

Russia Building Trouble By Grabbing Northern Slices Of China, Secy. Acheson States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(P)—Secretary of State Acheson said Thursday that Russia now is busy detaching the northern provinces of China and "attaching them to the Soviet union."

The secretary said that this process is complete in Manchuria and nearly so in Outer Mongolia.

And, he said, the Communist regime in China itself has developed new methods and techniques to help the Russian menace and provide "insidious weapons of penetration."

Nothing puts the cart more solidly before the horse, the secretary said, than the statement it hears nearly every day that "the real interest of the United States in the Far East is to stop the spread of Communism."

Of course this government is interested in that, he hastened to add.

But it is interested for a reason far more deeply rooted than the question of conflict with Russia, he said.

America's real interest, he said, is in the Asiatic people as people, it is in protecting their

interests and their spirit of independence and self-development.

It is to guard these, he said, that the United States wants to check the Communist menace.

Acheson said that Russia's designs on Manchuria are "a single most important fact" in the Far Eastern picture.

Warns United States
The secretary warned that the United States people and its government must avoid "folly or foolish adventures" which would obscure this fact.

The United States, he added, must keep its purposes "perfectly, above board."

"We must not deflect the righteous anger of the Chinese people that must inevitably develop against Russia against ourselves."

By trying to detach the Manchurian provinces, Acheson declared, Russia is putting its "puppets" in China in a position of "awful responsibility for which they must some day account."

Acheson swung into his discussion of Russia and the Chinese situation after first taking some cracks at senatorial critics—Senator Taft (R) of Ohio in particular—of the administration's Formosa policy.

He referred to Taft only as a "distinguished statesman" who had said he had no doubt that some sincere aid to China some time ago would have resulted in different conditions now, and no doubt that a small amount of aid now can "solve the problem in Formosa."

Acheson jibed that this statesman was a man who switches between a position of some doubt and "no doubt."

Turning to China, Acheson said the Chiang Kai-shek government "disintegrated" because the Chinese people themselves lost patience with Chiang "in their misery."

Acheson said the Chinese people "didn't bother to overthrow this government; they simply ignored it."

The Communist did not create this condition, he emphasized, but the Communists are "shrewd enough" to capitalize on this situation.

Negro First Citizen Choice Rapped By Negro

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(P)—The selection of a "Negro First Citizen" was attacked Thursday by a Negro leader as "infamous, stupid, and dishonest."

Edwin C. Perry, secretary of the Urban league, who in a previous year was named as the "Negro first citizen" himself, said he objected to singling out one Negro in that fashion.

Several other Negro leaders objected to the method of selection, saying it was not careful enough.

The Negro Democratic society, which makes the selections, named Oliver E. Smith this year. Smith said the society made errors in listing some of his board affiliations.

The Negro Democratic society has only a few members.

Govt. Trying To Sell 2.5 Million Pounds Of Butter

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—(P)—The government has 2,500,000 pounds of butter stored in Far West warehouses and is trying to unload it on the trade but, so far, there have been no takers.

The office of the Production and Marketing Administration, Department of Agriculture, said the butter was part of more than 100,000,000 pounds bought in the Midwest under the price support program.

It was shipped to the Pacific coast last fall because the Far West was considered a deficit area, meaning that it consumed more butter than it produces. The anticipated shortage never developed. So, having guessed wrong, PMA would like to write off its liability.

The consignments included 1,000,000 pounds each to the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas and 500,000 pounds to the Pacific Northwest, the PMA office said.

The butter was bought under congressional authority to support farm prices, a PMA spokesman said, and must be disposed of at a price that includes the transportation differential.

Right now in the Far West buyers can purchase butter on the open market cheaper than they can obtain the government butter. The wholesale free market price is around 64 cents a pound for Grade A and 63 cents for Grade B.

"The butter is in storage for

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DIXON, Calif.—(P)—Flying 67 lambs to Chicago for show purposes cost money and brought special problems to Howard Vaughn, a local sheepgrower. But the chartered plane delivered them in such good condition that they won the Reserve Champion Award at the International Livestock Exposition.

Air freight wouldn't pay off on ordinary commercial lamb shipments, Vaughn points out. He had to wrap each lamb in burlap to protect its fleece and had to cool the plane off gradually as it left warm California and headed eastward into colder weather.

use in the future, depending on the marketing and supply situation," the PMA spokesman said. "It is not going to be dumped. It can be kept in cold storage a long time."

The spokesman said announcements that the butter is in storage have been sent dealers and no price has been set on it.

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Statehood For Hawaii Favored By House Group

WASHINGTON.—(P)—A special House public lands subcommittee has issued a strong recommendation for immediate statehood for Hawaii.

The subcommittee, headed by Rep. Miles (D-N.M.), urged in a report to committee chairman Peterson (D-Fla.) "that the promise of statehood long held out to the people of Hawaii be promptly fulfilled. It (the subcommittee) believes that action at this time is in the national interest."

The seven-member subcommittee spent six days in Hawaii this fall en route to and from a tour of Guam, Samoa and the trust territory of the Pacific Islands.

"The committee found Hawaii more aggressively determined to

achieve statehood than at any time in the past," the special report said.

This position has been strengthened rather than weakened by the serious economic situation resulting from military and naval cutbacks and six-months strike of longshoremen last year, it added.

"The emphasis given to local responsibility by the federal administration and the Congress in meeting these problems has caused people in Hawaii to feel more strongly than ever that the additional local authority and greater representation in Washington that would come with statehood should be granted at once."

The committee said prompt enactment of the Hawaii statehood bill, now pending on the House calendar, "would strengthen the position of this country among the people of the Pacific islands and the Far East."

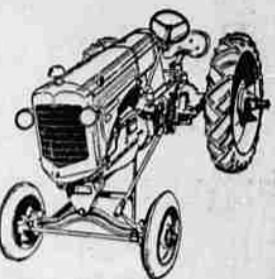
NORBLAD IS "WHIP"

SALEM, Jan. 13.—(P)—U.S. Rep. Walter Norblad, Astoria, has been reappointed western Republican whip of the House, friends were advised here today.

That means it will be Norblad's job to see that western Republicans are on the floor when votes are taken on important measures.

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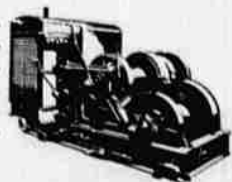
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