time a delegation gets the full Johnson treatment, he's left a little bit of himself in old Dixie—usually his coat lapels.

Jack Kennedy, a Pulitzer Prize author, may bring out a convention autobiography: "From Here to Maturity."

Police grab a man who threatens to jump off the 14th floor of the convention hotel. It was quickly apparent the guy was not Democratic Chairman Paul Butler. Nobody was pushing him.

You can't blame Jack Kennedy for coming to Los Angeles with a bodyguard. Any man with that many relatives and in-laws in town needs protection.

Adlai Stevenson feels neglected here. Nobody has declared he can't win in November, organized a "stop-Stevenson" drive—or accused him of a new disease.

Political theme songs: Jack Kennedy—"I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night."

Truman Due to Change Mind, Go as Delegate

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., July 9 (AP).—Former President Truman was expected to announce today—to no one's surprise—that he has changed his mind and will attend the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles as a Missouri delegate.

Ten days ago Mr. Truman said he was resigning as a delegate and would not attend the convention. Last Saturday, in a press conference, he gave his reason. The convention, he said, was "prearranged" in favor of Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts.

The former President said he was acting to alert the party to the danger of freezing out other worthy candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination.

But he carefully left the door ajar. At the press conference, asked if he might be in Los Angeles at convention time even though he did not plan to attend the sessions, he replied:

"You never can tell." When told Thursday that the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles was wondering if it should hold the presidential suite for him, he advised a newsman:

"You tell them to hold onto it. Tell them they aren't going to lose any money."

Then yesterday Gov. James T. Blair, chairman of the Missouri delegation, announced the former President had reconsidered and would arrive in Los Angeles Monday to take part in the convention as a delegate.

Gov. Blair said he had never accepted Mr. Truman's resignation, anyway. Mr. Truman said he would have a statement today. It appeared likely he might go beyond a mere announcement that he had reconsidered and would attend the convention.

He has announced support of Senator Symington of Missouri for the presidential nomination "until the last dog dies," and could very well drop another bombshell aimed at helping to stop Senator Kennedy.

RALPH MCGILL

Odds Makers Favor Kennedy

Johnson Backers Nurse Hope Truman's 'Delegate Weed Killer' Will Be Potent

LOS ANGELES.—It is perhaps significant that the Nation's first national nominating convention was confused and contradictory. It was held in 1831 at Baltimore by the Anti-Masonic Party. Its nominee, William Wirt, was a Freemason, and he defended the order in a speech to the convention which nominated him.

The Democrats held their first in 1832, nominating Andrew Jackson for a second term. The Republicans, who adopted that name officially in 1854, nominated John C. Fremont at their first convention in Philadelphia in 1856.

It cannot be said there is today any great national intensity about the candidates offered by either party. There is curiosity, but not fervor.

Reporters arriving here are informed that gamblers in the City of the Angels are offering heavy odds that Jack Kennedy will make it not later than the second ballot. There are almost no voices to say they may.

But speculation is a disease afflicting otherwise good minds in election years. And so, since a wee mathematical chance remains to stop Senator Kennedy, the convention takes on some of the mystery of the Great Indefinite. There are men who nurse the dream that on the second ballot the delegate weed killer, applied but a few days ago by Old Doctor Truman, will begin to show its effect. After that second ballot, say the makers of this dubious dream, the great State of Texas will begin to be heard from and her favorite son, Lyndon Johnson, will begin his climb toward the nomination.

But whatever the potency of his "Stop Kennedy Specific," or lack of it, it is perhaps just as well that Dr. Truman isn't scheduled to speak to the delegates. The mood of some of them is such that the less decorous would almost surely boo him. And this is something Mr. Truman doesn't deserve from the party, even though twice now he has given its conventions the back of his hand, ere the delegates had taken up what is called their deliberations.

There is some sullenness around. There has been pressure by the Kennedy forces, and some of it was hard to take. But none can deny that a great tide flows for him. It may be the party is weary of the old pros. Maybe there is an appeal in a fresh young face. I recall that in West Virginia the women and

500 Homeless In Texas Deluge

LUBBOCK, Tex., July (AP).—Fresh deluges poured onto West Texas' South Plains today, skyrocketing the refugee total above the 500 mark in that rich agricultural area.

The nature of the flat country—free of swift, sudden run-offs—averted any major danger to life and property.

The week's rains—totaling up to 20 inches in some places—simply sought the lowest spot in the vicinity and created vast, shallow lakes.

The homeowners who fled cannot return to their homes for the most part until the water soaks into the ground.

Authorities said the majority of the refugees are city and town dwellers. They made no attempt to count the number of farm families driven into homes of friends and relatives.

Mother Joins Kennedy Clan

LOS ANGELES, July 9 (AP).—Senator Jack Kennedy's mother arrived last night to join the Kennedy clan and declared her son was certainly not too young to be President.

She was met at the airport by her actor son-in-law, Peter Lawford, who brought a chauffeur-driven car up to the jet plane ramp for her.

Mr. Lawford, husband of Patricia Kennedy, wore a Kennedy button on his lapel.

Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr., Jack's father, is already here. He is staying in a home he owns in Beverly Hills.

When asked if she thought her son was too young to be President, Mrs. Kennedy replied, "certainly not," and added that he had been in politics all his life—"since he was a baby."

Ex-Planner Calls Pact With Japan 3 Years Late

By the Associated Press

A former State Department policy planner says the United States ambassador to Japan recommended a new security treaty at least three years ago, and if it had been put through then much trouble would have been avoided.

Paul H. Nitze, former director of the department's policy planning staff, said there was little pressure to change the treaty three years ago.

Three years ago "to bring it into closer conformity to the true understanding before the issue became a matter of public interest in Japan." Mr. Nitze's testimony was given on June 17 to a Senate subcommittee studying United States policy-making machinery. It was made public yesterday.

Mr. Nitze did not mention anti-treaty riots that caused cancellation of President Eisenhower's visit to Japan, but he said:

"In part our difficulties in Japan today are due to the fact that too optimistic a view was taken three or four years ago of the long run developments in the Japanese situation."

He said he understands United States Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II recommended changing the wording of the postwar treaty at least

His Favorite Kept Secret By Humphrey

LOS ANGELES, July 9 (AP).—Senator Humphrey of Minnesota, who had hopes of being a presidential candidate, arrived at the Democratic convention site last night as just a delegate.

Like some other delegates, he was non-committal about whom he is backing. Smiling and wiping from his cheeks the lipstick stains from kisses of exuberant convention "Golden Girl" greeters, Senator Humphrey posed for pictures with his wife Muriel and son Skipper, 18.

"Unpredictable" is the way Senator Humphrey summed up what might happen at the convention. He said the 31-member Minnesota delegation, of which he is co-chairman with Gov. Orville Freeman, will caucus Monday.

Until then, Senator Humphrey said, he would make no comment on how the delegation was going. The delegation is pledged to him.

"There has been no commitment made," he said, adding, "My interest in and friendship for the Democratic candidates is rather general." He said he is "very fond" of Senators Kennedy, Symington and Johnson. Senator Humphrey committed himself on one thing: He said he is in favor of Gov. Freeman for Vice President.

Bastille Day Ball

The Federation of French War Veterans will hold its annual Bastille Day ball at 9 p.m. Thursday in the Sheraton-Park Hotel ballroom. Proceeds will go to charities.



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Italian Riots Viewed As Bolstering Tambroni

By EUGENE LEVINE
Associated Press Staff Writer

ROME, July 9.—Communist rioting, aimed at ousting Premier Fernando Tambroni's Christian Democrat government, appeared today to have backfired and to have strengthened his hand instead.

The rioting, Italy's worst in years, has killed 10 and injured more than 1,000—both demonstrators and police. No major Italian city has escaped the disorders.

Communist orators have repeatedly demanded that Mr. Tambroni must go or, as one pro-Communist Senator put it, Italy will "be a government of civil war."

But the strife seems to have united the warring factions of Mr. Tambroni's Christian Democrat Party behind him, at least for the present, and to have made it more difficult for the Fascists to withdraw their support from him.

Needed Fascist Votes
Mr. Tambroni's government was a shaky one when it came to power in April. The left wing of the Christian Democrats openly opposed the government.

Mr. Tambroni needed Fascist votes to survive a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies. The Communists and Socialists on the left, the Liberals and the Monarchists on the right, all opposed Mr. Tambroni.

A week ago the Premier looked as if he was in trouble. In the early stages of the rioting, Communist demonstrators forced the government to order the cancellation of a Fascist national congress in Genoa. Irate Fascists threatened to withdraw their support from the government. They said it should have given them more protection.

But in the past three days violent rioting has created a new, critical situation in which the Fascists are expected to think twice before opposing Mr. Tambroni. And some say the Liberals and Monarchists might have second thoughts too if matters come to a head in a confidence vote. Mr. Tambroni's big test is expected to come Tuesday when both houses of Parliament debate the rioting.

In the meantime, Mr. Tambroni is acting like a man determined to subdue the violence without compromise. Yesterday his cabinet ignored a plan for a 15-day truce by Senate President Cesare Merzagora. He suggested that police and

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