

Military Machines Built on Both Sides Of Formosa Strait Could Trigger War

Editor's note: For more than 15 years United Press Vice President for Asia Ernest Hobrecht has been a close observer of Asian affairs. He was in charge of United Press coverage of the war in Korea. In the following dispatch he sums up the situation as it is today, with particular regard for the Red Chinese military buildup opposite Formosa.

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 Tokyo — On opposite sides of the Straits of Formosa opposing forces representing opposing ideologies are building the military machines that could trigger World War III.

A fighting war between the United States and Communist China could be touched off in a minute by a Peiping effort to take Formosa by force. There are those who say that war between the U.S. and Communist China is inevitable—unless one or the other alters its Formosa policy. The Chinese Communists have sworn they will "liberate" Formosa, even if they have to use soldiers and guns to do it. The Americans have pledged their might to defend the island stronghold of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Peiping has massed large numbers of her top fighting men on the mainland shore facing Formosa. They are in a spring-board position. There are at least nine new Communist airfields there, too. Some are large enough to handle medium jet bombers and the latest Russian-built jet fighters. These land-based planes might be able to control the air over the Formosa Strait. At least they would be in a good position to challenge the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Guided Missiles
 On Formosa, the Americans have further fortified the Republic of China position by sending in guided missiles. By pulling a trigger these weapons can be sent screaming toward Red China's airfields, ports and other military targets. Political maneuvering is underway, but appears to be making no headway. Representatives of the U.S. and Communist China have been holding confidential talks in Geneva since August 1955. They are trying

to settle some of the problems facing their two nations but have made practically no progress. The only encouraging thing is that they still are talking, not fighting.

Important Link
 American military men insist that the U.S. and other anti-Communist powers need Formosa. They say it is not only important that the people there be kept from falling under Red rule but also important that the island be kept as an unsinkable aircraft carrier.

Situated as it is between Okinawa and the Philippines, it is regarded as an important link in the U.S. defense perimeter in the western Pacific. **U.S. Firmness Pays**
 Both American diplomats and American military men feel that U.S. firmness over Formosa discourages the Chinese Communists from aggression elsewhere in Asia. In this connection, it is interesting to note that some American generals believe never would have attacked the Republic of Korea if they had known that the U.S. was willing

to fight there. So long as the Republic of China exists on Formosa, the millions of important "overseas" Chinese are not finally committed to Peiping. These expatriate Chinese play an important role in many Asian countries and it would greatly strengthen Peiping's hand throughout Asia if all these owed their loyalty to the Communist government.

Cause Believed Doomed
 There are those who argue that the Nationalist cause is doomed to failure and that the Communists will succeed in the end. This stand draws a heated denial from many quarters, some of whom point out that the Communists are headed for real trouble and time is working against them, not against the nationalists.

It is true that Communism no longer wears the "sure winner" tag it once boasted in Asia. Aggressive Communism has been stopped in Korea and Viet Nam. Communist organizers no longer find it easy to get recruits in the Philippines, Japan and other countries. And reports coming out of Red China itself tell of increasingly serious difficulties there.

The Family Council!

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Raymond F.—I need my parents behind me. Mrs. L. F.—He's asking for the impossible.

Raymond F.—I am one of a family of six children. We all had very unhappy childhoods because our parents are not the type who show affection. Our father was stern and aloof and Mother was so ground down by him and financial worries that she had little spirit or energy left for us.

Nevertheless, we all grew up to be decent, law-abiding individuals. My sisters married well in his profession. Only I, perhaps because I was youngest, have had great difficulty in adjusting to life. I am insecure financially and am having marital trouble. I would like to see a psychologist or marriage counselor. This means money—which I don't have. I feel that my mother should try to prevail on my father to help me. I need, not only his financial help, but the assurance that my parents are behind me and want to help me.

Mrs. L. F.—What Raymond says is true in some respects, but he is a little unfair to his father. My husband loved the children very much, but didn't believe in "coddling" them. He is European and comes of people who believed it was shameful to make a display of feeling. He showed his love by trying to teach them to do right. Raymond's father still feels as he always did—that the chil-

dren must be entirely on their own as soon as they are old enough. It may sound harsh, but Raymond knows that his father can't be moved once he has made up his mind. Besides, he doesn't believe in psychologists and would never give money for a thing like that. I would like to help Raymond, but he knows that he is asking for the impossible. I have no way of getting money to him without his father knowing, and anyway, Raymond says he wants it to come directly from his father. Raymond could get a bank loan if he tried.

The Council: Raymond, himself, says the money is not the main issue. He seeks "assurance that my parents are behind me." He wants his father to show the love he feels was denied him in childhood. Yet Raymond knows that his father does not approve of psychologists and is inflexible on the subject of giving financial help to grown children.

Why then, does Raymond ask for help he knows will be denied? His position is so painful and humiliating, it would appear that he should go to any lengths to avoid it. Since he has gone out of his way to place himself in this position, he must want it. He wants to impose suffering on himself—and this is more important to him than getting help with his problems. Raymond should avoid dwelling on the real or imagined wrongs dealt him in childhood. He is not capable of evaluating the situation objectively and is

only digging deeper into his rut. He could benefit from guidance from a reliable, objective source, but he should get over the idea that he needs his parents' support in the enterprise. He should try to earn the extra money for this help, or borrow from a disinterested source, or find out whether he would be eligible for social agency assistance. Part of Raymond's treatment would undoubtedly involve wrenching himself free from his obsession about what his father ought to do for him. (COPYRIGHT 1957. GENERAL FEATURES CORP.)

Judge Refuses Deal In Criminal Libel Trial
 Hollywood — A lengthy criminal libel trial of two West Coast representatives of Confidential and Whisper magazines loomed Tuesday following a judge's flat refusal to allow a "deal" to dismiss all charges against the individual defendants. The trial of Fred and Marjorie Meade, operators of a movieland listening post for the magazines, was scheduled to open Monday but was delayed until Friday.



AUTOGRAPH? THAT'S FOR SISSES—Thirteen-year-old Ricky Johnson doesn't lack for imagination as he gets what he asked for at an autograph party in Minneapolis. Raising Ricky's temperature with a "personal autograph" is actress Jayne Mansfield who was one of several Hollywood stars taking part in the Minneapolis Aquatennial festivities.

Lukewarm Praise For Oil Import Curb

Washington — Congressmen from oil and coal-producing states voiced lukewarm praise Tuesday for the Eisenhower administration's plan to curb oil imports.

Domestic producers and legislators from oil and coal states have strongly urged the administration to cut oil imports. They claimed the current import rate hurts American oil and coal industries and thus endangers national security.

President Eisenhower acted late Monday by announcing his approval of recommendations of a Cabinet committee which has been studying the problem. The committee recommended that U. S. oil importing firms be asked voluntarily to cut back imports about 20 per cent below present levels.

Holmes Speaks at OCE Anniversary Ceremony

Monmouth — Continual re-designing of what he called Oregon's "educational freeway," starting at the teachers' colleges, was called for Tuesday by Gov. Robert D. Holmes at ceremonies marking the 75th anniversary of Oregon College of Education here.

"The first responsibility of this college is not the whole child, but the whole teacher," Gov. Holmes said, "for without a whole teacher there will be no whole child."

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