

# Chiang Kai-shek Sees Possible American Showdown With Russia

## Encroachment on U.S. Territories Seen as War Cause

Editor's note: Earnest Hobercht, United Press vice president for Asia, is a veteran of many years in the Far East and has met Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek on the mainland of China and again in Taipei. In the following interview Chiang gives his views on whether he expects a showdown between Russia and the United States.

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Taipei, Formosa — (U.P.) — President Chiang Kai-shek said today a showdown between the United States and Russia "perhaps will not come until the Soviet Union is encroaching on U.S. territory."

The leader of Free China expressed his view as we sipped tea in the sun lounge of his home in the suburbs of this city.

The trim, alert Generalissimo sat relaxed in a large rattan chair across the long narrow room. I was seated on a divan.

The question was: "Will there be a showdown with Russia?"

The 67-year-old anti-Communist leader smiled, I got the impression he was not too hopeful the United States would stand and fight in the face of the next aggressive move by the Chinese Reds.

He considers the Chinese Communists nothing more than tools of Soviet Russia and insists they are working together to promote their aggressive aims. Maybe Another Korea

About the showdown with Russia?

The generalissimo said an American showdown with Russia "perhaps will not come until the Soviet Union is encroaching on U. S. territory."

It was obvious that he was thinking about Russian attacks on American "off-shore islands"—U.S. possessions which might be compared with the Chinese off-shore islands of Tachen, Quemoy, Matsu and Nanchi.

I raised the question of "another Korea." Wasn't there a possibility the United States would stand firm against Communist aggression if the Reds attacked Quemoy and Matsu?

President Chiang agreed that Quemoy and Matsu might become "similar cases like Korea."

"The United States cannot afford to withdraw any more at any point," he emphasized.

He said the withdrawal from the Tachens was a "sad experience" but that the United States had done a "wonderful job" in helping the Chinese with it.

He said the American people always want to be helpful and always want to do what is right. Question Very Clear

"Whether your nation's policy is right or wrong," he said, "the motives of the American people are altruistic and they will always want to do what is right."

"Behind this altruism is the world's mightiest power," President Chiang said, "but so far this power has been used only in a negative way. It has not been used in a positive way."



LAST OF THE TACHENS—Chinese Nationalist civilians wend their way along hillside toward evacuation point on Tachen Island as landing craft (background) ferry refugees from beach to waiting ships. All civilians have been evacuated from the invasion-threatened outpost and the removal of troops is expected to be complete in a few days.

## Bill To Establish Educational TV In Oregon Read Before Senate

Salem — (U.P.)— Educational television to reach at least three-fourths of the people of Oregon would be established under terms of a bill up for second reading in the Senate today.

And Sen. Robert D. Holmes (D-Gearhart) who introduced the measure with Rep. Maurine Neuberger (D-Portland), said if the state of Oregon doesn't do something now to keep the two channels allotted to it, they may slip away into commercial hands.

Channels May Slip Away  
Sen. Holmes, a radio man himself, said:

"Knowing that the pressure on the FCC to release channels 7 in Corvallis and 10 at Portland to commercial outlets is almost intolerable, I'm afraid we will let those channels slip away if we don't do something to hold them now. And once we let them slip

The President insisted again that the question of Quemoy and Matsu is "already very clear."

It also can be reported that President Chiang holds the following views:

First: "The United Nations should properly act in accordance with its charter and impose sanctions against the Communist aggressors instead of negotiating a cease fire with them."

Second: "Who can say a cease fire will halt Red aggression? Aggression is characteristic of international Communism. It knows no bounds."

Third: "The territory of the Republic of China is not to be carved up." The Republic is determined to recover the mainland. "The idea of two Chinas is absurd."

away, they will no longer be available to the state."

Cost of constructing the transmitters with a microwave or relay system plus one mobile transmitter would be \$800,000.

The Corvallis transmitter would be located on Mary's peak and the one in Portland on some high site.

"Eight-hundred thousand dollars may sound like a lot of money," Sen. Holmes said, "but look at it in focus and it is a bargain. It is slightly less than the cost of one-mile of construction of an express highway."

Would Reach Medford  
The stations, with the relays, would reach all parts of Oregon except extreme eastern Oregon and parts of central Oregon.

Engineers believe reception for Mary's peak, considered by engineers to be the choicest transmitter spot on the coast, could reach Bend but probably not some other areas of central Oregon.

But educational TV would reach as far south in western Oregon as Medford and as far south in eastern Oregon as Klamath Falls.

## Joint Alaska-Hawaii Statehood Bill OK'd By House Committee

Washington — (U.P.) — The House Interior Committee today approved a tandem Hawaii-Alaska statehood bill by a vote of 19 to 6.

First, however, it accepted an amendment designed to overcome presidential objection to admitting Alaska to the Union now.

The Alaska amendment, offered by delegate E. I. (Bob) Bartlett, would permit the President to detach up to 40 per cent of Northern Alaska for "national defense" reservations.

Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Neb.) predicted that, with this amendment, the tandem statehood measure "has an excellent chance of receiving approval of the chief executive."

But Rep. Walter Rogers (D-Tex.) one of the six who voted against the statehood bill, said its passage would mark "the beginning of the disintegration of the United States as such."

He contended that adoption of the Alaska amendment "on orders from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue"—the White House—foreshadows a more centralized federal government which he said would come with admission of Hawaii and Alaska.

Chairman Clair Engle (D-Calif.) sponsor of the bill, had predicted overwhelming committee approval.

## Oppenheimer Sets Talks in Oregon

Portland — (U.P.) — Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer is scheduled to appear on three Oregon campuses in April and May as announced earlier, officials of the state system of higher education confirmed today.

On Monday, a scientific lecture series featuring Oppenheimer at the University of Washington was cancelled by the school's president, Henry Schmitz.

Chancellor Charles Byrne said, there has never been any question of cancelling the invitation to Dr. Oppenheimer to come to Oregon.

"Dr. Oppenheimer was chosen in March of 1954 by the state system's Condon lecture series committee to give the annual scientific lecture series . . . at Oregon State, the University of Oregon and Portland State. His selection was endorsed unanimously and with enthusiasm by the executives and physical scientists of the three campuses because of the fact that he is one of the world's most distinguished physicists," the chancellor said.

Oppenheimer will give two lectures on each of the campuses on the composition of matter.

## Rogue River's New Fire Truck Arrives

Rogue River — The city of Rogue River's new fire truck arrived in Medford by rail yesterday, according to Mayor Phil B. Engle.

Firemen and representatives of the American-LaFrance company, who constructed it, were to bring it to Rogue River. A company man will be here for three days, demonstrating the truck's operation to firemen, William Peters, temporary fire chief, said.

A new two-stall fire hall is being erected next to the city hall and it is hoped to have it finished by the end of the week, Engle stated.

The city volunteer fire department is being organized, Engle said, and there was a good turnout at the last meeting. A permanent fire chief will be elected soon by firemen.

The city formerly purchased fire protection from the rural fire district. A vote by citizens last year called for purchase of its own equipment and erection of a fire hall.

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## Disc Jockeys Continuing Marathon Record Broadcast

New Orleans — (U.P.) — Two disc jockeys carried their marathon broadcast of the same record past the 48-hour mark today and vowed to continue until the author appeals in person for them to stop.

Disc jockeys Bill Stanley, 31, and Bill Elliot, 38, now reinforced by a "hostage" program director and armed with a tape recording, reached their goal at 6 a.m. CST but kept on playing the record in their barricaded transmitter room.

The staff members of radio station WNOE had played the blues and rhythm tone, "Shtiggy Boom" an estimated 1200 times since they began the marathon at 6 a.m. Monday.

Program director Bill Stewart, 27, purported "captive" of the interdisc jockeys, said they were going to continue playing the record until they were asked in person by its author to stop.

Stewart said disc jockey Al Jarvis, who wrote the tune, was arriving by plane for Hollywood after pleading with them "not to continue," but, incidentally, also to bring them fresh records.

The disc jockeys, all but forgotten in the city's Mardi Gras revelry, played "Shtiggy Boom" an average of 23 times an hour with five minute breaks for commercials, news and ad libbing.

## Kiwanis Kapers Director Arrives

Randy LaFerr was to arrive this afternoon to take over direction of the Kiwanis Kapers musical production, "Tel-A-Version." The show will be presented by Medford Kiwanis club on Feb. 23, 24, 25 and 26.

LaFerr, who has operated Lassen Theatrical productions for the past eight years, has just completed a show for the Glendora, Calif., Kiwanis club. He will take over the reins here from Don Hansen, who has served as advance director. Hansen reportedly will remain to assist LaFerr.

The newly arrived director has been in his present line of work for about 15 years and has had a "lifetime" in the theater.

The Kapers, produced to raise funds for Kiwanis boys and girls and underprivileged children's projects, are being presented for the seventh year. They will present versions of popular television shows.

A real television preview will be presented between 6 and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.

## Six Young Escapees Returned To McLaren

Salem — (U.P.)—State police said today six of nine boys who escaped from the McLaren school for boys Tuesday had been returned to the institution.

They included David Lee Crozier, 13, who killed his father and stepmother near Hermiston two years ago. Crozier was picked up near Woodburn, officers said.

## 4-H Club News

Eagle Point Club  
Eagle Point 4-H Dairy club met Feb. 8 at the Huffman home. A food sale was planned for March. at Browns market in Eagle Point. Next meeting will be at the Palm residence for a Washington's birthday party.

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