

U.S. 7th Fleet Won't Be Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy said Thursday that plans for cutting the size of the U. S. 7th Fleet have been scrapped because of Red China's threat to invade Formosa.

Adm. Robert B. Carney, chief of naval operations, Wednesday stirred speculation that naval forces in the Pacific might be cut sharply because there no longer are any shooting wars in the area. But a naval spokesman said plans for a gradual reduction were set aside because of the "touchy situation" regarding Formosa. The 7th Fleet will be kept strong as long as it is needed to guard Formosa, he said.

Weeks Eases Restrictions On Red Trade

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Weeks Thursday eased restrictions on U.S. trade with the Soviet Union and other Communist countries of Europe, but he said he doubts there will be an early increase in the flow of goods across the Iron Curtain.

Commerce Department sources said Weeks' order would reduce by one third to one half the list of goods now banned from commerce between the United States and the Red bloc in Europe.

SPECIAL ITEMS

The announcement dealt only with policy—the Commerce Department is to make public later lists of specific items to be freed from embargo.

Weeks' move came a day after Foreign Aid Chief Harold E. Stassen announced a similar relaxation of curbs on Red trade of friendly nations getting aid from the United States.

Both officials said existing restrictions still stand on trade with Communist China, North Korea, or the Communist area of Viet Nam.

NOTHING OF VALUE

And both said the new policy toward trade with Communist countries in Europe would not let slip into the East-West trade stream anything of significant military value.

Voicing some skepticism that his new order would result in quick stimulation of East-West trade, Weeks' statement said "an early increase in the volume of trade with the Soviet bloc resulting from this action is . . . unlikely in view of the bloc's aim of self-sufficiency and its inability to provide desired goods in exchange for imports."

ROKS TO HONOR NURSE

SEOUL (AP)—The South Korean government soon will invite French flight nurse Genevieve de Galard Terraube, the "angel of Dien Bien Phu," to receive a high military award a defense ministry spokesman said Wednesday.

The 7th Fleet, built around four carriers, presently has the duty of defending Formosa and the nearby Pescadore Islands against any Communist invasion—something the Reds have been threatening in increasingly belligerent tones in recent weeks. Discussions are presently going on within the administration over whether to extend U.S. commitment to some of the off-shore islands still held by the Chinese Nationalist forces.

BEFORE CRISIS

In releasing a letter outlining what has been done to improve the attractiveness of a naval career, Carney disclosed that the Navy recently reduced its Western Pacific forces by four destroyers and one battleship. In passing reference, Carney also said "we do expect some reduction in the Pacific as a result of the end of the shooting wars there."

The destroyer division and the battleship were withdrawn about two months ago—before the Formosa situation began building up a crisis.

A spokesman said there are no plans for any further reduction in the Pacific Fleet at the present time and particularly no plans for any "wholesale withdrawal" such as are being made by the Army and Air Force.

TROOPS WITHDRAW

The Army is withdrawing four of its six divisions from Korea, with two of the divisions scheduled to be returned to the United States. The Air Force is in the process of returning three bomber wings from the Far East for modernization, to be replaced on a temporary, rotational basis by B-47 jet bomber wings.

Carney's letter, written to Vice Adm. A. S. Merrill (ret.) of the Navy League, was described as an outline of an "overall peace-time program" rather than one applying to the present situation in the Far East. The letter actually was drafted several weeks ago, before the Formosa situation loomed and the Navy assumed the task of transporting thousands of Vietnamese refugees from northern Indochina.

The site of Pompeii which was destroyed by a volcanic eruption in 79 A. D. was rediscovered in 1594.



UP-17 MILES—In Washington it was announced that Maj. Arthur Murray, Harrisburg, Pa., was the air force pilot who flew an experimental plane more than 17 miles in the stratosphere—the highest altitude ever reached by plane. (NEA)

U.S. to Pull Korea Planes

SEOUL (AP)—The U. S. 5th Air Force announced Friday plans to pull many of its deadly Sabre Jets and other planes out of Korea and shift its headquarters to Nagoya, Japan.

When the Korean armistice was signed 13 months ago the 5th Air Force was flying more than 1,000 planes.

Announcement of plans to base many of these planes elsewhere follows by only a few days disclosure that four of six U. S. Infantry divisions now in Korea are to be withdrawn. Experts said the Army-Air Force withdrawal will pull at least 100,000 Americans out of Korea.

The Air Force did not identify units which will be pulled out. It said some will be based elsewhere in the Far East, while others will return to the United States in a major reshuffle expected to start soon and continue for several months.

Lt. Gen. Roger M. Ramey will remain in command of the 5th, but his headquarters will be consolidated with headquarters of the U.S. Japan Air Defense Force at Nagoya next month.

Ramey will command both groups, which will operate as the 5th Air Force, the announcement said.

Church Proposal Hits Communism

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP)—A report denouncing communism as the road to "totalitarian dictatorship" and making some criticism of democracies awaited action by Christian leaders Thursday.

The report was discussed by delegates to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches Wednesday in afternoon and evening sessions. Delegates to an assembly represent 163 denominations in 48 countries.

DRAWN CRITICISM

The 51-page document concerns the main theme of the convention, "Christ—the Hope of the World."

Some who joined the debate stated it didn't lay enough stress on the second coming of Christ.

Others contended it didn't place sufficient emphasis on the possibility of achieving justice, with Christ's aid, in this world.

And some figured it didn't go far enough in condemnation of communism as a "false hope."

The "main theme" report was placed before the assembly by a coordinating committee.

The night session ended without a vote. No time was set for renewal of debate and a decision.

The assembly, now in the 12th day of its 17-day meeting, also will act on reports on other subjects and on an overall message before the session ends Aug. 31.

FREEDOM DENIED

A 10-page section of the "main theme" report is devoted to forms of contemporary governments and movements.

Under communism, it states, "happiness, justice and love are no longer possible; and man in the class struggle is no longer truly man."

"The Communist doctrine of the dictatorship of the proletariat has led in most cases to totalitarian dictatorship in which the freedom of man is in fact denied," it says.

The report says democracy is founded upon "Christian tradition" and in its basic beliefs is a

"child or step-child of Christian belief and Christian compassion."

It adds: "To Christian teaching it owes, in large part, its recognition of the worth of every person, of the fundamental equality of all men as human beings, of their interdependence and of their mutual obligation to one another."

"But inequality, discrimination, injustice, reliance on naked power, exploitation and aggression are not absent from democracies."

Archbishop Michael and five other high-ranking clergymen were elected presidents of the council. The others are:

Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, Greenwich, Conn., presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

The Very Rev. John Baillie of the Church of Scotland, noted theologian at the University of Edinburgh.

Bishop Sante Umberto Barbieri of Buenos Aires, bishop of the Methodist Church in Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia.

Bishop Otto Dibelius of the United Evangelical Church in Germany.

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