

Escape Of British Sloop Amethyst May Alter Policy Of Chinese Reds

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The escape of the British sloop Amethyst from the Yangtze river is more than a remarkable naval exploit and feat of river navigation.

It could, but may not, end a period of the Chinese civil war in which the Communists have borne down on foreign influences to show who is master of the new China. In this light, the escape is likely to evoke important policy signals from the Reds. Their future course as a world power may become clearer.

Meantime, the escape has removed the Amethyst herself from a situation which had become hopelessly fouled up in diplomatic frustration and political considerations involving "face."

The British government and navy were out on a limb with the Amethyst because of the way she got into trouble in the first place.

Many Britons still are dissatisfied with the explanations that have been given for what happened. They still won't see why she had to try to take supplies to the embassy in Nanking—right through the middle of one of the largest military operations in Chinese history. From the

king down, British officials have indicated their joy that the Amethyst's ordeal is over. The Labor government and the navy, may be pardoned if they heave a sigh of relief.

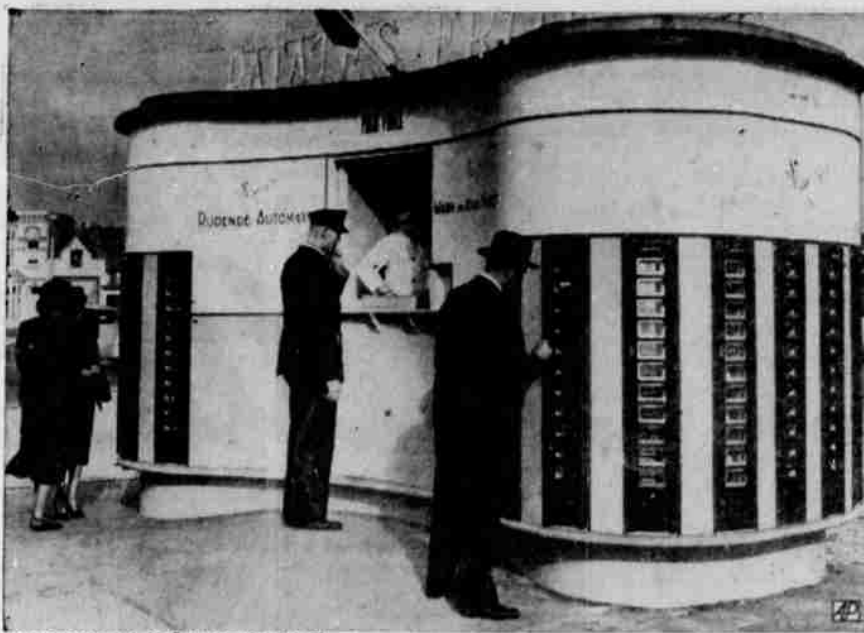
Reds Wanted U. S. Ship

However, the British were not alone in being out on a limb. The Chinese Reds, always glad to pose as the liberators of China from "foreign imperialism," made the usual propaganda hay out of the Amethyst. It would have been better if she had been an American ship, as Uncle Sam's "imperialism" is their big hate now, not England's.

But they had the Amethyst where she was powerless, so they shot the works and charged she had "joined the battle" on the Nationalist side and opened fire herself. The British denied this—plausibly so as their chief and obvious interest these days is to trade with Chinese, not fight them.

The Reds couldn't climb down from this charge because they had made so much of it, and also had demanded indemnity for more than 250 Red soldiers they said had died under the Amethyst's guns.

To make the case completely hopeless, the Reds have no cen-



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East-West Tilt Over New GOP Chairman Looms

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Republicans appeared headed today toward an east-west clash over the chairmanship of their national committee. Early arrivals for a Thursday committee meeting talked insistently of selecting a western man rather than an easterner.

The one-day session was called to name a successor to Rep. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania. He says he is resigning to bring harmony to the faction-torn party.

Guy George Gabrielson, New Jersey committeeman and lawyer-industrialist, seemed to be the man to beat. The question was: With whom?

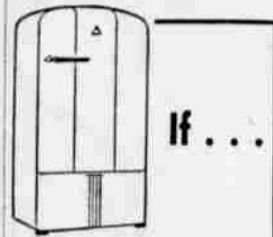
Westerners came up with these names:

Senator Harry Cain of Washington; A. T. (Bert) Howard of Nebraska; Arthur E. Summerfield, Michigan; Axel J. Beck, South Dakota, and Harry Darby, Kansas. The last three are members of the committee and there is considerable sentiment for naming the new chairman from the membership.

Friends of Senator Cain said he is being promoted by Washington state committee members, Harlan I. Peyton and Mrs. Neal Tourtelotte. Cain would not discuss the move. Friends said he would not resign his Senate seat to take the job.

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and Jacksonville celebrants expect a number of out-of-towners to participate in the two-day festivities.

A continuous program begins Saturday, Aug. 6, at 10 a.m. with costume parades slated to open the celebration, followed by the coronation of the queen and the installation of the ten princesses who will serve as her court.

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tration government as such, and their local regimes are not recognized by any foreign power. The Amethyst was pinned down by Red guns, and could not hope to get permission to leave until next fall, if then.

So after moonset Friday night her skipper nosed her into the wake of a passing Chinese freighter and started downriver. Without a pilot, and in spite of a blasted chartroom, he somehow twisted her through the sharp bends of the shifty channel, past the uncharted sandbars, and even rammed through the boom across the channel at Klangyin.

The courage and skill this took can not be doubted.

TOKYO, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Thanks to the three-year-old daughter of Mrs. Frank Willis of Detroit, the Misusawa observatory has a delicate blonde hair for its hygrometer.

The hygrometer is used to measure moisture in the atmosphere. For extreme sensitivity a fine hair is used in the instrument. For 15 years the same hair has been used. It was supplied by a French woman.

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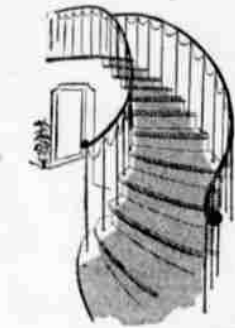
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