

Red China Buildup Called 'Defensive'

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HONG KONG (AP)—Most Western intelligence sources in Hong Kong believe Red China's current military buildup opposite the Nationalist offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu is defensive. But they do not discount the possibility of a Communist attack.

These sources believe that any Red attack would most likely be triggered by fears that President Chiang Kai-shek's regime was going to try to make good his vow to retake the Chinese mainland.

"I'd be very surprised if the Chinese Communists launched an offensive," one well-placed intelligence informant said Friday. "I think the chances are about 3-1 against it. But if they felt the Chinese Nationalists were about to attack, they would probably want to beat them to the punch."

Offensive Predicted

Top Nationalist officials have been predicting an offensive against Red China for some time. But the possibility seems remote.

The Nationalists have said they would launch an attack only after an uprising on the mainland. The recent exodus of hungry refugees from Red China to Hong Kong prompted anti-Communist newspapers here and in Formosa to declare the time for an assault had come. But Western officials believe the Red regime is still firmly in power despite critical food shortages in China.

A Nationalist attack also would need U.S. logistic support at least to have any chance of success. The United States has given no indication that such aid would be forthcoming.

Nationalist officials in Taipei



(AP Wirephoto)

Chinese Puzzle

This map locates the Chinese mainland along the Fukien Province coast which lies opposite Formosa and the Nationalist Chinese-held off-shore island of Matsu and Quemoy, underlined. The White House expressed concern Friday over a puzzling buildup of Communist Chinese armed forces along the coast. Intelligence reports indicate that the strength of these forces may exceed any there since the Korean War.

received Washington and London reports of the Red buildup with outward calm.

Chinese Nationalist military commanders are confident they can withstand an all-out Communist assault on Quemoy, the larger of the two islands, even though it is flanked on three sides by the Chinese mainland.

Quemoy Shelled

Communist artillery fired 39 shells at Quemoy in an 85-minute period Thursday night. This was not unusual, however. The islands are much better defended now than in 1958 when the Communists made a determined but unsuccessful effort to crush them by artillery bombardment.

Unofficial sources in Formosa believe reports of restrictions on civilian rail travel in South China might have erroneously contributed to the conclusion that extensive military movements are under way. They said it is possible the Chinese Com-

munist are making large-scale shifts of urban populations to rural areas in an attempt to speed up farm production.

But Hong Kong intelligence sources confirmed that the Chinese Communists are moving more planes and troops into the Fukien coastal area. Other sources indicated that the Communist military has taken over almost all railway facilities in Fukien and neighboring areas.

Mundt Asks JFK to Speak About Estes

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Karl E. Mundt, R-S.D., invited President Kennedy Friday to speak out on what Mundt called an attempt by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman to thwart a Senate investigation of the Billie Sol Estes case.

Mundt and Sen. Carl T. Curtis of Nebraska, the two Republican members of the Senate Investigations subcommittee probing Estes' dealings with the Agriculture Department, Thursday accused Freeman of trying to intimidate them.

The two senators made public a sworn statement to subcommittee investigators from Thomas R. Hughes, Freeman's executive secretary, acknowledging that Hughes had ordered his staff to dig out of the department's files copies of all correspondence with Mundt and Curtis, but not the letters of any other Congress member.

"I am almost certain that at the time I made the request for the correspondence I informed Secretary Freeman," Hughes' statement said.

"I felt that this material would be useful to Secretary Freeman in connection with his appearance before the subcommittee," he said.

Hughes said that the idea was his own and that he was curious about the department's experience with the two Republican senators in connection with rapid amortization of grain elevator construction and grain storage matters.

Ice Path Cleared

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian ice breakers, including the nuclear-powered Lenin, have cleared a path through the Yenisei Gulf for the season's first convoy from Murmansk, the Soviet news agency Tass reports.

Walton League Told

Urban Land 'Challenging'

PORTLAND (AP)—Making effective use of urban land is the nation's greatest challenge in outdoor recreation, the Izaak Walton League of America was told Friday.

Laurance Rockefeller, chairman of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, said in a luncheon speech prepared for delivery at the 40th annual convention that a large amount of open land is available at reasonable cost in urban areas.

"The challenge lies in areas where most people live," he said. "It is in their everyday environment that Americans must find most of their outdoor recreation..."

He said that while more land still must be purchased, "the question is not how many acres we gain, but how many effective acres."

He added, "the great bulk of our wide open spaces are not being overused—they are being underused."

Rockefeller said the setting aside of tracts of land in the midst of population centers has helped children learn basic elements of outdoor life.

He praised the work of the commission, which was formed three years ago.

Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield was to speak Friday night.

Thursday night, the 500 delegates were told by Assistant

Secretary of Interior John A. Carver that 200 million acres of public range lands need conservation treatment.

"Some of our deficiencies are translated into 90 years or so backlog of work," he said.

At a press conference, Carver said a charge for recreational use of public lands is forthcoming.

"The administration," he said, "takes the position that there should be an appropriate charge for the use of public land... It is only a matter of time before a charge for recreational use will be established practice."

IRS Employees Meet in Tacoma

TACOMA (AP)—Members of the National Assn. of Internal Revenue Employees from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah met here Thursday for a convention that will run through Saturday.

Mortimer Caplin, United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue, spoke at a banquet Thursday night. Regional Commissioner Harold Hawkins, San Francisco; Neil S. Warren, district director of Internal Revenue, Seattle; and his assistant, Ralph Short accompanied Caplin.

California Candidates' Paths Cross

STANFORD, Calif. (AP)—The first face-to-face meeting of Gov. Edmund G. Brown and Richard M. Nixon in California's 1962 campaign produced:

• A new Nixon challenge for a television debate with the Democratic governor he hopes to replace Brown reserved his decision.

• Brown's invitation to his Republican opponent to consult any state officials for information or look into any state public records in the course of the campaign.

• Nixon's pledge to maintain an open policy toward news media in the race for governor. Brown, in turn, emphasized his long opposition to secrecy in government.

• A plea by the governor that newspapers carry more news and background about the state government with less emphasis on name-calling.

Brown and Nixon shared the platform Thursday at a meeting of the California-Nevada Associated Press News Executive Council.

Both candidates were asked whether there would be any more joint appearances before the November election.

Brown replied he was confident their paths would cross again but that he didn't know about the television debate proposed by Nixon.

Macapagal Lays Claim To Borneo

MANILA (AP)—President Diosdado Macapagal Friday claimed Philippine sovereignty over British North Borneo and proposed that Britain and the Philippines begin negotiations to settle the issue.

Macapagal told a news conference he had received a note from the British government asserting British ownership and sovereignty over the disputed territory.

"I have today instructed the acting secretary of foreign affairs to hand a note to the British ambassador embodying our position which is to assert ownership and sovereignty to North Borneo," the president said.

Macapagal discounted the idea that the Philippine claim might have disturbing effects in Southeast Asia.

He said the Philippines and Britain have always maintained friendly relations and "the government of the Philippines believes any dispute between the two countries can be settled amicably."

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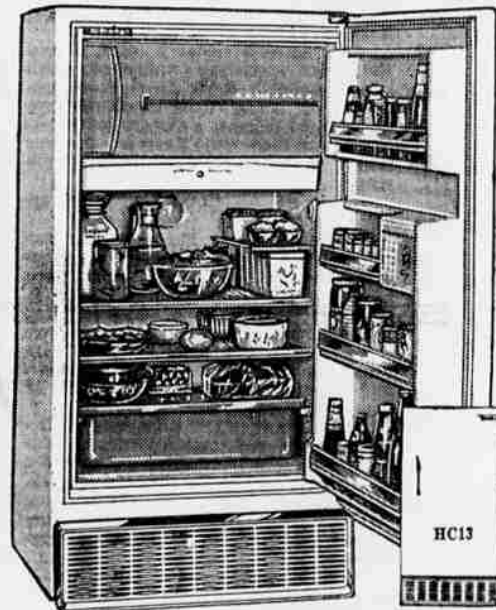
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