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Jps/R. Levenson, The Past & Future of Nat-ism in Ch. April 1968

I. Ming & Mao: But bet. the Sino-Manchu & the Sino-Jap.wars there had of course been dev., HIS.PROCESS, NOT STARRI.

II. Ch'ing & Mao: "Confucian culturalists" in Ch-as-a-world had traditionalism as a world view. But Ch.nationalists in the 20th c. were iconoclastic. Technology was transforming an old social type, the agrarian revol, into a PROTO REV. NY--Agrarian rebels --Taipingrs. 1850-64
But it did anticipate intell.rev.of 20th c.

III. Mac & Sense of Mission AND NOW AS CH.SEEKS TO BE THE FOUNTAINHEAD AGAIN, the central source of world values, there is a different world from Ch'ien-lung's & a different Ch. ('SUBSTRUCTURE' (general SOCIAL SYSTEM) not 'SUPERSTRUCTURE' (a special Ch.high culture) serves as model."

IV. Nat.-ism & Int. "but Mao, no 'rootless cosmopolitan,' is not prepared to cut himself off from home. And so he arrives at a modern SYNTHESIS, NOT AN 'ancient national-cultural chauvinism'... To restore the continuity of Ch-his, Mac insists on the continuity of Mxist his. Aspiriring to a WORLD LEADERSHIP //The alternatives of 'Ch.'(nationalist) or 'communist' (int._are MISCONSTRUED.

p.33 "Today, what makes Ch.seem so ominous to the W. & the SU is Mac's last turn of the screw: Ch.nat. has come to the fore TO IMPLEMENT Mxism. If Ch.could be free of 'antagonistic contradictions' internally, Ch.would finally become what Mao's mentor, Li Ta-chao, had called it in 1920--a proletarian nation. The PROL.NATION WITH THE OTHER 'VICTIMS OF IMP.' in tow? As Stuart Schram has remarked, If Ch.people is a rev.class, then nationalists & rev.raries are one & the same. (SSp.26)

V Provincialism & Cosmopolitanism p.35 "A cosmopolitan culture, then, for nat.enhancement & defense: these went together in some few minds. WHY HAVE THEY BEEN SO FEW? The 'Great Prol.Cultural Rev.' suggests why &suggest where Ch.nat.is going?????????????????

(At this point JL makes fun of cosmopolitans and a Dolk's Hse: as if that was what Liu Shao-ch'i was! Moreover, he composites 1937 & 1957)

"WHAT HAPPENED IN THE '60s?"
VI CULTURAL REV.&THE STATE OF THE NATIONAL

p.39 "Not senile nostalgia nor a general taste for spiritual athletics, but a conviction of PRESENT CRISIS may have been driving the train of events."

(rd Trouble is at this point J: does not go into actual CRISIS , NAT. & INT., esp. INDONESIA)"If the weight of weapons was against Ch.yet the weapons might come into play, man's spirit,not weapons, would have to be decisive."

PROGRESS SEEMED POSSIBLE--AND REGRESS WAS THE SPECTRE)...
THE ESSENTIAL MXIST NOTION OF PROGRESS was to be abandoned in a general failure of nerve, REV. VOLUNTARISM, not ev.determinism, had to be brought into play....

ABSOLUTES TOOK COMMAND. Impending crisis put the expert under the gun.....someone in Ch.was prophesying war." THIS IS WHERE JL GOES SPECULATIVE & WRONG. Mao did not undertake Cultural Rev. until he was sure THERE WOULD BE NO WAR BET. US & CH.

THE DILEMMA OF MAO TSE-TUNG BY KAZUZO ITO & MINORU SHIBATA

p.58 Cultural Rev. "the most extraordinary coup d'etat in his!"

1st mtg. of Red Guard 8/18/66 (as against 1/9/65 when Mao told Edgar Snow that he was preparing to meet God soon," a series of articles against Rus ended abruptly 9th instalment emphasis was shifted into to fight against internal revisionism"

Thoughts of Mao inserted in 9th Na Congress of YCL. Finally 3/28/66 mts with Jan.CPMao objected to joint communique on points agreed upon only. yelling at Peng Chen Chou En-lai, Teng, "You weak-kneed people in Peking!" Mao gave orders to dissolve Party Central Prop.Dept., Party Peking Comm. 2-man Cultural Rev. Group "IN SEPT. '67 Zhao Shan Wu Bi published Mao's "ALK ON STRATEGIC DEPLOYMENT" (said it had not been published, tho drafted in 5/16/1st 10 yrs. of Ch "10 yrs. of construction")

2nd 10 yrs "10 yrs. of rioting" 100 Flowers Campaign '57 "Great Leap Forward

(2) Peoples commune 1958--theory of intensification of class struggle IN transitional society.--He now considered "anti-Maoism" as a "HOSTILE CONTRAD." Acc'dg to Mao Ch. has constaly been confronted with the struggle bet/ the "2 ways" throughout New Dem. Soc. Revs. In '40 --"2-step" rev.formula of reorganizing nat.bourgeoisie."

In Spring 1966 wks ask: "HOW MANY MORE YRS. OF THIS MISERABLE LIFE DO WE HAVE TO LIVE AFTER the rev.before things get back to normal?"

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