

U.S. Officials Said Pessimistic About Cease Fire Chances

(Editor's note: United Press Correspondent Rutherford Poats first reported on March 9 fears of United States military leaders in the Far East that a Red Chinese attack on Nationalist-held islands off the Red Chinese mainland, carrying with it the threat of a major conflict, might come in a matter of weeks. In the following dispatch he reviews events and reports that his original sources have not changed their minds.)

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Tokyo —(U.P.)— United States officials both here and in Washington are pessimistic about the chances for a cease fire in the Formosa Strait. They believe a Red attack on Chinese Nationalist offshore islands could come "almost anytime" and that U. S. prestige in the Far East will be placed squarely on the spot. Their grave views paralleled those first reported by this correspondent in a United Press dispatch on March 9.

That dispatch said United States military leaders in the Far East believed that a major war in Asia might be only weeks away. A canvass of those sources today indicated no change in this view.

It was disclosed in Washington yesterday that some high American military officials there now believe the Reds will attack Matsu island at the top of the Formosa Strait around April 15.

But others refused to predict any date.

"We've got to be prepared

right along," one official said. "I don't think anyone can pick a month where an attack will come. We shouldn't be surprised if anything happens almost anytime."

But it is about April 15 when the "invasion season" opens—the period extending into August when the waters in the Formosa Strait are calm enough to facilitate an amphibious attack. Civilian and military leaders of countries all over East Asia are watching to see what will happen.

Many of them feel that war may come at any moment. All of them are watching to see whether they may safely count on the United States for help if the Communists attack them. **Might Cost Prestige**

Any sign of American weakness might well cost the United States some of its prestige in free Asia. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said in a speech in New York Monday that the Chinese Reds are an "acute and imminent" threat to peace. He said the Red leaders seemed "dizzy with success," and were showing an "aggressive fanaticism" reminiscent of Hitler. Diplomatic observers in Djakarta, Indonesia, predict that the Chinese Communists will not start any attack before May.

They point out that Red China is one of the 28 Asian and African countries due to attend a conference at Bandung, Indonesia, starting April 18.

"Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai simply can not afford to come to the Africa-Asia conference with blood on his hands," an official in Djakarta said.



WHAT'S UP DOC?—This wary squirrel on Capitol Hill cautiously approaches a golf ball (gift from President Eisenhower to a news photographer) behind which the photographer had put a few well-placed peanuts. Down the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, the White House admitted that three squirrels were "harmlessly trapped" on the White House grounds to avoid damage to the putting green and released in nearby Rock Creek Park.

Billy Graham Sets Daily BBC Talks; Crusade Continues

London —(U.P.)— American evangelist Billy Graham will make a daily talk over the British Broadcasting corporation next week on a five minute program called "Lift Up Your Hearts," the BBC announced Saturday.

The BBC usually demands live broadcasts but decided Graham could record his message because of the "tremendous demands on Mr. Graham" during his Glasgow "Tell Scotland" campaign that has won 1825 converts.

Arrived Late
The fifth meeting of his crusade opened in packed Kelvin Hall in Glasgow Friday night with no sign of the North Carolina clergyman. For 15 minutes the crowd of 14,000 wondered what had happened.

Gospel singer George Beverly Shea held the fort until Graham came to the platform. Graham had left the main auditorium to visit an overflow room where 3500 persons were and began his service. A total ed circuit television.

Give Greeting
"I wanted to come here tonight to give a word of greeting," he told the overflow. "This is the first time I have been in this room and the first time I have seen closed circuit television."

Low Records Set
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At San Antonio, Tex., the mercury plunged from Friday high of 91 to a low of 31 Saturday morning.

Texas growers feared the cold would kill what was left of their peach crop, two thirds of which was wiped out by a freeze a week ago.

Temperatures as low as 20 degrees were forecast for the fruit belt in the deep south, through

Georgia and South Carolina. A Georgia grower said if it got that low "we won't make enough peaches to bake a pie."

Louisiana's peach crop was all but lost and the northern Louisiana strawberry crop was set back at least a month.

Destructive Ice Jam in Niagara River Refuses To Yield To Dynamite Charges

Niagara Falls, N.Y.—(U.P.)—A destructive glacier clogging the gorge below Niagara Falls refused to yield Saturday to dynamite charges planted in the ice by an explosives expert dangling dangerously from a wind-whipped helicopter.

The Army engineers called off the operation for the day after two dynamite charges had sprayed bits of ice into the air but failed to crack the solid mass which was 12 miles long and 45 feet high at some points. **Heads for Hydro Plant**

The ice mass bore slowly but relentlessly down on a huge Canadian hydro - electric power plant and on homes, docks, businesses and pleasure boats. It already had caused \$1,000,000 damage.

Wind squalls disrupted the ice-breaking operation. Col. Loren Olmstead, U.S. engineer for the Buffalo district, said blasting would be resumed at 8

a.m. today, weather permitting. But the forecast was for lower temperatures and more snow, which would keep helicopters grounded.

It was feared that the ice mass would grow in lower temperatures because the glacier-like mound was being fed constantly by the roaring torrents flowing over Niagara Falls into the narrow, winding gorge to Lake Ontario.

Copter Called Back
Karl Dinttruff, explosives expert at the Hercules Power company, Rochester, N.Y., had the perilous task of planting the dynamite charges in the ice. He began work at noon and had imbedded only two sticks, one 25 pounds and one 50 pounds in the ice when Olmstead called the helicopter back to its Niagara Falls base.

On the first try, the helicopter was buffeted about so severely it had to return to its base. Then,

moving cautiously through the gorge, it reached the spot Dinttruff had chosen for the first blast.

There was a pall over the area. The public was barred from the scene. Only authorized personnel were allowed within 1,000 yards of the blast. Because the dynamite charges were rigged to be set off electronically, all radios in the area were silenced.

Florida Bay, between mainland and the Keys, shelters about 200 spoonbills and 60 nests during breeding season. When the National Audubon Society started protecting them, there were but 35 birds and 10 nests.

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67 Reported Dead in Midwest Cold Wave

Chicago —(U.P.)— A record cold wave wiped out fruit and vegetable crops in the south and turned midwestern highways into snow-packed traffic traps.

Floods heaped more hardship on the south and icy winds kicked up more dust storms in the southwest.

In New York state, Army helicopters "bombed" the worst ice jam in 46 years on the Niagara river.

67 Reported Dead
Blustery winter weather during the first week of spring had taken a total of 67 lives throughout the nation.

Twelve persons were killed in Indiana alone, most of them in traffic accidents on icy highways. Four soldiers stationed at Columbus, O., were killed in a single accident at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Texas recorded six new deaths, five of them in two plane crashes in blowing dust.

The storm which brought blizzard conditions to parts of Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Mis-

souri had moved northeastward and was centered over western Pennsylvania.

Icy Arctic air blanketed all the area from the Rockies to the Appalachians.

Snow and rain stretched from Colorado eastward to the Atlantic coast and southeastward into Alabama, Georgia and the western Carolinas.

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'Copter Pilot Well Treated by Commies

Stuttgart, Germany. —(U.P.)— An American Army pilot, held by the Russians for a week after his helicopter was blown into the Soviet zone of Germany during a snowstorm, said Saturday he was treated "very well" by his captors.

First Lt. Louis E. Jacquay of Fort Wayne, Ind., recounted his experiences at a press conference.

Hit Strong Winds
The 26-year-old pilot was flying West German Labor Service employee Horst Kuehn from Friedberg, near Frankfurt, to Fulda, on March 17 when he said, "we encountered strong winds and snow flurries."

He said the helicopter was blown across the frontier but he was able to land safely. He said they were surrounded almost immediately by East German police who took them to a nearby Russian headquarters.

Jacquay said he and his passenger were placed in a room, without bars and were questioned only twice from 15 to 20 minutes during their week-long stay.

He said most of the interrogation concerned matters of a personal nature—"on our families, and things like that."

More Than Enough Food
He said the Russians provided more than enough food—"we were never able to finish it." They were allowed to take walks two or three times a day, escorted by a Russian officers, he said.

Jacquay said he was "scared at times, but I knew the family in Stuttgart was safe and that made me feel better." Mrs. Jacquay was expecting a child when her husband disappeared. She bore a daughter Friday night.

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