

Quemoy Commander Declares Island Can Be Held if Air Cover Sufficient

Red China Said Angling for Open Conference on Far East Problems

Washington—(U.P.)—Red China, backed by India and Soviet Russia, is angling for a wide-open conference on all Far Eastern problems, diplomatic officials reported today.

The United States so far has not received any formal invitation to such a meeting, but all indications are it would be opposed to a parley that would go beyond the efforts by the United Nations to gain a cease fire for Formosa.

Idea Taken Up in London

The idea of an international conference on the Far East, but outside the U.N., was said to have been taken up Thursday in London in a meeting between Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and U. S. Ambassador Winthrop Aldrich. The State Department emphasized that the meeting was arranged at Nehru's request, not Aldrich's.

Nehru is understood to be interested in getting a meeting going of the kind held last summer at Geneva on Korea and Indochina. American diplomats recall vividly the Chinese Communist attacks at Geneva in which the Reds called the United

Nations "aggressors." The Korean part of the conference deadlocked. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has described the Indochina agreement reached at Geneva as a free world "set-back."

Private Meeting Discussed
Diplomats reported that Russian officials also are talking up

Klamath Water Bill Introduced

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) yesterday introduced a bill to clear the way for negotiations between Oregon and California on use of waters of the Klamath river.

The bill provides for President Eisenhower to appoint a federal representative to participate in water talks, and to report to Congress. Both state legislatures and Congress would have to ratify any water compact achieved through negotiations.

Coon said Oregon possessed most of the Klamath Basin irrigation potential, while California, downstream, was in a more valuable position with respect to hydroelectric power. The measure asks for congressional consent to compact negotiations.

Segregated School Money Draws Fire

Washington—(U.P.)—White and Negro students from 20 states urged their congressmen today to vote against federal money being used to build segregated schools.

They also urged the lawmakers to ban segregation on interstate trains and buses.

The students are delegates to the second annual National Youth Legislative Conference sponsored by the National Association of Colored People.

They button-holed their congressmen after being told Thursday night by Roy Wilkins, NAACP administrator, that Congress has been "sitting on the sidelines and interposing obstacles" to desegregation.

DOG REVEALS GUILT

Oklahoma City—(U.P.)—Detectives arrested Stanley Gibson, 21, and charged him with burglarizing a slaughterhouse on Thursday after neighbors saw his dog eating a 20-pound ham.

LST Sinks in Gale In Bay of Biscay

London—(U.P.)—An American Army LST (landing ship, tanks) sank today in a furious gale in the Bay of Biscay.

U. S. Air Force air sea rescue planes reported all 15 crewmen aboard the LST had been saved.

The gale had disabled at least three other vessels, including the Costa Rican freighter, Danel, which reported itself drifting out of control after a boiler explosion which injured four of its crew.

Reports that the crewmen of the American vessel were safe were received from Air Force rescue unit based at Bordeaux, France. But no details were given of how the men were taken off the sinking craft.

Writer on Tour Of Outpost Finds People Confident

Editor's Note: Norman Williams, United Press Asia division news picture editor, flew to the island of Quemoy within sight of the Communist-held China mainland to see Nationalist defenses. Williams, a combat photographer in the Korean war, reports what he saw in the following dispatch.

By NORMAN WILLIAMS
United Press Correspondent
Quemoy—(U.P.)—Gen. Liu Yuchang, Nationalist commander on this outpost 2200 yards off the China mainland, said today his men could hold Quemoy against any attack if they had sufficient air cover.

Liu said the Communists had some 220,000 troops on the mainland opposite Quemoy but predicted the Reds would not attack until after they capture the Tachen Islands some 300 miles to the north.

Quemoy, unlike the Tachens, is within easy range of the Nationalist air force based on Formosa some 100 miles to the east. Tachen Island is about 210 miles north of Formosa.

Liu said the Communists had six airfields in the vicinity but only one that can handle jets. However, he said the Communists had new long-range Russian artillery which could bring a large portion of Quemoy under fire.

300 Killed in Recent Months
Even then Quemoy can hold, he said. He said Red artillery killed 300 persons on Quemoy during the last four or five months, most of them civilians.

The Nationalists are rushing the buildup of military facilities here and after touring some of their key positions I can see why they are confident.

The place is set for just about anything.

General Liu, the short, bald, robust commander, radiates a defiant spirit. He outlined the work being pushed here and said the results were "satisfactory" and that his forces were "very strong."

I went through a series of trenches and other defense works to a forward observation post facing the China mainland. Only 2200 yards of water stood between me and the Communists who have bragged they will "liberate" this island along with Formosa.

Across this narrow stretch of water the Nationalists and Communist guns duel. They are not exchanging fire today and I was rather glad of it. There was evidence, however, of past exchanges and of damages to civilian homes.

I could see the people walking on the China mainland and through glasses could see Communist boats. They were drawn up on the shore out of water but at the distance I couldn't tell whether they were fishing vessels or landing craft.

Well Camouflaged
Everything was well camouflaged at this busy stronghold where soldiers were making bricks and cutting stone to be used in strengthening the defenses.

In contrast to the tense military scene, life was going on much as usual for the civilians, many of whom are members of families that have lived here for hundreds of years.

Children were playing and running around with dirty noses and pants split open at the back like kids all over China. Business in the town of Chincheng appeared good. The stores and streets were crowded.

There was a funeral procession today with weird music that sounded like bagpipes.

There is a much improved highway system here which in many places runs along the bottom of deep wide trenches to give travelers protection against enemy fire.

Some of the food used by the Nationalist troops is grown here but most of the rice and vegetables are brought in from Formosa.

The center of the island is a big pile of rock. Around the edges it is flat with wide beaches.

There is a big war memorial here with a huge statue of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek 40 to 50 feet high.

The whole place reminded me of wartime Korea with one important difference. There it was march, march, march for the infantrymen. Here it was dig, dig, dig.

SHOULD GIVE HIM TEST

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Police charged Bernard Sweeney, 48, of Jersey City, N.J., with vagrancy after they found him lying under shrubbery and reading Shakespeare in freezing weather. Sweeney said he was "just killing time until it got warmer so I could go back to New Jersey."

SABREJET PILOT KILLED
Tripoli, Libya—(U.P.)—The U. S. Air Force announced today 2nd Lt. Eulas B. Birmingham, 22, of Flint, Mich., was killed Monday when his Sabrejet crashed near Tripoli's Wheelus field.

10 Men Are Admitted To Honorary Fraternity

Ashland—Theta Delta Phi, the men's honorary fraternity at Southern Oregon college, has admitted ten new members into the group, President Don Ferguson said today.

Students who qualified for membership were Worlow Purdin, Keith Krambeal, Glen Nelson, Ken Miller, Darrel Verley, William Reese and Richard Wilmer, all Ashland; Cornelius Foelk, Rogue River; and Robert Gaines and Fred Stammers, Medford.

Chamber Officers To Attend Two-Day C of C Conference

Three Jackson County Chamber of Commerce officers will leave here Sunday to attend a two-day conference in Portland which will be attended by chamber representatives throughout Oregon and Washington.

The conference, to run through Monday and Tuesday, is a "clinic" to help train and acquaint chamber officers with operating techniques and area development problems. Attending from here will be John Pletsch, president of the local chamber; Ron Gandee, a board member, and Don McNeil, secretary and manager.

Topics Suggested Here

A similar type of meeting on a smaller basis for southern Oregon and northern California was held here last week end, and as a result of this meeting, the Oregon-Washington conference will hear Robert Hall, Portland, of Blythe and company investment house, who will talk at a breakfast meeting Tuesday.

Also as the result of discussions at the local conference, two matters will be considered by delegates to the bigger conclave. One is the proposal for a lower fee for fishing licenses over short periods for tourists, and the other is for better state marking of tourist attractions, which may aid in keeping tourists longer in the state.

Other Topics

Other conference topics will include industrial development, which will be discussed by experts from both states; industrial diversification, experiences during 1954 in money raising, 1955 plans for tourist promotion, and other topics of interest to chambers and communities of the Pacific northwest.

LEG 'HEALS' QUICKLY

Barton, O.—(U.P.)—Andrew Timko fell on the icy walk in front of his home Thursday and broke his leg. A few minutes

after he crawled into the house, he amazed witnesses by walking back out to his car and driving away. The broken leg was an artificial one.

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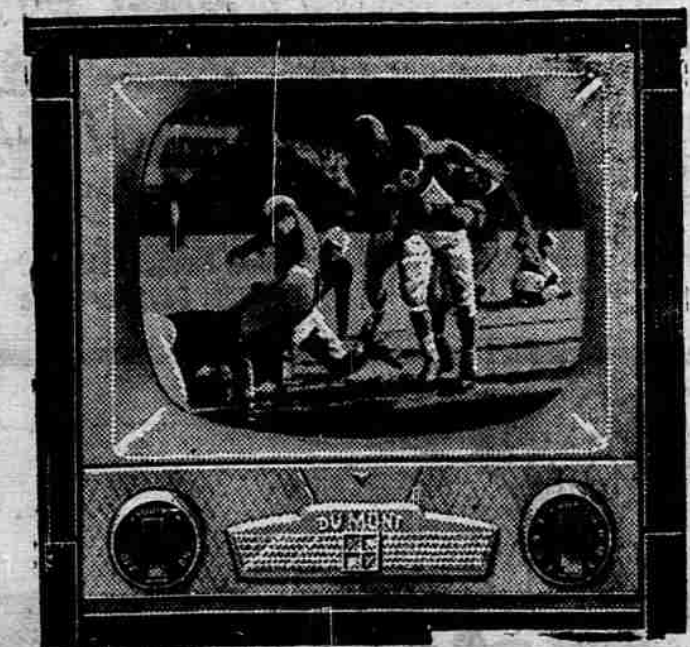
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