

Russia May Not Want War But It Does Not Want Real Peace

Anyone surveying the latest events in the power struggle known as the cold war must come to the conclusion that while the Soviet Russian government plainly does not want a war, it apparently does not want a real peace with the West either, writes Joseph C. Harsh in the Christian Science Monitor.

This is not a novel conclusion about the men of the Kremlin. It is what many an expert on Russia, including Winston Churchill, Britain's Prime Minister, frequently has concluded over the past strenuous and dangerous years. What is new is a series of events which combine to provide fresh documentation in support of the old and established conclusions.

The most dramatic and revealing of these events has been the story of the four American fliers finally released from Hungarian prison. This has been a dangerous incident.

It is precisely the kind of thing which angers western man with his regard for fair play for the individual and which seems so unimportant to eastern man with his lack of concern for the individual.

U.S. CITIZENS AROUSED
The imprisonment, trial and fining of the four fliers aroused American public opinion as it has been aroused only twice before over these past six years—once over the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and once over the outbreak of the Korean war.

No one can say what the result would have been if the Soviets had carried out their apparent intention of staging a big public trial and convicting them on the charges of sabotage and espionage. One can only be sure that the usual Communist treatment meted out to the wandering four would have produced a degree of tension so high that war very possibly could have resulted.

Probably the Russians themselves did not appreciate at the beginning the dangers inherent in the situation. Certainly the fate of the four was uncertain in the extreme until December 22, when the State Department sent direct to Moscow an urgent warning that it would be making a grave mistake to under-

estimate American public reaction. From the moment of that warning, matters took a sharp turn for the better. The Hungarians did not stage a public spy or sabotage trial, and they limited the charges to the technical matter of border violation. They then meted out a sentence based on the technically accurate contention that there had been an illegal border crossing. Then they released the four fliers.

FACE-SAVING EFFORT
American public opinion is outraged over the \$36,000 fines which appear to Americans like medieval ransom, but to the experts who have followed the case closely, the important thing is not the highhanded and unreasonable matter of the ransom device but rather the fact that the four men were "deported" from Hungary after "nothing more than a trial on technicalities and a dollar fine."

By western standards, the whole affair is outrageous. By Asiatic standards, the Communist government of Hungary barely salvaged a minimum amount of face and actually backed way down in an obvious, if clumsy, effort to avoid real trouble. One must assume that Moscow ordered Budapest to close out the affair as speedily as possible in a manner which would avert serious explosion.

However, it is equally obvious that Moscow did not require of Hungary a means of settlement which would have seemed truly conciliatory to the West.

Two other stories can be read in conjunction with the one of the four fliers.

In Korea this week, as for several weeks past, truce talks dragged on at a pace just sufficient to keep them going, but not fast enough to produce any real relaxation of tensions. Here, as in respect to the fliers, Moscow's policy obviously was one of avoiding a turn of events which might lead toward war, but equally one not calculated to produce any real easing of tensions.

Also last week Moscow agreed to receive as the new United States ambassador in Russia George F. Kennan, but accompanied the diplomatic agreement with newspaper slaps at Mr. Kennan, charging him, falsely, with directing anti-Russian subversive operations in the United States.

BRIDGE KEPT OPEN
Here again we must conclude that Moscow, far from being engaged in any final bridge-burning operation, is being most careful to keep a minimum number of bridges open to the West, but has no desire to see really

tree and friendly traffic moving over those bridges.

In brief, Moscow . . . got the four fliers released ungraciously, accepted Mr. Kennan's appointment ungraciously, and directed Korean negotiations toward an ungracious truce. Stated differently, Moscow continued to do the minimum necessary to keep world tensions from mounting to the danger point, but nothing which would really contribute toward a removal of those tensions.

Ever since the Korean truce talks really got down to serious business, the experts on Russia in western capitals have been going over their calculations and assessments and rereading their histories of Soviet behavior. There was a period, at the beginning of the Korean war, when all the old calculations were subjected to serious doubt. Many began to suspect that Russia had decided to move into a phase of direct military action.

Now, after a month of hard truce talking, after the acceptance of Mr. Kennan, and after the release of the four fliers, the experts feel justified in returning to their original theories.

More than ever they are convinced that the key to Soviet behavior is the fact that the Soviet regime operates on the conscious and deliberate theory that its survival in power in Russia depends on avoidance of war, but maintenance of the state of tension which we of the West have labelled the cold war.

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Who For Governors?

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AUCKLAND, N.Z. (P)—Suggestions that governors-general might be selected from outstanding personalities in other British Commonwealth countries are being discussed with interest in New Zealand.

Commenting on an editorial in the Vancouver Sun approving such a step, the Auckland Star commends the idea and says it is eminently worthy of careful consideration by the New Zealand government.

The Sun editorial said: "The world would sit up and take notice if Canada decided to draw her governors-general from any or every part of the British Commonwealth of Nations. That would rekindle the Commonwealth spirit. It would typify Commonwealth unity. It would be a sign and signal to mankind that ideals still transcend power blocs and political currents."

A new governor-general of New Zealand will be appointed in midsummer. In the past the appointment has always been filled by nominations from Britain. A change was made with the appointment of Lord Freyberg to the position immediately after the Second World War. Although he had not lived in New Zealand for many years he had grown up in New Zealand and

is Lt.-Gen. Sir Bernard Freyberg, V.C., led the Dominion's forces overseas throughout the war.

New Zealand thus followed the example of several other Dominions by appointing one of its own sons as governor-general. Lord Freyberg's term has been extended until June, 1952, because of the royal tour, and speculation is rising as to his successor. There is no New Zealander with anything like the prestige which Lord Freyberg won among his countrymen by his exploits as a leader in two world wars.

There was a suggestion that New Zealand might make a gesture to its Maori race by nominating Sir Peter Buck, world famous Maori scientist, to the post, but he died recently and there

is no other Maori leader of sufficient stature to be acceptable to both Europeans and Maoris as governor-general.

This leaves the field very open for such proposals as that of extending the Commonwealth concept a step further by nominating some distinguished citizen of another Dominion.

WAR ON SKEETERS

WINNIPEG (P)—Annual report of the Greater Winnipeg anti-mosquito campaign showed more than 11,000 acres of likely breeding grounds were sprayed with oil and insecticide. Fourteen municipalities contributed more than \$12,000 to the 1951 campaign.

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The DAILY NEWS SPORTS

Wrangell Wins Hoop Series

Poorly-attended free-for-all Wrangell Wolves edge Booth Rainmakers by four points in the total point, two-point game. Score was 42-36 last night. Score was 42-36 last night. Score was 42-36 last night.

Spectators found little enjoyment in the game which showed poor playing by each team. Rainmakers couldn't get started in the first half, throwing most passes wild.

High scorer was Wrangell's Gundersen who poured in 15 points in the first half, then was whisked off the floor for a flagrant foul. Referees held Gundersen deliberately tripped Rainmakers' Young.

Last half was mostly rough-house play as 28 personal fouls were called on the visitors and 21 on the local students. Bradshaw and Schwartz were sent to the showers via the foul route as well as Letourneau.

Basketball Team Returning North
Wrangell Wolves basketball team, following their series here this week with Booth Memorial High School, are sailing tonight by the Prince George for Vancouver enroute home.

Future For Skiing On Mount Hays

Deep snow—between six and eight feet—on the slopes of Mt. Hays is of a better texture for the time of year than has been seen for some time, local skiers report. And one of the best spots to enjoy this winter is the newly opened run located halfway between the ski village and the plateau run at the ski tow.

Skiing in Prince Rupert, too, is receiving much more attention than in the past. Present membership in Prince Rupert Ski Club is higher than ever before with new members still being enrolled. Membership totals around 35.

Meanwhile, the Ski Club executive is continually trying to encourage further development of the Mt. Hays slopes as a ski centre. There is only one major handicap, they realize, which must be overcome . . . finding an easier way for people to get up the mountain.

At present, only those earnestly interested in skiing or getting a picture of winter's true wonderland attempt the half-hour moderately strenuous hike which leads from Fairview Road to the ski village. From the cabins, it's another half-hour, but easier-going hike to the main ski run.

Club members often fondly think of what a chair-lift could do for skiing here. Many believe it could open up Mt. Hays to one of the finest tourists trades in the country for the locality has one of the longest good skiing seasons in the province, often lasting well into May.

Such development, however, is not a project the Ski Club could undertake. It would have to be a commercialized effort, and such capital—if ever—could be attracted here, local skiers will continue to do their week-end stint. Climb the mountain Saturday afternoon or night, stay in village overnight and then enjoy skiing all Sunday, returning to their homes in the morning.

The cabins are considered a luxury by club members who purchased the former Mt. Hays Army camp or some dozen buildings including a mess hall complete with fireplace, now the main Ski Lodge.

Prince Rupert Ski Club is a bona-fide member of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association, western division, and expects this year to have free skiing instruction by recently arrived Henry Skaladney, former Czechoslovakian Olympic Games entry.

Bruins on Upgrade

Chicago Black Hawks

Suffered Fifth Straight Loss
CHICAGO (P)—Boston Bruins moved to within one point of the fourth place New York Rangers in the National Hockey League race Tuesday night as they overwhelmed Chicago Black Hawks 7 to 2 before a crowd of 8,212.

The defeat was the fifth in succession for the Hawks who also dropped six points behind the fifth place Bruins.

Veteran Woody Dumart scored twice for Boston to bring his lifetime Major League total to 199 goals. Both came in the third period.

Dumart also got an assist.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League
W D L F A Pts.
Detroit 22 8 7 103 66 32
Montreal 18 4 16 101 89 40
Toronto 16 8 13 87 77 40
New York 14 6 17 90 106 34
Boston 12 9 16 84 94 33
Chicago 11 3 24 83 116 25

Hockey Scores

National
Boston 7, Chicago 2.
Pacific Coast
Saskatoon 5, Tacoma 1.
Western International
Spokane 7, Nelson 7 (overtime tie).
Okanagan
Penticton 1, Vernon 5.
Pacific Coast Amateur
Kerrisdale 2, Nanaimo 3.

Vanderhoof Wins Hockey

VANDERHOOF—Hockey league games between Williams Lake and Vanderhoof which were played on Sunday resulted in scores of 5 to 3 and 9 to 4 in favor of Vanderhoof.

A good crowd turned out to see the two games and the players were well rewarded.

Vanderhoof now is feeling their strength. They play Prince George two return games on home ice, one on Tuesday and one on Friday.

Midgets Play Hockey Games

TELKWA—The Smithers Midgets played the Telkwa Midgets on Sunday here, with a tie result. The game was hotly contested and gave the spectators quite a thrill.

The midget games have provided good hockey with fast playing on both sides. Although the Smithers boys are larger, the Telkwa lads can hold their own and it looks as though some embryonic hockey players may be in the making along this north line.

Eight Entries In Chess Tourney

Eight entries will play in the Civic Centre chess tournament, now under way. Names drawn for the round-robin tourney show the following pairs in first and second rounds:

First round—G. H. Trapp vs. D. W. Carr-Harris; J. W. Stokes vs. Archie Mitchell; Rev. H. G. Bird vs. S. White; Jack Stirn vs. Larry Stanwood.
Second round—Trapp vs. Stokes; Carr-Harris vs. Mitchell; Bird vs. Stirn, and White vs. Stanwood.
Play-offs will be in one game rounds, two points given for a win, one for a draw.
Meanwhile, the checker tourney draws will be announced tomorrow.

European Ball Team May Visit

PARIS—European baseball players hope to compete in the future against American teams, Luis Barrio, president of the Baseball Federation of Spain, told reporters recently.

Barrio is winding up a trip through Europe with the aim of starting an international federation as a basis for a world federation.

Baseball is played in Europe in an amateur way in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, and Spain. Barrio plans a baseball congress at Madrid next spring.

American soldiers' teams from West Germany will be requested to enter the European organization.

The Spanish federation lists 70 teams. There are 180 baseball teams of record in the Netherlands where the sport has been played more than 40 years.

Old Country FOOTBALL

Scottish League—Division A
Partick Thistle 1, Raith Rovers 1 (tie).
Queen of the South 4, Motherwell 1.
Morton-Airdrieonians and Stirling Albion-St. Mirren matches, rearranged for today, were again postponed owing to snow.

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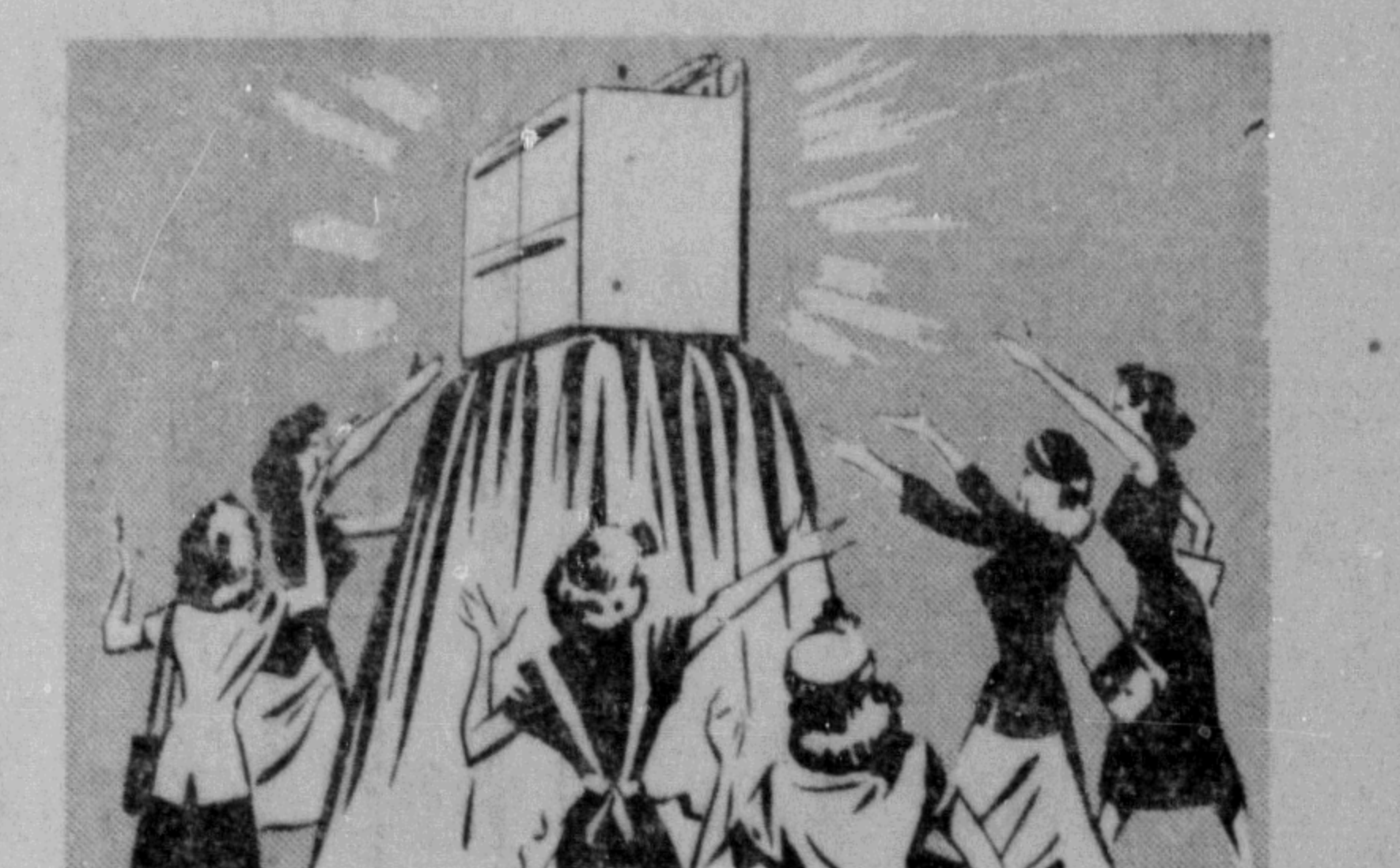
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