

Russians Attempting Peace Negotiations?

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The Russians have been cooking up a spicy diplomatic pudding. It bubbles with possibilities, but the proof of that pudding is still to come.

Aggressive Kremlin diplomacy seems centered on removing threats to peace on the Soviet doorstep in Asia.

Success or failure may depend upon establishing dominant influence in North Viet Nam. If a current Soviet mission to Hanoi should be rebuffed, there would be little hope of anything but continued war in Indochina and tense Soviet-American relations — which at the moment may not be in the national interests of either great power.

A look at recent Soviet activity suggests an atmosphere of urgency on the part of the Soviet party and government chiefs, as if they might be laying their own leadership on the line.

From more than just a propaganda standpoint, Premier Alexei N. Kosygin scored a coup at Tashkent, where he persuaded the Indians and Pakistanis at least to talk about peaceful solutions.

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The Russians have battered their way into the North Viet Nam situation with a high-powered delegation whose aim, many qualified observers agree, is to outbid Peking for the loyalty of the Hanoi regime.

The Russians have sent a first team, headed by party chief Leonid I. Brezhnev, to Mongolia. The meaning will not be lost upon the Red Chinese, who have been contesting with Moscow for influence in that Communist buffer between the U.S.S.R. and China.

The Russians appear to have clashed head-on with the Chinese in Cuba and to have won the upper hand at the so-called tri-continental anti-imperialist conference there. The Chinese already have made a public display of their anger.

All this provokes speculation that the present Soviet leadership has little expectation of reconciliation with Peking and now is trying to lessen the danger that Chinese policies may pose for Soviet interests.

This would not mean that Moscow has lost interest in fermenting revolution around the world.

Only Hairdresser Knows For Sure

By RONALD BOTT

Does he or doesn't he? Only his hairdresser knows for sure.

Don't chuckle. There may not be an official change in the famous slogan, but it may soon be appropriate. Last year \$10.5 million was spent on men's hair coloring, and the trend is expected to continue.

Total sales of men's toiletries jumped from \$399 million in 1964 to \$435 million last year, a more indication that more and more men are smelling better and looking neater.

What's more, the more than 300 after-shave lotions and colognes now on the market practically guarantee a "scentsible" man a fragrance to fit his every mood.

Some of the description manufacturers give their products are amazing:

"Sophisticated, modern blend" (Aphrodisia) . . . "fine leather" (Attache Folio) . . . "warm, woodsy, spicy" (Black Knight) . . . "a citrus fragrance with notes of lavender."

There are also those that give a person the aroma of leather, tobacco and hay.

Why would anyone want to smell like leather, tobacco and hay is a good question but it is, in any case, better than smelling like an unwashed tennis player after an active set.

And, as to that, some men think a strong fragrance covers less desirable scents. Summer, unfortunately, is the season when all kinds of disagreeable odors rise with the heat and the job of keeping well-groomed and neat gets tougher.

Hall claims a wilted, sweat-soaked shirt can also mark a summer slob. Next summer there will be two wrinkleproof shirts on the market. One is a finely-knit item with the look of oxford cloth — all cotton. The other is made of blended fabric.

Nuns Have Car Working Again With Assist From Helicopters

QUI NHON, South Viet Nam (AP) — The Sisters of the Cross of Love have their car back in running order but it took five U. S. helicopters to do it.

The story goes back a year to the village of Xuan Thuon, 10 miles north of Qui Nhon and 260 miles northeast of Saigon, on the South China Sea coast.

The Viet Cong seized the place and Sister Julienne, acting as mother superior, herded her handful of nuns out to safety.

They left behind their little diesel-powered vehicle, but first stripped it of battery, distributor cap and other vitals so it could not be operated.

Bridges in and out of the village were down and the car couldn't get far anyhow.

Two months ago Korean troops came back to Xuan Thuon but the bridges still were out and the village was an oasis surrounded by the Viet Cong.

The nuns went back to their convent base and found the vehicle useless.

Sister Julienne is stubborn about things that are useless. Through Father Sanh in Qui Nhon she appealed for help.

The U. S. 1st Air Cavalry Division responded. Five choppers were lined up for the job. In went tires. Pathfinders secured the area. A Chinook hovered over the beat-up old vehicle, picked it up and brought it out.

The rescued vehicle was landed in Qui Nhon and now is transporting children to school, running errands for the parish and is a generally pretty zippy addition to the work of the church.

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