

Japanese, Koreans Battle Over Reds, Other Problems

SEOUL (AP)—Relations between Japan and South Korea — bitter rivals although two of America's principal allies in the Far East — are at low ebb.

South Korea has indicated no intention of settling its long-standing feud with Japan, even at the risk of losing American aid.

North Pole Route Flown By Airliner

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The airliner Royal Viking took off early today to inaugurate the first commercial transpolar passenger service between Los Angeles and Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Scandinavian Airlines System's DC6B rose from fogbound International Airport at 12:05 a.m. with film actors Jean Hersholt and Walter Pidgeon, public officials and two dozen newsmen, including this writer, aboard.

Shortly before the takeoff, actress Cyd Charisse christened the Royal Viking with the traditional champagne bottle. A reception and dinner honored the passengers earlier in the evening.

At 8:10 p.m. today, a similar plane — and likewise loaded with newsmen and dignitaries — will leave Copenhagen headed west.

The eastbound plane's flying time, for the 5,800-mile "short course," is 22 hours. But the westbound craft, due to prevailing westerly winds, will be in the air about 25 hours.

It is due in Los Angeles Tuesday. There is, incidentally, a nine-hour time differential between Denmark and the Pacific Coast.

Six exploratory flights by SAS established the practicability of the flight, which stops only at Winnipeg, Manitoba, in Canada and Blue West 8, an airfield on Greenland. What military significance this transpolar route has no one has yet said, but undoubtedly it has some.

Scandinavian Airlines, a consortium since 1946 of Swedish, Norwegian and Danish airlines, will establish southern California's first direct link with Europe. The arctic route, only about 30 per cent of it over water, is 600 miles shorter than the usual flying path via New York, SAS estimates, require a minimum of seven hours.

Each DC6B used on the trip, which will be twice weekly each way, will carry 32 passengers and crews of 10. There are eight berths on each with a sleeping charge of \$50 each way. The round trip fare is \$1,034.50. Each plane also will carry up to 2,000 pounds of cargo.

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ly, "Japan is rapidly becoming a willing tool of the Communists." He also accused the Japanese of helping smuggle Communist agents into Korea and of flooding the country with narcotics.

Even though the Japanese ignore such statements, it is feared they have hurt the possibility of forming a northeast Asia defense alliance, long a rumored but never acknowledged project in U. S. foreign policy plans.

The most recent Japanese-Korean talks broke up in November 1953 after a Japanese delegate said he believed the Koreans actually benefited under the 40-year Japanese occupation which ended in 1945. The Koreans have refused to meet again until the Japanese apologize for that remark.

Koreans want Japan to withdraw all property claims on Korea. They also want the controversial "Rhee Line" recognized before meetings are resumed. And they want back their national art treasures which they claim Japan took during the occupation.

The Rhee Line, extending 60 miles out from the Korean coast, is one of the most critical issues. It originally was established by Gen. Douglas MacArthur at the outset of the Korean War in 1950 to clarify areas of military command.

President Syngman Rhee of South Korea in 1952 directed that the line be considered the boundary of Korean territorial waters. His ships have seized and confiscated 65 Japanese fishing boats and their 690 crewmen within those waters since September 1953.

The fishermen were returned but Korea kept the boats. Two other smoldering issues are little Tokyo (Takeshima) Island and the need for an increase in Japanese-Korean trade.

The Koreans have occupied Tokyo, a bleak stack of rocks midway between the two countries. Both countries claim it. On trade, many feel that Japan's industries are in an excellent position to supply Korea's consumer and capital goods needs but Koreans say this is not so.

The United States has indicated that unless Korea weakens its opposition that American aid may be curtailed. There is renewed talk of bringing the adversaries back around the conference table. Some believe the United States, prompted by Red China's growing strength, may have to step in and take a firm stand.

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KUHS RALLY SQUAD lined up for a busy basketball season that begins soon. From left, Doug Campbell, Florence Lampropoulos, Jackie Ackerman, Ed Bigby, yell king; Joan Estes, Linda Williams and Roy Wilbanks.

Deadly Gas Defeats Rescue Attempts In Eastern Mine

FARMINGTON, W. Va. (AP)—Beaten by deadly gas in their attempts to rescue 15 miners, or to recover their bodies, mining men last night completed their grim task of walling up entrances of Mine No. 9.

One man was dead. Fifteen were missing and presumed dead. The Jamison Coal Co. pit was rocked by a violent explosion Saturday. A second Saturday night sent flames roaring from the ventilation shaft.

A third, a sort of puff, shook the tiny mining valley yesterday evening. The job of sealing No. 9, in an effort to cut off the flow of air and smother a fire burning deep underground, was completed late last night. It will not be reopened until tests show the air inside is safe enough for rescue teams to enter. That might take days or months.

Also closed today was James Fork Elementary School, only a few hundred yards down the valley from the mine entrance. Officials feared another explosion or escaping gas might endanger the children.

Rescue crews worked their way almost a mile down the slope and into the passageways of No. 9 late Saturday. Deadly carbon monoxide fumes from the mine fire forced them back.

After three hours of conferences between company, state and federal mine bureau officials, the decision to seal was announced early yesterday.

State Mines Chief Frank B. King, visibly moved, explained, "There is just nothing else we can do." He said the action would remove any slender hope that some of the men might still be alive.

Miners began walling up the five openings with the approval of John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers chief.

Lewis, who spent two hours at the scene yesterday, said the sealing appeared to be the only course. He commended officials directing the operation.

As the miners labored to close the entrances, gas pressure began building up in the wrecked elevator portal and the destroyed ventilation shaft. Another explosion was threatened by the highly combustible methane gas.

No one could say what caused the explosion. Vice President James Hyslop of SAIGON, Viet Nam, (AP)—Gen. J. Lawton Collins, special envoy of President Eisenhower, took charge of the U.S. mission in chaotic, non-Communist South Viet Nam today, replacing Ambassador Donald R. Heath.

Heath, a 60-year-old career diplomat who had served in Indochina four years, flew to Washington yesterday for reassignment.

Collins, formerly U. S. Army chief of staff, has the personal rank of ambassador. He is charged with coordinating American diplomatic, military and economic agencies in South Viet Nam.

Tunis, Algerian Riots Reported

TUNIS, Tunisia, (AP)—Clashes between French security forces and Nationalist guerrillas in restive Tunisia and Algeria took a weekend toll of at least 31 killed.

Twenty rebels were killed in one encounter Saturday at Djebel Garbou, in eastern Tunisia. Thirty others were wounded and two captured. The French lost one soldier.

In the Aures Mountains of southeast Algeria, French paratroopers killed five guerrillas and lost two men in fighting near Djebel Uchmoul. Two rebels and one French soldier were killed in another clash in the Alger region near Gzigirt.

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Posted Areas Explained

So you couldn't get into your favorite hunting grounds this year because the landowner had the area posted? A recent report received by the game commission from the Oregon State Police gives just one example of why so much private land is posted.

According to the report, a central Oregon rancher complained that one of his prize bulls had been shot. Upon investigation, it was found that the bull, valued at \$500 as a calf, had been killed with an arrow.

By tracing various clues, state police officers managed to locate the partner of the "vandalism" who had done the shooting. The partner described the incident with, "We were talking about game while driving along a road in the hunting area, and the bull was spotted standing along the road." "There's some game!" shouted Mr. Vandabug. Whereupon he jumped from the car, shot an arrow into the bull, and hurriedly returned to the car. The two then went rapidly on their way.

Result... one dead prize bull, one unhappy landowner, and the possibility of more lands being closed to hunting in future years. The acts of one thoughtless hunter will be felt by thousands of Oregon sportsmen.

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