

British Nations See Red China Necessary to Disarming Talks

By ARTHUR GAVSBON
LONDON, July 1 (AP)—Leaders of 10 British Commonwealth nations agreed today that Red China, as a potential nuclear power, should join final negotiations for a treaty to end the world arms race.

At the same time, qualified informants reported the United States stands ready to announce two important modifications of its proposals for a nuclear weapons "truce" with Russia.

One modification envisages a ban on nuclear weapon tests late in 1957 or early 1958 — if Russia agrees to negotiate arrangements to cut off nuclear weapon production by some time in 1959. Previously the Western allies had thought in terms of a time lag of only a few months.

Britain take the lead in concluding an East-West accord to stop nuclear tests — with or without conditions.

Conference officials said most of their colleagues disagreed. British Prime Minister Macmillan, his foreign secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, and others argued that a ban on tests of nuclear arms and any renunciation of their use would leave Russia and Red China in a position to dominate Europe and Asia.

The Commonwealth leaders were said to have agreed broadly that the Communist Chinese should be brought into the final negotiations for any world disarmament arrangements. They argued that to exclude Red China would render any global disarmament treaty meaningless.

Informants said the Commonwealth chiefs realized that the United States — which does not recognize the Peiping regime — would find it difficult to accept Red China as an equal negotiator at this time.

Hawaiian Base Now Center of Military Might

By JOHN GRIFFIN
PEARL HARBOR, July 1 (AP)—The heart and brains of U.S. military activity over half the earth's surface were formally centered today at this historic Pacific naval base.

Far Eastern and Pacific commands were combined under a Navy man.

Pearl Harbor, scene of the Japanese attack that touched off the Pacific phase of World War II Dec. 7, 1941, became the command post for nearly a half million U.S. servicemen and more than 7,000 planes and 400 ships on guard between American and Communist coasts.

But it is more than that. In the words of a high officer:

"For the first time in our Pacific military history, there is just one guy to say 'do it' — one military boss with his subordinate commanders on the same island."

The boss is Adm. Felix B. Stump, 62, a lanky, plain spoken sailor-diplomat who looks something like President Eisenhower. The change found him in Tokyo, where the flag of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's old Far East command was hauled down for the last time.

The bulk of U.S. combat forces remain ringed along the Pacific defense perimeter from Japan to the Philippines.

Gen. Laurence Kuter, the Air Force Pacific commander, said: "None of our combat forces is moving from the Far East. It's a case of the quarterback moving into the backfield."

There is still a four-star quarterback for each service. But Stump will call the signals as top man.

His command covers 75 million square miles. This is bordered by 8,000 miles of Communist coastline — about four times the length of the Iron Curtain in Europe. It includes several of the world's most potentially explosive areas, Red China, Korea and Viet Nam, plus such touchy friendly areas as Japan, Formosa and the Philippines.

Allied Declaration

The other modification envisages a declaration by the United States, Britain and Russia — the nuclear three — limiting the uses of atomic and hydrogen weapons to self-defense against major aggression. Previously the West had refused to consider spelling out any form of prohibition on the use of these weapons.

Harold E. Stassen, the American disarmament delegate, will present the nuclear component of the American plan for a limited disarmament treaty tomorrow when the five-power subcommittee of the United Nations Disarmament Commission resumes its talks in London.

In the conference of British Commonwealth statesmen today, Prime Minister Nehru of India, backed by Justice Minister M. W. de Silva of Ceylon, pleaded that

Clearance Asked For Red Leader Airway Interviews

WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—Rep. Madden (D-Ind) demanded today that future broadcast interviews of Communist leaders over U.S. airways be cleared first with the State Department.

Madden took the House floor to label as "another Communist television propaganda broadcast" yesterday's interview with President Tito of Yugoslavia by Edward R. Murrow, Columbia Broadcasting System commentator.

He said the Tito interview, and the June 2 CBS interview of Soviet boss Nikita S. Khrushchev, constituted "a well prepared effort to mislead the people of the world concerning the real truth of the Communist menace."

"The questions propounded to Khrushchev and Tito were skimmed milk, watered down interrogations which only afford them an opportunity to continue their false propaganda and lies regarding communism as compared with world democracy," Madden said.

Walla Walla Fire In Hotel Kills Man, Injures 6 Others

WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 1 (AP)—A 66-year-old laborer died when fire swept through the two-story Columbia Hotel early Sunday.

The man was identified as Richard E. Herndon.

Two other men suffered serious burns and four others, including hotel manager Walter Dent, received minor injuries.

Fire Chief Leonard Adams said cause of the early morning fire has not yet been determined.

A cafe below the hotel and a wholesale cigar store were damaged by water.

Theft Reports of Secret Information From Army Files Said Unknown

WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP)—The Army's public information chief said today he's never heard of any secret information being "purloined or stolen" from military files.

Wright listed 19 security leaks which he said have occurred during and since World War II. He did not name any of the publications involved except the magazine "Amerasia," two of whose editors were fined for having unauthorized information in 1945-46.

Rep. Moss (D-Calif.), chairman of the House committee, said in advance of today's hearing that Wright was restating an "unsubstantiated indictment of the American press." Moss said the Los Angeles lawyer "has failed to supply documentary evidence to support his charges."

Gen. Meley said in his testimony that the Wright commission never got in touch with him.

"Most interesting," Moss commented.

The general said it would be hard to determine whether some material appearing in print was obtained wrongfully from Pentagon sources. But he said a good many such stories were the result of "alert" and "intuitive" reporting.

Meley said the Army is busy on a program of taking material out of the secrecy classification.

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