

# RED CHINA DEMANDS US BE LABELED AS AGGRESSOR

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### More Non-Combatants Removed From Tachen; Shooting Continues

#### Red China Ships Driven Off by Nationalist Fire

#### Mighty Naval Force Massed for Signal

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—Chinese Communist warships, planes and artillery attacked Nationalist islands off the China coast today and the Defense ministry announced that more non-combatants were being evacuated from Tachen.

Four Red Chinese warships attacked Nationalist-held Yushan Island, a defense outpost some 40 miles north of Tachen, but were driven off by concentrated artillery fire from the island's defense garrison, the ministry announced.

Nationalist Chinese bombers struck enemy forces north of Tachen and hit a large Communist supply ship with bombs, rockets and machinegun fire, leaving the 2,000-ton vessel badly crippled and sinking.

The Defense Ministry said a convoy of American-built landing ships carrying civilians, wounded and prisoners of war would arrive at the northern port of Keelung today from Tachen.

However, there was no official word yet on when the evacuation of the Nationalist garrison would begin. The ministry said the garrison's orders were still to fight to the death if attacked.

The mightiest American naval force assembled since the Korean war stood off northern Formosa ready to help once the word is flashed from Washington. The 7th Fleet included five big carriers and Singapore reported the 45,000-ton carrier Midway passed there at full steam on its way to Formosa, three days ahead of schedule.

A high American official said the fleet was delaying evacuation of the Tachens because the United States hopes a cease fire in the Formosa Strait will permit a peaceful withdrawal without the danger of a major war.

Awaiting U. S. Decision  
American officials said the delay in removing the 10,000 Nationalist troops and 20,000 civilians from the Tachens, 200 miles north of Formosa, was not due to any stand taken by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The officials said there was no doubt the Nationalists still were trying to get the Americans to make a definite public commitment regarding Quemoy Island, 300 miles south of the Tachens, and Matsu, midway between, but that this was not the main factor delaying the evacuation.

Nationalist officials were reported bitter over the U. N. invitation to Communist China to send representatives to the Security Council to debate a Formosa cease fire.

#### DOW - JONES AVERAGES

New York—(U.P.)—Dow-Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 409.70, up 0.87; 20 railroads 143.66, off 0.63; 15 utilities 62.09, up 0.07, and 65 stocks 150.48, off 0.01. Sales today were about 3,320,000 shares compared with 3,500,000 shares traded yesterday.

### Mothers' March on Polio Shows Total of \$5,458.94

Preliminary figures from last night's Mothers' March on polio show that \$5,458.94 was turned over to the March of Dimes, according to J. D. Montieth, campaign treasurer. Montieth said money was still coming in this morning and that the Mothers' March total "probably" would reach \$5,500.

The preliminary figure is the largest ever collected in a Mothers' March in Medford, Montieth said.

Mrs. Lew Miles, city march chairman, said this morning that she was "proud and humble" over the success of the march. "All the credit goes to the mothers who took their assigned rounds at the appointed hour and did a good job," Mrs. Miles said.

Thomas J. Reeder, city March



PLAN TACHEN EVACUATION — Vice Adm. Alfred H. Pride (second from right), commander of the U. S. 7th Fleet, goes over strategy with his staff officers aboard the flagship USS Helena at Formosa. Left to right: Capt. H. L. Jukes, Capt. L. K. Reynolds, Lt. Cdr. Glen Echard, Adm. Pride and Capt. O. D. T. Lynch. Units from the Pacific Coast are on the way to bolster the already powerful 7th Fleet as firm warning to Red China that the U. S. intends to carry out the evacuation of the Tachen Islands.

### Recruiting Offices Jammed as Thousands Seek GI Bill Benefits

By UNITED PRESS  
Young men by the thousands jammed recruiting offices across the nation Monday night to enlist in the armed services before the expiration of the G. I. Bill of Rights expired at midnight.

So many clamored to join up that hundreds were turned away because the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps quotas were filled or because the would-be enlistees showed up too late.

The youths formed queues and

enlistments jumped as high as 680 per cent in some cities. Many recruiting offices stayed open until midnight to handle the rush.

The enlistees hoped to qualify for such benefits as farm and home loan guarantees and limited education grants. These went off the law books at midnight.

Remaining were such benefits as medical treatment, disability compensation and burial expenses.

A good number of the enlistees apparently were betting that Congress would extend full educational benefits to persons enlisting before the Jan. 31 deadline. Congress has been pushing such legislation.

Recruiters said the rush to get into the services has been going on all through January.

The heaviest last minute rush was in New England, where thousands of youths jammed the recruiting offices and hundreds were turned down. In Boston, January enlistments for the various service branches totaled 2,150.

Army and Navy recruiting offices in northern California said enlistments ran 300 to 400 per cent above normal and all stations stayed open until midnight.

All previous records for Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard recruitments were broken at Pittsburgh. Processing began at 8 a. m. and continued right up to the deadline, ending up with 108 new sailors, 121 new soldiers, and 132 new Air Force men.

At Denver, Colo., Army and Navy enlistments went 200 per cent above the January quotas.

The biggest rush to enlist in peacetime history reached its peak in Los Angeles with 150 rookies jamming the crowded Army processing center. The center's average is 60 a day, but it hit a high of 306 one day in January.

The Navy equalled its peak day in Los Angeles when it swore in 250 men to bring its January total to 1,400.

#### Distinguished Service Award Dinner Tonight

The Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce tonight will present its distinguished service award for 1954 to Otto Ewaldsen. The presentation will be made at a dinner meeting at the Jackson hotel, starting at 7:30 p. m.

Ewaldsen was chosen by a panel of judges from nominations submitted to them. The award will honor him for work on the school board, in civic affairs, business organizations, military service and church activities.

#### Light Snowfall Noted In Medford Vicinity

There was a light fall of snow in Medford and the vicinity this morning, but the weather bureau here recorded it only as a "trace." It was sufficient to cover lawns and parked cars with white before melting in sunlight later in the morning.

A forecast of cooler, clearing weather was given for tonight,

### \$3,826,313 in Taxes And Fees Collected

Taxes and fees amounting to \$3,826,313.19 were collected by the Jackson county sheriff's office during the six-months period ending Dec. 31, 1954, according to a report released this morning by Sheriff Howard Gault.

Included in the total were \$3,823,733.93 in taxes, \$1,996.35 in service and miscellaneous fees, \$425.11 in personal taxes, \$105.50 in gun permit fees, and \$25.30 for prisoners' board.

A breakdown of the total for taxes showed that \$3,463,608.14 was for the 1954-1955 fiscal year, \$245,178.14 was for 1953-1954, \$73,418.35 was for 1952-1953, \$21,926.10 was for 1951-1952, \$13,674.03 was for 1950-1951, and the remainder was for prior to 1950-1951.

The amount collected for the period prior to 1950-1951 included more than \$1,200 for 1935, according to the report.

### Government Loses Tax Test Suit

Washington—(U.P.)—The government has lost a test suit to collect more taxes from apartment buildings accused of making "windfall profits" on government insured mortgage loans, it was disclosed today.

The suit was overruled by the 16-judge U. S. Tax Court in an opinion written by Judge Norman O. Teitgen. There were no dissenters from his opinion.

The Internal Revenue Service was trying to collect some \$3,000,000 in back taxes from the tenants involved in Glen Oaks V-11 stockholders of 26 corporations in the Queens section of New York City, and Mas Homes, Baltimore, Md.

#### Driver Arrested After Two-Vehicle Accident

James Ernest Porter, 38, of 425 North Grape st., was arrested following an accident at about noon today, and was charged with operating a car while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, according to city police.

Porter's car struck a parked car registered to Vern Lee Pearson, 41 North Bartlett st., in front of the Rogue Valley State bank, at 1105 Court st., officers said. Both vehicles were considerably damaged.

Pearson was cited for not having an operator's license on his person, police reported.

#### Groundhog May See Shadow in Oregon

By UNITED PRESS  
The weather bureau said today there was a 50-50 chance of the groundhog seeing his shadow in Oregon tomorrow and signal six more weeks of winter.

The forecast called for partly cloudy skies with a few scattered showers or snow flurries. It depends upon the time of day the groundhog comes out at to whether he sees his shadow.

The five-day outlook calls for recurring showers and cool temperatures in western Oregon and cold temperatures in eastern Oregon.

### Hundreds Greet Princess Margaret On Caribbean Tour

#### Governor Heads Welcoming Group

Port of Spain—(U.P.)—Hundreds of Britons, American tourists and Trinidad citizens raised a welcoming cheer today when Britain's Princess Margaret alighted on this island of orchids and whistling frogs to open her Caribbean tour.

The Princess officially set foot on new world soil for the first time in her 24 years when she came down the gangway of the American-built Stratocruiser Canopus at the end of a 28-hour, 5000 mile flight from London.

Welcomed by Governor Maj. Gen. Sir Hubert Rance, 56, of oil and sugar-rich Trinidad and neighboring Tobago since 1950, welcomed the Princess when she landed at Piarco airport.

Royalty-conscious Trinidadians began gathering in pouring rain even before the Princess left London on a month's tour of Britain's West Indian colonies—some 28 hours before her scheduled arrival.

### Selection of Jury Under Way Today In Starkey Retrial

Selection of a jury for the retrial of LeRoy Elmer (Bud) Starkey Jr., 20, Eagle Point, got under way in circuit court this morning with Judge James Bain, Portland, presiding.

Starkey is charged with assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon. He is accused of stabbing Jacksonville artist John Philip Hensleman at Hensleman's studio home last April.

The defendant was granted a new trial by Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna after having been convicted on the charge and sentenced to an indeterminate period not to exceed 10 years in the state penitentiary.

Starkey has been free on bond totalling \$6,500 since his attorney, Edward Kelley, filed a motion for a new trial.

In his questioning of prospective jurors this morning, Kelly indicated that the defense will be based on a contention that "the defendant is a victim of a frameup" between two other people.

Principal witnesses for the state in the original trial were Hensleman and John Munn Cushman, 25, Grants Pass, who is being held in the Jackson county jail on forgery and California parole violation charges.

The original trial lasted five days, and courtroom sources indicated that the retrial may last longer.

The state is represented by District Attorney Walter Nunley and Deputy District Attorney Russell D. Forest.

### Council Business Will Be 'Routine'

Mostly routine business is expected at the Medford city council meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall, according to the city manager's office.

Mayor Earl Miller plans to name a legislative committee, overhead traffic sign changes will be discussed, two paving assessment projects will be up for final approval, and assignment of medical aid and hospitalization insurance from the Oregon Physicians' service to the Rogue Valley Physicians' service will be presented.

City Manager Robert Duff added that the council will also consider a planning commission recommendation for location of the proposed new hospital.

### Road Conditions

Police officers stationed on the Siskiyou and Green Springs mountain passes early this afternoon reported that it had started to snow hard, and that if it kept up for any time, chains would be needed for travel across the two routes.

There is 10 inches of roadside snow on the Siskiyou. Chains are mandatory on Oregon mountain on the Redwood highway, police reported, with eight inches of new snow.

### Weather

FORECAST: Clearing and cooler tonight, valley fog Wednesday morning, partly cloudy in afternoon. Low tonight 22-25; high Wednesday 45.

Highest Yesterday	45	Temp.
Lowest this Morning	39	Prec.
T. 4:30 a.m. Today	45	44

### Bill To Abolish Crime Comic Books In Oregon Senate

Salem—(U.P.)—A bill to abolish obscene comic books or others that make crime seem fascinating to minors was before the Oregon Senate today, and a companion bill would bar a magazine distributor from forcing "package deals" on magazine stands.

Under the "package deal," some distributors have forced certain so-called comic books on the dealer before he can get other wanted books, even though the dealer himself may find the books thrust upon him objectionable.

Would Authorize Commission  
One of the measures, introduced by Sen. John C. F. Merrifield (R-Portland) would authorize a county court or commission to establish an advisory committee to evaluate books sold on magazine stands and elsewhere.

The committee would determine whether certain publications were harmful to minors because they are indecent, or use obscene language, or "stir up sex impulses that lead to sexually impure and lustful thoughts." The committee also would determine if the comic books contain stories of crime or deeds of bloodshed presented in such a way as to induce imitation and weak respect for law and justice, or ridicule or attack any racial, religious or cultural groups.

Bill Authorizes List  
The county court or commission would then be empowered to publish a list of books which in the opinion of the committee are harmful to minors and should not be available to them.

The companion bill would make it a misdemeanor for a distributor, his employee or agent to "require any purchaser, to receive all of any certain group of such publications or any specified selection of various publications as a condition, term or other requirement of the sale or delivery or right to receive" any one or more of the publications.

Violators of this law could be punished by a fine up to \$500, a sentence of up to one year in the county jail, or both fine and imprisonment.

Sen. Merrifield said he introduced the measure after reading newspaper articles and editorials on the problem; talking with representatives of such groups as the Parent-Teachers Association, and after the Youth for

Public Schools Fearful  
Belton said the public seemed fearful the Legislature would impose a state property tax this year. But he pointed out that such a tax would not require legislation. It is already on the books. He said that if such a tax is collected, it would stem directly from voter action in increasing school support, approving a veterans bonus, and setting certain fixed millages for school support.

The committee today approved tentative reports on 15 departmental budgets, most of them operating on their own or dedicated funds rather than out of the tightly-pinched general fund. Minor reductions were voted in the budgets of the Board of Architectural Examiners, the Banking Department, the Board of Control, and the Insurance Department. Others were left at the figures requested by department heads.

68 Oil Paintings Stolen From Cabin  
Sixty-eight oil paintings stolen from a cabin in the vicinity of Old Military rd. have been recovered with the arrest of two 14-year-old boys, according to Sheriff Howard Gault.

The paintings were taken from a cabin owned by Ernest Untermyer, route 2, box 426A, Medford, who is in Utah at the present time.

The theft was discovered by a neighbor, Wilbert W. Lull, route 2, box 426, who reported the matter to the sheriff's office.

The two boys, who were arrested following a brief investigation, admitted taking other articles from the cabin, officers said.

There was no indication of what use the boys planned to make of the paintings. The youths have been turned over to juvenile authorities.

### Unknown Thief Steals March of Dimes Coins

Talent—A thief took a March of Dimes coin container from the post office lobby at Talent sometime Sunday, according to postal employees.

Acting Postmaster Josephine Teeter reported that the container had at least \$2 in it last week. A check with the local MOD chairman showed that the container had not been picked up by a worker, and must have been stolen.

### Soviet General Says US To Be Battleground

(PASSED BY SOVIET CENSOR)  
Moscow—(U.P.)—A Russian general warned today that the United States would be the battleground for any atomic third World War.

Maj. Gen. N. Talensky said the United States favors atomic warfare because it is less dependent on "the broad popular masses" who are "for peace and against new war."

But he said it would be the United States and not the Soviet Union that would be reduced to an atomic "no man's land" in such a war.

### 20 Children, Two Adults Lose Lives In Three Fires in New York, Virginia

By UNITED PRESS  
Three fires in New York State and Virginia killed 22 persons, 20 of them children, during the night and early today.

Another child was in critical condition from burns. Twelve persons, including 11 children ranging in age from six months to 11 years, burned to death in a blaze that destroyed a 10-family tenement at Amsterdam, N. Y.

The dead included 14-year-old Anne Mateka who tried to rescue

### United Nations Requested To Junk Zealand Proposal

Invitation Expected To Receive Refusal  
United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Communist China demanded today that the United Nations junk a New Zealand proposal for a Formosa cease fire and support a Russian resolution labeling the United States as an "aggressor."

The demand was a broad hint Peiping would reject the United Nations invitation to participate in Security Council discussion of the New Zealand measure but would be willing to sit in on discussions of the Russian measure.

Further Discussion Delayed  
The Security Council held up further discussion of the Formosa situation until an official reply is received from Chou En-lai, the Chinese Communist premier and foreign minister. But Peiping radio broadcasts announced in advance the reply would be negative.

The Security Council voted 9 to 1 Monday night to invite Red China to New York and an hour later Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold dispatched a cablegram to Chou. The United States voted for the invitation but made it clear its vote did not affect U.S. opposition to Red Chinese membership in the United Nations.

Nationalist China, which voted against inviting Red China, was bitter over the U.N. move.

### Budget Requests Asked To Be Kept At Level of 1953

Salem—(U.P.)—Sen. Howard Belton, co-chairman of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, today directed committee members to hold department budget requests to the 1953 level whenever possible.

Belton, a Canby Republican, said his mail had contained numerous suggestions that the state halt the "topsy-like growth" of departments and agencies which each session increase their requests for funds.

Some Impossible  
Belton said he realized that holding the line on some budgets would be impossible because of increased services, such as the new teaching hospital and dental school in Portland and reduction of work weeks to 40 hours in other departments.

But he urged that subcommittees give close scrutiny to the school census figures to uncover possible over-estimates which would require over-appropriation of basic school support funds and also a possible revision of tuition fees at institutions of higher education. He particularly mentioned tuition fees for out-of-state students.

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Senate Votes Delay on Cease Fire Resolution  
Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Foreign Relations committee voted today to delay action on a resolution endorsing United Nations cease-fire negotiations.

The decision was made after Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California argued there must be no "blanket endorsement of appeasement."

The resolution was introduced last week by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.). It would put the Senate on record in support of UN efforts to get a cease-fire agreement between the Chinese Communists and the Formosa-based Nationalist regime.

(See Story on Page 5)  
Portland—(U.P.)—Multnomah County commissioners today voted to have Barrington Associates of New York conduct a salary and job survey of county employees.

her brothers and sisters after she had once fought clear of the flames.

The adult victim was Juan Ribera, 42, who perished with five of his children as the tenement's roof collapsed into the cellar.

"Dozens of other persons were driven into a snowstorm by the fire which was blamed on an exploding oil drum.

The six children of Robert Lee Eley, a Negro tenant farmer, trapped and burned to death in their four-room house at Chuck-

tuck, Va., last night. The children's grandfather escaped with burns. Firemen said a faulty chimney started the blaze.

Bus driver Michael Keenan, 55, and three of his eight children died in a fire caused by an exploding kerosene stove in Brooklyn. Another daughter was burned critically but Keenan's wife and four other children were rescued unharmed.

It was New York's third fire resulting from faulty kerosene stoves in three days. The fires have killed 11 persons.