

Recognition Of Chinese Commies Means Veto Power In U. N. Council

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

The United States has rebuffed the Chinese communist regime in its bid for diplomatic recognition. Its decision makes sense.

There are three practical reasons for delaying recognition. None has anything to do with the general policy issue of whether the nation should take a step that would be interpreted as "approval" of the communist government.

For one thing, Red authorities in China have demonstrated their inability or unwillingness to protect American diplomats in communist-held areas. More than that, they have on occasion even seized them and inflicted physical injury upon them. Up to now no evidence exists of a change in this situation.

Secondly, the communists have not assured the American government or any other that they intend to respect China's present international obligations. Until it shows signs of honoring the country's agreements, it cannot expect speedy attention for its recognition bid.

Lastly, the new Red regime cannot yet speak with authority for the whole of China. The communists currently hold just a little more of the country than did the Japanese at the peak of their offensive.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson has made plain that unless



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the communist government really controls Chinese territory and will observe international commitments, there is no point in extending recognition.

"We do not establish an embassy or legation in a foreign country to show approval of its government," he said recently. "We do so to have a channel through which to conduct essential governmental relations and protect legitimate U.S. interests."

This country has agreed, however, to consult with other nations on the recognition question. And among those Great Britain unquestionably will seek to hasten the establishing of diplomatic relations with Red China. Britain's trade interests are the greatest of any foreigner there, and pressure is already heavy to create a more normal arrangement to safeguard that business. But because it is eager to pre-

serve a solid front with the United States, Britain may accept a considerable delay. One prospect is that the United Nations might be asked to send a commission to China to determine whether the Red government or the Nationalist regime is the true authority. And there is a bare chance that recognition might be accorded simultaneously by all North Atlantic Treaty countries.

Barring an unforeseen reversal of fortune for the Chinese communists, recognition apparently will come to them in time. After that the western powers face an even tougher dilemma: What to do when the communist government demands China's permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. This seat carries with it the veto power, added to Russia's, it would almost inevitably mean more trouble than ever in getting decisive council action.

Yet it is difficult to see how the post can be denied to a government that will have been recognized as the legitimate authority in China.

Mental Home Attendant Denies She Is 'Witch'

ELDRIDGE, Calif., Oct. 18.—(P)—A plump, 41-year-old woman emphatically denies practicing witchcraft on mental patients at the Sonoma State home.

Mrs. Lorena Blackwell regarded her accusers with a half smile Saturday and told them she denied all the charges and added she didn't believe in hexes.

After a day-long hearing on her dismissal as an attendant at the home, the State Personnel board said it would announce its decision in the case Oct. 21 or 22.

Mrs. Blackwell was dismissed Sept. 8 on the grounds she "unnecessarily aroused and disturbed" patients in McDougall cottage with claims of black magic. The Cottage houses female high-grade delinquents described as "very emotional" by Dr. Marshall Porter, superintendent of the institution.

Foresters Pay Tribute At Forest's Renaming

PACKWOOD, Wash., Oct. 18.—(P)—Foresters of the nation gathered in the fall timber Saturday to pay tribute to the forest conservation spadework of the late Gifford Pinchot.

The widow of the former Pennsylvania governor and first head of the U.S. forest service was here from the East to participate in dedication of the newly named Gifford Pinchot national forest.

In the keynote address at Lake Wis forest camp, Lyle F. Wattle, chief of the U.S. forest service, called for an aggressive policy of saving and rebuilding forests and declared:

"Our entire national forest system, embracing more than 180 million acres, is, in a large sense, a monument to Gifford Pinchot."

The ceremony was held a short distance from towering Mount Rainier. It was formerly the Columbia National forest. Members of the Society of American Foresters joined in the observance following their national convention in Seattle.

Portland School Officials Will Study Societies

PORTLAND, Oct. 18.—(P)—Portland school officials will meet today to consider moves against secret high school societies.

At the same time that Supt. Paul A. Rehms announced the meeting, a Washington high school student called for publication of the names of students who get into trouble.

It all stemmed from a Washington high school fraternity's pre-initiation activity in which a girl student, recently arrived here from Greece, was roughly handled when she resisted a group engaged in kissing girls on the streets.

It followed by a day expulsion of 19 Salem high school students charged with membership in a secret society.

Val Joyce Schultz, secretary of the Washington student body, said it was a mistake to identify offending students only by the name of their school. She said that during the entire student body in the mind of the public.

"Most times when a kid gets in trouble," she said, "it is the parents' fault. Let the kid's name be put in the paper instead of the school."

Both in Portland, where school authorities said two students would be expelled, and at Salem, the names of the students were withheld by the schools.

Ancient, Crowing Hens Are Producers Of Eggs

LINCOLN, Neb.—(P)—A hen old enough to vote is claimed by Pearl Halferty, a stock feeder for a railroad.

He said the 21-year-old hen is the last survivor of a flock of 50 roosters and 48 hens he bought in 1928. She still lays an egg now and then, he said.

Atomic Energy Board Gets OK From Committee

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(P)—The Senate House Atomic committee Wednesday approved, 9 to 6, a report clearing the atomic energy commission of "incredible mismanagement" charges.

The charges were made by Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) last summer against Chairman David E. Lilienthal and other members of the commission.

The committee held lengthy hearings during the summer. The vote approved a report drafted by those who felt the hearings proved there was no sound basis for the charges.

Senator Mc Mahon (D-Conn), chairman of the committee, told reporters the vote was along party lines. Nine democrats voted for approval. Six republicans voted against the report. Mc Mahon indicated that a minority report will be filed by Hickenlooper.

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