

Harris Ellsworth Scorns Sec. of State's Attitude Toward "Nationalist China"

Heard over Mutual Broadcasting Co. network late last week, and mentioned in his column in another column of this paper, Harris Ellsworth, congressman from the Fourth District of Oregon, spoke his mind from the floor of the house of representatives. The talk:

"In the eventual balancing of accounts, the fall of China may prove to be more decisive than the atomic bomb," began Rep. Harris Ellsworth from the floor of the house of representatives, branding Secretary of State Acheson's recent white paper on China "an effort to excuse the inexcusable."

As a member of congress from the state of Oregon, Mr. Ellsworth explained that China's fall to the communists is of deep concern particularly to the west coast which still remembers that it was the only part of the continental United States to be under actual enemy gunfire during World War 2. Thus, said the congressman, Americans living on the Pacific coast are intensely concerned with the results of any policy in the Pacific and Far East for "if there is to be any fateful blunder on the part of our state department in the Pacific area, it is we on the west coast who will feel the first brunt of it."

Instead of finding the China white paper a frank and full discussion of the Chinese situation, Mr. Ellsworth told members of the house of representatives that he was shocked to discover it was only an attempt to white-wash the "long list of terrible failures and blunders by which we have been presented with catastrophic failure in Asia."

Not only does the white paper fail to explain the past mysteries of our policy in China, said Mr. Ellsworth, but it also fails to outline any future policy other than a futile "wait and see." This attitude, he feels, will mean "wait" while the communists take over the rest of China, and "see" the Kremlin rule China as it does other communist-dominated countries.

Far from an encouragement to the Nationalist government in China, the Representative from Oregon sees Secretary Acheson's letter of transmittal prefacing

the white paper a "criticism of the legal Chinese government in the most vigorous and unrestrained manner. I know of no such assault against a free government and an ally in all our history."

Citing the record of American policy in China, Mr. Ellsworth points out that rather than having strengthened the Nationalist government in the past, the U. S. in many actions and statements showed China its place in our esteem was inferior to that of the Soviet Union. How, asks Representative Ellsworth, can President Truman and the state department justify forsaking the Nationalist Government in China (falsely though it was) or any form of free government, for that matter, when the only alternative is communism under Russian control?

Almost in one breath, says Mr. Ellsworth, the United States was giving Manchuria to the Russians and urging a blending of the Nationalists and Communists in China, yet we were, and are, doing everything in our power to check the spread of communism in Europe. The mystery of this two-headed policy, a monster of the Truman administration, the congressman feels, is not explained by the white paper. Mr. Ellsworth believes that among the prominent officials in the state department were many individuals who would bear investigation: "There can be little doubt that this coterie of communist sympathizing, eager beavers had a very large hand in the active formation of our official attitude toward Russia and toward China."

An intelligent plan for the future, rather than clumsy excuses for the past and meaningless rhetoric, is the desire of the American people, said Rep. Ellsworth in his closing remark. "Nationalist China now has collapsed. That grim fact does not mean that we dare turn our backs on the Far East and blindly agree to the wait-and-see policy enunciated by Secretary Acheson. There must be some plan for salvaging freedom in Asia. Otherwise we shall inevitably find our continent surrounded by the cold steel of the Red Army."

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Gorse Control Now Practiced In Area

Property owners near Harris state park got together last week on a control program, according to W. L. Crissey, member of the weed control committee.

Norman Schneidau, owner of most of the gorse area offered free rent to anyone in the community who might run sheep and goats on the 35 acres recently burned for seeding. This method of control is recommended by Don White, county weed inspector.

Other property owners in the area have offered co-operation and help. Scattered plants on surrounding property will be destroyed by the owner. Chemical and cultural control was recommended for these scattered plants.

Results at the gorse experiment station near Port Orford prove that sheep and goats kill gorse seedlings and prevent re-seeding. Older plants are killed by goats. Young gorse plants also make good pasture. Sheep carried on this pasture should be a profitable enterprise for someone in the community according to R. M. Knox, county agent, who also attended the meeting.

Anyone interested in taking the property over a five-year period should write R. M. Knox, Gold Beach, Ore.

Merrill Peacock expects to depart this morning for Portland and Yakima, Wash., en route to his home at Spokane, Wash. He has spent the past month in the area with his son and family, who have said they plan to return to Salt Lake City Sunday. They have been staying at the basement apartment at the Bert Kerns home.

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