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Policy Cycles

by joel myers

Communist international psychology, which follows a pattern aimed at generating alternating periods of hope and frustration, is again approaching the crest of a cycle.

The climb towards the crest of this simple cycle, which Americans can't seem to understand, began soon after Khrushchev destroyed last May's summit conference.

With minor variations, the usual pattern is being followed. Relatively insignificant issues are conceded by the Russians in order to accelerate the climb toward the summit. These concessions are immediately viewed as a change of Communist policy directed at improving international relations, but they are merely bait to catch Uncle Sam.



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Khrushchev has been able to arrange three summits in the past six years, none of which achieved concrete results.

Some people argue that nothing can be lost by a face-to-face meeting of the two K's. This reasoning is integrated with falacies. Every unsuccessful summit conference repre-

sents a success for Red policy-makers.

Khrushchev plays the dual role of peace-maker and power-man. He plays the propaganda-loaded role of peace-maker to the large Communist and neutral audience by initially calling for the conference.

Then as the scene shifts to the conference itself, he becomes the center of attraction. The waiting world knows he holds the key to the summit's ultimate success.

President Kennedy criticized "summit diplomacy" in his presidential campaign, but unfortunately pressure at home and abroad has forced him to reverse that stand.

The people applying that pressure believe a face-to-face meeting will allow Kennedy to prove that he's not a pushover for the Russian leader. This is paradoxical, since it would seem that a real show of strength would be demonstrated by resisting the pressures for a summit at this time.

Interpreting

Paper Tigers

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Soviet Premier Khrushchev is doing what he has to do in Asia and nothing President Kennedy might say to him is likely to change his concept of the forces to which he must react.

Against the background of a Laotian situation in

which the United States has been made to look like a paper tiger, Kennedy is reported to be considering private talks with Khrushchev.

The United States has started out at Geneva by compromising on the makeup of the conference over Laos. She now faces a situation in which the Communist position of strength leaves small hope of protecting Western interests.

Likewise, the Geneva discussions of an atom test ban are floundering.

The Western objective, then, would seem to be to prevent the situation from deteriorating to the point where the only pieces left for play on the international board are force and the threat of force. Such a situation would be dangerous with the Berlin issue coming to a head.

Under the circumstances, Kennedy may feel like backing away from his original concept that any summitry on his part would have to be based on an improved American position of strength and careful diplomatic preparations at lower levels. Neither has happened.

Summitry, however, must be weighed against its chances of success, just as military intervention in Laos was considered against the chance of success.

The forces at work on Khrushchev do not contribute to American chances of such success, no matter how much he wishes to reassure the Soviet people that his program for international Communist conquest will not involve them in war.

When Josef Stalin started the Korean War he unleashed these forces, and nothing has appeared which seems likely to restopper the jug from which the jinn emerged.

In the Korean War the Chinese Reds found they could stand up and fight the Europeans who had dominated Asia for so many generations, and the Americans who stood as the chief bar to traditional Chinese — not merely Communists — expansionism.

Now they are out to extend their sway beyond their southern perimeter. They were prepared to take over Laos, and now they are preparing to move into South Viet Nam and Thailand, toward all of the Southeast Asian peninsula and Sumatra.

Moscow had to anticipate Peiping with arms in Laos, and join the general Communist political pressure on Asia, or else see the Chinese Reds expanding without Soviet aid or influence.

The Kremlin's uneasy leadership of the Sino-Soviet expansionist movement has become more important to Khrushchev for the moment than his campaign for coexistence.

Letters

'Letter' Policy Hit by Toor

TO THE EDITOR: We have been treated to another view of the workings of the mental processes of people running The Daily Collegian, and in turn, I assume, the Penn State students.

Your note at the bottom of Richard Stein's letter on CD drills is one of the most indicative of the paper's policy that one irregular reader has seen.

I'm glad to see that in your mature judgment "all sides of this issue have been covered." Fine — now you can get back to really important things like SGA and your two sports pages.

Go to it, friends. I'm fully confident that should something of profound significance come up, such as a Ray Charles concert, The Daily Collegian will spare none of its resources in giving the eager student body complete and adequate coverage. Go to it, friends.

—David Toor, English Dept.

Little Man On Campus

By Dick Bibler



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