

# Ike's Decision on Defense of Formosa Repudiation of Truman Far East Policy

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Eisenhower's formal decision to make a hot war defense of Formosa against any Red Chinese attack is a sober repudiation of Truman administration Far Eastern policies.

Events long since drove President Truman and his secretary of state, Dean Acheson, to abandon their position on Far East defenses. They abandoned it, literally, under

fire-artillery and rifle fire of invading Korean Communists.

It is exactly five years and 20 days since President Truman set forth his original Formosa policy. He announced on Jan. 5, 1950, that the United States would take no action, direct or indirect, to defend Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists on Formosa.

This surprise announcement shocked congressional Republicans to instant protest. It came three days after former President Hoover and the late Sen. Robert A. Taft publicly had called for Formosa's defense. Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur and the Joint Chiefs of Staff were reported at the time to hold the

same views of Formosa's importance to United States defense.

**British Recognize Reds**

On the day of Mr. Truman's announcement, the British Socialist government advised Communist China that diplomatic relations with Chiang's Nationalists would be broken and that the Reds would be recognized.

In the same week, United Press Correspondent Ernest Hoberecht, in Tokyo, obtained and reported the text of a secret State Department memorandum circulated in the Far East. The paper said Formosa's fall to the Reds was to be expected and that the public should be convinced that Formosa meant little

to United States security.

There were immediate congressional demands that Acheson explain the meaning and purpose of that document. Acheson's most significant response was a National Press Club speech on Jan. 12 drawing the American defense line in the Far East, excluding Formosa and Korea.

Taft told the Senate a State Department "left wing group" sought to get rid of Chiang and was opposing China policy as laid down by Congress.

Taft predicted that the Red Chinese would not invade Formosa—as they threatened then and now—if they were warned in advance that the United States Navy would defend the island. Mr. Truman's response to that was that the Senator was no military expert.

**Korea Attacked Instead**

The expected invasion of Formosa did not come off. But at dawn of June 25, six months later, Communist North Korean troops invaded non-Communist South Korea.

President Eisenhower's message to Congress Monday asking okay-in-advance for any needful shooting defense said the Formosa situation had become so critical that he dare not await action of the United Nations, although he hoped the U.N. would take jurisdiction of the Red raids and threats to invade.

The U.N. was on a fast track in June of 1950. Less than 13 hours after the invasion of South Korea, the U.N. Security Council issued a cease fire order and

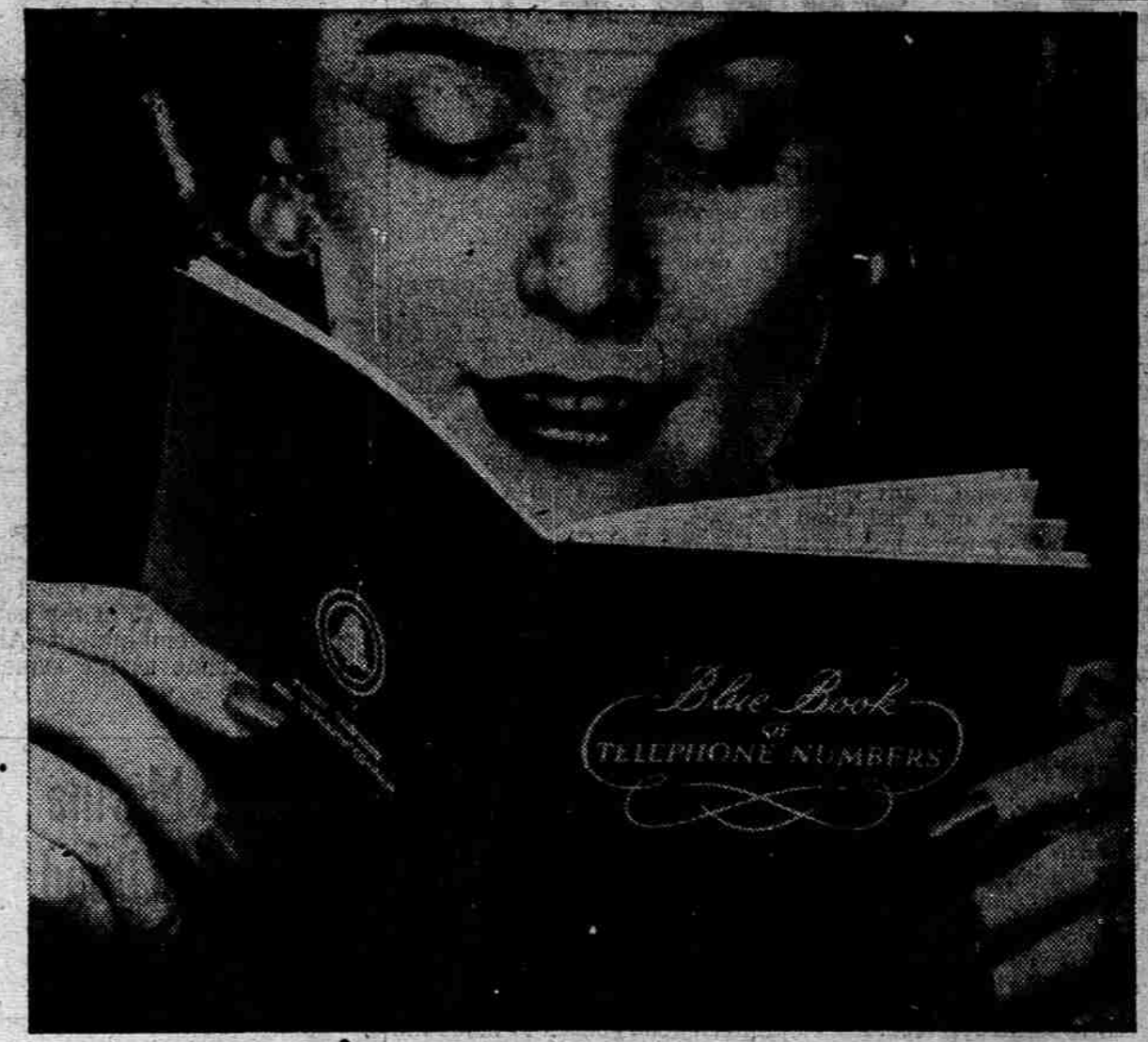
asked members to help enforce it. Two days later Mr. Truman ordered the Navy and Air Force to help stop the invaders. The Navy got special orders, also, to defend Formosa. The U.N. invoked sanction against North Korea on the same day, June 27, and asked all U.N. members to help South Korea. The Soviet Union, member of the Security Council, was absent during all of this, having previously walked out in protest on an unrelated issue.

**Orders Ground Force In**

Three more days were sufficient to convince Mr. Truman that the so-called police action undertaken by the United States and the U.N. in Korea could not be carried out on the sea and in the air. He ordered MacArthur to send in the ground troops.

Russia's absence from the U.N. Security Council was counted a great stroke of luck at the time, enabling the U.N. to act affirmatively and quickly. But as the police action wore on into a costly, bloody war, the big U.N. allies of the United States used their own unofficial veto of certain American tactics and strategy. There are many—starred veterans of the Korean war who believe it could have been won—Red China decisively defeated—if MacArthur had been permitted to hit them where it hurt.

This time, so far at least, the United States is going it alone. It remains to be seen now whether a defense of Formosa would mean jet bombers over Red China.



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## Coloradoan Has Novel Way Of Uncovering Silver Ore

Montezuma, Colo. — (U.P.)—Young Tom Martin has a long way to go before he can match the fortune of the late H. A. W. Tabor.

But when it comes to getting the ore out of the ground, the 36-year-old Martin could give the "Silver King" some valuable lessons.

Martin's new and novel method of uncovering silver veins came to light following the announcement that Burke-Martin Mines, Inc., had uncovered a silver vein so thick and rich that the valuable ore was being trucked out in sacks under armed guard.

One conservative estimate was that the vein, some three feet thick and about 80 feet long, would yield between a quarter and a half million dollars.

That doesn't quite put Martin in the same class with Tabor, but it's a pretty good start, and by the time he gets through he might outdistance his fabulous predecessor.

Whereas Tabor made his discoveries, which allowed him to amass a fortune of upwards of \$10,000,000, with pick and shovel and brought his ore out with burros, Martin believes in doing things the easy way—with the aid of equipment that Tabor never had a chance to hear about.

**Started on Top**

Martin set out from the top of a mountain peak, which already had yielded several fortunes in silver, in a bulldozer. Using the blade, he methodically sheared off the slopes on his journey downward, making a road at the same time.

As a result of his unique mining method, he exposed seven veins of silver.

As his uncle, Bud Martin, put it:

"Tom took the mystery out of mining. By the time he got through he could see what he had."

Martin's mining operations are being carried on in the vicinity of 13,074-foot high Whale Peak, six miles southwest of Montezuma, and on the very same slope wherein lies the old Silver Wing tunnel and only a short distance from the famous Champion family mine.

It was in this same area where Tom's uncle, John Burke, amassed three fortunes in silver using the old pick and shovel method. Burke once uncovered a single hunk of silver ore worth \$28,000.

Martin said one vein he uncovered yielded ore running 854 ounces of ruby silver, one-half ounce of gold and eight per cent lead to the ton. That would net him roughly \$770 a ton for the silver.

"Tom doesn't know for sure just what he has yet, but he knows he hit upon something terrific," Bud Martin said. "Each blast brings up something new."

**Uranium Possible**

The Martins are not talking about the possibility of also coming up with rich deposits of uranium—but that is a possibility.

Just across the road from their property the Montezuma Uranium Co., headed by Marlin Thompson, admit they have hit "two hot spots," with most of the ore running over one-half per cent uranium and averaging about .45. Burke-Martin owns considerable stock in Montezuma Uranium Co. and chances appear good that this one runs over into the Burke-Martin property.

The high-grade silver Martin

and his 14 employees are bringing out is being taken directly to the American Smelting & Refining Co. plant near Leadville. The lower grade ore goes to the Pat Vincent mill just two miles from the mines.

The residents of Montezuma, which was once a bustling mining community where wealth abounded, have taken a new lease on life since Martin moved his operations into the area.

This old town can sense it is on the verge of another boom—one that might outshadow its birth.

## Serious Illnesses on Weekly Disease List

Several cases of serious illness were included in a list of 29 cases of communicable disease reported to the county health office last week, according to the office's weekly report.

They include two cases of tuberculosis in Medford; one of meningitis in Talent; two of infectious hepatitis, one each in Medford and Talent, and five cases of virus pneumonia, two in Ashland and one each in Medford, Trail and Rogue River.

Other cases reported included three of strep throat, five of measles, three of influenza, five of chickenpox, two of whooping cough, and one of scarlet fever.

**Dead line Sunday classified as at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.**

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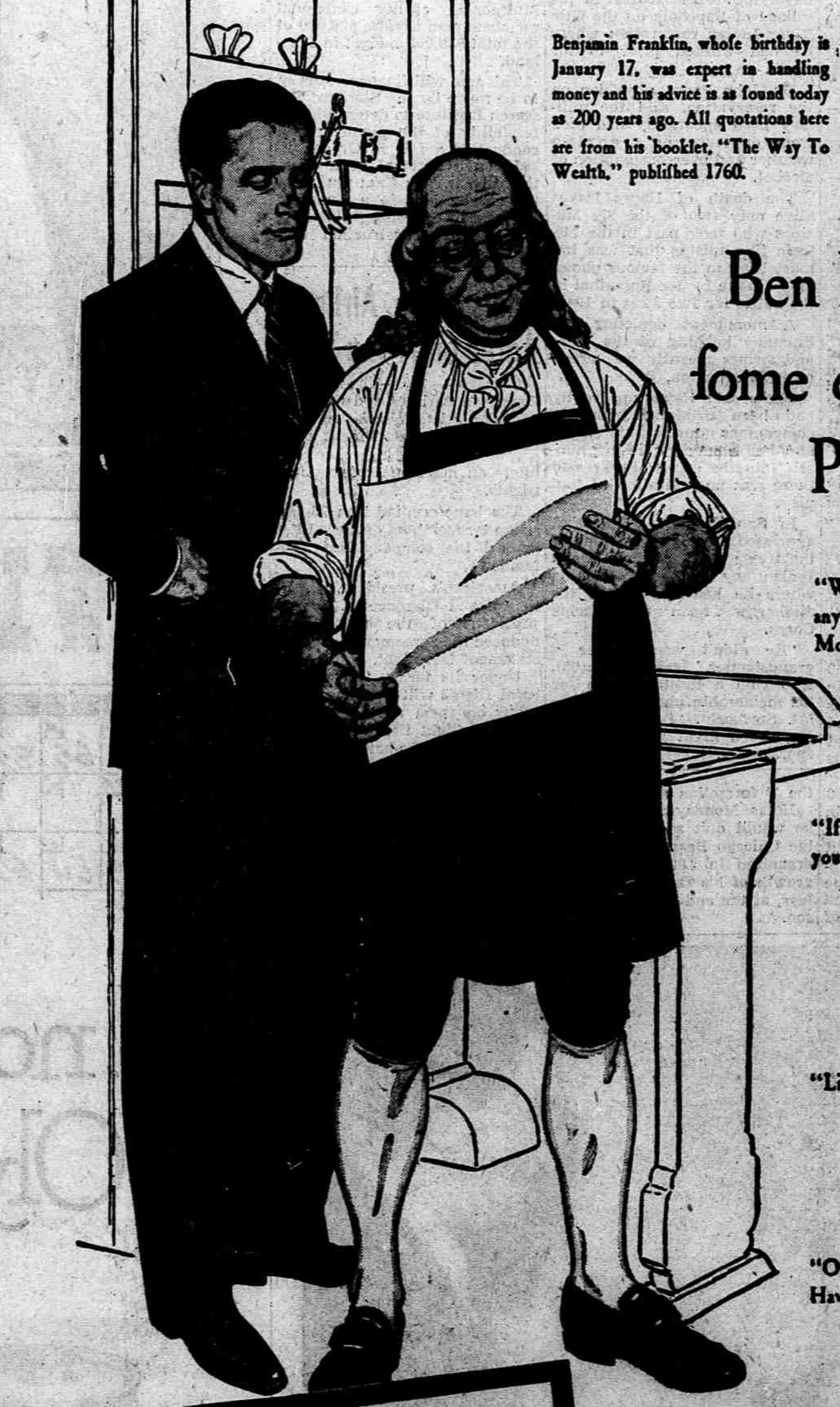
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