

Westerners See Signs Of Strain At Kremlin

An AP News Analysis by GEORGE SYVERTSEN — MOSCOW (AP) — Westerners who try to keep tabs on what is going on in the Kremlin have noted signs of strain among Russia's ruling clique in recent months. Qualified experts see nothing they would describe as an imminent threat to Premier Khrushchev's political future, however.

This is the reaction heard here to the intriguing dispatch the Communist newspaper 'Izvestia', in Rome, printed Monday under a Moscow placeline. This dispatch spoke of grave problems and economic failure in the Soviet Union and said Moscow is "living in a delicate political moment."

One diplomatic observer, commenting on a recent flurry of rumors of strife in the Communist party's presidium, quipped:

"I don't think Khrushchev is in serious trouble — but he ought to be."

The last year has by all estimates been a tough one for the premier in agriculture in-

dustry and other fields. A year ago Khrushchev admitted Soviet farming is at a loss. He gave a plenum of the central committee one of the gloomiest outlines of the farm situations on record. Khrushchev asked the central committee for more money for farm machines and fertilizer but for some still unexplained reason he never got it.

The Soviet leader in June raised retail prices on meat and dairy products. These extra funds he earmarked for the peasants in the form of higher state purchase prices for meat and milk — an inducement the government desperately hopes will produce dramatic results this year.

Last fall Khrushchev engineered a sweeping reorganization of the party and government apparatus along industrial and agricultural lines.

For the last 10 years, the Soviet leader has been running a one-man show in agriculture and the farm crisis has clearly hurt him.

Industry, after 10 years of brisk expansion, has leveled off. Capital construction is in a state of near-chaos and serious faults have been uncovered in over-all planning mechanisms. Part of the blame for these shortcomings has indirectly

been laid to the decentralization of industrial controls Khrushchev ordered in 1957.

Another big reorganization drive completed last month has returned these controls to Moscow and put them into the hands of a supreme council headed by Dimitry Ustinov, a new first deputy premier.

The most serious threat to Khrushchev's personal leadership of the Communist camp comes from Peking.

The Chinese have embarked on a determined crusade to

change the course of Khrushchev's foreign policies. The Russians recently charged that what the "dogmatist" Chinese really want is a change in the Kremlin leadership.

The Chinese since last summer have been spelling for a showdown with the Russians at a meeting of all the world's Communist party leaders. Khrushchev has refused to call such a meeting but the steady drumfire of Peking's anti-Soviet propaganda apparently forced the Soviet leader to relent.

Now he has agreed to a

general meeting but wants a bilateral conference first. The Chinese invited him to come to Peking if he wants to talk to Mao Tse-tung.

In his reply, Khrushchev declined the Chinese invitation but invited Mao to Moscow for a summit meeting this spring or summer.

There was no immediate reaction from Peking.

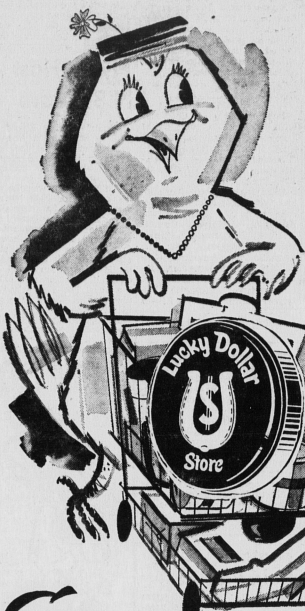
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