

Nikita Shows Mastery Over Give And Take

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Nikita Khrushchev has demonstrated once again that he is a master of verbal give-and-take—particularly when it comes to defending his political beliefs.

At his appearance at the National Press Club Wednesday, the Soviet premier skillfully parried what he described as "provocative" questions, and used others as a springboard for one restatement of Communist ideology.

Khrushchev, who came here with the avowed intention of melting the ice of the cold war, bore down hardest on a basic article of Communist faith—the inevitable universal triumph of Communism.

The audience — whom Khrushchev once in a slip of the tongue addressed as "comrades"—consisted mostly of distinguished reporter often described in Communist jargon as "lackeys of the bourgeoisie."

"Capitalism To Die"

They were told firmly but politely, in answer to a question, that history foreshadows the inevitable death of capitalism, to be replaced by the "more progressive" Communist order.

With equal emphasis Khrushchev explained away the statement he once made to Western ambassadors that "we shall bury you" by saying he had not intended to assume the role of the "grave digger of capitalism."

Khrushchev's remarks on capitalism followed a familiar pattern. Had he known Shakespeare as well as he knows Russian folklore, he might have been tempted to paraphrase Mark Antony's oft-quoted "I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him" in this way: "I did not come here to praise you or bury you but only to an-

ounce our doom."

Most Moderate Utterance The speech itself was one of the premier's most moderate utterances. It was an essay on the need for improving Soviet-American relations and settling global problems. It was conspicuously devoid of threats, recrimination and verbal bricks.

It was under questioning by reporters that Khrushchev waxed foxy, eloquent and witty. Some of the questions—those dealing with Hungary, the status of Jes in the Soviet Union, and Khrushchev's personal role in the Stalinist tyranny—might have embarrassed a more conventional Communist.

But not Khrushchev. For a man who is by reputation hot-headed, impetuous, and unpredictable, he proved to be a master of restraint. "I will not be provoked by any questions," he said, "or do anything which would hinder the improvement of our relations."

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Consider Meeting On Time Problem

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — An informal "regional meeting" of city officials from a North Central Indiana area may be held here next week to try to thresh out the problem of what time to observe this winter.

Mayors and city council members of certain cities located between Indianapolis and South Bend may get together, or at least talk among themselves, during the annual convention of the Indiana Municipal League next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mayor Wilmer McClintic of Monticello said Wednesday his city's officials wanted to sound out the officials of Lafayette, Logansport, Frankfort and other area cities regarding their thinking on the "fast" time vs. "slow" time issue.

The problem was posed by ac-

Muncie in desiring the "slow" time zone, thus reducing the size of an area which held to the 1957 state time law during the past winter while sections around Fort Wayne and Indianapolis adopted "fast" time the year around.

The growth of the year-round "fast" time area was seen as a result of a movement in recent months to have the Interstate Commerce Commission move the boundary line between the Eastern and Central time zones from its present location along the Indiana-Ohio state line to a point westward which would bisect Indiana.

At Logansport, Mayor Ralph Eberts was presented a petition signed by several hundred workers asking that the city join the "fast" time zone. Eberts said the administration will watch to see what other area cities do.

Baby's Bottles

A six-bottle soft-drink carton is a handy receptacle for storing baby's bottles in the refrigerator. It takes a minimum of space, and prevents spills.

Open Mental Health Conference Tonight

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The 1961 Legislature members are going to know much more about conditions in Indiana mental institutions than have previous legislators, according to a plan to be outlined during the annual meeting of the Indiana Association for Mental Health.

The IAMH conference opens to-

night for three days during which three nationally known persons will speak. But in between talks by author Vance Packard, television personality Dr. Joyce Brothers and a research psychiatrist, Dr. John H. Cumming, much practical planning for the future will be sandwiched by Hoosier mental health volunteers.

One of those will be the association's "off-year" legislative program. IAMH officials made no

secret of the fact they felt the 1959 General Assembly failed to make in the family care program for mental patients to allow these extra beds to be used, in cases where the county home and its personnel met requirements.

But Dr. John W. Southworth, of the division of mental health, said the \$175,000 appropriated for a two-year period by the 1959 lawmakers was not enough to put the county-home plan into operation.

"We were already spending that on the family care program in private and nursing homes," he said.

Mental health volunteers from throughout Indiana are attending the conference which begins with a dinner tonight at which Packard speaks. Governor Handley also speaks briefly.

Dr. Brothers, the psychologist who won \$134,000 on a TV quiz show, and Cumming, director of the New York State mental health research unit at Syracuse, will speak Friday.

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