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TOKYO, NOV. 25 (AP)-RED CHINA HAS REACTED WITH STONY COLDNESS, SOVIET RUSSIA WITH SHOCK AND SYMPATHY TO THE DEATH OF JOHN F. KENNEDY. THESE STRIKINGLY DIVERGENT VIEWS REFLECT THEIR OWN DEEP CLEAVAGE OVER THE FUTURE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY.

THE PEKING REGIME HAS NOT YET SAID A KIND WORD ABOUT THE MAN IT OFTEN DESCRIBED AS THE NO. 1 ENEMY OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE.

IT TOOK LESS THAN 56 HOURS TO BRAND HIS SUCCESSOR, THE NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, AS AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE LATE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S "VARIOUS REACTIONARY POLICIES."

IT CALLED THE TEXAN A MAN WHO CONSIDERS A "DOUBLE-FACED POLICY" OF PEACE TALK MIXED WITH AGGRESSION AS A NECESSARY PART OF AMERICAN STRATEGY. THIS WAS, SAID THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, KENNEDY'S POLICY.

IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THESE HARSH JUDGMENTS WERE THE SHOCKED REACTIONS OF SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE, FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER ANASTAS I. MIKOYAN WENT TO WASHINGTON TO ATTEND KENNEDY'S FUNERAL.

WHATEVER THE CHINESE OR THE RUSSIANS MAY HAVE FELT PERSONALLY ABOUT KENNEDY AND HIS SUCCESSOR, THEY FOLLOWED LINES OF CONDUCT DICTATED BY THEIR OWN SHARP DIFFERENCES OVER THE ROLE OF MODERN-DAY COMMUNISM.

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THE CHINESE, HEADED BY 70-YEAR-OLD REVOLUTIONARY MAO TZE-TUNG, AVER THAT COMMUNISM MUST AID, ABET AND KINDLE WARS OF REBELLION IN THE NEWLY-EMERGING NATIONS OF ASIA, AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICA.

WHY? BECAUSE A NEW KIND OF OPPRESSION--AMERICAN NEO-COLONIALISM-- HAS SUCCEEDED THAT OF THE OLD IMPERIALISM. BOTH FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND KENNEDY WERE PERSISTENTLY ATTACKED AS THE LEADERS OF THIS NEW IMPERIALISM.

RUSSIA, WHICH SAYS THAT COMMUNISM CAN WIN BY CONCENTRATING, AS KARL MARX ORIGINALLY ADVOCATED, ON THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, URGES PEACEFUL COMPETITION WITH THE CAPITALIST WEST. ^{Roderick} HE SAYS THAT AMERICAN PRESIDENTS ARE NOT ALL "BLOOD STAINED BUCHERS" AS THE CHINESE CHARGED.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE RESERVED THEIR JUDGMENT ON JOHNSON. BUT THE CHINESE, WHO NEED A SCAPEGOAT TO FIT THEIR POLICY, HAVE NOT.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, NCNA SAID, HE WAS "STUBBORNLY ADVOCATED THE HOSTILE POLICY TOWARD CUBA," CALLED FOR "RESTORATION OF FREEDOM IN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF EAST EUROPE," SUPPORTS "THE CONTINUED AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF FORMOSA."

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ONE OF JOHNSON'S GRAVEST SINS IN CHINA'S EYES IS THAT HE "SUPPORTS AMERICAN INFILTRATION IN THE COUNTRIES OF ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA THROUGH SUCH DEVICES AS FOREIGN 'AID,' THE 'PEACE CORPS,' AND DISTRIBUTION OF 'FOOD FOR PEACE.'"

MAO REGARDS THE CONVERSION OF THESE COUNTRIES TO COMMUNISM AS PEKING'S OWN SPECIAL MISSION, LOOKS ON AMERICAN, OR RUSSIAN, INTERFERENCE WITH HOSTILITY.

THE CHINESE WAITED MORE THAN A MONTH BEFORE DECIDING IN 1961 THAT KENNEDY WAS AS BAD AS EISENHOWER. WHY, THEN, DID THEY MOVE SO SWIFTLY IN BLACKENING JOHNSON'S NAME?

THE ANSWER IS THAT THREE YEARS AGO THE SINO-SOVIET DEBATE HAD NOT REACHED ITS PRESENT STATE OF ALMOST INCANDESCENT FIERCENESS. DECISIONS COULD BE MADE WITH A SHOW OF DELIBERATION IN THOSE DAYS.

THE CHINESE DENUNCIATION OF JOHNSON BEFORE HE HAD EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO STATE HIS POLICY MIGHT APPEAR TO SOME AS AN EXAMPLE OF UNINTELLIGENT CHINESE DIPLOMACY.

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BUT THE REVERSE MAY WELL BE TRUE.

MAO WANTS NO FRIENDSHIP WITH A NEW AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. HE NEEDS A "HATE IMAGE" TO PROD THE MASSES AT HOME AND PROVE HIS POINT ABOUT THE NEED FOR REVOLUTION IN THE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

ONE OF THE SHREWDEST MOVES JOHNSON COULD MAKE WOULD BE TO RE-STATE THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSERTION THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT WISH TO CONTINUE ITS QUARREL WITH CHINA FOREVER, IS WILLING TO REAPPRAISE ITS POLICY IF PEKING SHOWS A DESIRE TO LIVE AT PEACE.

PEKING APPEARS TO HAVE MOUNTED ITS SHARP ATTACK ON THE NEW PRESIDENT TO PREVENT JUST SUCH A MOVE, MANY WILL HOPE TO PROD HIM INTO MAKING A HARSH REJOINDER WHICH IT COULD DESCRIBE AS PROVING AMERICAN BELLIGERENCY AND RUSSIA'S ERROR IN BELIEVING IT COULD CO-EXIST WITH THE UNITED STATES.

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