

# Red China Today . . . Aging Mao Preparing For Successor

Mao Tse-tung has led the People's Republic of Red China in its struggle for world domination for 17 years and the aging chairman is now preparing the way for his successor, according to Dr. Peter Cheng, University visiting professor of political science.

The top candidate for Mao's job is Lin Piao, China's Minister of Defense and one of Mao's favorite generals, Dr. Cheng said.

Cheng believes Mao's successor must be totally committed to the present doctrines and long range goals of the People's Republic.

### Repressing Forces

The chairman is now repressing all forces which could overthrow his established doctrines and system of government after his death. Cheng cited the Red Guard as an example of the chairman's strategy.

Lin has publicly asserted the supremacy of politics and vigorously followed Mao's principle that the bourgeois must be stripped of class superiority, according to newweek reports.

The Minister of Defense has ordered the abolition of title of rank in the Chinese army; therefore reas-

Cheng added that he doubted Red China would be admitted this year because they have given no indications they will comply with any conditions the

UN demands.

Another outside issue in which Red China is involved is the Viet Nam conflict. Cheng noted that Red Chi-

na is not likely to become more actively involved in Viet Nam because the country is contented to participate by proxy. This means that Red Chi-

na is sponsoring the North Viet Nam army in the conflict in place of its own troops.

Red China would be satisfied to carry on the Viet Nam conflict indefinitely, Cheng included, in order to force the distribution of American military strength over the entire globe.

**Continue Pressure**  
"The Chinese will probably retain pressure on other international hot spots such as Berlin," Cheng added.

Although Red China is able to create friction and even fear in international relations, the Chinese are not capable of starting an atomic war, Cheng stated.

He estimated it would take the Communists at least 15 years to develop their economic system so they would have surplus funds for the construction of missiles.

Another factor affecting Red China's future is the Sino-Soviet split, which has reached almost irreparable dimensions, according to Cheng.

**Russian Walk-Out**  
The recent Russian walk-out on Red Chinese anniversary celebrations Oct. 1 is another example of Russia's refusal to concede the Red China's doctrines, Cheng said.

**Sino-Soviet unpredictable**  
relations date back to the first days of the People's Republic in 1949, Cheng explained.

As a young country Red China established strong ties with Russia with a 30-year treaty which denounced the United States and assured China of military aid should the country be attacked by Japan.

This treaty was one element which forced the United States to withhold recognition of Red China and to begin its policy containment of Asian aggression.

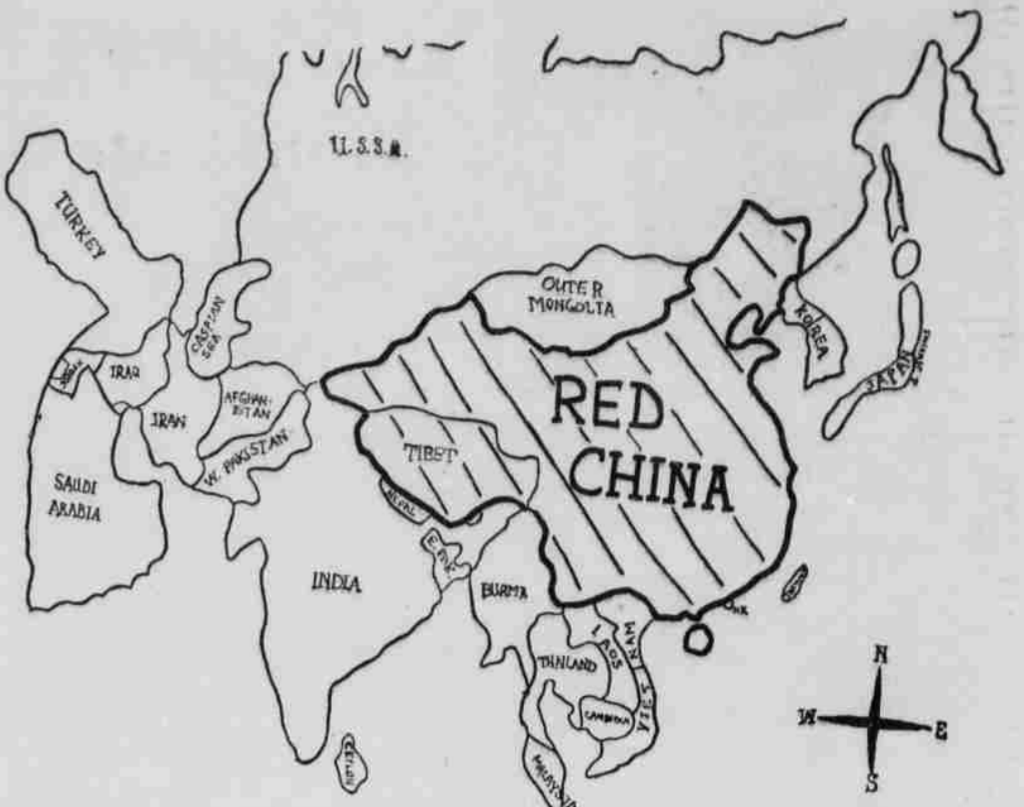
**Reversed Policy**  
Red China reversed its policy with the United States' approval for their seating in the UN.

Following the launching of Sputnik I in 1957, Red China believed the balance of power had shifted to the Russians and again China changed its foreign policy, this time favoring Russia.

The first sign of a split in Sino-Soviet relations appeared in 1958 when Red China assumed Russia would aid their country in attacking Quemoy and then Russia did not come to China's aid as Khrushchev had supposedly promised.

Mao Tse-tung made several speeches of an unfriendly attitude toward Khrushchev. Defying Khrushchev's warning, Mao Tse-tung continued his propaganda campaign against Russia, and Khrushchev withdrew Russian technicians from China.

This political move by Khrushchev was a set back for China in its bid to become an atomic nation and marked the beginning of a split in Sino-Soviet relations, which was to widen in the following years.



## Week In Review

. . . City, State, National World

### Attorney: City Housing Code Is Valid

Lincoln is authorized to enact a housing code under its police powers, and the proposed city housing code is not an ex post facto law, according to City Atty. Ralph Nelson.

"There is nothing in the proposed city housing code that is in violation of the state or federal constructions," said Nelson. "The city is authorized under its police powers to enact laws for the protection of persons and property."

Earl E. Pinckney, president of Nebraska Association for Christian Action has said the proposed housing code "is certainly an ex post facto law and impairing of the obligations of previous contracts between the city and its citizens."

(An ex post facto law is one which makes criminal and punishes an act which was done before the passage of the law.)

Nelson also said buildings constructed

according to past building codes and ordinances are no contract between the city and its citizens.

"The city can't contract or sell police powers," said Nelson.

A University of Nebraska law professor agreed with Nelson and said that under its granted police powers the city could make laws regarding housing.

The professor said the exercise of police powers for the health, welfare, safety and morals of communities has repeatedly been upheld by courts when such laws were reasonable and not arbitrary.

The professor said he didn't feel any city housing code would be an ex post facto law and added there were Nebraska cases allowing the city the right to place restrictions upon property and uses under certain conditions.

—The Lincoln Journal

### Texas Court Reverses Ruby Decision

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals this week reversed the conviction and death sentences of Jack Ruby on charges OF MURDERING Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, and ordered a new trial somewhere "other than Dallas."

According to Joe Tonahill, one of Ruby's original attorneys, Ruby can "walk free on a plea of guilty of murder without malice."

Conviction carries an imprisonment term of two to five years and Ruby has spent almost three years in jail.

The Court said Ruby's statements to police soon after the shooting were not spontaneous and, therefore, not legally admissible as evidence.

Ruby's attorneys said the Court opinion also means that the state cannot prove malice and premeditation necessary for the death sentence—without testimony about Ruby's statements after the killing.

Texas State attorneys said, however, that they will ask the Court to reconsider

the opinion and approve the original verdict.

The Court said admission of the officer's testimony was sufficient to reverse the case and therefore it was unnecessary to go into detail as to its second reason for reversal—the refusal of the trial court to transfer the case to another county.

The Texas Appellate Court sent the case back to Dallas with instructions to transfer the case to another county.

A concurring opinion by Justice W.T. McDonald criticized the issue of the trial site.

"Dallas was being blamed directly and indirectly for President Kennedy's assassination and for allowing the shooting of Oswald by Ruby," McDonald said. "The feeling and the thought had been generated that Dallas County's deprivation of prosecuting Oswald could find atonement in the prosecution of Ruby."

The Omaha World-Herald

### Erhard Likely To Hold Job Until '68

"Open discussion in Bonn over a new federal chancellor" read the headline in Die Welt, one of West Germany's most respected newspapers.

Since Chancellor Ludwig Erhard has returned from Washington, political talk in Germany has turned from a Cabinet reshuffle to a possible change at the top.

But many analysts believe Dr. Erhard is likely to hold his job at least until early 1968, for the ouster of a West German Chancellor between elections is not easy. Such a vote of no confidence would be likely only if basic policy were to come under dispute, and this is not the case at present.

The talk of Dr. Erhard's ouster centers in the Chancellor's own party, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU). Since the Federal Republic was founded in 1949, the CDU has governed West Germany first under Konrad Adenauer, then under Dr. Erhard.

But the CDU by itself lacks a majority in Parliament. Therefore, the party could not dismiss Dr. Erhard unless it found support for some new leader within the Free Democratic Party (FDP).

One potential candidate is Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the Bundestag. Last week, in an interview, he offered his loyalty "to exhaustion" to Dr. Erhard—unless the time came when loyalty to the "nation" should supersede personal loyalty.

Dr. Gerstenmaier's careful words were interpreted to mean that his hat is in the ring.

In early 1968, however, the CDU will elect a new party chairman. At that time Dr. Erhard could more or less gracefully be eased out of office. If this happened, the CDU would gain a fresh face for national elections in 1969 and it could propose a new chancellor to the Bundestag.

—The Christian Science Monitor

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serting to Mao he would retain the austere Chinese Communism Mao demands, the reports continued.

### International Issues

Although Mao is entangled with internal political strategy, he is also faced with issues on an international level.

The annual debate for Red China's admittance to the United Nations is assured with the convening of UN sessions this fall, Cheng declared.

Cheng said he is in favor of the seating of Red China in the UN providing four conditions are met by the Chinese Communists.

"First independent Formosa must regain its seat in the UN. Second, Red China must comply with the UN charter allowing for no modifications. Third, Red China must promise to help ease the tension in Viet Nam and fourth, the Chinese must follow the UN's code of peaceful co-existence," Cheng enumerated.

### 'Dead Birds' Set For Oct. 9 Show

A film entitled "Dead Birds" will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday at Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery.

The movie, according to producer Robert Gardner, tells of the Dani, a people dwelling in the Grand Valley of the Baliem high in the mountains of Western New Guinea.

Besides the immediate meaning of fighters fallen in battle, "Dead Birds" has a more poetic meaning in that the Dani believe that people, because they are like birds, must die, explained Gardner.

Admission is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.



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## '1984' Seems Verified: Mao Activates Teen Revolution

The prophecies of George Orwell's science fiction novel, "1984" seemed verified last August when Chairman Mao Tse-tung activated another phase of the Proletariat Cultural Revolution, according to reports in Time and Newsweek.

A "Teenage Revolution," dedicated to erase all opposition to Mao's regime has plunged Red China into a type of cultural purge.

The revolution is comprised of university and high school students, distinguished by red arm bands, who are called the Red Guard, a name attached to Mao's peasant forces in China's 1930 Civil War.

Led by Lin Piao, Mao's probable successor, the students have been terrorizing Peking, eliminating all foreign influences and the old Chinese traditional culture.

Churches have been stormed and statues defaced and then replaced by busts of Mao Tse-tung. The "gate of Heavenly Peace," a square which is often the scene of mass rallies, has been renamed "The East Is Red," Mao's favorite slogan.

The bourgeoisie have also been victims of the Red Guard's terrorism. Many have been driven from their homes or paraded through the streets as targets for ridicule.

The Red Guard has demanded the alteration of the traffic signals in Peking so a red light now signifies go. Members stated the reason

behind this action was that "troublemakers when Mao dies."

If China is isolated from all Western influence now and persons posing possible threats to Mao's teachings are erased, China will have no opportunity to change the doctrines established by Mao, Cheng added.

Dr. Peter Cheng, University associate professor of political science, said Mao's main purpose in the Red Guard is to eradicate possible

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