

United States Must Act To Stem Red Tide Threatening All Asia

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

The fight for Indo-China has begun. This time we can't wait for the dust to settle, as we did in China. The whole of Southeast Asia is at stake.

In the mounting struggle between communism and its adversaries in the Far East, Russia has opened a new phase by recognizing the regime of Ho Chi Minh, Moscow-trained rebel, in the northern Indo-Chinese state of Viet Nam. Britain is expected to counter soon by recognizing the rival Viet Namese government of Bao Dai, who was chosen by the French to

lead it. Greetings to Bao Dai from Secretary of State Acheson suggest this country may follow suit before long.

Indo-China lies squarely athwart the southward course of the Asia Red. Its Viet Namese border is now lined with Chinese Communist troops who have swept the last Nationalist soldiers from their path.

Native forces rebelled against the return of French authority to Viet Nam after World War II. The French set up a republic there but the rebels, led by Minh, still weren't satisfied. Guerrilla fighting between Minh's forces and the French has gone on almost continuously since 1946. France sent in nearly 100,000 of its best troops.

Last year the French put Bao Dai, former emperor of the state of Annam, in charge of a rival government. They hoped he would win a large part of the Viet Namese away from Minh, but the effort has largely failed. Anti-French, the natives view Bao Dai strictly as a French puppet. Though it is doubtful they want communism, they have turned to Minh as the only alternative.

He has a large regular army supported by many partisans. He controls at least 80 per cent of the region, although the French have managed to hold the larger cities. It is regrettable that the western powers must consider recognizing a leader like Bao Dai who controls so little of the territory he is supposed to govern. The move would violate all normal rules of diplomatic practice.

But this is no time for diplomatic niceties. Nor is it the moment to worry about possible flaws in Bao Dai's character. What is important is the report that Minh already is receiving aid from the Chinese Reds and may be expected to get more and more in the months ahead.

We have no choice but to back Bao Dai's regime and aid the French and other forces resisting the rebels. This is the place to make a stand, to check the southward flow of communism before it engulfs not only Indo-China but Siam, Malaya, Burma and Indonesia.

The French troops represent a hard core around which to build an adequate defense. Seldom if ever again will we have this much advantage in attempting to stem the tide. We would be foolish and reckless to let it slip away.

Wife Held In Gun Death Of Ex-Army Captain

LURAY, Va., Feb. 20.—(AP)—A retired army captain, veteran of Bataan and four years in Japanese prisons, was found shot through the heart in his country home near here yesterday.

His wife, Mrs. Barbara Parks, 26 held for questioning, told authorities it was an accident. An inquest is slated.

Parks and his wife had been married nine years. They have one son whose birthday was yesterday.

While a prisoner of the Japanese, Parks was on two ships which were torpedoed. From one he swam to safety. He was rescued from the other.

Parks was wounded by shrapnel on Bataan and the wound eventually led to the loss of one lung.

LUCKY IN "BLACKOUT"

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A Newberg man, who told police he suddenly "blacked out," drove off Harbor Drive, across a lawn, through a guard railing, and plunged 35 feet to the concrete thoroughfare below yesterday.

Vernon E. Gainer, 30, wasn't even scratched. His car landed right side up—somewhat battered—on the crowded thoroughfare.

GLENDALE REMODELS

Glendale's volunteer fire department is now in the process of remodeling the city's fire station. Work has already begun and plans for a complete paint job are in progress.



PAUL BUNYANS gave the axe to these two out-of-town delegates to the statewide meeting of the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce, held here over the weekend. Ralph Rohweder (under axe at left) smiles as he hears himself dubbed "Keeper of the Big Fish Pond." Rohweder is from Chicago. Frank Merrill of Albany (seated at right) contemplates his fate as Bill Tipton, behind Merrill, cites the case against the Albany delegate. Merrill was named "Keeper of Paul's Seedling Patch." Both initiates are national vice-presidents of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. (Staff photo)

Green School Activities Told

The Girl Scout troop of Green entertained the Boy Scouts with a party held from 6:00 to 9:00 o'clock, Tuesday evening, Feb. 14 in the Green school auditorium. The valentine motif was carried out with red and white decorations and appropriate games. Delores Warner entertained the group with a baton twirling. Refreshments were served.

Those attending were Delores Warner, Mary and Thelma Black, Nancy and Louise Burnett, Marlene Barron, Dorothy and Clair Graves, Dorothy Jolly, Helen Jensen, Betty Powell, Sue Driggers, Joan and Arthur McGehehey, Earl Telford, Glen Kerstine, Arthur Maskolo, Larry Erskine, Eddie Winter, Richard Keeler, David Parkhurst, Dick Stevenson, Robert Thomas, Merlyn Miller and Mrs. Robert Bennett, the Girl Scout leader.

A valentine party was held for the first graders at the Green school, Tuesday afternoon. Games were played, valentines distributed and visiting enjoyed. Refreshments were served to the children by Mrs. Tillie Borgen, first grade teacher, and the room mothers, Mesdames Myers, Foote and Turner. An enjoyable afternoon was reported.

The second graders of the Green school also report a successful party. A group of games was led by their teacher, Mrs. W. C. Stonebreaker. After the distribution of valentines refreshments were served. Those assisting were the Mesdames Pipin, McMaster, Hoffberger, Long and Carter, room mothers for the second grade.

Mrs. Leona Dickinson, who teaches a portion of both the first and second grades, entertained her pupils with a party on Valentine's Day. The group enjoyed a series of games and exchanged valentines. Also present were the room mothers, Mrs. Trenholm, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Fox.

The third graders' party was a sort of "welcome back" for their teacher, Mrs. Stuart Hayes. Mrs. Hayes together with her husband, was involved in an accident a week ago while enroute from Grants Pass to their home in Glengary. The car was damaged considerably when it overturned, but neither of the passengers were injured. The boys and girls welcomed their teacher with a shower of valentines.

Miss Jo Ann Bolsinger entertained her fourth graders with an interesting party Tuesday afternoon. Games were enjoyed and then valentines were passed out to the group.

Pupils of the fifth grade enjoyed an afternoon of fun Feb. 14, when Mrs. Margaret Austin entertained them with a valentine party. After the games, valentines were distributed. Those attending were members of the fifth grade and their teacher, Mrs. Austin.

The sixth graders entertained their teacher, Mrs. Carrie Tison, with a valentine party, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Tison had just returned to her position after a six-weeks' leave of absence. She underwent major surgery at the Mercy hospital recently and was hospitalized for some three weeks. The

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The seventh graders invited the eighth graders into their room to share their St. Valentine's day festivity. Dinner was served, games were played and valentines exchanged. Those attending, besides the two classes, were Mrs. Hurley and Mrs. Steverson, room mothers and Harry Wilson, seventh grade teacher, and S. Rockwell, eighth teacher.

Traffic Fines Imposed In Municipal Court

The following recent traffic fines are reported by Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle: For violation of the basic traffic rule: Lonnie Denn, Roseburg, \$15; Tip F. Wrye, Roseburg, \$10; Ralph D. Johnson, Roseburg, \$15; Gordon E. Crook, Roseburg, \$15; Wendall G. Allen, Roseburg, \$15; Richard E. Davis, Roseburg, \$25; Pete Richard Rutter, Route 1, \$25; Robert Norris Stevenson, Roseburg, \$15.

Lyda Dorsey, Portland, violation of the basic traffic rule, non-stop and no operator's license, \$20 bail forfeiture; George E. Shrum, violation of basic traffic rule, \$10, and non-stop \$2.

Frank William Rapp, Roseburg, non-stop, \$2; Charles A. Ostrand, Roseburg, non-stop, \$2; Frank J. Parish, Roseburg, defective muffler, \$2; Dale E. Griffith, Roseburg, defective muffler, \$2; William Frank Brown, Roseburg, defective muffler, \$2; Duane E. Chesley, Roseburg, non-stop \$2; Dena C. McKay, Roseburg, non-stop, \$2; Charles Robert Read, Roseburg, defective muffler, \$2; Harry Frank LeBeau, non-stop, \$2; Dawn C. Lillard, Roseburg, defective muffler, \$2; James J. Godfrey, Roseburg, non-stop, \$2; Merle Hampton, Roseburg, no operator's license and no tail light, \$5.

Glendale City Council Buys New Road Grader

Members of the Glendale city council voted last week to purchase a new road grader for the city's use after seeing a new Allis-Chalmers model D grader in operation at Eugene. Delivery was made Feb. 16. The cab of the grader is enclosed all around with clear glass. It will be kept in the building behind the city hall. Members of the city council are Ed Johnson, W. R. Stevenson, H. L. Smith and Al Moore.

Illicit Romance Ends In Tragedy

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A buxom blonde, trapped by a scribbled note of death and devotion, was accused today of choking a married lover to death as he slept in their hotel room.

Police said Mrs. Barazani, 37, of Manhattan, admitted she strangled Anthony Gallo, a 36-year-old liquor company truck driver.

Two days of drinking in taverns and staying overnight in hotels led up to the slaying.

A note near the body read "He made me do this and I love him, Barbara."

Police quoted her as saying she strangled Gallo after a stormy, four-month romance.

She said they had quarreled frequently about both getting divorces so they could marry each other. She declared Gallo had beaten her a number of times for refusing to leave her husband, Albert, a butcher.

Newbury Outlines 3 Wreck Causes

SALEM.—(AP)—Three broken rules are responsible for more than half of Oregon's traffic crashes, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury said Saturday.

These three rules are virtually the same throughout the country, Newbury said. He listed them as:

1. Intersection rule. The car on the right has the right of way. Two out of five Oregon accidents occur at intersections.
2. Following rule. If you run into another car's rear, it's always your fault; you're supposed to stay far enough behind that you are safe even if the driver ahead stops suddenly without signaling.
3. Speed rule. You must drive at a "safe" speed, regardless of posted speed limits. Excessive speed causes one-fourth of Oregon's traffic fatalities.

High Russians Plot To Overthrow Moscow Govt.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A West Berlin newspaper declares nearly 200 high Russian officials in Leningrad have plotted since the war to overthrow the Soviet government. Official confirmation was lacking.

The American-licensed Der Abend said it was discovery of the conspiracy that caused Moscow to reimpose last month the death penalty for espionage and sabotage. Attributing its information to "sources close to the Soviet government," the newspaper added:

"After the plot collapsed, the Soviets started a secret purge action. Rumors of this have caused considerable disquiet in Karlshorst (Russian military headquarters for Berlin). The network of conspirators has not yet been fully uncovered."

The aim of the plot, according to Der Abend, was the creation of a great Russian republic with its capital at Leningrad.

"The conspirators feared that the expansionist policy of the Stalin-Malenkov clique could lead the Soviet Union dangerously close to war," the newspaper said.

"They realized that promises during the war of a higher living standard for the peoples of the Soviet Union were lies and deception."

Der Abend identified the leader of the plot as a Marshal Govorov, commandant of the Leningrad military district until relieved in 1946.

(Marshal Leonid A. Govorov was the leader of the defense of Leningrad in World War II and directed the Soviet offensives that hurled back the Germans' northern flank and crushed Finnish resistance in 1944. He spoke for the Soviet army at the funeral in Moscow of the Red square Sept. 2, 1948, for Andrei A. Zhdanov, a secretary of the Communist party's central committee who ranked high in the Soviet leadership. Zhdanov was once the Communist boss of Leningrad.)

Der Abend said Govorov was joined by nearly 200 members of the political directorate of the Soviet army, Leningrad city officials and even officers of the ministry of state security.

Der Abend said the conspirators, already under arrest were once followers of Serge Kirov, once the Leningrad party boss, who was assassinated in 1934.

"DRUNKS" IN COURT

Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle reported disposition of the following cases in his court Monday morning: Allen Victor Perdue, 27 Roseburg, drunkenness, \$20 fine paid; Floyd Eugene Martin, 20, Aberdeen, Wash., drunkenness and disorderly conduct, committed to the city jail for 10 days on each count in lieu of two \$20 fines; John Floyd Thomas, Aberdeen, Wash., drunkenness, pleaded not guilty and released on \$50 bail; John Lyn Duncan, 46, Sutherlin, drunk, \$20 fine paid; Marvin Eugene Thompson, Sutherlin, 35, committed to the city jail for 10 days in lieu of a \$20 fine; John Eli Smith, Sunny Valley, drunk, \$20 bail forfeiture.

News-Review Ad Mgr. Tours Western Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. James Turk returned Sunday from a week's tour of Western Oregon.

Turk, advertising manager of the News-Review, made business calls in Klamath Falls, Medford, Grants Pass, Eugene, Salem, Corvallis and Coos Bay during the week. Advertising techniques and policies of the newspapers in these towns were studied.

While in Coos Bay, Morris Jones, business and advertising manager of the Coos Bay Times, invited Turk to present a talk at the coming ONPA advertisers meeting in Portland, planned for April.

Tuesday evening the Turks were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Grey, at the Medford Country club. Among others, Turk conferred with Robert Sprague of the Salem Statesman.

The couple's young daughter,

Sheriff's Posse Plans Dinner At Fairgrounds

Douglas county Sheriff's Posse and their families will hold a pot-luck dinner in the new clubroom at the county fairgrounds Thursday evening, Feb. 23, at 7 p. m.

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