

Nationalist China Took Chance In Tossing Treaty With Russia

OTON (AP)—Nationalist China, after a long and hard fight, has decided to toss the balance of power in the Far East to Russia. The decision was made at the very day Japan offered to surrender in 1945, bound China and Russia against joining any alliance or coalition aimed against the other.

In freeing herself from this treaty prohibition, the Nationalist regime has laid some legal ground-work for membership in a future Pacific Area version of the Atlantic Treaty Alliance.

The act of denunciation could also advance a better working relationship between Japan and some future non-Communist China.

Japan fought and won one major war to wrest from Russia special rights in Manchuria. She would rather have a friendly Chinese regime in full control of Manchuria than one which gave Russia advantages in that economically important and militarily vital area of Asia.

The denunciation announcement came from Formosa Monday, while the wires from Peiping were busy carrying congratulatory messages from Red Chinese leaders to Moscow on the occasion of the Red Army birthday.

Recent neutral reports from the Chinese Communist capital have told of belated Red Chinese efforts to regain some kind of influence in Outer Mongolia, cultural and scientific missions have been sent to the area beyond the great Gobi Desert.

The 1945 treaty provided for a "free" election in Mongolia to decide once and for all whether that isolated area should retain an autonomous relationship with China or become a Soviet-style republic. That election went exactly the way all Russian-run elections go.

Nationalist China by her act gave notice that she had wiped the slate clean of any part of her record with Russia that might prohibit China from taking advantage of a third world conflict.

The 1945 treaty, which was drawn up at the Yalta conference, was so secret from China that Chiang Kai-Shek's government didn't know anything about it until the United States told China the agreement was to be concluded.

Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) in a statement Monday applauding the Formosa action, said the Nationalists "are just undoing something that we forced them to do."

Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) said he believed the treaty denunciation would make the Manchurian ports of Dairen and Port Arthur subject to possible blockade as Chinese. The treaty gave Russia control of them.

It was not clear from the statement published in Formosa just how the Nationalists contended Russia "violated and nullified" the agreement by "its program of aggression in China."

But in the past few years Formosa has frequently underlined the burdens which Red China is carrying now by reason of its close friendship with and increasing dependence on Russia for military and economic assistance. Propagandists do not have to be outstanding historians to be able to show that Russia never gave China anything without a heavy price tag attached.

Stolen Gems Found In Lot

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A shoe box in a vacant lot has yielded up \$75,000 worth of jewels taken in recent robberies from ex-actress Arline Judge and a La Jolla hotel.

Deputy Police Chief had Brown said a tip led detectives to the gems, which had been removed from their settings. Most of the jewels came from the safe of the Casa de Mánana Hotel, La Jolla, Feb. 19, Brown said. About \$5,000 worth belonged to Miss Judge.

Harry Meyerhoff, 19, and his 15-year-old wife Claudette are held here on suspicion of the Jan. 22 robbery of Miss Judge. A San Diego complaint is expected today charging the hotel robbery to Walter Basile, 24, La Jolla; Eddie Vaughan, 19, St. Louis; and Don Holcomb, 17, Southgate, Calif. They were arrested here and removed to San Diego last week end.

Regarding the find, Deputy Chief Brown said only, "A member of the gang tipped us off to be at the lot at a certain time." San Diego officers say a sixth member of the gang is at large.

Copter Grabs Marine Flier

SEATTLE (AP)—A U. S. Air Force helicopter today braved Communist gunfire and snatched to safety a Marine pilot drenched 60 miles behind the Red lines.

Corsair fighter-bombers buzzed angrily overhead, their chattering guns driving back frantic efforts by Communist infantrymen to capture the Leatherneck flier.

The Reds couldn't get close, but their shells repeatedly hit the helicopter as it hovered one foot off the ground to rescue Maj. David Cleeland of Santa Ana, Calif.

Cleeland was hit in the ankle. Another Communist bullet pierced the hand of A. C. Thomas C. Thornton of Hempstead, Tex., an Air Force medic. Thornton got his when he reached out to pull Cleeland into the copter. Neither man was seriously injured.

Cleeland was on his 101st Korean mission when Red groundfire hit his plane.

After he crash-landed, he fooled the Red soldiers by wadding his parachute into a semihuman shape and crowning it with his helmet.

"I put the dummy on the side of the plane exposed to the heaviest fire, then I crawled around the other side and laid low, waiting for a rescue ship. But I never thought they could get in, because the ground fire was so heavy."

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EXCOMMUNICATED — Father Leonard Feeney (above), whose controversial doctrine that there is no salvation outside the Roman Catholic Church has made him the central figure in the famed "Boston heresy case," has been excommunicated from the Church, according to a report in The Pilot, official newspaper of the Catholic archdiocese of Boston. Father Feeney had previously been "silenced" or prohibited from exercising his priestly powers publicly.

Police Hang Murderer

BRISTOL, England (AP)—Miles Giffard, 26-year-old cricket star convicted of beating his wealthy parents to death with an iron bar and dumping their bodies off a cliff last November, was hanged today at Horfield Prison.

Police picked the young man up in London the night after the killing. He had driven there in his father's car to meet his girl friend. The girl, 19-year-old Gabriel Vallance, testified at his trial that young Giffard had taken her on a round of drinking places, told her he had killed his parents and then proposed marriage.

The prosecution charged Giffard committed the double murder because his father cut off his allowance to keep him from spending time in London.

Ike Takes Day Off

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower, who spent seven hours at the golf course yesterday, had an appointment schedule of about the same length today.

The federal government observed Washington's Birthday yesterday. Taking advantage of it, the President got in 18 holes of golf and, the White House said, some quiet relaxation at the Burning Tree Clubhouse in nearby Maryland.

His schedule today opened with an appointment with Howard Mitchell, conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra, and wound up with one with Secretary of Defense Wilson.

Mansion Needs More Money

OLYMPIA (AP)—The Legislature will be asked to provide more money to meet the increasing cost of maintaining the governor's mansion, the chairman of the Washington House Appropriations Committee said Monday night.

If the additional funds are not made available, Rep. Tom Montgomery said, Gov. Langlie may have to move to a smaller house or close off some of the rooms of the mansion.

The Puyallup Republican said the governor has not requested the additional money but "has informed us he would have to find a private home within his means or close off all but a few rooms of the mansion if he were forced to skimp along on the \$1,000 a month" presently provided.

Montgomery said the Appropriations Committee probably will recommend increasing the fund for maintaining the 10-room red brick mansion to \$1,500 a month.

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Je Trial nse Opens

YORK (AP)—The vice trial of F. (Mickey) Jekle enters its second day today with the scheduled start of testimony to be open to the public.

The society vice trial, now in its fourth week, has been held behind closed doors of Judge J. Valente's General Sessions courtroom.

Barred public and press from the state's presentation, but permitted to open the trial for testimony.

The 23-year-old margarine heir, charged with inducing three women into prostitution and paying off the earnings of one.

Atty. Martin Benjamin today that about a dozen were on call by the defense lawyer said Jekle probably took the stand.

He reported that other defenses will include a "girl" and the playboy's mother, Mrs. Ralph Her testimony reportedly intended to refute 19-year-old Ward's claim that Mrs. Jekle was as Jekle's art, Miss Ward, \$100-a-month girl, was a key state

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ANGELES (AP)—Actor Jimmy Cagney's sleek F31 Mustang, the bird, and his pilot, Joe De, are poised today for a new transcontinental flight attempt.

It is gets word that the are favorable, De Bone will fly from Los Angeles International Airport for LaGuardia New York.

On this same plane set mark of 5 hours 3 seconds for the 2,453-mile route. Cagney lowered it in 1950 to 52 minutes 58 seconds.

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