

Air Arm, 7th Fleet to Bar Red Strike at Formosa

TOKYO (AP)—The United States would back up the 7th Fleet with all available military strength if Communist China attacked Formosa, an authoritative military source said here Wednesday.

"The Communists would be very unwise to launch an operation against Formosa," he said. "I am sure they know they would fail. If they tried it, they would be in for a terrible beating."

"All forces in position to do so would assist the 7th Fleet in carrying out its mission," said this

highly qualified source, who asked not to be identified.

The 7th Fleet has guarded the Chinese Nationalist stronghold since 1950 and President Eisenhower said only a few days ago that any Red invasion force would have to run over the fleet.

The military source said that in his opinion the recent barrage of Red threats to "liberate" Formosa represents either propaganda war or a bluff to sound out U. S. intentions on defending the island.

In Taipei, Nationalist officials voiced satisfaction over the statement Tuesday by U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that the 7th Fleet would be justified in defending some Nationalist island strong points off the China coast.

There was mounting speculation that the United States will not keep hands off if the Communists attack such islands as Quemoy off Amoy, Matsu and the Tachens, about 200 miles northwest of Formosa. All lie only a few miles off the mainland coast.

Attacker Kills CIO Official

Police Checking License Plates

CLEVELAND (AP)—A CIO official beaten in what looked like a street fight, was killed near his home Tuesday night.

Police Wednesday started checking more than a thousand automobile license plates in a hunt for the assailant of Raymond G. Wehrhouch, 36, chief steward for the CIO United Auto Workers Union at the Iron Fireman Co.

Joel Liba, 11, who was walking by on the way to a store at the time of the fight, gave police Walter Hahn, who watched the car the assailant drove away in.

WATCHED FIGHT

part of the license number on fight from a nearby porch, said Wehrhouch pulled his car to the side of the street and started to get out, apparently knowing he was being followed.

A second car, Hahn continued, stopped at the corner and the driver ran over to Wehrhouch. "Wehrhouch seemed to be off balance when the first blow hit him," Hahn added. "They seemed to struggle back and forth for about five minutes with the assailant using nothing but his fists."

"I figured it was just a street fight and I didn't want to get involved. When Wehrhouch fell to the ground I started off the porch to help him and the other man ran back to his car and sped away."

WAS WELL LIKED

Police discarded a theory the attack may have been linked to union trouble at the plant.

H. L. Sorge, president of Local 515, said Wehrhouch had been a good union man.

Women Claim Talk With 'Saucer' Pilot

OSLO (AP)—Two Norwegian women claim they not only had a close look at a flying saucer but they talked to its "dark-skinned, long-haired" pilot. Skeptical police have launched an investigation.

The two women, Mrs. Aasta Solvang and her sister Edit Jacobsen, said the saucerman popped out at them from behind some bushes last Friday near Mofjell, in northern Norway.

STORY PUBLISHED

Their story was published Tuesday by the local paper Nordlands Folkeblad.

This was the sisters' account: "We were picking berries when suddenly a dark man with long hair—but otherwise looking very much like an ordinary human being—came out from behind some bushes."

"We were frightened at first, but the man appeared very friendly, and stepped toward us." One of them addressed him in English, French, German, and Norwegian. "He didn't seem to understand a word."

LED THEM TO CRAFT

The stranger then attempted to communicate by drawing "circles and what looked like pictures of heavenly bodies" on a piece of paper. The stranger finally led them to his craft, which looked like "two deep saucers sandwiched together," about 15 feet across.

The mystery man opened a hatch and crawled into the disc. Moments later the craft "rose from the ground and began rotating, first slowly, then increasingly faster." Then, suddenly, it disappeared at an "incredible speed."

GERONIMO!

NEW YORK (AP)—Charlie Fleckenstein is a man who will go a long way to prove a point. Yesterday, he went 160 feet—straight down.

Charlie, a 38-year-old air-conditioning engineer, leaped into the East River from the Triborough Bridge, holding a blanket above his head. He claimed the blanket, acting as a rudder, would keep his head up and his feet down and enable him to escape injury. He proved it too.

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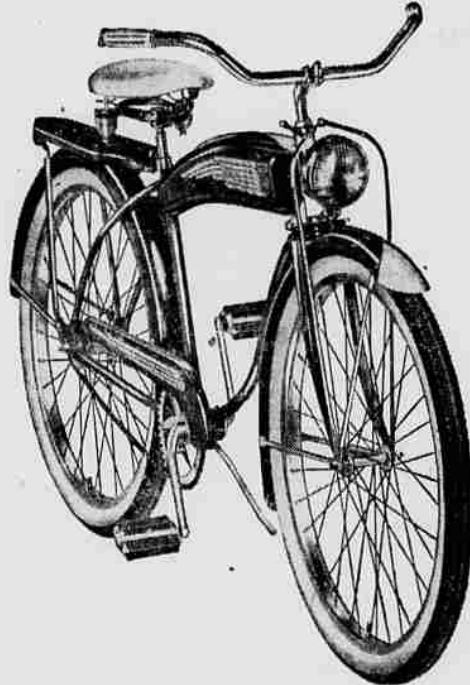
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