

OKs Protest U.S. Plan Pull Out of Korea

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States will pull two-thirds of its troops out of Korea in a few months in carrying out a military strategy to flexible defense against China and at the same time build up a central strategic force at home.

The largest peacetime redeployment of American forces, announced Wednesday, four full divisions will be withdrawn from Korea and smaller units will be returned to the United States and Okinawa and Hawaii strengthened by one division.

Protests were held in South Korea. All were closed and public protest rallies which drew about 100,000 persons to the stadium.

PLANNING

The two fewer divisions left in the Western Pacific officials interpreted as completely in step with President Eisenhower's warning Tuesday against an attempt to invade China. The 3rd Marine Division was expected to remain in Japan, for the time being at least, and one of the Army divisions to be pulled out of Korea may replace the cavalry.

The division in Hawaii could be moved to Japan.

The strategy implies a strong determination to avoid another major war strictly within the limits of the Korean peninsula.

VISIONS

The troop reshuffling has completed, probably next America's military lines will be up like this:

S. divisions will remain to support a South Korean now made up of 20

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divisions and to be strengthened by additional American assistance. The British Commonwealth Division and smaller units from other Allied nations also remain in Korea.

Okinawa, now a major air base, is garrisoned by one Army regimental combat team, about 5,000 strong. The new emphasis upon the importance of that island won from Japan in World War II will send a full division to Okinawa, probably the 1st Marine Division now in Korea. That Marine division and its supporting ground units and air wing is the most powerful single military unit now in the Far East.

Formosa, as Eisenhower noted, would be guarded by the U. S. 7th Fleet, which has been under orders to defend the island since the outbreak of the Korean War.

RETURN TO U. S.

In Japan, where U. S. ground forces now include the Army's 1st Cavalry Division, the 3rd Marine Division and the 187th Army Regimental Combat Team, Army officials thought it likely the 1st would be among the units to come back to the United States. The 3rd Marine Division was expected to remain in Japan, for the time being at least, and one of the Army divisions to be pulled out of Korea may replace the cavalry.

The division in Hawaii could



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at any time he brought back to the United States for dispatch to some other part of the world, or shifted westward again across the Pacific.

The Army now has eight divisions in the United States and five in Europe. Smaller units and supporting forces are stationed both at home and abroad.

ROUTES SURVEYED

The Air Force started its part in implementing the new Pacific strategy several months ago when jet bombers were sent westward to survey routes and facilities for future basing and operations. The World War II type B29 wings which carried the brunt of Air Force bombing operations in Korea are to be brought home and re-equipped with jet aircraft before returning to the central and western Pacific on a rotation basis that will give experience to officers and crews of the Strategic Air Command.

The Navy has maintained a considerable force in the western Pacific since the Korean War. It is formed around the 7th Fleet, which is based in Japan.

Man Denies He Intended To Kill Welch

WASHINGTON (AP)—A man wanted in connection with an alleged threat to kill attorney Joseph N. Welch was captured Wednesday at gunpoint in a stolen taxicab three minutes after a \$20 holdup.

Capt. Michael J. Mahaney of the special assignment squad, said "this man is definitely the one we have been looking for in the Welch case."

Police identified him as John Lockridge, 48, of no fixed address, "a well educated construction engineer."

Lockridge, who told police he had been drinking and had gone "down grade" recently, denied he intended to harm Welch, Army counsel in the recent McCarthy-Army hearings.

Lockridge's wife told Washington police two weeks ago that her husband, armed with a luger type pistol, was going to Boston to kill Welch. An alarm there resulted in a police guard for the 68-year-old Boston attorney. Capt. Mahaney said Massachusetts police were "ticked pink" Wednesday night when he reported Lockridge's arrest.

COPPER MINE STRUCK

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Some 6,000 workers in the U.S.-owned El Teniente copper mine struck Thursday after wage talks collapsed.

Demo Leaders Rap 'Crusade'

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Democratic leaders headed by Adlai E. Stevenson Wednesday rapped President Eisenhower's "great crusade" and his support of the Illinois Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate.

Stevenson, jibing at the "crusade" launched by the Republicans in 1952, said "some mists are rising, and some myths are exploding."

"The Republicans are reaping, as they were bound to, the bitter harvest of disunion in their party and too many promises to the people," declared the 1952 presidential candidate.

Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.), bidding for reelection, went farther, declaring the crusade has "broken down" under the weight of GOP "irresponsibility and incapacity," and factionalism.

The Democratic orators, including former Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas, spoke before a state police at 8,000.

Heart Attack Fatal to DeGasperi

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the Council of Europe and the six-nation European army all received his enthusiastic support.

HONORED BY ASSEMBLY

Honoring his pioneer work, the Coal-Steel Assembly last May elected him its president. Ironically, he died only a few hours before the foreign ministers of Italy and the five other nations of the projected European Defense Community gathered in Brussels at a meeting which may mean the death of the long-cherished international army plan.

Under De Gasperi's leadership, Italy became one of the most politically stable countries in Western Europe. In recent years, however, this stability began to crumble under the nation's chronic economic distress and deepening inroads by not only the Communists, but the Monarchists and Fascists as well.

In the 1953 parliamentary elections, De Gasperi's Christian Democrats tried to capture a majority

in the Chamber of Deputies but finally were forced to rely on an uneasy center coalition to hold precarious control of the government.

LOSES CRUCIAL VOTE

On July 28, 1953, the combined opposition of Communists, Socialists, Monarchists and Fascists defeated De Gasperi by a narrow margin on his bid in the Chamber of Deputies for a vote of confidence. Worn by eight stormy years of continuous political battling, the old man handed in his resignation to President Luigi Einaudi.

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