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## Nixon and China

"The Nation" said (Mar. 13) "The main importance of the (Nixon) journey was the fact that he made it." And (Mar. 6) "The journey, via the media, is the message." 80 newsmen went, plus 68 TV men. It was history's greatest TV effort to date. The "Spirit of '76" landed down in Peking at 10:30 p.m. in prime TV time straight across the U.S.

It was especially fitting that Nixon, the life-long anti-Communist, should open the door to the People's Republic of China. It cannot easily be closed again. He deserves credit for doing this. By TV and satellite, the American people saw the Chinese in Peking, Hangchow, and Shanghai. We can no longer deny that 800 million Chinese exist. U. S. officialdom has now proven that we now know where the real capitol of China is. George McGovern said the China visit is "the most

significant contribution the Nixon administration will

make."

The delegation Nixon took was lily-white, not one black face; the Black Caucus in Congress brought this to public attention. "words by woods" (Feb.) said: "It was a Nixon delegation: reactionary, hypocritical, looking for phoney victories, but confronted by the facts of life."

## Why Did He Go?

Why should Nixon go to China? Why should China receive him? Conrad Komorowski in the Daily World (DW) puts it in one word "'Anti-Sovietism'. . . . Nixon is an opportunist politician, but he has been devotedly faithful to one aim, the destruction of socialism. This aim coincided with the anti-Soviet aim of the

Maoist clique now in control in China. Nixon left on his 'Journey to Peking' to the accompaniment of the heaviest US bombing raids since 1968." The Hanoi newspaper Nhan Dan Mar. 3 said the U.S. sought to split the socialist countries.

Allan Whiting in the New York Times (NYT) Feb. 27 says since 1969 millions of Chinese have dug vast tunnel networks in their major cities from fear of Russian attacks. In March 1969 there were bloody clashes on the Soviet border. The Russians laid out new airfields in Mongolia. China was alert to the possibility of a two-front attack, from Russia in

# National Meeting July 7-9

We shall hold a National Meeting in the Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, San Francisco, July 7-9, 1972, to consider whether the MFSA can continue. We ask our friends across the country to rally and come. You can make it also a vacation trip—see Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon. Housing will be provided. Notify the National Office that you are planning to come. Contributions for expenses will help.

# Bishop Muzorewa the Speaker at MFSA Luncheon at General Conference

Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa of Rhodesia will speak at the MFSA luncheon during General Conference in Atlanta, Wed-

nesday April 26, 1972 at 12:30 p.m. at the Downtown Ĥoliday Inn, \$3.50 including tip and tax. We invite MFSA friends who will be at G. C., and other interested persons. Bishop Muzorewa is chairman of the African National Council, which opposes by non-violent means the proposed Anglo - Rhodesian settlement of Rhodesia's six-year rebellion against Britain, which Bishop Muzorewa calls "a constitutional fraud, a prescription for increased racial bitterness, the making of an inevitable bloodbath and an insult to the dignity of every African in Rhode-sia." In February Bishop Muzorewa made a three-day trip to the U.S., testified before a special session of the Security Council of the UN (the picture of him doing so was in the March 15, 1972 "Christian

Welch, Frank Mason North, Worth M. Tippy, E. Robb Zaring. We believe we are the oldest of such groups among Protestant denominations. The MFSA was asked by the 1908 General Conference of The Methodist Church to prepare a statement of principles, and this was adopted as the Social Creed of The Methodist Church. We cooperate with two other unofficial organizations, United Methodists for Church Renewal and Black Methodists for Church Renewal, and with the official Board of Christian Social Concerns of The Methodist Church (founded 1952) to alert ten million Methodists and others to critical issues. We invite the help of new friends, Methodists and non-Methodists, who agree with our masthead. Membership—minimum—is \$5 per year, including subscription to the monthly Social Questions Bulletin. Subscription to the SQB only is \$3 per year.

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Century"), before the Black Caucus in Congress and before the House subcommittee on African affairs. We ask all who can to hear this courageous spokesman for African freedom.

the North and West, from US-Chinese Nationalist forces in the South and East. As Mao saw it, while Moscow stayed its hand of war, Washington offered its hand in peace. "It is enough to a nation that has felt threatened by either or both of the superpowers for more than 20 years to win a credible promise of peace on one front."

### Nixon and China

Kim Il Sung of North Korea comments that the hostile policy of the US toward China had gone to complete bankruptcy, "So Nixon, in the end, is going to turn up in Peking with a white flag"—If you can't beat them, trade with them

I. F. Stone writes in the N.Y. Review (Mar. 23): "There are bigger stakes than the Vietnam war involved in the new entente with China. . . . Laird cites first and foremost, 'the Soviet Union and Mainland China must deploy hundreds of thousands of troops to their Far Eastern borders'. . . , Mao's defection (from the Soviet bloc) is a major change in the power equation. It means that the USSR must deploy its forces for war on two fronts, both major, . . . two fronts widely separated and poorly connected. Mao is a Pentagon bonanza. Admiral Moore, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said to the Senate Armed Services Committee: 'Of a total of 160 Soviet divisions, and about 4300 tactical aircraft, about one-quarter is oriented towards China. .

"The most important factor in the next five years (may be): The extent to which China diverts Soviet military resources away from Western Europe could be increased by assistance to Chinese industrial development. The equipment of China's armies and the speed of its nuclear development would be strongly influenced should one ultimate outcome of the Nixon visit be American aid in the shape of credits and know-how. . . . Here is the carrot for Peking, the stick for Moscow. . .

"The Pentagon believes, Laird notes, that the Chinese could begin deployment of an ICBM with a range of 3,000 nautical miles or more, capable of striking all or most of the USSR by 1975. But 3,000 nautical miles would only be a third of the way across the Pacific. All this opens the widest—indeed the giddiest—perspective yet for the Nixon Doctrine. This is a new name for the old idea he has taken from John Foster Dulles of providing the equipment so that Asians can fight Asians for us, at firesale prices and coolie wages. What if it could be applied to China's teeming millions, fearful of a Soviet first-strike and eager for weapons to defend themselves?

"This is the card that old poker-player Nixon is taking to Russia in a few weeks' to the biggest poker game of his career. . . Nixon can redress the military balance of the world by threatening to rearm China if the Soviets do not come to terms. The Pax Americana may be in the process of acquiring the world's most populous state as client. This is the innermost meaning of the Peking visit and the coming Kremlin talks."

M. S. Arnoni asks, in his "In Search" (24 Feb.-9 Mar.): What was the primary purpose of Nixon's visit to Peking? To remind the Russian people of the terrible whip in his hand. . . . The main purpose of the visit is to dramatize to the Soviet Union that the US has the option of cooperating with the Chinese against the Soviet Union. . . . Nothing could give the Kremlin leaders more haunting nightmares."

(M. S. Arnoni is the brilliant, perceptive editor of the former "Minority of One". It is reason for thanksgiving that he is back in print, with his keen analyses of our times and issues, with a four-page fortnightly, "In Search," P.O. Box 6655, The Hague 2040, Holland, \$13 a year airmail. We recommend it as must reading.)

Feb. 25 The Soviet Defense Ministry charged that Chinese military spending had reached an all-time high, a record of \$8 billion a year, one third of the Chinese budget. The Soviets declare their defense budget at \$21 billion.

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The calculation must have entered Nixon's mind that the China trip would help his election campaign, Theodore White in Life, March 17, says that reporters were referring to Nixon's "Peking Primary," John Pittman in the DW Feb. 26 termed it a "super-colossal election stunt". Mar. 11 the DW said "it was a propaganda blitz to make the Americans forget their troubles at home." James Endicott in "The Canadian Far Eastern Newsletter" for March said, "There is one aspect of Nixon's oratory in Peking that sticks out like a sore thumb. It was election oratory and a fairly obvious exercise in dem-

Nixon is given to exaggeration. In 1969 he hailed the lunar landing as "the greatest week since the creation." In 1971 he called his New Economic Policy "the most comprehensive in four decades." In Peking he said that was "the week that changed the world.'

"No more walls," he said as he stood on the Great Wall. Taking a phrase from the Mao tradition, he said, "Let us start a Long March together on different roads toward the same goal." The New Republic (Mar. 11) said "his talent for the utterance of banalities was unimpaired," commenting on the Great Wall that "you have to conclude that this is really a great wall." Wilfred Burchett (Guardian, Mar. 1) said, Nixon's reply to Chou's toast was "a mixture of platitudes and hypocrisy; one felt that he was campaigning for votes in a shopping center." Nixon said in his toast, "There is no reason for us to be enemies . . . neither of us seeks domina-tion over the other." "All this rings rather hollow," said Burchett, "in the face of the continued occupation by the US of China's Taiwan for over 20 years, the continued aggression in Indo-China, the U.S. attempts to encircle China with puppets and bases. And Nixon was a major architect of the U.S. cold war (against China) . . . After Nixon's toast, Premier Chou's face remained stern and unsmiling, as did those of most of the high-ranking Chinese guests. As Nixon made the rounds of tables, his own stage smile seemed false and forced.

"White House spokesman Ziegler's attempt to cover up the total absence of crowds on the streets of Peking to meet Nixon was that the reception went off 'as expected.' This didn't fool anyone-it was the people's silent demonstration of disapproval at the stepped-up bombings of Indochina, which the Chinese Press and Foreign Ministry have continued to strongly denounce right up to the day that Nixon's plane touched down in Shanghai . . . Nixon's . . . speech was aimed at the U.S. TV audience rather than at a serious dialogue with his Chinese hosts."

The Nation Feb. 15 listed the problems for the U.S.-China confrontation: (1) The Chinese are truly apprehensive of the Russians. Both sides have heavy troop concentrations along a border thousands of miles long. The Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia was a warning. And the Soviets have scored in the Indian sub-continent. (2) China has lost much of its fear of the U.S. since we got ourselves bogged in Indochina; we may indeed look like a sick giant. (3) Next to the Soviet Union, the Chinese leaders are most troubled by the possibility of the revival of Japanese militarism-with the addition of nuclear weapons, (4) China is sensitive about Laos because the two countries share a border. When the South

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Vietnamese invaded Laos in February 1971, the Chinese alerted 30 divisions in Yunnan. (5) Taiwan is a problem of no particular urgency for the Chinese. They will never modify their claim that Taiwan is Chinese territory, but there is no hurry in getting it back. (6) Even if China wanted to put limits on the North Vietnamese, they are limited in what they can do. China has given perhaps \$2 billion in aid to North Vietnam, the Soviets perhaps \$3 billion. What Hanoi needs now is fighter aircraft, which the Soviets have, and the Chinese have not-at least to give away.

Allen Whiting makes these points on the talks in the Mar. 18 New Republic: The visit began with Mao's historic handshake with Nixon and ended with the President's pledge "of the withdrawal of all U.S. forces and military installations from Tajwan" and his acknowledgment that "There is but one China and Taiwan is a part of China.'

The importance of the repeated hope for peace on both sides should not be overlooked. For 20 years millions of Chinese children in state supervised schools have prepared themselves mentally for war with a demonic Uncle Sam.

The Chinese have been suspicious that Washington might suddenly discover self-determination on behalf of the Taiwanese. That nightmare was laid to rest by the joint communique.

The US has no way in which to compete with Sino-Japanese trade, already approaching \$1 billion. White House handling of Japan has unnecessarily damaged our most important alliance in Asia.

Three critical assumptions underlay the new U.S. approach to China: First, China poses no serious subversive threat because its revolutionary model no longer seems attractive to others. Second, China has no expansionist threat because the regime is preoccupied with problems at home. Third, China is not a potential nuclear threat because the U.S. offers its nuclear deterrent to any U.S. ally or neutral country in Asia that is the target of Chinese bluff or black-

This simple summary of the historic handshakes in Peking has never been publicly stated by the White House. To do so would not only risk conservative wrath, it would make the American allocation of \$15 billion in U.S. expenditures in Asia, excluding Vietnam subject to heavy Congressional cuts.

For the indefinite future, token trade and travel will be the limit of US-China developments, until the U.S. military is withdrawn from Taiwan and the Nationalists have dissolved their government in favor of mainland rule.

Who won in Peking? Except for Tapei, nobody lost.
Max Frankel wrote in the NYT, Mar. 5,: "After the Trip.
Thoughts of Mao and Nixon—"

Mao: Nixon is a very shrewd manager of failure. He has failed in the containment of the South Vietnamese. He has failed in the encirclement of China. The tides of history are forcing retreat from Indochina, from Korea, at the UN, and in his military spending, and still he presents himself to the world as the tireless seeker of peace. He cannot stand above the battle like I do.

Nixon: Not a bad week's work! We've finally got Vietnam off the front pages. I think we've got the Russians in just the right mood now. Imagine my having better relations with Mao than the Kremlin's! They seem very worried about all this in Moscow, and (this) should yield a fairly good settlement on arms control in time for my visit. The Chinese know that they aren't going to get Taiwan in less than a generation.

Chou: They gave us more on Taiwan than they may know. Chinese are Chinese and our cousins in Taiwan will see the handwriting on the wall. They will come around to talk to us before too long.

Wilfred Burchett analyzed the Peking talks in the Mar. 8

Guardian. It was Nixon who was forced to make all the concessions, even that of officially subscribing to Peking's five principles of peaceful coexistence, announced at the Bandung Conference in 1954-mutual respect for each other's sovereignty, territorial integrity, noninterference in internal affairs, equality, mutual benefit.

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The return of Taiwan to China must precede any further agreements. . . . There was no mention of U.S. support of the Saigon regime-an omission causing bitter reaction in

"Nixon paid a substantial price, at least on paper. He certainly did not get any really concrete gains yet out of the visit-trade agreements, for example-and will not until these paper promises are translated into action. At the same time Nixon was forced to perform somersaults-the complete abandonment of the two-China policy, for example-on the issues which only a few months before the U.S. government had expressed clear and strong positions."

The most important single new factor of Nixon's visit was the de facto recognition by the U.S. of the government of the People's Republic of China, a step completely contrary to U.S. cold policy of the last 25 years, a policy that Nixon helped to formulate,

The Americans in Peking found it impressive that the Chinese would sign any statement while American soldiers remained in Taiwan, and while American planes were bombing North Vietnam.

Kissinger indicated that the Chinese would refuse to send official representatives to Washington as long as the Chinese Nationalists maintained diplomatic status there.

It was evident from the communique that China places U.S. withdrawal from Indochina as more important than settlement of the Taiwan dispute.

Wilfred Burchett interviewed Prince Sihanouk in Shanghai (Guardian Mar. 22) and quoted Sihanouk as saying that Chou En-lai "told Nixon that as far as Taiwan is concerned, You say that you will withdraw troops when tension in the area diminishes. This tension exists above all else because of the Indochina War. But you aren't ready to quit. You continue your policy of Vietnamization, Khmerization, Laoization, which is unacceptable. You speak of troop withdrawals, but you continue bombings. This means that you don't end your neo-colonization policies, but continue to try to maintain your position via your mercenaries—people paid by you to fight. If the Indochina war continues there will never be any diminishing tensions. So you will remain in Taiwan until the end of your lives. We say that if you are sincere in wanting to normalize relations with us then halt your interference in Indochina. Then there will be no more tension. You have to end the Indochina war. This is irrefutable and impeccable logic. . .'

The Chinese particularly want to see if the U.S. is going to quit Taiwan after admitting that it is a part of China, Burchett, (Guardian Mar. 15) quotes a 33-year-old lathe worker in Shanghai, Lu Wei-lung, who says of Nixon about Taiwan: "He made some concessions but this is so far only on paper. We must not only listen to what he says but see how he acts. While Nixon was in China, the U.S. continued to supply Taiwan, including sending some warships there. This proves that he is using double tactics."

James Endicott (Canadian Far Eastern News Letter, March) quotes a Chinese proverb: Listen to what they say but watch what they do." "We must now see what Nixon will do," says Endicott, "My guess is that he will do only those things which will help to get him re-elected and postpone the rest until after the election. . . . If they had got nothing else, that (US) statement on Taiwan was worth the trip to the

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## Nixon and China

## A Third World War

I. F. Stone wrote in the New York Review: "When Nixon said at his farewell banquet in Shanghai, 'This was the week that changed the world', he was not exaggerating as much as usual. The Nixon-Chou meeting was classic power politics and power politics—with its delusions about the balance of power—have brought on two world wars, and could bring a third in our lifetime. Dr. Kissinger may see himself as Nixon's Metternich, but it is too late for Meternichs.

"Yet it was a week that changed the world. The configura-

tions of international politics have been shaken, as if by an earthquake. They will never be the same again. Moscow and Tokyo have begun a rapprochment. The Christian Democrats in Bonn are clamoring for an opening in Peking in place of Willy Brandt's courtship of Moscow. Chiank Kai-shek may try to shift from our lap to the Kremlin's. When Richard Nixon can open the world's door to communist China, anything can hapen, even an end to our cruel embargo on Castro's Cuba. Whatever his motives, Nixon deserves support for breaking the ice around China.

A Sino-American understanding could lead to a heightened arms race and new world tensions, or it could become the foundation of a more stable world order—the former is more

likely to be our direction. . . .
"There are about 180 cities in the Soviet Union with populations of more than 100,000. One U.S. Poseidon-equipped submarine could hit 160 of them. . . . What will we do with 20,000 separate war-heads (our lunatic over-kill)? If the situation were reversed, we would suspect the Soviets of build-

ing toward a first-strike threat. . . . "Nixon is going to Moscow with a new defense budget that adds \$6.3 billion to arms authorizations. This \$6.3 billion to arms authorizations." lion is only the down payment on new weaponry which will eventually cost \$50 billion or more. The new budget will speed up work on two new monsters-The B-1 bomber, which will carry 32 Short Range Attack Missiles (high velocity missiles which can get under Soviet air defenses); and the New Underwater Long Range Missile Submarine. We plan 30 of these underwater battleships at about \$1 billion each. This is only the most sensational escalation in this year's arms race budget.

"Is this a preparation for a generation of peace, or a generation of even more costly and lunatic arms race? It makes sense in an election year. It promises expanded jobs for skilled labor; it will please George Meany and the Machinists; it should bring grateful campaign contributions from the arma-

ment makers.

"But from (Russia's) point of view, especially after the emerging entente with China, it must look like another effort from a position of strength' to put the screws on the Soviet Union. From the American public's point of view, it spells mounting arms budgets, an intensified nuclear arms race, which can lead only to a dead end.

"The defense budget offers the Democrats a clear opportunity for alternative proposals and priorities, but so far only McGovern has offered these alternatives."

# **Federation Friends**

Earl and Katherine Willmott (Canada) were on a month's tour of China. Willard and Ola Uphaus, and Dryden and Margaret Phelps have been invited by Peking for a China

tour Sept. 15-Oct. 20.

Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, chairman of the African National Council, was on NBC-TV March. 12.

The Rev. Emerson Colaw, Cincinnati, and the Rev. A. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial UMC, San Francisco, are among the seven General Conference preachers. The pastor of the First UMC, Atlanta, where the series was scheduled, said Cecil Williams (counselor to Angela Davis) was not welcome in his pulpit. The entire series was moved across town to Trinity UMC. Angela Davis paid a surprise visit to Glide UMC Feb. 27.

## **Federation Friends**

Israel Young (NY) represented the MFSA at the worldwide peace conference at Versailles the week of Feb. 7.

Bernard Weller (NY) also attended.

Lee Ball, Francis d'Heurle, Doug Hostetter, Joe Gilmore,
Rudolf Gelsey and Kathy Marato (NY) were among the 300 who greeted Dan Berrigan when he was released from Dan-bury Prison at 8:50 a.m. Feb. 24. Dan Berrigan was on NBC's Meet the Press Feb. 27, exhibiting in few words his sharp, devastating wit, going straight to the heart of the questions: Should one break the law? This should be asked of those in power, rather than of the powerless. What about the violence of the Weathermen? There is a difference between violence against property and violence against persons, the kind of violence that is committed wholesale by the government. Should one try to overthrow the government? The government will overthrow itself. Dan deplored the long silence of the Church on the Vietnam war. Dan and Phil Berrigan have been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Write Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, U.S. Embassy, Saigon, imploring the release of Mme. Ngo Ba Thanh, president of the South Vietnamese Women's Movement for the Right to Live. For months she has suffered brutal imprisonment because of her stand for peace. If South Vietnam is the "democracy" we pretend it is, a person should not be imprisoned

for political views.

Arnold Ghinger (NY) in the subway Jan. 7 protested a policeman's brutality inflicted upon a young girl, was jabbed in the ribs by the policeman's club, and spent 25 hours in jail.

In January Helen Moser (Ca.) was in Washington for the Legislative Training Session for the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In NY she enjoyed the hospitality of Rebecca Epstein, and with Dorothy Joyce was at supper with Lee and Mae Ball in Ardsley. These all were members of the 1968 MFSA World Tour.

Conrad J. Lynn (NY) is one of the valiant attorneys defending the Harlem Four, who have been in jail eight years, had two hung juries, and who may now be tried a fourth time! We do not think this would happen to white boys.

Bishop James Armstrong wrote on "A Churchman's Involvement in Partisan Politics", in the "Christian Advocate"

Feb. 3, 1972.

Janet Neuman, 3001 Veazey Terrace (1016) Washington, D.C. 20008 advises that "New Eyes for the Needy", Short Hills, N. J. 07078, provides glasses and artificial eyes to more than half a million needy people here and abroad. They need discarded eyeglasses and precious metal such as jewelry (antique, real or costume), silverware, dentures, hearing aids,

Brig. Gen. Hugh B. Hester, U.S.A. (Ret.) wrote on "Twenty-six Disastrous Years", in the Reporter, Sept. 1971. Bella Abzug inserted it in the Congressional Record Nov. 11,

400 heard William Howard Melish on Angela Davis in Rockland County (NY) Jan. 28.

E. Y. Harburg was heard (with others) in "Lyrics and Lyricists" (NY) Jan. 30-Feb. 1.
Ruth Gage-Colby has just finished a peace-speaking tour

to 45 cities.

Our Vice President Edward L. Peet wrote on "A Church Wakes Up to Senior Power" in the December 1971 "Together".

The Rev. Donald T. Keil, Herkimer, N. Y. conducts a 40minute noon-time talk show on the radio station. He has talked, among many other things, on Ralph Nader, and the Pentagon Papers.

# Chapters

Oregon: Carol Basch, who helped organize meetings in Oregon for Mrs. Sallye Davis, mother of Angela, has become part-time secretary of our Chapter. Our gratitude and congratulations to Carol! Our Oregon friends look forward to increased activity.

California: The Chapter met Feb. 8 in connection with the

Earl Lectures at the Pacific School of Religion.