

Far East Conference Planned

WASHINGTON (AP) — A White House gathering of military advisers in advance of a visit from Syngman Rhee today heralded a series of conferences expected to have an important bearing on U.S. policy in the Communist-tribbled Far East.

Rhee, President of South Korea, was due in Washington late today. He begins talks with President Eisenhower and other U.S. officials tomorrow.

Several hours ahead of Rhee's arrival, Eisenhower summoned to a luncheon meeting Secretary of Defense Wilson and Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Also invited was retired Gen. James A. Van Fleet, recently returned from a survey of military assistance needs in the Far East.

The meeting followed closely an announcement of tentative plans for a conference in August or September of Western and Asian nations on formation of a Southeast Asia defensive alliance.

From the views of the three advisers, the President can assemble the individual strategic and supply requirements of Japan, Korea, Formosa and the Philippines and start patterning them to those foreseen for the nations on the southeastern flank of Asia if a defensive alliance should be obtained.

Rhee is likely to ask, according to Seoul dispatches, for military equipment and transport to equip at least 10 and perhaps 20 more divisions than the 20 South Korea already has. He also is expected to seek a boost in the rate of U.S. economic aid, now running at 200 million dollars a year.

Eisenhower in turn is reported planning to ask the fiery nationalist to forget, at least for the time being, his dream of Korean unification, and also to soften his attitude toward his old enemy Japan.

The new and strategically valuable position of the Reds in Northern Indochina imposes a critical factor in defense planning but officials believe it will not adversely affect the long-range, three-year program for military assistance to Korea, Japan, Formosa and the Philippines.

At the Pentagon, it was said that no change in money allocations is contemplated under the military assistance program for this fiscal year.

Officials said a sudden cutback now might alarm nations which the United States hopes to bring into the Southeast Asia alliance. And the fluid situation throughout the area would make it militarily unwise.

Beyond this there was the recent news conference discussion by Wilson which indicated the program for cutbacks in military strength was being reviewed.



"Oh, I think women's intuition is usually right—after my wife met you last night, she said you looked easy to ask for a raise!"

Rhee Predicts Red Aggression

MCCORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (AP) — President Syngman Rhee of South Korea predicted last night that Thailand "will be the next victim" of Communist aggression.

The Korean President, stopping at this western Washington air base en route to an official visit with President Eisenhower, described as "an unfortunate thing" the manner in which the Indochina action was settled.

"It is unfortunate that we have let Indochina go," he told reporters. "What more are we going to lose?"

The Korean President landed after a 22-hour flight from Seoul. He was accompanied by Mrs. Rhee and a party of 12.

When asked the purpose of his trip to Washington, the 79-year-old President said:

"I would rather keep silent until I have talked with President Eisenhower. I'm quite sure we have things to talk over."

Searchers Find Lost Hiker

CUMBERLAND, Md. (AP) — Police received a report yesterday that an elderly man had walked out of the woods on Wills Mountain and said his wife had become lost while berry picking.

Det. Sgt. Charles C. Roby began organizing a search.

Soon another call came in. The caller said an elderly woman had just reported her husband missing on Wills Mountain.

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Thorne Death Said Natural

CHICAGO (AP) — Mail order heir Montgomery Ward Thorne died of a lung disease probably pneumonia, one of the four pathologists assigned to a second post-mortem reported yesterday.

The report of the pathologists that the 26-year-old heir to a \$2,600,000 fortune died of natural causes will be given this week to Coroner Walter E. McCarron. The medical expert who told this to newsmen is Dr. Otto Saphir of the University of Illinois.

The report probably will end the official inquiry into Thorne's death. His shorts-clad body was found on the bed of his \$75-a-month apartment June 19.

Dr. Harry Leon, a coroner's physician, noted puncture marks on the arms and said death was the result of a combination of alcohol, barbiturates and an alkaloid possibly morphine and possibly administered by someone else.

Dr. Leon's findings were questioned, and the special group of pathologists named to double-check will report Dr. Leon "should have arrived at the right answer 24 hours after the body was found," according to Dr. Saphir.

The panel said the quantities of those substances found in the tissues were too small to cause death.



H. E. HAUGER, pioneer Klamath resident, was "dean of Klamath automobile dealers" until he retired, with the sale of his Buick agency to Jim Winde last week. Hauger came first to Klamath County in 1909. "Herb" and Mrs. Hauger will continue to make their home in Klamath Falls. They plan a trip to Alaska later this year.

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