Freedom House Describes 1967

As a Trying Year for Freedom

Freedom House, issuing its alerting "China's neighbors to annual Balance Sheet of Free-Maoist extremism."dom last week, concluded that Elsewhere abroad, the bal-
in 1967 freedom was "solely ance sheet concluded that a tried at home and lost ground threat to freedom existed in the spread of Soviet naval op-

On the domestic scene, the erations and political activity report said: in the Middle East.

"Violent antagonisms born of centuries-old racial oppression overs and tribal rivalries" were and discrimination burst upon cited as impediments to eco-

our cities, adding to the general malaise over Vietnam, affecting every public act and institution. Dissent, license and civil dis-
obedience were commonplace.

The balance sheet, which was prepared by the organization's public affairs committee, as-

serted:

"Over-all, violence—whether socially or antisocially mo-
tivated—was fraying the fabric of American society. Freedom suffered in the name of freedom."

The committee found a pos-
sible "hopeful note" in the "brutal catharsis of summer" —"Americans were questioning their institutions, their leaders, themselves as never before."

The report found evidence of a display of conscience that could lead to a diminution of social abuses.

Gains in Asia

Overseas, the report contin-
ued, Asia was the scene of the "most perceptible gains for freedom." The committee found and abroad. The Balance Sheet some Asian leaders turning to of Freedom has been issued ev-

ery year since 1952. The 1967 report was pre-
pared by Leo Cherne, Paul H. Douglas, Roscoe Drummond,

George Field, George B. Ford, China, led by Mao Tse-tung, Harry D. Gidence, Mrs. An-
the COMMNIST party chairman, drew Jackson, Francis P. Miller,

was considered an indirect aid Whitney North Seymour, Ger-
to the non-Communist world by ald L. Steibel and Rex Stout.

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