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EDITORIALS

FREE PALAVER

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NATIONALIST CHINA COULD END THE WAR

For more than a year this column has stoutly voiced the opinion that the war in Vietnam could quickly become history, with Hand and the Communist cause defeated, and above all with very little more loss of American blood and lives, if the American government would once more accept the only available path of honor and support—even a very moderate and limited support—for a Chinese Nationalist campaign to regain the mainland of China and oust the cruel, oppressive, unwarranted Communist regime of Mao Tse-tung. Our government is 100% responsible for the dastardly betrayal of fine old China into the hands of the Communists. General Marshall and the fair-haired boys of our State Department who engineered the 1948 entry and take-over by the "agrarian reformers", forcing Chiang Kai-shek into exile in Formosa, knew all the time the usurpers were Communist aggressors—nothing less, nothing more.

There is no logical reason or justification for the present Johnson administration to be bound by any promises or commitments made to the lousy Communists—at that time or since that time. Yet right now President Johnson is making his first presidential visit to foreign soils by visiting a group of South Asian countries presumably friendly to our war effort in Vietnam. The most striking thing about it is the bald absence of Taipei on his itinerary; the wonderful little Republic where resides the most staunchly friendly government we have ever had in Asia. Why? Why, because he thinks Red China would be mad at him if he went over and shook hands with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. And they would.

But they are mad at him anyway. And the easiest way to get them un-mad is to let Chiang Kai-shek and his wonderfully fine and capable army destroy them, or chase them back into Siberia.

Could it be done? In the late summer, Dean Clarence Manion visited Southeast Asia and he also went into several of the little nations there, talking to heads of governments. He wound up talking to Chiang Kai-shek and the heads of the Nationalist China government. Following is Dean Manion's report as told in the Manion Forum of September 18, 1966:

DEAN MANION: While we were in Taiwan last month we had the pleasure and privilege of an inspiring visit with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who had just been re-elected to his fourth term as President of the Republic of China. Here indeed, is one of the most distinguished men of all time. His own active career of leadership in the cause of Chinese unity and freedom measures the full length of the relentless war that the Communists and Communism have waged against the civilized world for more than 50 years.

Chiang Kai-shek is still fighting the Communists tooth and nail, and with a brighter prospect of complete success now than ever before. I asked him to give me a message that I might transmit from him to the American people over this microphone. Here is his prompt answer, translated immediately and directly from Chinese by his personal interpreter:

"Please convey to the American people the profound gratitude of the government and people of the Republic of China for the generous help they have been giving us over the years in the form of economic aid and military assistance. It is with this help that we have built up Taiwan both as a showcase of economic and social progress as well as a military base for the defence of freedom in the western Pacific. Also kindly ask the American people to keep on helping us both morally and materially until we shall have recovered the Chinese mainland and restored freedom to the 600 million of our compatriots there.

"Events since the end of World War II—the Korean War and the present war in Viet Nam, just to mention two of them—have conclusively proved that until and unless the Chinese Communist regime in Peiping is overthrown and a peace-loving and democratic government is re-established on the mainland, there can be neither peace nor security anywhere in Asia. Our cause, therefore, is also the cause of the free world, and particularly of its leader, the United States."

The Generalissimo's determination to destroy Chinese Communism and restore freedom to mainland China is shared by every person we talked to in Taiwan. But are the military forces of Free China capable of destroying the entrenched Communist regime on the mainland? For an official answer to this important question I recorded an interview with General Yu

Pak-chuan, Vice-Chief of the General Staff in the Ministry of National Defense for the Republic of China. Here is what we said:

DEAN MANION: General Yu, your President has said, several times to my knowledge, that there will be no peace in Asia until the Communist government on the Chinese mainland is destroyed. Now I know that you subscribe to that, too. Tell our audience why this is so.

GENERAL YU: Well, the leaders of Mao Tse-tung's regime on the China mainland are suffering from what I call a trinity of diseases, namely: arrogance, ignorance and fanaticism. Because of those diseases they are embarking upon a very dangerous policy which will be disastrous for the free world. They are militaristic, bellicose and very unreasonable, and they always strive for Communist domination of the world.

DEAN MANION: It has been demonstrated I think that you can't have an agreement with them. How long have our discussions been going on since Korea?

GENERAL YU: Right. The United States Government has been trying to negotiate with Communist China, I don't know how many times now, and how many years, by sending the U.S. representative, an ambassador I believe, to Warsaw. Right? And even now the negotiation has still been going on and you don't have any result.

DEAN MANION: So, the Chinese Communist apparatus on the mainland must be destroyed. Now, since I've been here in Taiwan, I've satisfied myself that you have here a very fine army and military force that is ready and capable. Why don't you go back to the mainland and when are you going?

GENERAL YU: It's a very good question, Doctor. Our return on the mainland is decided by four main factors: The first factor is conditions on the China mainland; the second factor is the global situation; the third is the combat readiness of our armed forces; and the fourth is the attitude of the United States Government.

The Time Is Now

Now briefly, let me run over all those four factors. With regard to the conditions on China mainland, I think it's a very favorable time now because the masses on the China mainland are discontented with Mao Tse-tung's regime, and Mao Tse-tung's immediate subordinates are now struggling for power. So, we can say that on the China mainland now is chaos and confusion and discontent.

In regard to the second factor, the global situation, I think it is favorable now, too, because Soviet Russia is run by two heads, Kossygin and Brezhnev. And when a country is run by two heads it will not so easily go to war unless its national security is immediately threatened. The third factor is the combat readiness of armed forces. I can assure you, Doctor, that we are all ready to go at any moment. The fourth factor is the attitude of the United States. Well, I can say that if the United States gives us moral support to return on the mainland, it would be very much easier for us to do so.

DEAN MANION: That's a very interesting quartet of conditions. Let's go back to the first one—conditions on the Chinese mainland. I think we can all take judicial notice of the fact now that there is a warring amongst the so-called leadership and the things you have described are so. But, I've always been under the impression, General, that your success on the mainland, when you go back, will depend in large degree upon the attitude of the Chinese people. Why do you expect, as many of you apparently here do expect, that they will rise up and welcome you? What is your basis for that expectation?

GENERAL YU: That's very simple, because before Mao Tse-tung took over the China mainland he gave the Chinese masses—the simple people—all sorts of gilded promises, better food, better living, better homes and everything. But now, for more than 17 years Mao Tse-tung has not kept his promises. The masses of the people on the China mainland feel that they have been cheated. They are disappointed. They realize that Mao Tse-tung has been cheating them. That's the first reason.

Secondly, the people on the China mainland want our President to return because Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has done three things for the Chinese people which the Chinese people will never forget and which world history can never deny. The first thing he did was he unified China and eliminated all the war lords in 1926. The second thing he did, he fought for 8 years against Japan and won the war in spite of heavy odds. The third thing he did was that for the first time in 5,000 years of Chinese history, he gives the Chinese people the first democratic Government of China.

On the other hand, our Generalissimo has made no promises to the people, but actually he has done a great deal for the people in Taiwan. He has made land reforms, improved the liveli-

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hood and the conditions, the standard of living in Taiwan. Anybody who has been in Taiwan can testify to that. The product of Taiwan, especially production of rice, food, the improvement of industries, progress of education, everything—they call it a miracle in Taiwan.

In other words, it is an ironical fact that the promises made by Mao Tse-tung to the masses of people on China mainland has been done by our Generalissimo here in Taiwan.

DEAN MANION: And you have regular elections here, too?

GENERAL YU: That's right. We have regular elections, and we have a free assembly. We have a democratic Government based on the Western concept of democracy.

DEAN MANION: That disposes of two of your points. I think what we say about the third, namely, the attitude of Russia, has a great deal to do with the attitude of the United States, which you mentioned as so important. The people in the United States, General, are worried to death about the possibility of Russia's coming into the war and starting a nuclear holocaust. I wish you would go into some detail, to explain your conviction that this simply would not happen, even if you were in the process of defeating Mao Tse-tung on the mainland.

History Says—No

GENERAL YU: Doctor, I would like to give you my very frank opinion, not as a Chinese General, but purely as a military student who has taken a great interest and who has made a profound study of military history. I can assure you that Russia, Soviet Russia will not come to war this time for the following reasons: First, according to my study of military history, a country will not go to war, will not risk a great war if it is run by two heads. Now Russia is run by Kossygin and Brezhnev, so Russia will not easily go to war unless her national security is immediately threatened.

Secondly, post World War II history tells that wherever the United States has command of the sea and air, Russia will not dare to risk a crisis with the United States. This is proved by the Cuban crisis when the Russians turned tail when you were so firm on the Cuban crisis because you dominate the air and sea in Cuba.

The third reason is that Russia will not be allowed to move troops into the China mainland because Mao Tse-tung won't let her do it, because no people on the China mainland will like to see Russian troops on China mainland, and Mao Tse-tung knows that.

With regard to the question of whether or not Russia will start a nuclear war. I can assure you now that Russia will not do so unless her own national security is threatened. I think you will agree with me that a country will only start a nuclear war when its national security is threatened, because whoever starts a nuclear war runs the danger of suicide.

Now, there are only three countries in this world who have the ability of starting nuclear war. One is the United States, the other Soviet Russia, the third is Great Britain. I don't see how our return to the mainland can threaten the national security of any of these countries in any way.

DEAN MANION: Thank you very much, General Yu, for this informative and helpful discussion. When I get back to the United States I will try to do something about the attitude of our people and of our Government toward your return to the mainland. Thank you again, very much.

GENERAL YU: Thank you, Doctor.

DEAN MANION: There my friends, you have two important messages taken directly in Free China. When the Chinese Communist apparatus on the Chinese mainland is destroyed by the Chinese people in the manner described by General Yu, the puppet Communist government of North Viet Nam will automatically collapse. Our Viet Nam war will end at the same time and the Vietnamese people, North and South, will be freed from the torturing guerrilla aggression that Mao Tse-tung and his Number Two man Lin Biao plan to project through the entire free world.

This fortuitous liberation of the Chinese people can never take place as long as such people as President Johnson, Hubert Humphrey, Arthur Goldberg and Robert Kennedy keep talking about building bridges between the American people and our deadly enemy the Communist government of China. As soon as President Johnson publicly expresses the hope that the Chinese people can manage to destroy the dia-

What Others Are Saying—

HATFIELD-DUNCAN

So far the U. S. Senate race between Governor Mark Hatfield and Democratic Representative Robert Duncan seems to hinge more on Viet Nam than the worth of either man as a United States Senator from Oregon. This, of course, is not the only otherwise clear issue that has been clouded by Viet Nam.

Hatfield has raised some questions as to why we are in Viet Nam, why the problem should not be in the lap of the United Nations rather than ours, why we carry almost the entire burden while other Pacific past nations and other allies ride virtually free. The thing that is wrong with these questions is the interpretation some people give them, contending they mean Hatfield opposes our aims and purposes in Viet Nam and this is not true.

Duncan, on the other hand, simply cheers the administration program on Viet Nam, asks no questions, and appears to be riding the more popular side of the issue. According to some polls, he is taking the vote away from Hatfield.

We would rather have Hatfield in Washington, asking questions about Viet Nam, than to have Duncan there riding the Administration winds.

We would rather, in fact, have Hatfield in Washington asking questions on all manner of national and international issues and voting his own mind, than to have Duncan there merely voting on all issues as the White House wishes.

Duncan's ploys with the bits of Scottish plaid, the Scot names, the Scot bagpipes are really shallow bits of political gimmicky. Anyone who will look at the record can see that he has voted for every item of lavish spending and extravagant programming the White House has suggested, yet by ballooning the accident of his Scot name he is building an image of a man dedicated to watching every taxpayer dollar. Some are believing. I am not.

Give Hatfield credit for the courage to fly in the face of political winds by asking questions. It is regrettable that some misinterpret these questions as meaning Hatfield opposes entirely the Viet Nam program, and it is tragic that some use Hatfield's courage to associate him with that small unwashed group who lie down in front of troop trains.

Send Hatfield to Washington and we will have an extremely useful man in hammering out the right and proper American program. Send Duncan to Washington, and we will be sending only a gift-wrapped, pre-stamped, pre-chewed vote for whatever gala spending trick the Administration will propose . . . regardless of the Scottish accident of his name.

—Lake County Examiner

AS YOU THINK, YOU TRAVEL

As you think, you travel; and as you love, you attract. You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you. You cannot escape the result of your thoughts, but you can endure and learn, can accept and be glad. You will realize the vision (not the ideal wish), of your heart, be it base or be it beautiful, or a mixture of both, for you will always gravitate towards that which you secretly must love. Into your hands will be placed the exact result of your thoughts; you will receive that which you earn; no more, no less. Whatever your present environment may be, you will fall, remain, or rise with your thoughts, your vision, your ideal. You will become as small as your controlling desire; as great as your dominant aspiration.

—ROSSEAU VAN VOORHIES

bolical regime that is now destroying them—the forces of Free China will immediately suit the action to the word.

Why doesn't President Johnson express that hope for the liberation of the Chinese? Does the President of the United States, for and in the name of the American people, have the moral right to keep 600 million impoverished Chinese people in Communist bondage? On the contrary, do we not have a moral obligation to say the word that will bring peace and freedom to China and Viet Nam?

These questions would seem to answer themselves. Why not ask President Johnson for his answers?

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