

Asiatic Conflict Won't Be Settled By Ultimate Status Of Formosa

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President Truman's blunt declaration of American intention to keep hands off the continental island of Formosa strikes us as calculated to prevent any other zealous individuals from rocking the international boat in Asiatic waters.

It is flat notice to the world that "the United States has no predatory designs on Formosa or on any other Chinese territory."

In short, America has no imperialist ambitions.

The president's statement also will tend to counter-balance Britain's speedy recognition of the Chinese Communist regime before Washington is ready to act on that matter. It will make clear that there is no connection between Formosa and American non-recognition.

There are of course those who place a high military value on the great island of Formosa.

However the Washington administration obviously doesn't believe the strategic worth is sufficient to warrant the United States getting involved militarily.

Could Produce Another War

American military intervention in Formosa could produce conflict between Russia and the United States.

Did you ever stop to think what that would mean? It would mean that America would have to operate from sea and air, far from home, against an enemy strongly entrenched on the Asiatic continent. What a prospect.

Anyway, quite apart from the difficulties of the position, America doesn't want war. There are other ways of settling world affairs.

One way is to continue encouragement of nationalism. President Truman's announcement is, I take it, calculated to reaffirm America's stand against imperialism and for national sovereignty.

Nationalism On March This whole vast Asiatic political problem revolves about the question of nationalism. The Russian brand of communism is internationalism under which all nations would place their sovereignty in the hands of Moscow. Marshal Tito's break with Russia was over that very point—his refusal to surrender Yugoslavia's sovereignty.

The many countries of Asia which now are emerging into political consciousness are nationalistic. Complete self-determination

Military Cuts At Upped Costs Seen In Budget Items

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—President Truman figured today the military will spend \$13,500,000,000 in the year beginning July 1—\$400,000,000 more than it is spending this year.

Under the president's new budget, the nation will get fewer ships, planes and military man-power. Budget makers blamed higher costs, pay boosts and bigger, more complicated weapons.

The Navy's gloomy expectations throughout the unification controversy that it would lose ground both in manpower and ships was realized. The Air Force got a big increase in money. These are the direct figures for the three services:

Army—\$4,093,000,000, a cut of \$180,000,000 from present spending.

Navy—\$4,414,000,000, a cut of \$263,000,000.

Air Force—\$4,412,000,000, a jump of \$697,000,000.

The \$400,000,000 increase for all defense activities stood out against the \$86,000,000 drop predicted for total government spending next year.

The \$13,500,000,000 military item was by far the biggest in Mr. Truman's budget for the forthcoming fiscal year.

But, said the president, "under current world circumstances, in which the strength of the United States is making such a vital contribution toward world peace, we must continue to make the expenditures necessary to maintain a position of relative military readiness."

and absolute sovereignty are their aims. The more nationalism there is in Asia, the greater the barrier against the advance of communism. Therefore democracy's cue is to boost nationalism.

In the eyes of many observers the problem of the Far East is much broader than Formosa. This war of ideologies—this Armageddon which is boiling up among the many nations of the populous Orient—will be settled on basic principles.

One swallow doesn't make a summer, and one Formosa isn't likely to settle the Asiatic conflict. Whatever military value Formosa may have must be gauged by its relation to the whole issue. Thus we hear from President Truman:

"The United States has no desire to obtain special rights or privileges or to establish military bases on Formosa at this time."

Whether anything will happen to change that estimate remains to be seen.

"Tick's" Tips On Veterans Hospital

By L. J. "TICK" MALARKEY
Saturday the bus was late. It was necessary that a trip to town be made because The News-Review said "If you can get the copy here by 9 o'clock we can use it in today's paper." Snow was really coming down.

A car pulled up to the curb in front of the Administration building and let out a passenger. The driver said that he was going to the city and would be glad to have me ride with him. He asked if I knew Mrs. Paul Shanklin (Helen) who plugged calls on the switch board. When the answer was "yes" he continued:

"She is my sister."

We told our names and his is Roland Springer, now retired by the Standard Oil company, after 28 years of continuous service, 20 years having been spent in the tropics where daughter Robin was born; the son Bruce, going on four, saw his first day's light yesterday.

Friend Springer is a Greybeard. Enlisted from Pennsylvania state and saw it all from '17 through part of '19. With his wife Ruth and the youngsters they are making their home with the Shanklins, Paul and Helen, out on their five acres, Pacific Highway N.

Greybeard Springer is now associated with Earl and Gladys Wiley selling and listing real estate.

"We love this Valley of the Umpqua; will soon have our home and intend to stay."

Twenty-nine years in the laundry business is not peanuts in time spent following one's chosen trade; but this is the record hung up by Roosevelt C. Berg, laundry "super" at the Roseburg VA. Four years ago he took over here and from his office yesterday one fact the writer gathered from "Teddy" is that in a 12 months' span an average of 1,260,000 finished pieces of washing go through the machines.

Over a million of anything is pretty large figures.

Mary Morgan, squad leader, has seen a lot of patients come and go; because Mary has been here ever since the laundry was put into commission.

A list of the employed personnel follow:
Roosevelt C. Berg, Superintendent; Elmer Jones, Foreman; Cecil Munson, Truck Driver; Marion Patrick, Seamstress; Luella Wren, Seamstress; Mary Morgan, Squad Leader; Margaret Kelly, Press Operator; Helen Kelly, Press Operator; Charlotte McCauley, Press Operator; Rita Myers, Press Operator; Minnie Plunkett, Press Operator;

Yoncalla

By MRS. GEORGE EDES
Dare Kingery and Harold McGrath were business visitors in Eugene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Wise took Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sr., to Eugene Friday, where they took a train to California to spend the winter with their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dean Hall transacted business in Eugene and Springfield Friday.

Mrs. Alpha Newby of Williamina is visiting at the parental Tom Wallace home for a few days.

Clifford Burns was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital for an emergency appendicitis operation Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent McEl-

murry and baby left last week to make their home in California.

Mrs. Herman Thiel and Mrs. Delton Thiel and two children visited relatives in Umpqua last week.

Mrs. Cooke was taken to the hospital at Eugene Sunday where she will undergo a major operation.

Walter Lunney has rented a small home in "Annie's Acres."

Miss Edith Osgood, English teacher in Yoncalla high school, has been detained in Seattle, Wash., where she spent the Christmas holidays, due to bad weather.

Mrs. Harold Phillips and daughter Mrs. Vern Dupper made a business trip to Roseburg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Dupper and two children spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. Dupper's parents at Auburn, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phillips and daughter Joan spent their Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Phillips' daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Cook in Grants Pass.

Carroll and Gale Noel returned home Saturday after spending

several days with their father in Tye.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schlachter made a business trip to Portland last week.

Mrs. Dave Rogers, who lives just off Main street in Yoncalla, has had a large camellia in bloom for the past month. This is an unusual sight as camellias usually bloom later on in the spring. The blossoms are a bright pink.

The Whitney Reservoir on the Brapos river in Texas will flood more than 60 old Indian habitation sites.

MONTY BANKS DIES

MILAN, Italy, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Monty Banks, 50, film director, husband of British comedienne Gracie Fields, died en route to a hospital in nearby Arona after suffering a heart attack Saturday. Miss Fields was with him when he died. They were traveling to their home on the Isle of Capri.

Banks, an outstanding comedian of silent films in the United States, was born in Italy. His real name was Mario Bianchi. He and Miss Fields were married in Hollywood in March, 1940.

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