

War Predicted If Chinese Reds Ever Attack Formosa

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—If Communist China makes a major attack on the Nationalist island of Formosa, the United States will go to war. Every top official willing to discuss American policy publicly or privately agrees on that.

But the Eisenhower administration is not willing, at least for the time being, to make that pledge in a formal treaty with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of the Chinese Nationalists.

Almost no responsible authority wants to talk about this aspect of American policy. It is too much of a diplomatic hot potato.

Yet it is a fact that the American leadership now gives evidence of being whipsawed on a global scale over a policy issue which seems to be deeply involved in the problem of an alliance with Formosa.

ISSUE
The issue is this: Is the United States preparing for war in the view that it is inevitable, or is it directing all its efforts toward avoiding war, without losing honor, in the hope of success?

At one extreme on this issue is South Korea's President Syngman Rhee, who has gone about this country on his current visit vigorously advocating combat to solve the problems of Asia, and particularly of divided Korea.

Rhee was rebuffed by President Eisenhower. Instead of the strong public statement he wanted, Rhee was persuaded to join Eisenhower in a general declaration of desire to unify Korea by peaceful means.

At the other extreme is India with its policy of neutrality, as between communism and the West, in the cold war. India's position is important because of Prime Minister Nehru's influence in Asia, generally assumed here to be great, and of his capacity to influence British policy.

ALLIANCES
In trying to build a system of anti-Communist alliances in Asia, the United States has been following a course far removed from the extremes as typified by Rhee and Nehru. But these positions exert constant pressure on the American course.

Chiang Kai-shek has publicly dedicated himself to leading a Nationalist Chinese liberating army from Formosa against the mainland, from which he was driven by the Reds.

American diplomats say he appears convinced the Chinese people would rise in wrath against the Reds to join his crusade. State Department officials, however, are not convinced this would actually happen. They have discouraged such ambitions in Chiang while seeking to build up his defensive strength.

The Eisenhower administration seems clearly to conceive of Formosa as a defensive position essential to the security of the American defense line in the western Pacific—not as a base from which a successful assault could be launched on Red China except as one phase of a much larger strategy.

The Chinese Reds, however,

have been as belligerent about Formosa as the Nationalists have been about the mainland. They are continually threatening to seize it, and their threats have sounded much louder in Washington since the Indochina settlement.

Secretary of State Dulles reminded newsmen yesterday the U. S. 7th Fleet is in the area to protect Formosa in event of a Communist attack. But Dulles added that while some thought has been given to bringing Formosa into a treaty with this country, there has been no decision and no change of policy. Dispatches from Formosa have given evidence of a desire on the part of Chiang for such a link.

Authorities suggest, however, at least four strong reasons which may bear upon the administration's attitude:

1. The United States would have very little to offer not already committed under a current informal arrangement.

CHIANG DISLIKED
2. Other countries in Asia whose friendship Washington wants are regarded here as disliking Chiang and any formal alliance with him might be a handicap in dealing with them.

3. Chiang might use the formal commitment of a mutual defense pact to involve the United States in a war with Red China by attacking the mainland or creating some incident which would lead to war.

4. There is at least an implication that some officials think the United States should keep its policies flexible and not make a 10 or 20-year treaty with a refugee government of uncertain long-range tenure. This involves relations with Red China. Official statements on that issue, while emphasizing American rejection of Peking's recognition, do not finally close the door to recognition if the Chinese Reds change their ways.

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CIO Aluminum Strike Ended

WASHINGTON (AP)—A strike by CIO steelworkers at two aluminum plants of the Reynolds Metals Co. was ended early today after negotiators drafted a new contract granting workers a 5-cent hourly wage increase.

J. Lewis Reynolds, a vice president of the company, said improvements in fringe benefits (pensions, insurance, etc.) also were agreed to under a new two-year contract retroactive to Aug. 1.

The settlement, negotiated with the help of federal mediators, ended a threat that the strike would extend to six other company plants.

Some 2,500 union workers struck Sunday and Monday at Reynolds plants at Phoenix, Ariz., and Troutdale, Ore. Another 7,500 workers at the six other plants had been expected to walk out if an early agreement had not been reached.

The new contract follows the pattern of a recent contract settlement at Aluminum Co. of America plants, which also provided for a 5-cent-an-hour wage boost.

Contract talks had collapsed over union demands that clauses covering vacations and weekend premium pay be made uniform in the eight plants. Reynolds said the new contract "is in the direction of uniformity."

Union officials could not be reached immediately for comment.

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Kefauver Opponent Backed By Crump In Primary Race

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Rep. Pat Sutton should be a reporter over the roar of his helicopter yesterday that E. H. Crump, longtime Tennessee political bigwig, had given last-minute support to his bid to unseat Sen. Estes Kefauver in tomorrow's Democratic primary.

But Crump said: "We're not asking our friends to vote for either candidate and we'll maintain that position throughout election day."

Jim Gunter of the Memphis Commercial Appeal reported to day that Sutton told him during a flight late yesterday that Crump would make no public endorsement but had passed the word quietly to his Memphis organization.

In the old days before Kefauver turned Crump's "pet-coon" epithet into a campaign asset in 1948, even such quiet support from Crump as Sutton said he had could almost assure victory for a hard-working candidate.

Sutton's mid-air announcement was the latest bizarre note in a

Senate campaign of gimmicks, stumping that has competed for headlines with one of the roughest gubernatorial campaigns in the state's history. The winners in the Democratic primary are virtually assured of election in November predominantly Democratic Tennessee.

In the contest for Tennessee's first four-year governor's term, former Gov. Gordon Browning is trying to oust Gov. Frank Clement—with assistance from members of Clement's own official family. Clement ousted Browning two years ago.

A third candidate, Judge Raulston Schoolfield of Chattanooga, is campaigning almost entirely on his promise to retain segregation in Tennessee public schools regardless of a Supreme Court ban.

Browning also has taken a pro-segregation stand, while Clement has said only that school segregation would continue at least until the court opinion is clarified.

Both Secretary of State G. Ed-

ward Friar and the state comptroller, Mrs. Jeanne Bodfish, have aired their rift with Clement in the final weeks of the campaign. Both were leaders in his 1952 campaign.

Sutton, who was elected three times to the House from Tennessee's 8th District, has made use of marathon television-radio broadcasts and has campaigned for the last month by helicopter.

He has accused Kefauver of being an internationalist, a "one-worlder" and a left-winger. He invites comparison of his farm, veteran and antisubversive legislative record with that of Kefauver.

Kefauver retorts that Sutton has failed to take part in important congressional votes, has introduced House measures designed to hinder deportation of criminals, and has accepted campaign aid for sources outside Tennessee.

There are no Republican candidates for governor and of the two men listed as GOP candidates for senator, one says he will not run if nominated. That's Ray Jenkins, who gained national prominence as special counsel in the recent Army-McCarthy hearings.

Jenkins said that by mistake he failed to notify officials to pull his name from the ballot and thus, Robert Gregory, Memphis, declares he should be automatically the winner.

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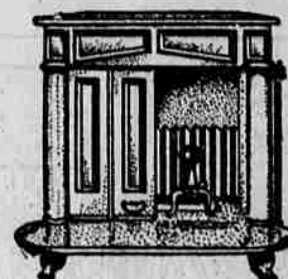
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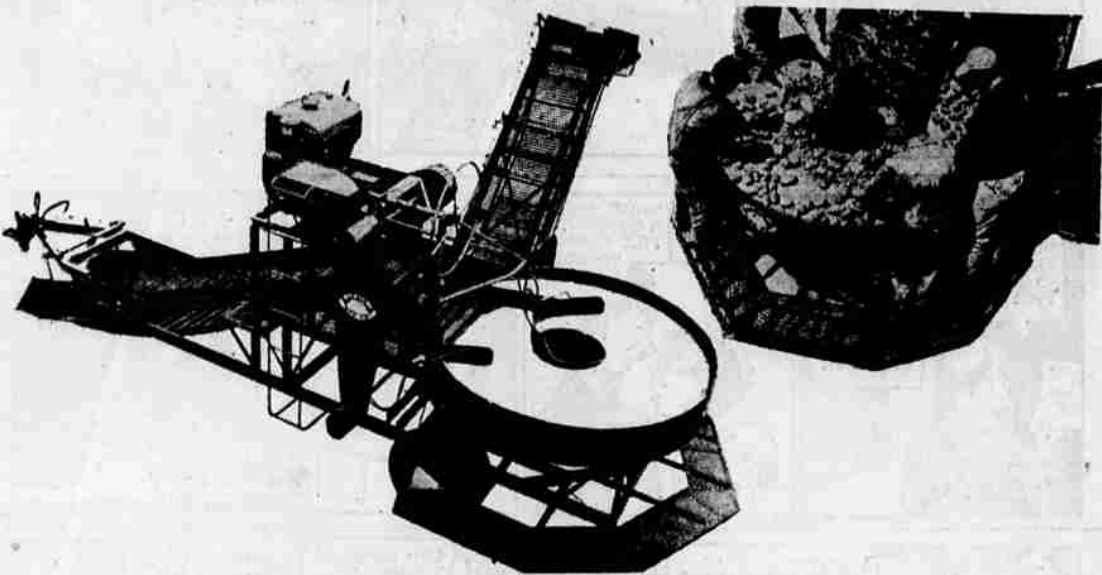
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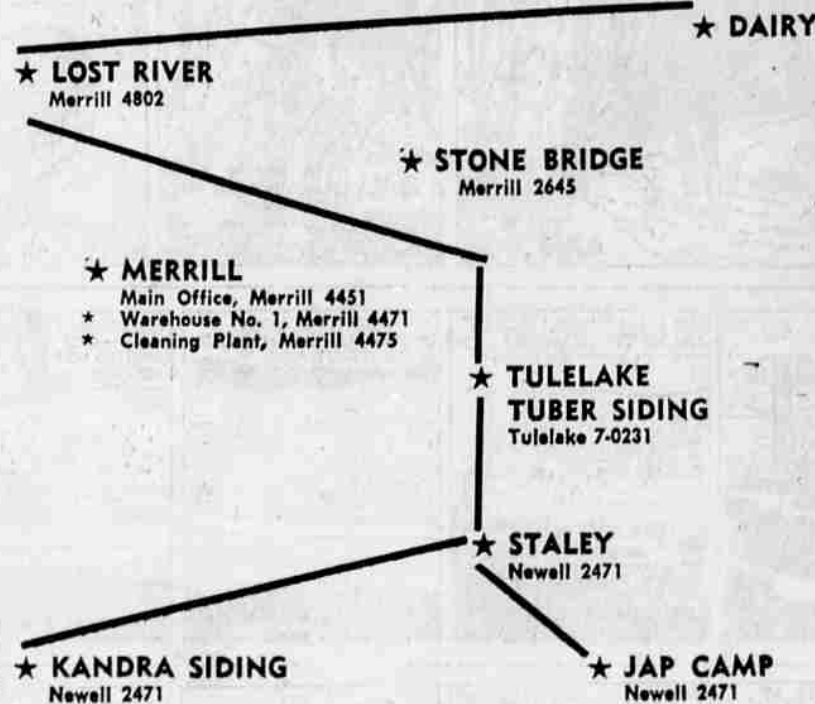


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