

GOPs Blast Acheson's Acts in Ward Case; Say U.S. Humiliated

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (AP)—The state department's handling of the Angus Ward case was under severe republican attack today, with five lawmakers demanding the immediate firing of responsible officials "both high and low."

The congressmen, all members of the house foreign affairs committee, issued a joint statement yesterday blasting the department for its "spineless performance" in trying to get the U. S. consul general freed from a Chinese Communist jail in Mukden.

The angry lawmakers called it "one of the most humiliating chapters in American diplomatic history" and declared that "the loss of face by the United States is beyond calculation."

"Sneak"

One of the house members, Rep. Judd of Minnesota, told a reporter

Granges Have Potluck Dinner Meet

A potluck dinner was served at the meeting of the Pomona and Fort Rock granges in Lake county on Saturday, November 19. The lecture hour and program preceded a business meeting. Those taking part in the program were, Fort Rock orchestra, Mrs. Fred Fisher, Mrs. Mulkey, Mrs. Chet Morrell, Mrs. Frankie Williams, Mrs. A. Deboy, Rube Long and Dean Harris. William Harvey acted as master in the absence of Les Elder. Five new members were obligated and are: Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Morton, Fort Rock; Mrs. Elgin Cornett, Lakeview; Carl Peay and Fred Wright of Westside. The Multnomah Pomona resolution was passed which asked for a state law to require public liability and property tax on all cars.

Eleventh Revision

Wasco Pomona asked the national master for a revised method of electing state officers.

A number of resolutions were considered and the county road tax, tax on gas and fuel oils were tabled. Linn county Pomona asked that the tax refund on tractors be retained. This resolution passed also.

Other business was the election of officers for the next two years. They are as follows: L. E. Elder, master; Avon Derrick, overseer; Mrs. Sylvia Abramson, lecturer; Raymond Fisher, steward; Dean Harris, assistant steward; Warren Maxwell, treasurer; Fred Fisher, secretary; Ed Eskelin, gate keeper; Edith Morrell, cress; Helen Buck, pomona; Mildred Garrett, flora; Dallas Harris, lady assistant steward; William Harvey, executive committee member; Mrs. Fred Fisher, chaplain.

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fore his election to congress, told a reporter:

"Over a year ago when the Reds first came into Manchuria, before they had victory in the bag, we should have told them: 'Either you allow these people (such as Ward) to come out or we'll move troops in and stop you from taking other areas where Americans are.'"

As it is, Judd said, "we withdrew almost in panic, which was interpreted in China and universally in Asia as meaning that the United States was putting its tail between its legs and running."

Insult Bid

"It was an ignominious sneaking off the battlefield. It was an invitation to insult Americans and twist our tails."

The state department reported yesterday that Consul General O. Edmund Clubs at Peiping had spoken to Ward over the telephone, but there was still no indication whether he would have transportation out of Mukden soon.

the United States should have tried "military action" in the Ward case instead of "ignominiously sneaking off the battlefield."

Besides Judd, the statement was signed by Reps. Chipfield of Illinois, Vorys of Ohio, Lawrence H. Smith of Wisconsin, and Jackson of California.

It bristled with phrases like "unbelievable bungling" and "mishandling" and said the department's "failure to take firm action" is a "by-product of the incredibly botched China policy which our government has pursued for the last four years."

Acheson Scorched

The statement reserved particular criticism for Secretary of State Acheson's appeal to 30 nations—including Russia—for assistance in the Ward case.

"Is it to be assumed that it will require the assistance of 30 nations to protect the lives of our diplomatic officials under similar circumstances in the future?" the five republicans asked.

"If this method was the only effective one the state department could think of in the Ward case, the natural question is why didn't the department invoke it in the first place instead of imperiling the life of one of its trusted diplomatic officers for all these months?"

Ward and four consulate employees were released from jail this week after being given suspended sentences by a Communist court on charges of beating a Chinese employee during a disagreement about wages. They had been under arrest since October 24.

Appeal

After their arrest, the state department tried unsuccessfully to get an official protest into the hands of Chinese Communist officials. Finally, Acheson sent the foreign ministers of 30 countries an unprecedented appeal.

He asked them to "express to the highest Chinese authorities" in Communist-held Peiping "the concern which your government undoubtedly feels" over Ward's treatment.

At the time, Senators Ives (R-NY) and Bridges (R-NH) approved the maneuver, although Bridges said it wouldn't have been necessary except for "American fumbling and bumbling in China."

The five house republicans agreed with the latter view, but blasted Acheson's action.

Humiliating

"The fact that the state department could not protect the life of one of its own officials without appealing for help to 30 other nations, including Switzerland, Panama, Cuba, Siam and the Soviet Union and Iron Curtain countries, is one of the most humiliating chapters in American diplomatic history," they said.

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married to the handsome naval officer last night.

Justice of the Peace James Hopkins performed the surprise ceremony.

The simple ceremony was arranged on short notice at Furlough Lodge, Seager, N.Y., home of the 31-year-old heiress to part of the fortune of her great grandfather, financier Jay Gould.

Friends of the bride said last Sept. 23 that she cancelled her engagement to the 29-year-old naval officer because he refused to sign away dower rights to her estate.

Newspapers had said the wedding was called off because of Hofer's refusal to give up his navy career and become a business man in New York City.

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