

Chou En-Lai Emerges as No. 1 Delegate at Afro-Asian Parley

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The biggest development in the Asia-Africa conference at Bandung is the emergence of Chou En-Lai as the No. 1 delegate.

Ever since the 29-nation meeting opened Monday, it has centered around Chou, the premier and foreign minister of Communist China.

Other world figures like Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India, the chief sponsor of the conference, have been shoved into the background.

States and its allies any real harm at the meeting is highly doubtful.

U. S. Has Friends

He cannot put over any anti-American resolutions. It has been agreed that no resolution can be passed except by unanimous vote, and the United States has some good friends among the delegations.

Chou also can block any attempt to put the conference on record as condemning Communism, of course.

Chou can make some friends among the "neutralist" elements by emphasizing, as he did in his opening speech Tuesday, his country's desire to "co-exist" with non-Communist countries. Provided, of course, that those countries do not support the Western allies in their determination to defend themselves against Communist aggression.

The theme of Chou's speech was that Asia would get along all right if it were not for American interference.

Chou already has won one diplomatic victory in his private negotiations outside the formal conference sessions.

That was his agreement with Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo of Indonesia by which the estimated three million Chinese in Indonesia may choose either Red Chinese or Indonesian citizenship. Under the agreement, these Chinese will not be able to choose Chinese Nationalist citizenship.

Trade Negotiations

Chou also is conducting private trade negotiations with Japanese chief delegate Tatsunosuke Takasaki.

Chou may well go back to Peiping with the basis for a big trade agreement with Japan.

There need be no surprise that Chou has made himself the star of the Bandung meeting.

The 56-year-old delegate of the so-called "People's Republic" is

one of the smartest diplomats in the world. Communist or non-Communist. He is suave, well-built and handsome. His photographs usually show him smiling. He makes a good impression, when he wants to, even on those who oppose him.

But at the same time he is one of the most ruthless of Communists. When Chou talks of "co-existence," he means co-existence until the Communists can take over by guile or brute force.

Like so many first-ranking Red leaders Chou is not a proletarian. He is of patrician Mandarin descent. But he has been revolutionary since his youth, and he is a charter member of the Chinese Communist Party.

Sweet Home Boy Taken; Father Sought

SWEET HOME — A search is being conducted for a man and his 7-year-old son. Police Chief Roy Clover announced Thursday.

He said a warrant charging child stealing and non-support has been issued for Henry Stockett, whose last job was as a custodian at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif. A court gave Stockett's wife custody of the boy when she and Stockett were divorced 3½ years ago.

The son, Frank Paul Stockett, was picked up Monday at the grade school here by a man answering the father's description. Neither has been seen here since. The boy had been living with his mother.

Clover said Palo Alto authorities, alerted by telephone, have not found the two.

O&C Lands Hearing Due In Portland

PORTLAND — A special meeting will be held here next Tuesday to discuss proposed changes in right-of-way regulations to gain access to timber on Oregon and California revested lands.

Edward Woolzer, director of the Bureau of Land Management, will confer with representatives of the 18 O&C counties and with spokesmen for opposite sides on the proposal.

Opponents contend the present regulations are better and that the changes would reduce competition. They include small operators, CIO and AFL lumber workers unions and the Oregon State Grange.

Proponents of the changes, including most of the big timber operators, say the BLM found the old regulations unworkable.

The changes originally were drafted by the BLM's state advisory board. The BLM altered them slightly and put them out last February as an order.

Purpose of the regulations is to open timber access roads under rules that would compensate those who build them but not to impose unreasonable fees or other barriers to those who need them for movement of logs.

Reds Threaten To Unite East Europe Forces

VIENNA, Austria — Nikita Khrushchev, Communist Party boss of the Soviet Union, declared in Warsaw Wednesday that Eastern Europe's military commands may be united.

Radio Warsaw quoted Khrushchev as saying a merger of military commands of Communist bloc nations would be the East's counter to "the revival of German militarism."

Formosa Trusteeship Plan Urged by Ceylon

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BANDUNG (UP)—Ceylon Thursday linked a proposal for a trusteeship for Formosa with the strongest attack against Communism yet before the 29-nation Afro-Asian conference. The attack sent Red China's scowling Chou En-lai striding angrily from the conference chamber.

Chou wrangled face to face for

10 minutes with Ceylonese Premier Sir John Kotelawala at the end of the Political Committee session. Chou also demanded the right to reply to Kotelawala's charges tomorrow.

Caught By Surprise

The Ceylonese Prime Minister's attack on the Chinese Communists was his second of the day.

And he caught all the delegates by surprise with his proposal for a Formosa trusteeship which also would include withdrawal of the U.S. Seventh Fleet from Formosa waters.

Matsu and Quemoy islands would be given to the Reds.

The trusteeship, under the United Nations or the five Colombo powers, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Burma and Indonesia, would abolish the Nationalist Chinese government of Generalissimo Chiang K'shek.

The trusteeship would remain effect until Formosa could be independent after some kind of plebiscite.

2 Exchanges Dynamited in Phone Strike

ATLANTA (UP) — Two telephone exchanges were dynamited Wednesday in a new flareup of violence in the 39-day-old strike of Southern states.

Dynamite blasted holes in the roofs of exchanges in Harriman, Tenn., and Pascagoula, Miss., but caused no injury or damage to equipment.

The Southern Bell Telephone Co. said it may be forced to close the Pascagoula exchange unless adequate police protection can be furnished.

The Harriman exchange was dynamited while a "large crowd of striking employees" were milling about in front of the building, the company said.

The dynamitings, in addition to more cable cutting and picket line disorders, occurred after Southern Bell and the CIO Communications Workers of America prepared for a settlement conference. Both sides agreed to meet Saturday with a committee of three Southern governors.

However, there was no sign of response either by CWA members or by trainmen striking against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to the request by governors of 12 states that they return to work immediately.

2 Walk Away At Washington Reformatory

MONROE, Wash. — Two inmates whose terms would both have ended this year escaped by walking away from a garden plot at the State Reformatory Thursday, Supt. P. J. Squier reported.

They were Harvey Wayne Culver, 23, Pendleton, Ore., and William Leroy Gentry, 21, Ellensburg. Each had privileges of semi-freedom as trustees and were working outside the reformatory walls.

Culver, sentenced originally from Snohomish County for car theft, would have been freed on parole in December, Squier said. Gentry, in for first degree forgery from Kittitas County, would have been paroled Aug. 11.



RANGOON, Burma — Dressed in Burmese costume, holding a fan and bowl, as he participated in festivities celebrating the Burmese New Year, Chou En-Lai, premier of Communist China presents an unusual smiling face. His unidentified aide at left in top photo shows results of throwing of water, symbolic of the Burmese New Year when evil spirits are washed away and one is "cooled" against trying times. Below, Chou washes the "evil spirits" from a girl. Festivities took place in Rangoon as Chou was enroute to Asian-African conference at Bandung. (AP Wirephoto via Radio from Manila).



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