

Chiang Kai-Shek Retires To Mountain Retreat To Ponder On Fate Of China

NANKING, Feb. 25 (AP)—Chiang Kai-shek is meditating, in a mountain hideout, China's crisis—a crisis so acute that his naval commander declared the U. S. fleet must stand by to protect northern ports.

A government official, asked to explain Chiang's long absence in one of the most crucial periods in China's history, replied Tuesday: "The generalissimo thinks best when he is alone and undisturbed. Kuling the summer capital offers a perfect opportunity for such meditation."

Chiang and Madame Chiang flew to Kuling two weeks ago. He is conferring with some of his top military leaders. Reports indicate they are planning a new master strategy to defeat the Chinese communists, whose upsurge has en-

gulfed all but the heart of Manchuria.

In Tsingtao, Adm. Kwei Yung-ching, commander-in-chief of the Chinese navy, told interviewers: "It is very important that the American navy remain in Chinese waters as long as we are unable to protect the coast." He noted that Tsingtao—headquarters of the U. S. Western Pacific fleet—is strategically very important.

"This is particularly so at the present time because Dairen and Port Arthur—major Manchurian ports—are not yet in our control," he added. Both are occupied by Russia under a 1945 Chinese-Russian treaty. The treaty, Admiral Kwei commented, was "stupid, badly bungled."

In Shanghai, an American traveler just arrived from Dairen said Russian troops remain there "in large numbers" despite communist reports they had been withdrawn. The Chinese government of Dairen is described as "nothing more than a puppet of the Russians."

Peking dispatches from Manchuria said the reds had encircled Penki, coal mining center 35 miles southeast of Mukden, but said the government still held the town.

U. S. Consul General Angus Ward in Mukden radioed that reports the communists had demanded the Chinese air force field outside Mukden were false.

Ward also radioed that the situation around Mukden "appears more quiet the past few days." Mukden, isolated for weeks except by air, is suffering severely from cold and mass hunger.

On the economic front, the government prepared a new ration scheme intended to hold food prices. However, the price of rice continued to soar. It reached 2,700,000 yuan (\$11) per 133 pounds in Shanghai and 2,800,000 yuan in Canton. Both are all-time highs.

The yuan dropped to 265,000 to \$1 yesterday on the black market. The official rate is 148,500 to \$1.

Better Chicken Breed Planned

SEATTLE, Feb. 25 (AP)—The "chicken of tomorrow" is a bird with smaller drumsticks but with more meat on them.

Dr. Cliff Carpenter of Chicago told the convention of the Pacific States Poultry, Cheese, Egg and Poultry association today of the industry's goal to produce more chicken per pound of bird. He is president of the Institute of American Poultry Industries.

Research now is proceeding, he said, toward development of white Plymouth Rocks that will produce both more meat and more eggs. He said the Pacific coast poultry industry once concentrated almost exclusively on egg-producing breeds, but is now following the Midwest toward meat-producing strains.

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Scene From "Dream Girl" Offered Wednesday



First of the Drama Festival plays to be presented by the 26-30 club is "Dream Girl," to be staged in the KUHS Auditorium tonight.

Stock Meet Set Friday

All stockmen and dairymen are invited to attend a meeting on livestock parasites to be held in the Oleno community hall Friday, starting at 1:30 p.m. Jim Elings, assistant county agent, announced today.

All cattle, both beef and dairy, are better keepers when free of insect pests whether it be warbles, lice, flies or ticks. Milk production and rate of gain can be increased by treating for control of these livestock parasites. The cost per head of insect control is but a fraction of the returns from the additional pounds of meat or milk produced.

Robert Every, extension entomologist at Oregon State college, will discuss at this meeting all phases of livestock parasite control, including time and method of control for each insect pest. He will also discuss the newer insecticides and their relation to this problem. Every is considered one of the best men in

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Elections In Korea Urged

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 25 (AP)—The United States urged the United Nations Tuesday to ignore a Russian boycott and start nationwide elections in divided Korea.

Dr. Philip C. Jessup, deputy American delegate, told the little assembly that it was incumbent upon the UN Korean commission to proceed "quickly and comprehensively" to allow the Korean people to elect a national assembly.

Jessup said the Soviet policy of non-cooperation should not be allowed to block the UN program for establishing a free and independent Korea. He even expressed hope that Russia might relent and allow the UN to conduct balloting in the Soviet zone as directed by the general assembly.

Russia has boycotted the commission sent into Korea and refused to allow its members in Soviet-controlled areas. No Russian delegate

heard Jessup's speech because the Soviet Union and five satellites also are boycotting the little assembly.

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Truman-Stalin Meet Said Failure

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unsuccessfully a meeting of President Truman and Prime Minister Stalin in Stockholm.

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