

CHINA'S NATIONALIST GOVT. WRITTEN OFF

Collapse Before Onslaught Of Communism Admitted By U. S. In Secy. Acheson's Statement

Scathing "White Paper" Blames Chiang Kai-shek For Debacle In Failure To Establish Reforms

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson wrote off China's Nationalist government today as a total failure before the onslaught of communism. He charted a new course for America's anti-Communist policy in the Far East.

In a biting critical "white paper," including the long-suppressed Wedemeyer report, Acheson told President Truman in a letter that U. S. policy now must be shaped to "encourage all developments" in China which are aimed at throwing off the "foreign yoke" of Moscow-directed communism.

Acheson said the Communist regime serves the interests of Soviet Russia. He advised the President it may "lend itself to the aims of Soviet Russian imperialism" to start an aggression against China's neighbor nations.

If that aggression comes, Acheson indicated the United States would try to block it through the United Nations.

While not all China is presently under the red banner, Acheson said in another document of the white paper, the communists can take over the rest any time they want and nationalist armies will be powerless to resist. He thus advised Chairman Connally (D-Texas) of the Senate Foreign Relations committee March 15.

For the "ominous result of the Chinese civil war," Acheson placed full blame on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other leaders of the crumbling national government. He said they "lost no battles" in the last crucial year for lack of American weapons.

His failures, he said, were due to loss of popular support and loss by the armies of the will to fight. The communists battled with "fanatical zeal," Acheson added, but "the nationalist armies did not have to be defeated; they disintegrated."

To support the position that Chinese—not American—leaders were to blame for the disaster, the State department included among the unveiled state documents a sensational letter from China's current acting President, General Li Tsung-jen.

Li, who succeeded Chiang Kai-shek as chief of state, wrote President Truman May 3, 1949, that China was brought to its present plight by the failure of its previous government (Chiang's) to American aid and to "political, economic and military reforms."

The two-inch thick white paper (official diplomatic report), spanning more than a century, contains probably the most scathing criticism ever issued by the United States against another friendly government, even a dying one. It pours out all the known and secret reasons and arguments why the Truman administration for more than a year now has fought all demands in Congress for any major new China aid program.

Reform Need Pointed Out Even the two-year-old report of (Continued on Page Two)

NEW GOP CHAIRMAN G. C. Gabrielson's Election By Five-Vote Margin Victory For Backers Of Senator Taft

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—A Republican National committee split squarely down the middle found itself under the command today of a new chairman, Guy C. Gabrielson of New Jersey.

Gabrielson is a 58-year-old lawyer-industrialist. Elected by a five-vote margin over Axel J. Beck, South Dakota farmer-businessman, he promised complete neutrality as between candidates for president and Congress.

But Gabrielson's election yesterday by a 52 to 47 vote over Beck—State Chairman A. T. "Bert" Howard of Nebraska got a single vote—put the national party's machinery back in the familiar hands of long time supporters of Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

The new chairman succeeded Rep. Hugh D. Scott, Jr., of Pennsylvania, picked at last year's republican convention by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Taft himself took no apparent part in the National committee contest, but many of his backers contributed to Gabrielson's bare margin victory. Fifty-two was the minimum vote by which any candidate could win out of the total 102 qualified voters at yesterday's session.

Gabrielson's opponents called the pro-Taft wing the party old guard and insisted the fight was more against him than against the new chairman.

Supporting Beck, who had been active in politics less than a year, were Dewey backers plus some who felt allegiance to Scott.

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"The least he deserves for his fortitude in tackling the tough assignment is an earnest promise of understanding and cooperation," Hayes said.

Harlan I. Peyton and Mrs. Neal Tourtelotte, Washington state members, who had voted to oust Scott, voted against Gabrielson yesterday.

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GUY C. GABRIELSON Takes top GOP post.

State Treasurer Backs Latourette

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—(AP)—State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson came out today in favor of the appointment of Circuit Judge Earl C. Latourette to Oregon's new federal judgeship.

Pearson, a democrat, said he had tried vainly to persuade democratic national committee man Monroe Sweetland to withdraw his support of Gus J. Solomon, Portland attorney, for the post.

"I told Sweetland that if he continued to support Solomon and Solomon is appointed, it will split the democratic party in Oregon right down the middle," I suggested he withdraw Solomon's name and the democrats try to select a man upon whom they can agree.

"He would not agree with me, so I told him if he continued to support Solomon, I would support Latourette. I wrote to the national committee urging Latourette's appointment."

Latourette has the backing of the state democratic central committee chairman.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FROM Richmond, Virginia, comes this dispatch:

"Quiet conservative John Stewart Battle, a state senator with 20 years of legislative experience, captured yesterday's four-way Democratic election for governor and proved again the potency of the Virginia political organization headed by Senator Harry Byrd."

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The Weather Cloudy this morning, fair this afternoon and Saturday.

Sunset today 7:30 p. m. Sunrise tomorrow 5:08 a. m.

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Truman Revamps Foreign Aid Bill

Broad Power Request Out, Fund Not Cut

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The administration sent to Congress today a new arms-for-Europe bill shorn of provisions giving President Truman power to decide when and where aid should be given.

The new measure, submitted to the House and the Senate, named specifically the countries to be aided under the \$1,450,000,000 program.

It made no change, however, in cost of the proposed program. The proposed outlay has been criticized sharply by both Republicans and Democrats in Congress.

The rewritten measure was submitted to the Senate by Chairman Connally of the foreign relations committee and to the House by Chairman Kee of the foreign affairs committee.

Connally told reporters the new bill was drafted by Secretary of Defense Johnson. Connally disclosed the changes after members of his committee and the Senate armed services committee had met with Acheson and Johnson.

Authority Not Sought Mr. Truman told a news conference yesterday that he did not care whether he gets authority which critics had claimed would have empowered him to give military aid to any country in the world under almost unlimited conditions.

He did make a fresh demand for the full amount of money asked, however.

The revamped bill spells out that rearmament assistance should be given to the North Atlantic which have signed the North Atlantic Treaty.

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LEGION HEADS BLASTED

Ex-Commander Belgrano Charges "Racketeering," Says Bankruptcy Nearing

SALEM, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Controversy gripped the annual state American Legion convention here today after a former national commander denounced the Legion's national leaders.

The ex-commander Frank Belgrano, Portland banker, yesterday called the national officials "racketeers . . . king-makers . . . politicians" who spend the Legion's money to "advance their own control."

Belgrano said today he had received support from legionnaires in 12 states in his attack on the organization's heads.

Belgrano said approving telegrams and telephone calls had come from complete strangers, most of them veterans of the last war.

This drew a prompt denial from Mrs. Laura Goode, Portland, national president of the Legion Auxiliary, who was not included in Belgrano's attack, and Perry Brown, national commander.

Brown, who was not identified by name in Belgrano's keynote speech, said at Fort Worth, Texas, that the attack resulted from "either misinformation or a deliberate attempt to deceive."

Belgrano had stated, "we are at the bottom of the barrel financially." He said the Legion is in "excellent shape," and warned, "there are a lot of things behind the scenes in this thing that will be taken care of by others than myself."

Belgrano drew much applause for his speech but Mrs. Goode drew a like amount later when she defended national officers.

She charged Belgrano as a "fine leader" and a "true legionnaire."

Prestige Lost, Assertion Belgrano said the Legion had lost prestige and failed to grow in recent years. Despite promises, the Legion's "king-makers" failed to move young men into positions of responsibility. Test the officials lose control of the organization, Belgrano said.

He went on to list the number of national Legion committees at 47 and the number of committeemen at 441 in 1945.

This year they are up to 62 committees and 775 members, he said. All are entitled to travel and housing expense when attending meetings, he added.

On his bankruptcy charge, he said the Legion spent \$47,141 more than it received in 1947. The deficit was \$32,944 in 1948.

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Fire Damages Residence Of Mrs. F. Barker

Two Rooms Destroyed, Smoke Blackens Others; Fire Origin Not Known

The Roseburg fire department and volunteer firemen were called to the home of Mrs. Fred Barker, 213 E. 2nd Ave. So., at 3:45 this morning as flames and smoke surged through the five-room house and into the attic.

Lloyd Barker 31, son of Mrs. Barker, said he was awakened by smoke and flames. Prior to calling firemen, Barker said he brought buckets of water from the bathroom in hopes of extinguishing the blaze but failing in his attempt, turned in the alarm. Barker said he thought the fire started in his bedroom but he could not determine the exact cause.

When fire fighters arrived, flames were roaring through the structure and into the attic. Fire completely destroyed Barker's bedroom and most of the living room and furniture before it could be controlled, although firemen laid two lines of hoses. The kitchen and another bedroom suffered only damage from smoke and water.

Mrs. Barker, who reported the structure was covered by insurance.

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Ingrid Bergman To Seek Divorce, Quit The Films

ROME, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Ingrid Bergman announced today she will divorce her husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom. She also said she will quit the movies.

The beautiful Swedish star made the declaration in a deeply emotional statement issued to reporters by her personal representative, Joseph Steele.

Sources close to the actress reported she intends to marry Italian director Roberto Rossellini after her divorce.

Steele said Miss Bergman probably will claim incompatibility in her suit and that "she does not expect her husband to contest the divorce."

He declared that Miss Bergman will not seek exclusive custody of her 11-year-old daughter, Pia.

"That should be worked out satisfactorily later," he said.

Rossellini has directed such smash hits as "Open City" and "Faisla." A family source said he had divorced Marcelle de Marchese several years ago in Budapest. The divorce was declared final in Italy only recently.

For years, Miss Bergman and Lindstrom had been considered one of Hollywood's most happily married couples.

Dewey Rejects Demand To Run For U. S. Senate

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today turned down a demand that he "make good" for the Republican party in New York by seeking a U. S. Senate seat this fall.

The demand came from Rep. W. Kingsland Macy, former state GOP chairman, who accused Dewey, in a letter, of "placing the party behind the eight-ball in the coming campaign."

The governor's office in Albany referred questioners to Dewey's unqualified statement at a news conference June 29. Dewey said then that he would not seek the senate seat.

Dewey's office said there would be no comment from the governor on Macy's letter. Macy wrote Dewey:

"You have shaped things in such a manner as to make your own candidacy the only possible solution. Now it is up to you to make good."

Macy's letter said Dewey had "impached the candidacy of your own appointee" to the senate, Sen. John Foster Dulles, by saying Dulles would not run in the fall.

The 34-year-old former air force officer will be sentenced this afternoon.

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Lover Convicted Of Murdering Girl's Mother

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Ten Men Surrender At Tacoma On Rape Charge

TACOMA, Aug. 5.—(AP)—All 10 men accused of participating in an 11-hour sex orgy with a 22-year-old woman have surrendered to the sheriff's office and been released on \$1,000 bond.

The voluntary surrender of three of the men last night completed the roundup within 24 hours after issuance of Superior court warrants for their arrest.

The warrants were issued by Superior Judge W. A. Richmond after Prosecutor Patrick Steele had released the men on their personal recognizance on grounds a conviction would be difficult to obtain.

Each of the 10 is charged with rape. The woman had been released from a state hospital, but has since been returned.

Oregon Justice Belt Ill Of Heart Attack

SEASIDE, Aug. 5.—(AP)—State Supreme Court Justice Harry H. Belt, 65, was reported "somewhat improved" today, after being stricken with a heart attack while vacationing here.

Attendants at the Seaside hospital said the justice was "resting comfortably" this morning. He was taken ill Tuesday.

Truman Calls Conference On Education Aid Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—President Truman called Democratic congressional leaders to the White House today in an effort to get passage on a controversial federal aid to education bill.

The controversy over whether public funds should be made available to parochial and other private schools for auxiliary services has blocked efforts to get the measure to the floor in the House.

Rep. McCormack of Massachusetts, the Democratic floor leader in the House, told reporters that Mr. Truman was very urgent in his appeal for passage of the bill at this session, to redeem one of his 1948 campaign pledges.

FORESTS STILL BLAZING Crews Battle In Various Sections Of Northwest; Jumper Drops Into Fire

By The Associated Press

A forest service plane loaded up with food and water today, as foresters continued taking to the air to battle fires burning over widely separated sections of the Pacific Northwest.

The biggest fire—a thousand acres on the Ochoco National forest of central Oregon—was corralled last night, but fire-fighters continued battling on smaller fronts over the northwest.

A smoke jumper who parachuted right into the fire he was going to fight was carried out in a stretcher last night, and was taken to a hospital in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Lloyd C. Knapp, Colville, Wash., parachuted into the Kaniku National forest on a stretcher yesterday to fight one of 20 small lightning blazes. He landed in a tree, and crashed into some burning timbers on the ground.

His back, injured, he rolled away from the fire, but could not walk out. An eight-man rescue team parachuted into the forest and carried him on a four-hour trip over a trail to an ambulance. The forest service said he was not seriously hurt.

A third fire broke out in a rugged, canyon-pocked area of the Ochoco National forest, just as two other blazes were brought under control.

The new fire—about 300 acres—is in such inaccessible country that the 150 men dispatched to fight it will have to be fed by parachuted meals.

The men are working on the south fork of the John Day river, just five miles north of the 350-acre Squaw creek fire that was controlled yesterday.

Other scattered blazes were being fought on the Fremont Na-

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TO AID FLOOD FORECASTS U. S. Weather Bureau Will Establish Reporting Units On Umpqua And Tributaries

As aid to its flood forecasting service, the U. S. Weather bureau is planning to establish six river reporting stations on the Umpqua and its tributaries, said Thomas A. Hill, observer in charge of the feathery bureau here.

Plans are still tentative, he said, and await a visit here of Jerome van de Erde, Seattle, the bureau's regional engineer, before fulfillment.

River reporting stations would be established at Winston, Winchester, Roseburg, Riddle, Drain, and Elktion, said Hill.

Under the bureau's plan of volunteer reporting of weather information, these stations would be put in care of reliable persons who work near and observe the river every day.

Hill explained that the city sewage plant superintendent might be asked to watch the gauge at the plant which marks the river's depth there. He would also be given a rain gauge to measure precipitation.

At Winchester, for another example, the California-Oregon Power company might be asked to take daily measurements of the North Umpqua's depth. The company has not yet been contacted regarding this, however. Hill pointed out.

At other places, where no regular gauge of the river is taken at present, a school bus driver who would cross a certain bridge at a regular time every day, might be asked to assume this extra duty for the weather bureau, said Hill.

River information from stations on the Umpqua and its tributaries would be sent to the collection center at Medford, and there relayed to Portland, the forecast center. The information collected would be used by the Army Engineers in its river development work.

Changsha Falls To Reds; Way To Canton Is Open

CANTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—The fortress of Changsha fell to the Reds today and a credible report of a nationalist army revolt on that front may mean the road to Canton soon will be almost wide open.

Loss of Changsha, 365 miles to the north, was bad news enough for the nationalists. But the Reds in another lunge south-east of Changsha were only 215 miles from this refugee capital.

Both these reversals were admitted officially.

Unofficial but credible reports said Gen. Chen Ming-jen, new governor of Hunan province, the broad basket province, had revolted.

General Chen only recently replaced Gen. Cheng Chien. The government chargee Cheng fled from Changsha and went over to the Reds Monday. The government ordered Cheng's arrest, accusing him of trying to arrange a local peace with the Communists.

The unofficial accounts said General Chen, close friend of his predecessor, also went over to the Reds taking at least one of his three armies with him. His armies totalled 90,000 men.

Defection of the Hunan general would create a serious situation. It conceivably could compel Gen. Pai Chung-hsi, the commander in the south, to withdraw his troops southward into Kwangsi province. This would leave the road to Canton open for a swift and easy Communist advance.

The Communist timetable calls for the capture of Canton by Aug. 15.

The revolt of the two generals would explain why the Reds have been shadow boxing on the Changsha front lately.

Tragedy Damage Verdict Appealed By Plaintiff

An appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court has been filed from a decision recently made in the circuit court regarding the truck auto accident which allegedly took the life of Lillith Gail Jenkins.

Marjorie G. Davis, administratrix of the estate of the crash victim, indicated yesterday she has appealed the verdict of a circuit court jury which awarded \$2,500 damages. She asked damages amounting to \$10,000 from the defendants, Bernard Fenwick and Piegel Transfer and Storage company.

Drain And Elktion Masons, Eastern Star To Picnic

Masons and Eastern Star members of Drain and Elktion will hold a joint picnic at the Hank Beckley ranch at Elktion Sunday, Aug. 7, starting at 10 a. m. Potluck picnic dinner will be served starting at 1 p. m.

Rainbow Girls are to operate a stand at which they will sell ice cream, cold drinks and candies, for the purpose of raising funds with which to carry on their program.

Executive Needs Cash To Pay Help; Picks Pockets

TOKYO, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Police picking up pickpockets picked up the president of an automobile body plant.

And what, they asked the little Japanese industrialist, was such a respectable citizen doing picking pockets?

Collections from customers were most difficult, he replied. Had to get money some way to pay the help.

Larceny Of Furniture, Mill Equipment Charged

Garland Dillard, Tennille, was arrested yesterday by sheriff's deputies on a charge of larceny of furniture and mill equipment, according to Sheriff D. T. Carter.

When arraigned in Justice court this morning, Dillard asked for a preliminary hearing. He was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

Rent Controls Ended In 3 Utah Counties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Rent controls were ended today in Salt Lake City, Utah, and in Salt Lake and Tooele counties, Utah.

John E. Woods, housing expediter, said the action was based on local decontrol resolutions passed by the Salt Lake City governing body.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Roizenstein

Uncle Sam's diplomatic and financial fiasco in China can now go down in history as just another Dunkirk. What a pity Madame Chiang wasted a good speech in the U. S. Congress two years ago for an incompetent spouse.