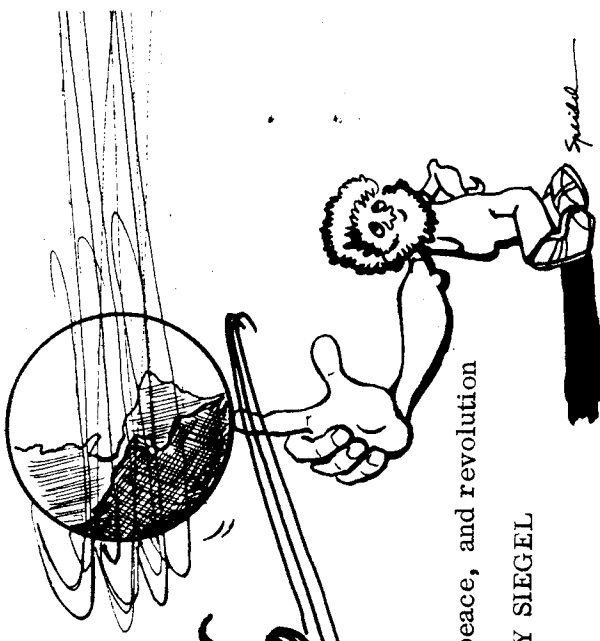


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CHINA

American newspapers are reporting that the "moderates" are purging the "radicals" in China. By conveniently lumping Chinese political conflict into these two categories, they indicate to the average American citizen who they should root for-- the "moderates."

The real conflict is between two philosophical positions. The "radicals" tend to support self-reliant economic development, while the "moderates" are willing to accept more foreign products and technology. The "moderates" lean more towards economic incentives to encourage production; the "radicals" condemn them.

The apparent "moderate" victory does not mean that the leftists are defeated. Both currents run deep in Chinese politics. The



periodic discrediting of top leaders and their compatriots has not eliminated the conflict in the past, and it is unlikely to do it now.

LEBANON

By the time this column is printed, the Syrian-Phalangist alliance in Lebanon may have destroyed the last vestiges of Palestinian-Leftist resistance. This is a victory for Kissinger's foreign policy. US decision-makers have long considered the main conflict in the Middle East to be between pro-Western rightists and anti-imperialist leftists, not between Arabs and Jews. The Syrian destruction of Palestinian forces in Lebanon may pave the way for a West Bank Palestinian state, under right-wing Palestinian leadership.

Meanwhile, G. McMurtre Godley, the US

diplomat who left his bomb-plotting in Laos to instigate the current Lebanese civil war, is being dispatched to another hotspot, Ethiopia.

ZIMBABWE (RHODESIA)

Kissinger's shuttle blitz of Africa was successful, not in bringing peace or justice to Southern Africa, but in defining the Zimbabwian dispute to the American public. The US, we are now told, is foursquare for black majority rule, and against foreign intervention.

The real question, however, is whether the new African government of Zimbabwe will be independent or subservient to Western economic interests.

LYMAN ON DEMOCRACY

Richard Lyman, Stanford University President, was just appointed a trustee of the Rockefeller Foundation. Lyman recently gave his ideas on democracy, saying "the nation is in danger of listening to moral advice from people who own nothing, have no organizational responsibilities and have no office from which to act."

COMPUTERIZED SPENDING

Apparently Federal computers are mispending millions of dollars each year because of programming mistakes. The New York Times reported that Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) called for closer monitoring of "what these machines are up to."

BRAZIL

While workers' wages in Brazil have fallen substantially over the 12 years since the military seized power, not everyone suffers from the still underdeveloped state of its economy. Brazilian executive salaries are among the highest in the world.

THE SEASON'S HOTTEST