

# America Telling West of Decision To 'Free' Chiang

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States was reported Sunday to be informing friendly governments of a decision by President Eisenhower to unleash Chinese, Nationalist forces on Formosa for action against Chinese Communists on the mainland.

Authoritative officials said last week that barring a change of plans the policy change would be announced in Eisenhower's State of the Union message which he will deliver personally to a joint session of the House and Senate Monday.

The move, mapped primarily by Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles as a step toward seizing the offensive in the global conflict with Communism and putting new pressures on the foe fighting in Korea, is designed to have the effect of opening a new "front" in the Far East.

It is the kind of move, nevertheless, which may have unpredictable international repercussions and it clearly involves the interests of America's allies and of other friendly nations.

As responsible informants understand the move technically, what the President had planned — at least up to a day or so ago — was to cancel out President Truman's policy of neutralization of Formosa.

Two days after the Korean War broke out Truman ordered the United States' Seventh Fleet into Formosa waters, instructed to protect that Nationalist held island against attack and the same time to prevent nationalist attacks on the mainland.

The importance of the Eisenhower administration's first big strategic maneuver on the Communist front lies in opening the way for Chiang Kai Shek's government to take whatever action it can against the Communists who drove

it from the Chinese mainland in December, 1949.

Foreign governments were not consulted ahead of time on the move, according to the best information available here. It directly concerns only the conduct of American forces—the Seventh Fleet—and the Chinese Nationalists.

But in the situation it would be in line with diplomatic usage to give friendly nations notice the change was coming.

There were some expressions of apprehension from western European capitals as the result of news reports of the new Eisenhower Formosan policy. The main fear seemed to be that the maneuver might stir up fresh trouble in the Far East.

Some foreign diplomats of Allied governments here, however, expressed the opinion that the most responsible leaders abroad would readily accept Eisenhower's judgment.

They also pointed out that Eisenhower was committed to take positive steps toward bringing new pressures on Communist China in order to get the war over with in Korea, and they suggested that no other move could have put such a new face on the Far Eastern situation with so little cost.

Initially, authorities here believe, the move should have two results:

1. It should confront the Chinese Communists with a need quickly to take new precautions to guard their coastal areas which are directly vulnerable from Formosa and from some 30 islands which the Chinese Nationalists hold nearer the coast.
2. It will enable the Nationalists to undertake commando type raids and air attacks on points near the coast and farther inland.

However, a large scale operation presumably would require more transport shipping and greater air and naval support than the Nationalists themselves could provide.

Such support could come only from the United States. This country, however, is not committed to provide it by the simple removal of the ban on Nationalist action.

**VISITOR HERE**

George Irving of Lethridge, Alberta, Canada, was a visitor at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Anna Bligh the past week. A former resident of Salem, he had not been here since 1917. He also visited his cousins, Frank Bligh and Mrs. Caspar Sweigert while here.

## Air Force Officials to Interview Reservists



Last minute preparations and a "dry run" on the U.S. Air Force Reserve survey occupied personnel Saturday at the ORO Armory. Beginning Monday this scene will be repeated with area reservists being questioned in a program to determine the air reserve potential of the United States. From left to right are Capt. Roger G. Ritchey, Maj. Wilmer McDowell, Capt. John F. Shaw, Lt. Donovan F. Morisky, Capt. Perle D. VanAusdell Jr., Col. Ashley Greene and Capt. Thomas E. Brubeck. Col. Greene is directing the survey. (Statesman Photo.)

## Planes Use Parachutes

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Successful parachute recoveries of pilotless jet planes traveling at speeds up to 600 miles an hour was reported here Saturday.

Ryan Aeronautical Co. said the radio-controlled planes, about half the size of regular jet fighters, were being lowered by this means without damage to their delicate electronic equipment.

The parachutes, also operated by remote radio control, are released as the jet fuel is exhausted.

ryan said all of the Q-2 pilotless jets it developed for the U. S. Air Force are now being recovered intact after each target run at the Holloman Air development Center, Alamogordo, N. M.

The announcement reported that during tests of the parachute release system, probably the heaviest objects ever dropped at such high

## Reds Yearn for Love Movies

BERLIN (AP)—An East German film director told Communists Sunday that what Soviet Zone filmmakers want is more love in their movies.

"What they don't want," said Dr. Kurt Maetzig, "are any more pictures about life in a village, and above all, films about activist brigades. They want art with a love interest."

The Socialist Unity (Communist) paper, Neues Deutschland, which asked for the director's opinion, didn't care much for the answer. "We can not agree entirely with our comrade's line of thought," the paper said.

speed were lowered successfully. It said they weighed up to ten times as much as a jet fighter pilot, who have been ejected successfully from cockpits for parachute drops at equivalent high speeds.

## Radio Network Contract Set

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—Representatives of two big radio networks and 2,000 union technicians agreed on a new wage contract Saturday night 12 minutes before the deadline set for a strike.

George Maher, executive secretary of the CIO National Association of Broadcast Engineers and technicians said the union had obtained a "substantial wage increase," and that "other inadequacies were ironed out."

The union had threatened to strike at midnight against the National and American Broadcasting Companies.

**THE POWER OF A WOMAN**

YONKERS, N. Y. (AP)—A recently completed 180-car parking lot here has one section prominently marked "Reserved for Ladies." It is close to the gate and has extra-wide aisles.

## Russians Have 4,500 Planes Based in Orient

TOKYO (AP)—Gen. O. P. Weyland said Sunday night that the Russians have 4,500 war planes based in the Far East "over and above the strength of the Communist air forces in Manchuria and Red China."

The disclosure by the commanding general of the U. S. Far East Air Forces was about five times greater than previous authoritative estimates of 700 to 1,000.

In addition, the Chinese Reds have about 2,500 combat planes, almost exclusively supplied by Russia.

Weyland conceded in an exclusive interview that American planes in the Far East area are "greatly outnumbered but said they could make an air intruder 'pay heavily' and could be speedily reinforced.

"If an all-out attack were launched against Japan from a combination of the bordering Communist nations while we are engaged in the current Korean operations, the present strength of the Far East Air Forces could not adequately cope with the composite air power which could oppose us," he said.

"It should be pointed out, however, that FEAF could be reinforced very quickly from the United States."

The Russians are known to have hundreds of swift MIG fighter planes and a strong force of medium jet bombers, based so as to be capable of round trip strikes against any Japanese city.

Bases are in Siberia, the Sakhalin Islands and the Kuriles, just north of Japan proper.

Weyland said U. S. interceptor planes "all of jet types, would make an intruder pay heavily as he moved in on Japanese targets. He would not get a free ride."

"The best way to blunt an air attack, of course, is to destroy the operating source from which it springs. Basic defense planning therefore must call for immediate counteroffensive action against hostile air bases with the most powerful weapons available."

Weyland did not stipulate what such weapons should be but the U. S. armory includes atomic bombs and there are planes in the Far East which can carry them.

Commenting on mysterious flying objects sighted over Northern Japan, Weyland said "our evaluations to date of reports on so-called discs and other unidentified objects leaves us unalarmed but not disinterested."

## Whale Leaves Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Willie the wayward whale finally found his way out of Los Angeles harbor Saturday and frankly no one was sorry to see him go.

For three days the 60-ton monster has been a playful pest, scaring the wis out of peaceable seafaring men by surfacing with a grand splash uncomfortably close to their boats.

The first day, Coast Guard, police and private boats teamed up and tried to herd Willie out through the breakwater entrance, but Willie just flipped up his tail and dove. Nobody was pushing him around. All hands finally gave up the chase in disgust.

Saturday afternoon some seamen reported Willie was seen outside the breakwater and heading south — three days late for his rendezvous in the warm blue waters off Mexico, where California gray whales go to mate every winter.

## Search Starts For Jet Pilots

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Land, sea and air units fanned out over Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois Saturday night in a search for the pilots of two Air Force jet planes who bailed out of their craft in bad weather.

The public information office at Trux Air Field here said four F-86 Sabre jets on a routine tactical flight from the field had attempted to land but their pilots were forced to bail out.

Two pilots who parachuted have been located.

## Dulles Dismisses Board of Inquiry In Vincent Case

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles has dismissed a special board set up by former Secretary Acheson to make a new study of loyalty charges against John Carter Vincent, veteran diplomat.

Dulles plans to "take action" on the basis of recommendations already before him.

This was announced Saturday by the State Department with the release of an exchange of letters between Judge Learned Hand of New York, chairman of the Acheson-appointed group and Dulles.

## Paper Claims Kuhn Died in Munich in 1951

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Daily News, in a copyrighted dispatch from Munich, Germany, reported Saturday night the death more than a year ago of Fritz Kuhn, former German-American Bund leader and convicted major Nazi.

The News said Kuhn died of a heart attack Nov. 14, 1951, at the age of 55.

Although Kuhn had enjoyed great power in the heyday of Adolf Hitler, his death was "unnoticed and unmentioned" in Munich, the News said, adding:

"When he died he was unknown, broke and only his wife remained with him. 'He had sunk into such obscurity that his passing was not known until now.'"

The News identified Otta Gritschneider, Kuhn's former lawyer, as the source of its story.

The last entry in files of The Associated Press on Kuhn is dated Feb. 22, 1949. At that time he was freed by a German appellate court in Munich which cut his 10-year prison sentence to the two years he already had served.

## Freighter on Rocks South Of San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—The S. S. Fairhope, 6,125-ton freighter, is aground on rocks on San Benito Islands, 270 miles south of San Diego, and is taking water, the Coast Guard reported here Saturday night.

The Coast Guard Cutter Morris was dispatched to the scene and was expected to arrive about midnight. A Coast Guard plane circled over the Fairhope late Saturday.

Lt. John J. Fehrenbacher, pilot of the Coast Guard plane, said on his return here, that the Fairhope was about 30 to 40 yards off the beach in a small cove on the largest of the three San Benito Islands.

He said he noticed some of the freighter's crew on deck. "They were not making any attempt to get off the vessel," Fehrenbacher said. "I believe they could abandon the ship at any time, as it is close enough to shore."

He expressed the belief that with the calm sea and the short distance to the beach that the crew was in no "immediate danger." "Getting off the cargo would be another thing," he added.



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