

Time Has Come for Showdown With Red China, Chennault Says

MacArthur Warns of Nuclear Suicide Unless Wars Abolished

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur called on world leaders Wednesday night to help abolish war or face the possibility that the earth may someday be destroyed in a giant nuclear blast.

The next great advance in the evolution of civilization cannot take place until war is abolished," MacArthur said in a speech commemorating his 75th birthday. He received a standing ovation from a crowd of 1,000 before he spoke.

"The leaders are the laggards," MacArthur said. "The disease of power seems to confuse and befuddle them."

He said the ordinary people of the world, whether slave or free, agree that war should be abolished.

"And this perhaps is the only thing in the world they do agree upon," he said.

Describes Great Illusions
He said present tensions with their threat of national annihilation are kept alive by two great illusions. "The one a complete

belief on the part of the Soviet world that the capitalist countries are preparing to attack them . . . and the other a complete belief on the part of the capitalist countries that the Soviet are preparing to attack us."

Both are wrong, he said. For either side war with the other would mean nothing but disaster. "But the constant acceleration of preparation may well, without specific intent, ultimately produce a spontaneous combustion."

MacArthur also charged that the Formosa crisis demonstrates "the inherent weakness" of collective security and warned that the ultimate fate of the Far East and the rest of the world will not be settled by war.

He said the United States must "break out of the straight jacket of the past" and proclaim its readiness to abolish war along with the other world powers.

Warns of Nuclear Suicide
MacArthur warned that un-

less the masses force the abolition of war, a preparedness race may throw the world into a suicidal nuclear war by "spontaneous combustion."

MacArthur stormed mightily against war throughout his entire speech.

The famed "Old Soldier" pleaded with leaders on both sides of the Iron Curtain to heed the wishes of their peoples by seeking a workable plan for disarmament and peace and decrying recent statements in Washington that the nation must go on, for 50 years or more, preparing for war as a means of preserving peace.

He said that at present restless scientific hands are "at work feverishly in dark laboratories to find the means to destroy all at one blow."

MacArthur's speech was sponsored by the American Legion, climaxing a full day of festivities during which he spoke at the dedication of a statue of himself in MacArthur Park.

Victory Believed Easier Now Than One Year Hence

Editor's note: The author of the following exclusive interview is a United Press vice president who has reported Asia affairs for the past 14 years. The subject of his interview, Major Gen. Claire Chennault of "Flying Tigers" fame, speaks frankly in his timely comment on the crisis with Red China.

By EARNST HOBEBRECHT United Press Correspondent
Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — Major Gen. Claire Chennault (ret.), said today the "time has come for a showdown with the Chinese Communists."

Chennault said in an exclusive interview that it will be easier for the United States and her Asian allies to defeat the Red Chinese now than one year hence.

"They (the Red Chinese) are not our friends and are not fit for membership in the United Nations," Chennault said. "They have demonstrated this."

"We had better have a showdown now," the former commander of the Flying Tigers added. "I don't like war but sometimes it's better to fight things out. The Red Chinese are the only aggressors in Asia. They are doing all the shooting and all the moving forward."

Chennault defended Nationalist Chinese retaliatory attacks against the Reds.

Trying to Return Fire
"The Chinese Nationalists are only trying to return the fire to protect themselves," he said.

Chennault said he did not believe American ground troops would be needed in a showdown with the Red Chinese.

"We can use troops of friendly Asian nations who are plenty willing to fight if we supply them and provide air and sea assistance," Chennault said. "We can run the Chinese Reds out of China if we will use our Asian Allies who want to fight."

Chennault said the Chinese Nationalists and South Koreans have a greater combined, first-class fighting force than the Red Chinese.

"The Reds strained every muscle to get 1,000,000 men into Korea and many of them were 'Human Wave' troops rather than first class soldiers," he said.

He said he believed the Chinese Nationalists and South Koreans could put two or three million men on the battlefields if America supplies them. The retired general also said he refused to go along with those who fear the great numbers of Chinese on the mainland. "Red China's big population is not the deciding factor," Chennault said.

Matter of Supply
"The real factor is what the Communists can equip and supply. Her tanks, guns, planes and other main war items must come from Russia. This is a big logistic problem. Then, when the supplies get to China, she still has only one railroad to move them from north to south.

"If we let South Koreans hit the Communists through North Korea and let the Chinese Nationalists hit the Reds in South China, the Chinese Reds will have two fronts and they cannot handle them."

"That one rail line — if we let it operate and don't bomb it, is not enough to handle military needs and remember it also must take care of civilians."

"China is not like America or Europe. It does not have other lines or good roads. Without supplies the Reds couldn't fight long."

Should Hold Tachen
Chennault said it would be "extremely ill advised" to give up Tachen for the following reasons:

1. It probably is more essential to the defense of Okinawa than Formosa.

2. It is the last land held by friends between the China mainland and Okinawa and offers good air and sea observation posts.

3. Tachen can be defended or the Reds could be made to pay the heaviest price for them.

4. Once the Reds have the Tachens they can swing their attention to the south for an attack on Formosa from the mainland via Quemoy.

5. It will be a big blow to the Chinese Nationalist morale to give them up.

It will weaken the American positions with other Asians who will wonder if the Americans ever really will fight to defend them against aggressors. It might cost America lots in loss of confidence."

Critics of Defense Resolution Hope To Forbid U.S. Troop Use in Red China

Washington — (U.P.) — Senate critics of a resolution giving the President unlimited authority to defend Formosa hoped today to amend it to forbid U.S. forces to attack the Red China mainland.

But indications were still strong that the resolution will be approved as originally submitted by the President when it comes up for a final vote, perhaps Friday. It already has cleared the House.

Some senators were concerned over reports that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and military spokesmen feel the resolution clearly permits possible action on the Chinese mainland and nearby Nationalist-held islands if necessary to defend Formosa.

Such reports leaked from closed-door meetings of the Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees after testimony by the military chiefs and Dulles.

Wants To Go Slower
Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.), criticizing administration attempts to ram the resolution through too quickly, told newsmen "There would be considerable concern to the public if it knew what I hear was said in those secret hearings."

Long is not on either committee and did not attend the hearings.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.), with Long and Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-N.Y.) as co-

sponsors, introduced amendments Wednesday night to specifically exclude possible military action on the mainland or Nationalist-held islands close offshore.

Humphrey said he feels strongly the amendments should be adopted but plans to support the resolution even if they are not. Long said he has not firmly decided whether he will oppose it.

A similar amendment has been introduced by Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.).

Foes Concede Passage
But even announced opponents of the resolution, such as Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (R-Vt.), conceded it will pass by "an overwhelming vote" on the final showdown.

The Foreign Relations and

Armed Services committees approved the resolution 26 to 2 Wednesday with Langer and Wayne L. Morse (Ind.-Ore.) casting the only dissenting votes.

Before approving it, the committee rejected by votes of 20 to 8 an earlier amendment by Humphrey and a complete substitute by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) to handle the Formosa crisis entirely through the United Nations and to keep U.S. forces away from the Chinese mainland.

Long urged that secret testimony by Dulles and the military chiefs before the two committees be made public.

"We should have time to think about this," Long told newsmen. "If we are going to give Mr. Eisenhower an invitation to attack the Communist

Chinese mainland, I believe he should give us time to fully understand what we are doing."

Critics of the President's request complained that it is a "blank check" that amounts in effect to a "predated" declaration of war over which Congress would have no later say. But administration forces, led by Senate GOP Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) and Republican Whip Leverett Saltonstall (Mass.), argue that the action is necessary to prevent a massive Communist attack on Formosa.

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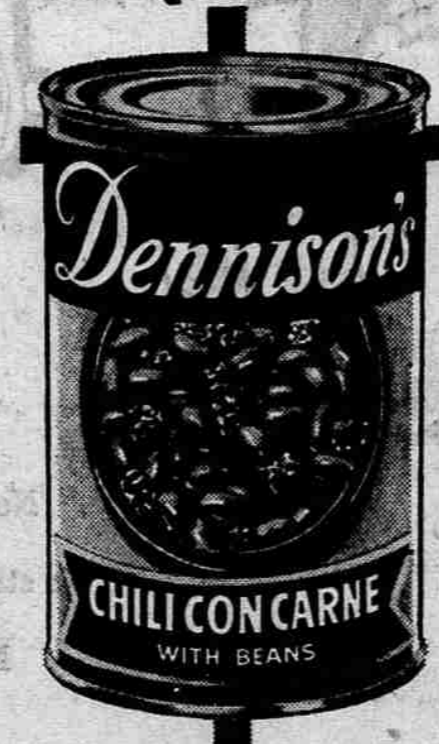
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