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SOVIET RUSSIA'S AND RED CHINA'S
REACTION TO NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV'S
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE LINE

A leading functionary of the Communist Party, USA, recently made an extended trip to Red China and the Soviet Union. This individual had lengthy discussions with high-ranking officials of the Communist Parties of Red China and the Soviet Union. As a result of these conversations and his personal observations, he made the following comments concerning the reaction of the Soviet Union and Red China to Nikita Khrushchev's current peaceful coexistence line and the type of reception President Eisenhower could expect during his forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union:

The Russians consider as their main objective the development of what they term the new relationship between the Soviet Union and the United States. This Communist Party, USA, functionary is of the belief that the Soviets in furtherance of their peaceful coexistence line may make certain concessions to the United States in a diplomatic sense but will not make any concessions on matters of communist ideology. The Soviets will, however, avoid any actions which would cause a setback in the relationship between the Soviets and the United States. For example, Mikhail Suslov, a member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, stated that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union did not send greetings to the Communist Party, USA, on the latter's 40th anniversary in the fall of 1959 and will not send greetings to the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, in December, 1959, inasmuch as the Communist Party of the Soviet Union believes that this action might interfere with Soviet - United States relations. As a further example of Soviet thinking along this line, the international communist publication, "World Marxist Review," has decided against printing an article authored by William Z. Foster, chairman emeritus of the Communist Party, USA, in this review inasmuch as Foster's article makes certain references to President Eisenhower which the Soviets believe would damage Soviet - United States relations.

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This Communist Party, USA, functionary observed that the Soviets are preparing the Russian people for improved relations and peace with the United States. The Soviets have prepared a special newsreel concerning Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the United States and have issued a book dealing with friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union. The theme in Russia today is for friendship with the United States and the enthusiasm for better relations and peace with the United States was described as being almost like that at a revival meeting. The President of the United States is affectionately referred to as "Ike" and is termed a great President, and he will receive a tremendous reception in Russia. It was noted that there are no verbal attacks against Vice President Richard M. Nixon and he is referred to affectionately by the Russian people as "Dick." This Communist Party, USA, functionary further noted that as a result of his trip to the United States and his peaceful coexistence line that Nikita Khrushchev is more popular in Russia today than ever before.

Concerning the reaction of Red China to Khrushchev's peaceful coexistence line, this Communist Party, USA, functionary stated that while the peace sentiment is prevalent in Soviet Russia, he received the opposite feeling upon entering Red China. He noted that Khrushchev spoke at a banquet held in Peking, China, in connection with the 10th anniversary celebration of the founding of Red China and that during his speech Khrushchev repeatedly emphasized the need for peace. While at the conclusion of this speech, there was applause, it was only polite applause and indicated to this Communist Party, USA, functionary that the Chinese did not support Khrushchev's current peaceful coexistence line. The Chinese Communist Party leaders who also spoke at this anniversary celebration stressed the necessity of defeating United States imperialism and avoided making any reference to Khrushchev's visit to the United States. Photographs of Chinese Communist Party leaders and of Marx, Lenin and Stalin were prominently displayed during the anniversary celebration; however, there was no photograph of Khrushchev on display which indicated to this Communist Party, USA, leader the Chinese displeasure with Khrushchev's peaceful coexistence line.

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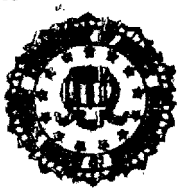

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Administration Building
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Allen:

I thought you would be interested in the information contained in the enclosed memorandum. This information was obtained as a result of our over-all coverage of the Communist Party, USA, and pertains to the reaction of the Communist Parties of the Soviet Union and Red China to the peaceful coexistence line currently espoused by Nikita Khrushchev and to the reception the President can expect during his forthcoming visit to the Soviet Union.

In view of the extremely sensitive nature of certain of the sources of our information, it is requested that the contents of this communication be afforded the most careful security and its use restricted to a need-to-know basis.

Sincerely,

Edgar

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VIA LIAISON

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in sending me the memorandum on "Soviet Russia's and Red China's Reaction to Nikita Khrushchev's Peaceful Coexistence."

I have looked it over with interest and have forwarded it to some of my specialists here on a need-to-know basis for a further study.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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