

# Chiang Retires; New Leader Offers Peace

By Harold K. Milks

Nanking, Saturday, Jan. 22—(AP)—President Chiang Kai-Shek retired from his historic role as China's leader yesterday and his successor reportedly agreed to send peace delegates to meet the Communists.

Vice-President Li Tsung-Jen, thrust into leadership of stricken China when Chiang relinquished his 22-year command of the government, was in constant consultation with his top advisers.

One of these advisers said Li had agreed to send the delegates, but no decision was reached on those to go.

The Communist radio suggested yesterday that delegates be sent to meet the reds.

There was no further mention of this broadcast, which was not heard in San Francisco. Whether it was made after the announcement of Chiang's retirement was not immediately known. If it was, it seemed clear that Li was acceptable to the communists.

It was expected that three prominent peace advocates in Nanking—Former Premier Chang Chun, Gen. Chang Chih-Chung and Shao Li-Tze—would be asked to serve as delegates.

When Chiang flew away from Nanking late yesterday he left behind a statement so ambiguous that officials of his crumbling regime held it up until midnight. They revised it after conferring with Chiang by telephone at his ancestral home in Fenghua, 210 miles southeast of Nanking.

Asked whether a surrender deal might now be tried with the ascendant Communists or what would happen next, one high official replied:

"Frankly, we don't know. It all depends on what we are able to do now. If the government under Li is able to make a settlement with the Communists, there will be no reason for the generalissimo to return. If not—who knows what will happen?"

In any case, Chiang's departure is an important step toward peace. The almost-victorious Communists have refused to deal with him on any terms except total surrender and have put him number one on their list of "war criminals."

The Communist radio, heard in Shanghai and San Francisco shortly after Chiang's departure, started a statement that the government's Jan. 19 truce proposal was "utterly unreasonable and hypocritical." It suddenly broke off, sent a "rub-out" signal and resumed on a different subject. It appeared that the reds might just have heard the news and decided to keep quiet until they could determine what it meant.)

No sooner had Vice President Li taken over than he accepted the resignation of T. V. Soong, Chiang Kai-Shek's millionaire brother-in-law, as governor of Kwangtung province. He appointed the Cantonese war hero Gen. Hseuh Yueh as governor.

Soong was reported leaving immediately by air for Canton, seat of Kwangtung province, and intending to proceed to the United States.

Madame Chiang, Soong's sister, is in New York, where she declined to comment. She flew to Washington December 1 in a vain attempt to get large American aid to help her husband stave off Communist victory.

Premier Sun Fo and his entire cabinet also immediately tendered president but were asked to re-

main. This is the usual courtesy when a new administration takes over.

There was no direct word from Li, but it was learned reliably that he agreed to become acting president only after a long and bitter argument with Chiang.

The 58-year-old Li was said to have accepted only after receiving assurances that the official seal and other full evidences of authority be handed over to him. Li was elected vice president last April over the strong opposition of Chiang, who had favored Sun Fo.

## Campus Calendar

### Westminster House

A Sunday dinner will be given at Westminster house January 23 at 6 p.m. Forty cents will be charged. This is the first in a series of Sunday evening dinners at Westminster.

Worship service will begin at 7 o'clock followed by a forum. Everyone is welcome.

### Canterbury Club

Canterbury club will meet with Methodist students at Wesley house Sunday evening to hear Dr. McGowan speak on "Beliefs That Matter." Supper will be at 5:15 and at 6:30 the lecture will begin.

All students are invited.

### Hi! Ho! and Away

Spencer's butte will be today's goal for students leaving with the Outing club at 12:30 from Gerlinger hall. Girls should bring a sack lunch and dress in comfortable clothing, said President Hazel Peterson.

Students need not be members of the club to attend. The trek will end at 6 p.m.

### Plymouth Club

Plymouth club will hold its regular snack supper this Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Congregational church. Mr. Winslow Cuthbert will speak on "The Background of India." Mr. Cuthbert has spent 26 years in In-

### Emerald Correction

Dr. K. E. Montgomery, assistant professor of speech, coached the eight speakers for the Intercollegiate Forensic association of Oregon, not E. R. Nichols, assistant professor of speech, as printed in yesterday's Emerald.

dia as a representative of the Socony Oil company. All University students are invited.

### Bible Study Sunday

Bible study will be conducted at Luther house Sunday morning at 9:15.

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