

Chinese Becoming Hateful of Russ, Douglas Claims

Chicago — (U.P.) — Sen. Paul H. Douglas, D-Ill., said Monday the Chinese are beginning to hate their Russian masters as a result of the Korean war and that "the soil is therefore being prepared" for a revolt.

He said also that when Russian Premier Josef Stalin dies, a struggle for power may break out in the Soviet Politburo "which would convulse Russia and render it incapable of aggression for a long time."

May Gain Long Peace

"If we can deter him for a few years from attacking, we may gain a long peace," Douglas said in an address prepared for the opening session of the Democratic National Convention. "Once the Russian dictatorship starts breaking up, the ice will melt rapidly."

Douglas said there is no "iron-clad guarantee" of peace but that the administration's policy is "effective resistance" to Communist aggression "is not only the best but is indeed the only hope for peace in the world."

Oregon To Stick With Kefauver

Chicago — (U.P.) — National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland said Monday that the Oregon delegation will stick with Sen. Estes Kefauver "as long as he is in the running" for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Sweetland said a report that some delegates from Oregon were talking about supporting another candidate after the first ballot was not true, so far as he knew.

"We are committed to Kefauver by the results of the Oregon primary," he said. "There seems to be no disposition on the part of any one in the delegation so far as we can determine to do anything but remain solid for Kefauver."

Red Political Head Arrested by Germans

Berlin — (U.P.) — East German Communists were reported Monday to have arrested the head of the Soviet Zone's liberal Democratic party in a new tightening of Red control of the zone.

West Berlin Socialists said East German secret police jailed Herbert Taeschner, secretary-general of the liberal Democratic Party, Friday on charges of espionage and illegal trade with the West just as he was about to flee to West Berlin.

Aborigines Have Good Idea, Doctor Believes

London — (U.P.) — Dr. Richard Waterman, an Evanston, Ill., sociologist, said Monday that aborigines in Arnhem land never have arguments with their mothers-in-law.

Native custom forbids a husband to speak to his mother-in-law and vice versa.

"Like the natives, I now believe the system has a tremendous advantage over white civilization," Waterman said.

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KILLER ON A DARE—Brooklyn detectives lead Don Ferrick, 17, to police station after he confessed that he shot and killed Rabbi Samuel S. London just to prove to a pal that he was "not chicken."

Identity of Meteorites

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Since my report and tracing map of the fiery, booming Seattle meteor of early May appeared in the newspapers on June 15, I have literally been bombarded by a shower of stones. These did not descend from the skies. They reached me by way of the mail carrier. The senders were sure—or at least hoped—that their specimens were true "stones that fell from the heavens."

I am always glad to examine such arrivals in the hope that a real meteorite will show up. These recent arrivals, however, have been not meteorites but "meteorongs." In my 20 years at this work I have found that only one-half of one per cent of the 1000 or more "suspects" received have been the "real thing." But that has been quite worthwhile.

Most of the samples received are lava, clinkers, granite, Jasper shale, thunder eggs and even agates. Many senders were sure they saw their "finds" descend in a blaze of glory the night before they were picked up. Let me quote here from a pamphlet by Dr. H. H. Nininger, the internationally known meteorite expert.

Not Light Rocks

"Meteorites are not light, porous rocks. They are not round like a ball. At least no round one is yet known. They are not hollow. They do not come to the ground in a burning condition. They do not set fires. They burn while high in the air but generally cease burning about five to 20 miles above the earth. They do not look like cinders. What then are the characteristics of meteorites? They are heavy, much heavier than ordinary rocks, and are solid. One type is very weighty. Freshly fallen ones are generally covered with a thin fusion crust, usually dark in color. Their shape is irregular and their surface is often pitted.

There are three general types of meteorites: metal, stony-metal, and stony. The metallic type consists roughly of about 90 per cent of iron and 10 per cent of nickel. A file used on such will remove the thin dark crust and reveal a silvery appearing interior. A cut, polished surface properly treated with acid brings out the beautiful crystalline structure never found in terrestrial rocks.

Stony Type

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Switzerland's Army Could Play Big Part In NATO Defense Plans

Paris — (U.P.) — North Atlantic Treaty Organization planners, seeking urgently to back field divisions with competent European reserves, cast envious eyes at Switzerland, where a force of some 15 divisions can be mobilized in 48 hours.

There is hardly a professional military man on the staffs of the 14 nations comprising the Atlantic alliance who doesn't envy the mobilization scheme of the tiny "neutral" nation. It compares with the American "Minute Men" who fought Britain in the Revolution.

It makes Switzerland a barrier to any possible Communist expansion in that direction.

Plans to back present NATO troops deployed against any Russian attack with adequate reserves that would enable them to hold out for some length of time is one of the main headaches plaguing Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway and his staff. There doesn't seem to be any immediate solution in sight.

Always Armed

Almost any western military planner admits openly that the western allies — including the United States — could pick up a few tips from the little land behind the Alps where every man above the age of 20 packs a gun and can shoot it in the tradition of William Tell.

Bigger nations such as Britain and France, as well as the United States, at present would take anywhere from weeks to months for their complicated mobilization schemes to call shoe clerks from the stores and put them in uniform behind a gun.

The "model" Swiss mobilization scheme works smoothly.

Every able-bodied male reaching 20 receives four months basic training. From then until he reaches 30 he takes a three-week refresher course every year. After that he is earmarked for the reserve and instant mobilization until he "retires" at the age of 60 and is given his army rifle as a gift.

Always, he keeps his gun, uniform and ammunition in his home.

Must Keep Sharp

Furthermore, every one of them is required to shoot at least 24 rounds a year. The sharpshooting Swiss usually fire off a lot more shells than that.

A force of some 15 divisions can be fielded within 48 hours by the Swiss mobilization plans. Under the scheme, about 200,000 men are in uniform at any one time. A force of 10,000 "civilian" specialists maintain Switzerland's modern tanks and artillery.

The Swiss army is one of the best equipped on the continent.

The air force also is well stocked with British model vampire jets which maneuver constantly amid the tricky air currents of the snow-capped Alps.

Switzerland, furthermore, is well equipped with secret "Sunday punch" defenses that the average tourist probably never notices as he purrs in his automobile over the country's excellent roads.

Defenses Strong

Spotted strategically all along the roads are tank traps and obstacles that can be "sprung" at a moment's notice. The hills and mountains are checkered with well-armed pill boxes in which a handful of men probably could hold out almost indefinitely against a much stronger force.

Allied intelligence experts are still inclined to go along with the German war-time assessment of the danger of trying to march into Switzerland when Hitler's Wehrmacht thought it over and decided the price would be too high.

The same intelligence officers are inclined to believe also that the Russian general staff would not try to pay the bloody price necessary to conquer the neutral little land. The Swiss leave no doubt they will fight hard if attacked.

So, still neutral and not a member of the western anti-Communist alliance, Switzerland is a "dividend" to the NATO planners drawing defense plans for western Europe.



PLATES OF NORWEGIAN FREIGHTER, Black Gull, are buckling under tremendous blast of fire which burned it to water line 65 miles south of Quonset, R. I. Swedish merchant ship Gripsholm and other vessels rescued 45 men and women who jumped into the sea. Air view was made from U. S. Coast Guard plane after all aboard had been rescued. (International Soundphoto)

Minister Gives Stern Warning to Parishioners

Salem, N. H. — (U.P.) — The Rev. Wilfred de Marais' congregation was sweltering.

Father de Marais cancelled his sermon but called upon his parishioners to meditate on one thought.

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