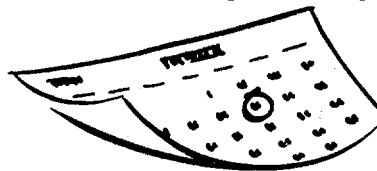


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# Significant Dates ▶

[ASTERISK denotes ANNIVERSARIES. All others are CURRENT EVENTS]

## NOV

- 7 Eighth General Conference, World Fellowship of Buddhists. 7-11 November at Chiangmai, Thailand.
- 12 International Conf. on War-Danger and Disarmament. Sponsored by All India Peace Council, Indian Assoc. for Afro-Asian Solidarity, and World Peace Council (communist). 12-19 Nov in New Delhi.
- 14\* (Unequal) Treaty of Peking cedes Chinese "Great Northeast" to Russia. 1860.
- 15\* Bolsheviks proclaim "Declaration of the Rights of the Peoples of Russia" affirming principle of self-determination of national minorities. 1917.

## DEC

- 1\* Sergey Kirov, Communist leader, assassinated, Leningrad. 1934. [Note that show trials of the "19" (15-16 Jan 1935) and the "16" (19-24 Aug 1936) took place roughly 17 years after communist seizure of power: Red Chinese purges are in same period of CCP rule.]
- 2\* U.S. achieves first controlled nuclear reaction, Univ. of Chicago. 1942.
- 6 General Council of World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU-communist), Sofia, 6-9 Dec.
- 12\* Milovan Djilas sentenced to prison (arrested 19 Nov). 1956. TENTH ANNIVERSARY.
- 14\* USSR expelled from League of Nations for unprovoked aggression against Poland and Finland. 1939.
- 14 Budapest, World Trade Union Conference to Promote Foreign Trade and Oppose Monopolistic Discrimination against Underdeveloped Countries. Sponsored by WFTU (Communist) 14-17 Dec.
- 19\* Vietminh attack on French installations at Haiphong begins 7 1/2 year war. 1946. TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.
- 20\* Extraordinary Commission to Combat Counter-Revolution (CHEKA) established in USSR, forerunner of GPU, OGPU, NKVD, MGB, and KGB. 1917.
- 21\* Joseph V. Stalin born. 1879.
- 26\* Mao Tse-tung born. 1893.

## JAN

- 2\* Fidel Castro assumes power following Batista's flight. 1959.
- 8\* Charles de Gaulle inaugurated first president of French Fifth Republic. 1959.
- 15 Conference of Solidarity with Workers of Aden, sponsored by ICATU/WFTU, 15-18 January. Approximately 20 countries participating.

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# Briefly Noted ✓

10 October 1966

*Yugoslav Party Officials Alarmed*      Yugoslav Press Criticizes Special Privileges for Officials

There has been a new and surprising tone of independence in the Yugoslav press recently. It has been particularly noticeable in articles criticizing the extraordinary privileges (seaside villas, hunting preserves, access to foreign exchange) granted certain Party, military and civil officials. These articles have appeared in several of the best known weeklies, including Mladost, (People's Youth), Illustrovana Politika, and Nin. The criticism has caused alarm in the Party, and provoked several angry replies by Party officials. President Tito is expected to comment soon, probably at the next Central Committee meeting. (For more details, see New York Times of 29 September, in Press Comment of 29 September.)

with the Presidential party. Marcos' speeches to the Press Club, Congress and the UN were all liberally sprinkled with his well-known pro-Americanism, and critics have jabbed at Marcos for his foreign policy, which they characterize as "deep involvement with America's causes." A certain amount of unfriendly innuendo has accompanied news coverage of the U.S.-Philippines aid agreement reached while Marcos was in the U.S.

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*An Asian Discusses the U.S. Role in Asia*      President Marcos' Speech to the U.S. Congress

The September visit of President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines to the U.S. received substantial favorable publicity from U.S. journalists and from newsmen traveling

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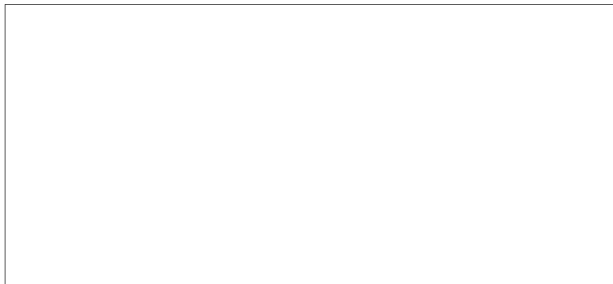
*Social Democrats Suffer Setback*      "New Image" Pays Off for Swedish Communists

The Swedish Communist Party (SKP) has determinedly cultivated an aura of "respectability" under its new Chairman C.H. Hermansson. An option has even been given to local party districts to drop the name "Communist" from their title. Hermansson has criticized both Moscow and Peking and has avoided taking sides in the Sino-Soviet polemic. He has assiduously promoted the idea of a united front with the Social Democratic Party (SAP) -- a proposition which has fallen on sympathetic ears among the younger Social Democrats.

Local elections were held throughout Sweden on 18 September 1966 which resulted in a gain for Communists: their vote rose from 4.2% in the local elections of 1962 to 6.6% this year. During the same period the Social Democrats fell from 51% to 42.8%. Obviously the SAP lost votes on its left to the Communists and on its right to the center. The other three leading parties boosted their combined percentage from 45 to 48.8.

The natural result has been increased emphasis by the Communists on a united front, especially since the SAP, as the governmental party, must rely on the Communists for support on various domestic issues. Unhappily, the success the SKP has achieved in this election, and whatever future gains may accrue to it as a result, are likely to spur other Communist parties in Scandinavia and elsewhere to press for united fronts. Additionally, Communist youth, student, and intellectual groups will attempt to make

greater common cause with their non-Communist counterpart organizations.



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*More on Chinese Reverence for the Aged*      The Diary of a Nun Imprisoned in Communist China

The tragic story of the eight nuns expelled from China at the height of the Red Guards' revolutionary mania [redacted]

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[redacted] has been given worldwide publicity but seldom with as telling effect as in the attached translation of an article from the 1 September 1966 issue of Il Messaggero by Pietro Trivelli. Trivelli tells the story of the nuns' expulsion only as background for a review of Chinese persecution of missionary groups and effectively weaves into his story excerpts from the prison diary of a nun who was incarcerated for nine months in a Chinese Communist prison under unspeakable conditions. [redacted]

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