

America Making Energetic Moves To Strengthen Far East Position

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The western powers having at least temporarily contained the Soviet satellite states in Europe, America is making energetic moves to strengthen her position in the far east where communism's mounting success threatens to turn that part of the globe into the political Armageddon of the isms.

With this in view Uncle Sam's head diplomats in eastern Asia have been ordered to hold a regional conference in Bangkok, Thailand, in January to consider the general situation. Meantime the Washington administration's top diplomatic trouble-shooter, Ambassador Phillip C. Jessup, also will make a survey of the situation and then meet with his colleagues in the Siamese capital. That will be a major policy conference.

Problems Named

This whole vast area fairly bristles with problems. Foremost among these are the question of a Japanese peace treaty; the position of strategically located Korea, which is a land divided against itself—communist in the north and democratic in the south; the complex Chinese situation where Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's nationalist government has all but been knocked out in the military sense.

From the American standpoint the Chinese situation has been seriously complicated through the imprisonment of U. S. Consul General Angus Ward and four of his staff by the communists in Mukden. President Truman has denounced this as an outrage. The Reds charge Ward with having beaten a Chinese employe, and they have ignored official American inquiries regarding the prisoners.

One of the immediate results of this ugly controversy has been the declaration by Secretary of State Acheson that the United States won't even think about recognizing the Red Chinese regime in Peking until Ward is released. What effect this will have on the communists remains to be seen, but it undoubtedly will hurt, because they want and need recognition by the western powers. Moreover they need material assistance, especially of the sort which only America could supply.

Who Bosses Who?

There now arises the ticklish question of just who is boss in Peking—the Red leader, General Mao Tse-Tung, or Moscow. The Chinese communists of course have bound themselves to Moscow and diplomatic quarters in Washington are uncertain whether Mao has full freedom of action. Russia is suspected of having special influence with the communists in Mukden and elsewhere in Manchuria.

Portlanders Resist New System Of License Fees

PORTLAND, — (AP)—Portland has run into trouble with its new license fees.

Harold V. Ennor, chief license inspector, reported that some businessmen aren't paying them—and others are paying less than expected through technicalities in the law.

The city license bureau began issuing warrants for businessmen who "flatly refused" to pay fees. "About a half dozen took this attitude," Ennor said.

But even when that is collected, Ennor said he feared the city might fall \$1,000,000 short of anticipations.

"Unless the license fees on gross business are stepped up, I don't think we can make it," he said.

He criticized the fact that many occupations can pay a flat fee—contractors, for instance, pay \$30 annually regardless of how much they earn.

Ennor said the fees now appear likely to yield \$1,400,000. The city budget figured they would bring in \$2,385,000.

Obliging Friend Meets Judge On Same Offense

PASCO Wash. — (AP)—Nate Morgan got a ticket for speeding and forgot his date with the judge until just before he was due to answer charges.

He phoned friend Bob Cranen to run down and handle his job while he went to court.

Cranen obliged, but do you know what happened while he was speeding to his friend's assistance?

Same judge, too.

Accused In Rape Case Upped To 15

SALEM, — (AP)—The number of men involved in sex charges involving a 14-year-old girl has been increased to 15 by warrants issued charging rape against two others.

Five men were taken before circuit judge George R. Duncan, where the rape charges were reduced to contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Three of the men pleaded guilty, and John Hoffert, an ex-convict, was sentenced to 16 months in the penitentiary.

The other two who pleaded guilty were given one-year suspended sentences, and they will lose their driver's licenses for three years.

A fourth man got 48 hours in which to plead, and the fifth pleaded innocent.

Of the 13 men arrested so far,

Los Angeles Conditions Targets Of Postcard Raps

LOS ANGELES, — (AP)—Los Angeles is being unjustly maligned. The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce says so.

The C. of C. reports printed postcards claiming that law and order no longer exist here have been received by Chambers in Portland, Ore.; Garden City, Kas.; Elko, Nev.; Rock Springs, Wyo.; Prescott, Wis.; and Flagstaff in Arizona.

The cards also said nasty things about the police department, local business and unemployment.

The missives were signed "public relations committee of the Los Angeles Citizens Safety council in cooperation with the

Nightgown Saves Woman After Plung In Sleep

BLACKPOOL, Eng. — (AP)—Mrs. Esther Annie Frith's nightgown saved her life. Her husband, three cabbies and several firemen also helped.

Mrs. Frith went walking in her sleep in her fourth floor bedroom. Her husband, Percy, awoke just in time to see her step out the window.

He sprang out of bed, clutched his wife's gown and hung on. The strong fabric held as she dangled 30 feet above the street.

Her cries and Percy's shouting brought two cab drivers to

the ledge below. A third cabbie turned in a fire alarm. Firemen reeled up a ladder and hauled the woman back into her room.

Percy, who had been hanging on to the nightgown for 15 minutes, fainted.

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