

Marine Regulars Taking Over in China; Admiral Denies Withdrawal Under Way

CHINA'S UNENDING STRIFE HELD THREAT TO WORLD PEACE

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That's a grim and alarming picture drawn by Presidential Envoy Gen. George C. Marshall and U.S. Ambassador John Leighton Stuart in their week-end statement at Nanking that peaceful settlement of China's growing civil war appears impossible.

This means that if worse comes to worst China's 500 millions will be subjected to a hell more terrible than that in which they have been tortured during the nine years since fighting in 1937. It means that not only wholesale deaths by violence but that millions may perish of starvation, for famine already has a fierce grip on the war-stricken country.

The visitation of such affliction upon a fifth of the world's population would in all conscience be awful enough, but that's only half the story. All-out civil war in China would produce a staggering threat to world peace. Indeed anybody who bet two bits against the likelihood of another global conflict would be taking an unwarranted risk.

STRANGE INCONGRUITIES

This fratricidal strife presents strange incongruities. General Marshall and Ambassador Stuart assure us that the Chinese people themselves unanimously want peace. Government and Communist leaders "are anxious to put an end to the fighting." Why, then, can't there be peace? Well, there are certain issues concerned in the immediate settlements involved regarding which agreement has not been found. To this the Marshall-Stuart statement adds:

"It appears impossible for the two parties to reach settlement of these issues which would permit a general order to be issued for the complete cessation of hostilities in all of China. Certain of the unsettled issues relate to the military repositioning of troops. However, these apparently present less difficulty for settlement than the more fundamental issues concerning the character of local or county governments to be maintained in regions which will be evacuated as the result of military repositioning pending the basic decision on such matters by the constitutional assembly."

The meaning of all this is that we have here a clash between two political isms—communism and the nationalistic dictatorship of Chiang Kai-shek's party—which are as far apart as the two ends of a spectrum. The problem, therefore, is a scientific one—to discover a way of mixing oil and water. To put it more prosaically, the peacemakers must find some basis which will permit of the establishment of a coalition government.

BOTH SIDES SUSPICIOUS

If this tremendous political barrier could be surmounted, then the military settlement would be a mere formality. As it is both sides, being wholly suspicious of each other, are going to hang onto their great armies—and use them for their great ends—why, if the political leaders of both sides want peace, do things look so black? The American ambassadors don't tell us that. But we can do some 'I's and cross some 'T's ourselves by noting that there are in China powerful vested interests which have been blocking efforts to achieve a political union. They are doing this to serve their own selfish interests—and the rest of China's 500,000,000 can go hang. That, by the way, is a human frailty not confined to China.

The task of forming a Nationalist-Communist government for a unified country, of course, seems to fall into the class of a magician's hat trick. There has been talk, however, of establishing more or less autonomous states which could work in co-operation if not in complete union.

Powerful U.S. Radio At Tientsin Proves Intention to Stay

TIENSIN, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Marine regulars are replacing reserves in North China, but Adm. Charles M. Cooke Jr., commander of the United States Seventh Fleet, quickly emphasized today "the accelerated outward movement of Marines at this time does not in any way mean the Marines are being withdrawn from China."

The First Marine Division announced the arrival at Tientsin today of two naval transports in connection with "routine movements of naval and Marine corps personnel." That led to Cooke's statement.

The announcement said the ships brought Marine and naval personnel reporting for full tours of duty in the Far East. All arrivals are regularized today. The Marine Corps is being replaced by regulars. The latter will be replaced by regulars from the United States to meet a November 1 demobilization deadline.

Indicating the Marines have no intention of leaving China in the near future, a new radio station, "The Voice of the China Marines," soon will start broadcasting from Tientsin. It is described as the most powerful armed forces radio station in the Far East.

Navy's Job in Japan To Be Ended by June

TOKYO, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Vice-Admiral R. M. Griffin, commander of U.S. naval activities in Japan, announced today that 106 Liberty ships used in repatriation of Japanese would begin within a few days to return home at the rate of 120 a week; and that all of the Navy's major tasks in Japan would be largely completed by next June 30.

Reductions in Navy personnel in Japan can be expected, he said, although some must remain as long as the Allied occupation continues, to guard U.S. property and supervise the empire merchant marine.

There is now \$200,000,000 worth of surplus Navy property in Japan, he added, but it is being turned over to the Army and Foreign Liquidation Commission.

China Labor Offices Raided in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Chu Hsueh-fan, president of the Chinese Association of Labor, charged today that some of its AFL and CIO-financed buildings had been seized by police and that "forces of reaction in China have turned against us."

More Earth Shocks Felt at Trujillo

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Earth tremors which have kept this Caribbean island in terror for eight days were felt here again at 4:31 a. m. today, but the shocks have been decreasing in frequency and intensity in the last 48 hours. The latest quake caused no reported damage. Communications were being restored with the north and northeast areas, which were hardest hit in the series of quakes on tidal waves beginning Sunday, August 4, and the government was increasing its relief activities for the 20,000 homeless. Food and medicine are being rushed to the area.

TOKYO, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Japanese she was hit by 12 torpedoes, seven today learned for the first time the full story of the last days of their super battleship Yamato, in a newspaper story which termed the big warship's suicidal attack on American forces of Okinawa "foolish" rather than heroic.

RUSS ATTACK U.S. POLICY IN CHINA AND PHILIPPINES

MOSCOW, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The Russian press carried attacks today on United States policy in China and the Philippines.

The Official Tass agency distributed a Shanghai dispatch asserting that 50 Chinese factories had been forced to close and that Chinese industry was suffering a serious crisis because American goods were being dumped in China.

"These factories simply are not able to compete with those of America," the item said. "For instance, the price of one ton of Chinese steel is 800,000 Chinese dollars, while the price of a ton of American imported steel is only 300,000 Chinese dollars."

Another Tass dispatch quoted the Chinese press as saying Shanghai was flooded with American goods of all kinds.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda quoted the New York Post columnist Harold Ickes, as asserting that "a civil war is in progress" in the Philippines. The former U. S. secretary of interior was quoted as asserting that the American press was not publishing the truth about the islands, which gained their independence on July 4. The item was headed "American troops defending Philippine dictatorship behind iron curtain."

Ickes asserted that civil war with tanks, armored cars, bazookas and machineguns was in progress on Luzon and that casualties have been heavy. He asserted that "a newly liberated people is being shackled by dictatorship" and that 80,000 U. S. troops and 25,000 Filipino scouts were in the islands.

4400 Servicemen Due in Ports Today

By The Associated Press
Four ships with more than 4400 service personnel are scheduled to arrive today at New York, San Francisco and Seattle. In addition, the E. B. Alexander, from Southampton is due at New York with 411 war brides and children.

Pinchot Sees Hope For World Peace

MILFORD, Pa., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Gifford Pinchot, 81, pioneer in natural resources conservation and twice Governor of Pennsylvania, sees a brighter hope for world peace in increased attention to the rights of "the plain people" and greater thought for conservation.

Hearing Scheduled On Garsson Firm

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Referee in Bankruptcy Wallace Streeter today set August 21 for examination of witnesses concerned in the petitions of six creditor companies and the Government to have the Bata-Victrol Products Company and its subsidiary, the Challenge Company, declared bankrupt.

Scores Offer Skin To Burned Boy, 4

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Scores of persons willing to give away their own skin gave 4-year-old Melvyn Snyder a chance to live today.

CHINESE REDS REPORTED READY TO APPEAL TO U.N.

NANKING, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The Chinese Communists were reported unofficially today to be prepared to take their quarrel with the government to the United Nations Security Council if peace negotiations remain stalemated.

The independent newspaper Hsin Min Pao said that Gen. Chou En-lai, chief Communist negotiator, had told United States Ambassador John Leighton Stuart he was ready to put it up to the U.N. if the American mediation failed. Chou declined to confirm or deny the report.

Stuart and General Marshall, special U.S. envoy, announced on Saturday that a general peace for China appeared impossible to attain.

Official accounts from Tientsin said U.S. Marines were remaining in China and were replacing reserves with regulars. This appeared to explain yesterday's government news agency report that part of the Marines were pulling out.

China Trouble Blamed On U.S. Backing Chiang

The Chinese Communists' new China News Agency today blamed the breakdown of Chinese truce negotiations on "an erroneous United States policy of backing Chiang Kai-shek's civil war and dictatorial designs."

The agency, in a broadcast from Communist headquarters at Yanan recorded by the Associated Press in San Francisco, said "well informed observers" (in Yanan — hence Communist Party leaders) list these "main divergencies between the Kuomintang (Government Party) and the Chinese Communist Party, which United States aid aggravated by backing Chiang Kai-shek's civil war stand:

"1.—The Chinese Communist party upholds unconditional cessation of hostilities, but Kuomintang authorities insist on armed occupation of North Kiangsu, Jehol, Chahar and the northeastern nine provinces.

"2.—The Chinese Communist party insists on implementation of political consultation conference decisions and immediate convening of the PCC, but Kuomintang authorities insist that there can be no discussing of political problems before Army occupation of these places.

"3.—The Chinese Communist party stands for a Democratic coalition government responsible to Congress, but Kuomintang authorities insist on preserving one-party dictatorship."

WAA Critics Get Hearing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Robert M. Littlejohn, War Assets Administrator, today called on the agency's field representatives to let their "hair down and tell us our sins of omission and commission."

Littlejohn also set next July 1 as the "target date" for completion of the major portion of WAA's job of disposing of billions of dollars worth of surplus goods.

Littlejohn addressed a meeting here of WAA regional and zone directors which he said had been called to "tighten relations between the WAA field offices and the Washington office to discuss veterans complaints, to get up to date information on inventories, sales condition of stocks and policies, and to emphasize that WAA hides nothing in public relations."

The WAA chief said that since he took office two weeks ago he has been analyzing complaints from the field.

"Roughly, they are running 90 per cent from veterans," he said. "Again roughly, 65 per cent of these gripes appear reasonably justified. The remaining 35 per cent are based largely upon erroneous information. This we intend to correct."

Littlejohn said that "if it is necessary to change disposal methods to give the veterans a fair break, they will be changed." He said he was approaching veterans problems in a "very friendly way."

"I, too, came home from four years overseas anticipating being able to buy a jeep," Littlejohn said. "I have not been able to get one. So I, too, have a gripe against WAA."

Swedes Start Rocket Hunt

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The Swedish Army sent investigators today to central Sweden, where rockets were reported to have crashed last night during a veritable shower of the mysterious missiles.

The first reports seeping through a military blackout indicated the Army investigators found nothing at the scene of the reported explosions. They gave rise to a theory that the rockets are made of material of which little or nothing is left when they explode in the air.

The strange rockets zoomed through the Swedish skies in greater number than ever before. An army source said the visitation was regarded as "most serious." He said the time had come for an all-out effort to establish origin of the rockets.

RUSSIANS SUSPECTED

Most unconfirmed theories were that the Russians were experimenting with rockets or flying bombs and German scientists were helping them with their work. The Baltic was the favorite landing zone for the Nazi V-weapons during the war. Feenemuende, village in Pomerania near the Baltic, was one of the Nazis' biggest bases for secret weapons.

Rockets were reported to have crashed at three points or more in central Sweden last night. In dispatching investigators, military authorities hinted that they were seeking information upon which to base protests against firing of the missiles over this country, which has been going on for weeks. They refused to go into detail.

PASS OVER STOCKHOLM

Witnesses said that one of last night's rockets passed directly over Stockholm and exploded north of the city.

A Swedish air force lieutenant, after seeing one of the rockets in central Sweden, estimated the length of the body at some 60 feet. He said it was shaped like a cigar, with the forepart green and the sides white. It moved "terribly fast" at a low altitude, he said.

Many experts think the things which crashed in Sweden were not bombs, but the accumulation of water is left of propulsion material with the rockets themselves being radio-directed back to base after a tour of Sweden.

9 COUNTRIES SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN UNITED NATIONS

By MAX HARRRELSON
NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The membership committee of the United Nations Security Council was called into session today to resume consideration of the nine applications for U.N. membership which it must act upon by August 21.

As the delegates prepared to enter the closed session, it appeared that they would take up at once a proposed questionnaire which will be sent to Outer Mongolia to help clarify points which have been raised in connection with the Mongolian application.

There was some possibility also that the Albanian representative, Col. Tuk Jakova, might submit his replies to a similar questionnaire on Albania's application in time for consideration this afternoon. He indicated last night, however, he still had not completed his report.

Quick action on the Mongolian questionnaire is necessary if the country is to have time to reply before the committee's deadline for reports to the Security Council.

Since Outer Mongolia has no representative in New York, the list of questions will have to be transmitted to Ulan Bator, the Mongolian capital. If the questionnaire is dispatched today, the Mongolian government will have eight days to get its answer back to the committee.

The Albanian and Outer Mongolian applications were the only ones discussed in the first five meetings of the committee. Other applications awaiting action were from Afghanistan, Transjordan, Siam, Iceland, Eire, Portugal and Sweden.

Troops Get Holiday

TOKYO, Aug. 12.—(AP)—All officers and men of the Pacific command will celebrate Wednesday as the first anniversary of the Japanese surrender. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today. All men will be granted a holiday except for skeleton crews to handle emergency matters.

YANK TRANSPORT FORCED DOWN BY TITO WARPLANES

BELGRADE, Aug. 12.—(AP)—An American C-47 Army transport plane was forced down by Yugoslav fighter aircraft August 9 while flying over northwestern Yugoslavia, the official Tanjug News Agency reported today.

Tanjug said a note of protest had been sent to the U.S. embassy in Belgrade concerning the "systematic violation" of northwestern Yugoslavia by American military planes. The dispatch said 172 planes had violated "Yugoslavian sovereign rights" in one month.

The C-47 was forced down at Juhubina, on the northern tip of Yugoslavia, according to the news agency.

(In Rome, Lieut. Gen. John C. H. Lee, U.S. commander in the Mediterranean area, announced Saturday a C-47 of the Air Transport Command, was 24 hours overdue on a flight from Vienna to Naples. Other Army officials said the plane had radioed a distress signal from somewhere over Yugoslavia, but that the message was garbled and that they were unable to determine the exact location.)

Yank Ambushed In Red Cross Jeep

TRIESTE, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The U.S. 8th Division announced today that Pvt. Sutton Fetterman of Glen Campbell, Pa., was fired upon yesterday on the Trieste-Gorizia Road. The incident took place at about the same point where another American soldier recently was ambushed and killed.

Fetterman was not hit, but a bullet punctured a tire of the Red Cross jeep he was driving.

Nazi Papers Riddle Grows

By WALLACE R. DEUEL
Chicago Daily News Foreign Service
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—A curious light was shed today on the "mystery of the missing documents" in the State Department.

These are the official German and Italian files which United States forces captured in Europe more than a year ago. Thousands of the documents were microfilmed and sent to Washington in that form, but they then disappeared.

Now the microfilm has turned up again. At least, officials say the State Department has it.

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Nazi Generals Ignored Politics, Declares Gerd Von Rundsted

NURNBERG, Germany, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Field Marshal Gerd Von Rundsted told the war crimes court today "Generals of the German Army did not concern themselves with politics."

The old soldier who failed to check General Eisenhower's armies in the West testified also that members of the high command and general staff rejected such Hitler theories as that of the "master race."

The light lipped Prussian was the last witness in defense of the general staff and high command, on trial with 22 ranking Germans as war criminals. Conviction of the organizations might result in conviction of those belonging to them.

Field Marshal Fritz Von Manstein preceded Rundsted to the stand and denied Russian accusations that food was withheld from Russian war prisoners as a reprisal.

Manstein disclaimed all knowledge of mass shootings of Russian Jews, another Russian charge made because Manstein commanded an army on the Eastern Front. He admitted there was some starvation but asserted it was a misfortune of war resulting when "half a million prisoners suddenly are thrust upon you."

TOKYO, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The man most feared by the Chinese during Japan's North China campaigns was the fabulous Lawrence of Manchuria—little Col. "enji Doihara"—an American newspaperman testified today in Tokyo's war crimes trial.

The minute the Chinese learned Doihara was around Peiping they knew that Japan was going to add North China to Manchuria," testified John Goette, former China correspondent for International News Service. He declared Doihara pulled the strings that put Henry Pu Yi on the throne as Manchuria's puppet emperor. Pu Yi, produced by the Russians, who have held him prisoner since war's end, is scheduled to testify Thursday.

Jap Captain Who Slew Filipinos Sentenced

MANILA, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Jiro Motoki, former Japanese Army captain charged with beheading four Filipino civilians on Panny Island in 1944, today was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment by a War Crimes Commission.

15 Minor War Criminals Die

TOKYO, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Fifteen minor war criminals were executed between May 15 and June 13, it was announced today.


Four were hanged at Sugamo Prison in Tokyo and 11 were either shot or hanged in Singapore and Melbourne.

Queen Elizabeth Injured in Fall

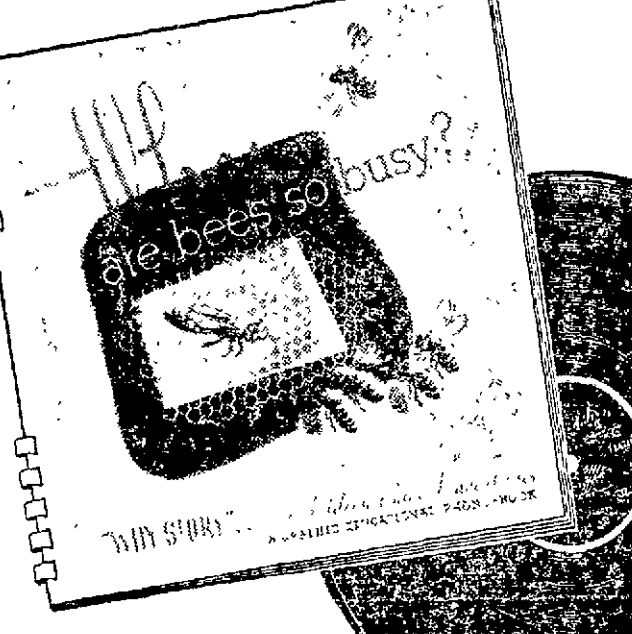
BALLATER, Scotland, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Queen Elizabeth suffered minor cuts and bruises on her left leg Saturday when she slipped and fell while crossing a small stream near Balmoral Castle, it was learned today.

Queen Elizabeth reportedly was walking in the Glen Cairn section, about five miles from the castle, when the accident occurred. King George and the Princesses Margaret and Elizabeth helped her back to the castle.

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