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Recognizing Red China

Strenuous efforts are being made in the United Nations for prompt recognition of the communist dictatorship in China. Besides Russia, the movement is backed by Great Britain and some of the British Commonwealths, probably inspired by the desire to retain Hong Kong.

Of course, "recognition" does not necessarily imply "approval," but it does in the popular mind, and in both congress and parliament in the United States and Britain it is recalled that Prime Minister Attlee, who is responsible for British support of recognition, 10 years ago, then in the opposition, attacked his government for its proposed recognition of Franco Spain.

"It (this nation) is now being recorded more and more as a nation that will acquiesce in any form of tyranny and always stand in favor of dictatorships. The present action is a gross betrayal of a friendly government and an announcement to the whole world that anyone who is out to use force will always have a friend in the British prime minister."

Dr. Tsiang, leader of the Chinese delegation in the UN, protested recognition as a great aid to the Red regime. He said:

"The fact is, the man in the street in China and elsewhere does interpret recognition to mean some measure of approval. Whether intended or not, recognition in this case would enhance the prestige of the Chinese communists and help to consolidate their power in China. It would be the greatest single blow to the cause of freedom in China."

There are many other reasons why recognition of Red China should not be a hasty affair. If the communist is recognized as the lawful government of China, it will take its place as a permanent member of the Security Council, which Russia is trying to force now. It will give Russia two vetoes, and Russia is already charged in the UN with treaty and charter violations.

Recognition will also affect Formosa, which the United States is pledged to return to "the Republic of China," which the Reds will immediately demand. This will breach our entire western Pacific defense system.

Senator William T. Knowland (R., Cal.), who has just returned from a tour of the Orient, declares that our Chinese policy is aiding Russia, and is harmful to the peace of the world. He lists the case of Consul General Ward in Mukden as only one of scores of similar "extortion" cases. He found that while the state department is withdrawing American consulates in nationalist China, it has left four consulates in Red-held territories, and everywhere the U.S. is "losing face."

Knowland declares there should be no recognition of Red China and no trade with communists at this time as "our historic policy is to support a Chinese government that is free and independent. Temporary business profits should not be allowed to interfere with sound national policy."

Nation's Defenses in 1941 and 1949

Pearl Harbor day was remembered by few. Prompting by news stories was necessary generally to recall the "day of infamy" when the United States was attacked by Japan in 1941.

The nation was unprepared for war then. It took eight months for the country's offense to get under way. The Marines landed on Guadalcanal in August, 1942, and Eisenhower's forces landed in Africa three months later.

A comparison of the preparedness of the nation then and now for active defense brought on by a "Pearl Harbor" makes interesting reading in figures. When war came in 1941, the United States had a bigger army and navy than it does today. As for the air force, Uncle Sam is better situated now than he was then.

With about \$15 billions for defense now, it seems incredible that those figures could be correct. But the record looks like this, according to the Associated Press:

The army of 1941 amounted to 1,300,000 men. Today's army has about 650,000 men.

The navy of 1941 had about 350 combatant ships in service. Today the fleet consists of about 260 ships. In "mothballs" are about 700 craft.

The air force of Pearl Harbor days had about 3000 planes, with about 1100 fit for service. Today the air force has about 3500 combat planes with another 4800 in reserve.

These comparisons are good only as far as they go. They merely indicate the defense position of the United States then and now. And they also reveal what bare minimum defense forces the country gets for such a staggering yearly cost. There is no comparison with the potential aggressor, Russia.

If the United States wasn't prepared well in 1941, how do the experts rate us now after looking at the comparative figures?

It Wasn't the Southern Accent That Got This Hotel Clerk

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 8 (AP)—The feminine voice on the other end of the long distance telephone line was insistent. "I want a reservation for Oct. 12," Miss Louise Myers of Dallas, Tex., told Manager Tom Ryan of the Oliver hotel here.

"But Oct. 12 is past," Ryan protested in his most respectful professional tone.

"Why, silly," explained Miss Myers. "I meant Oct. 12, 1951. That's when Notre Dame plays Southern Methodist again."

Do Rattlesnakes Take Baths?

Stillwater, Okla., Dec. 8 (AP)—Dan Welch, an Oklahoma A&M student majoring in wildlife management, tried to give his pet rattlesnake a bath.

Welch was reported to be recovering from the experience.

BY BECK
Husbands

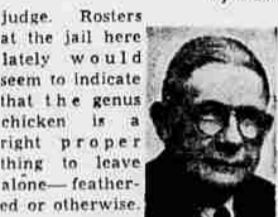


SIPS FOR SUPPER

Have a Care

Five young folks landed in jail here because it happened to be moulting time in a Marion county farmer's flock of chickens. The acute and astute state police followed a trail of feathers from the chicken house which seemed to lead straight to the alleged thieves and so the group had to tell their story to

By DON UPJOHN



Don Upjohn

Walking abroad in the early morning air today with the frost shining thick on the grass and one's breath showing plainly in the crisp cold air we never had a thought about what might be causing all this until we encountered a well known local citizen also abroad for a stroll, the same being none other than Zero Polaire. No wonder it seemed a bit wintery out and about.

Now we're being urged to nominate a junior first citizen via ballot in the newspapers. It seems that anybody between 21 and 36 years of age is eligible to have his name sent in for this rare honor to be considered on basis of his contribution to the community welfare

We have no way of knowing how many candidates will be selected for this seemingly glittering plum but however it comes out one chap will get it and a lot more be disappointed, all of which should add to the gaiety and cheer of the Christmas season.

He Finally Got to the Hospital

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 8 (AP)—John Gard, 55-year-old postman, was knocked down and hurt in a street accident.

He was placed in an ambulance. It broke down. A fire truck was called to push the ambulance. The fire truck got stuck.

A police car was called. It collided with another car en route.

A passing motorist picked Gard up and took him to a hospital. He was reported in good condition.

Christmases Not So Merry

London, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Christmases are not so merry today. A burglar entered the flat of Mrs. Phyllis Christmas and stole the £14 (\$39.20) she had saved to buy Christmas presents for Diana, 8, and Richard Christmas, 7. He also took £3 (\$8.40) that Diana and Richard had saved to buy presents for their mother.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Besides Being a Great Singer, Helen Traubel Can Write Too

By CYNTHIA LOWRY

New York (AP)—It is only fair to warn mystery story publishers that Helen Traubel has decided to get into the writing game. Miss Traubel is a singer. She is the Wagnerian star of the Metropolitan Opera company. There are many who say she is the best singer in the world.

She also possesses one of the loudest, most infectious laughs extant and a frightening love of practical jokes. She absorbs detective stories the way opera stars are reputed to demolish whipped cream pastries.

She has now completed her first detective story, a 5,500-word literary hors d'oeuvre designed to whet appetites for her major opus.

The first novel is entitled "The Ptomaine Canary," and what a psychiatrist would make of it bodes ill for other suspense novel writers. She is determined to call her second novel, "The Post Mortem of Mortimer Post," which gives you an idea.

Miss Traubel is having her first work printed privately: 25 copies in limp leather. Suitably autographed, they will be sent as Christmas presents to intimate friends.

To facilitate review, Miss T. has written her own criticisms in advance, and will include them on a fly leaf. She has the Saturday Review of Literature proclaiming: "Three cheers for this high tension yarn..."

Pravda, she alleges, calls it "upper class propaganda." Newspaper reviews are confined merely to "Yes!" "No!" and "best detective story of the season." Roughly, and the word is chosen well, the plot concerns a Metropolitan opera star with an enormous laugh who adores detective stories.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Jordan Boosted for Promotion To Army Major by Russians

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Most interesting fact in the army record of the mysterious Maj. George Rusey Jordan, who now claims uranium secrets were shipped to Russia during the war, is that it was the Russian commander who urged Jordan's promotion.

Two letters are in the army files from Col. Anatole Koltikov, commanding officer of the Russian lend-lease staff at Great Falls, Mont., praising Jordan and asking that he be promoted from the rank of captain to major.



Drew Pearson

And when the gold-leaf cluster of a major was finally given to Jordan, it was pinned on by no less than Koltikov himself.

All the official records on Major Jordan's background so far scrutinized indicate that he was on the friendliest terms with the Russians and at one time complained because Russian officials were being held up too long on the border by customs and immigration regulations.

In March, 1944, Jordan reported that he was confused as to the scope of his duties regarding shipment of mail and cargo passing through Great Falls for Russia. He asked whether he should inspect it and especially wanted to know whether it had diplomatic immunity.

The only report the army has that he might have been suspicious of Russian shipments was at this time, when Jordan said he thought the volume was unusually large but said the bulk of it was mail.

He told a counter-intelligence agent at the time that he had had no experience with diplomatic mail and was unable to know how to handle it.

Jordan pointed out, however, that the bulk of the mail was chiefly American newspapers and periodicals. The only government reports he mentioned were not regarding uranium, but regarding U.S. shipping rates and methods of loading cattle and horses. The Russians had picked up a department of agriculture bulletin on loading livestock into freight cars.

At no time did Major Jordan make any reference to Harry Hopkins, Henry Wallace, uranium, bomb powder, or secret documents.

He gave no indication he had broken into any pouches, crates, or suitcases. He did comment that Russian packages were well-guarded around the clock. The whole tenor of Jordan's report and his conduct at Great Falls was friendly to the Russians, and army files indicate that after he left the service he made a speech before a civil club in New York praising "our gallant allies," the Russians.

Jordan is no amateur at peddling stories to the newspapers. In fact, he has spent most of his life in the public relations field. From 1919 to 1933, he was an advertising representative for McGraw-Hill. During the 'thirties, he worked as a public relations expert for various brewing companies, including Schaefer's, 1933-34, for the Brewing Corporation of America, 1934-39. Between breweries, 1935-37, he did odd jobs as a free-lance public relations man in New York city.

The last job he held before going into the army was as publicity man for the Luckenbach Steamship company in Bremer-ton, Wash.

It is interesting to note that Jordan was not concerned enough about his story to report it to the FBI. On the contrary, the FBI came to him, after he had tried to give the story to Time magazine and a representative of Walter Winchell. Time magazine incidentally rejected his story after examining his diary.

After his discharge from the air force, Jordan stayed around Washington as an expediter.

Gun Crew Pledged to Hunt For Old Gun Fired First Shot

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 8 (AP)—Nine former members of a navy gun crew pledged themselves today to find the dismantled old gun that fired America's first shot in World War II.

The nine men, all of them Minnesotans, were members of the gun crew of the destroyer Ward. To them went the distinction of firing the shot that sent a Japanese submarine to the bottom while the Ward was on patrol, before the air attack on Pearl Harbor.

But as far as they know, they said, the gun itself has been lost. It was an obsolete four-inch, and it bears a plaque which reads:

"By sinking a Japanese submarine on the morning of December 7, 1941, off Pearl Harbor this gun has the distinction of being the first naval gun to speak America's reply in World War II. As such, the Pearl Ordnancemen consider it deserving of special respect throughout its life."

Boy Gets Burned Up Over 'E'

Tecumseh, Mich., Dec. 8 (AP)—An eight-year-old boy was so burned up by an "E" on his report card that he started a fire in the basement of the Baptist church where temporary classes were being held, authorities said today. The fire caused no damage.

BY CLARE BARNES, JR.

White Collar Zoo



"I'm going to find out who's responsible for this!"

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Why Does MacArthur Say U. S. Should Occupy Formosa?

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

China's big island of Formosa, which has been equipped by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the nationalists' last-ditch stand against the communists, is becoming another international hot potato.

Senator Smith (R., N. J.), stated the other day that General Douglas MacArthur recently told him Formosa is essential to the security of America's Pacific defenses. The senator said he believes MacArthur would favor sending U. S. troops to the island to head off any communist invasion.

The Chinese Reds, by the way, are said to plan occupation of Formosa by next summer. And why should Formosa be essential to America's defenses? Well, the military experts say this island in hostile hands would flank the U.S. defensive arc in that vital area, including our great base of Okinawa.

Formosa lies athwart the entrance to the China sea, between China and the Philippines. Its southern tip is only 250 miles from the northern shore of Luzon, chief Philippine island containing Manila and Uncle Sam's base at Cavite. Formosa also is about 650 miles from Japan proper, and some 400 miles from Britain's big colony of Hong Kong.

Formosa (or Taiwan as the Japs call it) is about the size of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island combined. Its population is some 6,000,000. The island is oblong in shape—245 miles long and 88 miles across at its greatest width.

It has a good harbor and modern transport, though it has a mountainous backbone upon which, incidentally, live savage head-hunters. It is rich in natural resources.

This island was ceded to Japan at the end of the Chino-Japanese war of 1895. You get an idea of how important the Japs regard it from the fact that they were very strict about foreign ships entering the harbor. Captains were fined or imprisoned for taking refuge there without permission, even in a storm.

Therefore, close observers rather expect Washington to pursue a course of watchful waiting for the time being. It's not the sort of thing that can be rushed.

Thus far Washington hasn't made a declaration of policy regarding Formosa, though one hears many unofficial expressions pro and con. The situation hasn't yet reached a critical stage. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has an army of some 300,000 on the island, and he has American equipment for defense.

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