

## Wedemeyer Report On China Bares Lack Of Faith In Chiang To Institute Needed Reform

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer urged President Truman in 1947 to adopt a new five-year aid program for Nationalist China—if Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would agree to drastic reforms in his government and army.

Wedemeyer told the President this action was necessary to defeat the Chinese Communists and block Russia's "dangerous" plans for expansion in the Far East.

He made the recommendations to the White House Sept. 13, 1947, after conducting an on-the-spot survey as head of a Truman-appointed investigating mission to China.

The army general denounced Russia's role in the Chinese revolution and told Mr. Truman: "Any further spread of Soviet influence would be inimical to United States strategic interests."

Wedemeyer suggested that the President urge China to appeal to the United Nations to set up a five-nation "guardianship" or trusteeship over the rich industrial area of Manchuria.

The trustees would be the U. S., Britain, Russia, France and China. Wedemeyer's advice was not

followed. The administration suppressed his report until Friday. In making it public, Secretary of State Acheson gave this reason for the secrecy:

"It was decided that the publication at that time of suggestion for alienation of a part of China from the control of the nationalist government, and for placing that part under an international administration to include Soviet Russia, would not be helpful."

Wedemeyer's report was contained in the State department's 1054-page "white paper" document, entering the administration's past China policy.

Wedemeyer proposed that as a condition for American aid the nationalist government agree to accept American economic and military advisers who would make sure Chiang would carry out reforms.

The American general said he was sure Chiang was sincere in his desire to make drastic changes. But he was not sure Chiang was determined to carry them out "if this requires absolute overruling of the political and military cliques surrounding him."

## RFC Loans Of Millions On Man's \$1,000 Investment Under Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—A House committee is pondering how Ohio industrialist Carl G. Strandlund borrowed \$35,500,000 from the government, put up \$1,000 of his own money and his patent rights, and set up his Lustron corp. to mass produce prefabricated houses.

Strandlund and officials of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, who made the loans, told the story to the House Banking and Currency committee.

Strandlund had told the committee his company is within sight of making money on its venture, but that he will need even more RFC millions to tide it over.

At conclusion of the committee's inquiry, Rep. Cole (R-Kans.), who had questioned the witnesses sharply, told a reporter:

"Congress must close the doors against any more deals like this

one. But whether we should pinch off further loans to Lustron, and possibly force its collapse and the loss of probably a big share of the \$35,500,000—that's another matter. I just don't know what to say."

Strandlund told the committee his corporation is losing about \$1,000,000 a month now, but will be making a profit within 90 days, and he hopes to pay back the loans within six years. Some of the loans fall due in September.

Strandlund said the company is turning out a prefabricated house every 20 minutes during an eight-hour shift, five days a week.

Richard C. Dyas, an RFC official, told the committee "this plan can produce the houses, there is no question of that," and that there is a "tremendous" potential market for the structures in the mass housing market."

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## Script Writers, Once In Filmdom's Low Stratum, Now In Role Of Czars

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK.—(AP)—In the old days a Hollywood script writer had very little to live for.

He supported a house or two, a wife or three, some children, a few servants—and a five-star ulcer. This brought him little happiness for, after all, he was only a writer.

And in the hierarchy of Hollywood a writer was just a \$1,500-a-week object of charity. His forlorn paper dream—the script—was hacked by the producer, misconceived by the director, ambushed by the actors, and left writhing on the floor by the film cutter.

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This is all to the good—in the opinion of Sidney Buchman, who spent a decade as a writer before he became a producer.

"In some studios 75 per cent of the producers are writers or former writers," he said. "And about half are carrying out both functions."

Buchman, 47, is an expressive, featured man who looks and gestures more like Ezio Pinza or John Barrymore than a man who got his callouses studying a typewriter.

"If a man has the skill to write a fine script," he said, "he cer-

## Continuance Of Draft Law To Be Asked By Army

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The army wants the draft law retained as insurance in case of a sudden outbreak of war, instead of letting it die next June.

The national military establishment says that the matter of asking Congress to extend the draft will be considered by the joint chiefs of staff.

While the navy and air force haven't made up their minds, Lt. Gen. E. H. Brooks, director of army personnel, said that the ground forces want the law to stay on the books.

Congress, Brooks said, might not have time to enact a new selective service act in case of swift attack. And even after passage of such a law, he added, it would be 60 to 90 days before the necessary machinery could be set up.

Under the present standby law which has not been used since January, men could be drafted immediately.

Of the three armed services, the army alone has had need of the draft since World War II ended. The navy and air force, being smaller, have kept up their strength through voluntary enlistments.

Brooks said the army feels time would be paramount in the event of another war and any delay might be dangerous.

At present the army is more than 20,000 men short of the 677,000-man ceiling allowed in President Truman's budget.

But Brooks said officials are not worried over the shortage. They expect recruiting, which has been lower than expected recently, to pick up gradually.

over the Cascades in a light blue plane.

But the Mayes didn't give up hope. With another son, Bertrand, 21, and a daughter, Bernice, 16, Mr. and Mrs. Mayes conducted a tireless three-week search. They drove slowly along almost every mountain road they could find, climbing vantage points to scan wooded Cascade slopes with binoculars.

"There isn't anything I would not do to find him," Mayes said, adding that a \$1,000 reward he offered for recovery of his son's body still stands.

The Mayes, weary and disappointed, said they now must return to Clinton, Tenn. Mrs. Mayes is a school teacher there, and her husband is assistant superintendent of a coal-mining company.

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The flyer, long since given up for dead by the navy, is Ensign Gaston Eugene Mayes, 23. He and Lieut. Benjamin O. Vezeland of Princeton, N. J., vanished last March 11 on a flight

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## Three Timber Tracts In Lane County Up For Bids

EUGENE, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Three more timber sales for the month of August on timber located within Lane county were announced this week by the Eugene office of the bureau of land management. All are sealed bid sales to be opened at 2 p. m. (PST) Aug. 16 in Portland. One other sealed bid and one oral auction for Eugene are also set for the same day.

One parcel offered is in the Siuslaw marketing area, five miles northwest of Horton; a salvage sale on timber located one mile northwest of Wendling in the upper Willamette marketing area comprises the second sale; the third is another salvage unit located along Marling creek, twelve miles south of the town of Culp Creek.

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