

THUNDERSTORM BLAMED FOR CRASH IN GULF OF MEXICO

Charge Waste In Building U.S. Bases Overseas

U.S. Planning To Strengthen Chiang Kai-shek

By John M. Hightower
WASHINGTON, (AP) — The U. S. is planning to strengthen Chinese Nationalist naval forces substantially. This will enable them more effectively to disrupt shipping destined for Red China.

Officials said Sunday that the buildup is provided for in the present program of military aid for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The chief limitation is the ability of the Chinese Navy, now a hodge-podge of small craft up to destroyers, to absorb new equipment.

The expansion therefore will be slow because it requires extensive training of personnel.

Two strong trends are developing in Eisenhower administration studies of policy moves in the Far East.

One is a reluctance to undertake any of the more dramatic alternatives such as a blockade of the Chinese mainland or a large expansion of the war in Korea, both because of strong Allied opposition and because of the further commitment of U. S. forces that would be required.

The other trend is that the administration favors maximum disengagement of U. S. and Western forces from the Asian conflict as rapidly as possible without sacrifice of major interest.

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At Annual R.C.A.F. Association Dinner



Pictured above is the head table group at the annual dinner of the R.C.A.F. Association, Atlantic Provinces Group, held Saturday night at the Charlottetown, following the annual meeting held here. Seated at the table, from left to right, are: Roy Johnston, Summerside; Jack Estey, Loggieville, N. B.; Stan McInnis, Charlottetown; Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse, guest speaker; A. F. Wigglesworth, Liverpool, N. S., Association president; His Worship Mayor J. D. Stewart and J. Angus MacLean, M. P.

Israel Ousting More Russians

TEL AVIV, (AP)—Israel is ousting three more Russians from their posts in this country on the heels of the Soviet Union's rupture of diplomatic relations, a source close to the Foreign Office reported Sunday.

The informant said Vladimir Koblev, correspondent for Tass, official Soviet news agency; Archimandrite Polikarp, chief of the Russian Orthodox Church mission, and A. D. I. Saitsev of the Russian Academy of Science, had all been told to leave the country.

At the same time it was disclosed that Israel had clamped down on the freedom of movement of diplomats of Eastern Europe's Communist bloc, and taken further court action by holding 18 Israelis on charges in connection with the bombing of the Soviet legation which resulted in Russia's severance of diplomatic relations last week.

Frontier guards at Lydda airport and at crossing points on the Lebanese and Jordan borders have been instructed to allow no Eastern bloc diplomat to leave Israel without an exit visa, it was learned.

This measure matched the vigilance of Russia and other satellites who stress the need for exit visas for Western diplomats.

Pope Celebrates Mass First Time Since Jan 22

VATICAN CITY, (AP) — The Pope celebrated Mass in his private chapel Sunday for the first time since he became ill Jan. 22. The Pontiff is still convalescing from the flu and what Vatican sources called bronchial pneumonia and is expected to remain in his apartment several more days.

FLEE BEHIND CURTAIN

BERLIN, (AP)—East German Communists claimed Saturday that four Western soldiers have asked for political asylum in the Soviet zone. They were listed by the official Soviet Zone news agency ADN as British Fusiliers William Nancy, Richard Irvine and Samuel Lewis and French soldier Jean Guerrin.

All were reported to have sent a petition to the Communist Government allegedly condemning the "infamous Allied warfare in Korea."

Canada Has Only Small Trade With Red China

OTTAWA, (CP) — Canada's trade with Communist China is so small that any proposal to impose a complete embargo on shipments to the mainland likely would be settled on political rather than economic grounds, a trade official says.

He was commenting on a Washington dispatch reporting the possibility that the U. S. government may propose to allied countries that all shipments to Red China be forbidden by law.

Canada maintains an embargo on exports of strategic materials to Communist countries but does not forbid trade in purely civilian items.

While no breakdown on export of Canadian goods to Red China was available, shipments to Red China and Formosa totalled \$1,153,000 in 1952, up from \$367,000 in 1951, but infinitesimal compared to the \$2,300,000,000 worth of goods shipped to all countries last year.

Hundreds Of Millions Reported To Be Involved

WASHINGTON, (AP) — A blistering Senate report Saturday charged needless waste of hundreds of millions of dollars and time and efforts of thousands of Americans in constructing overseas military bases.

The much-censored document was released by Senators Russell Long (Dem.-La.) and Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.), former members of the armed services committee which investigated the multi-billion dollar overseas defence planning program.

The two senators called for a complete overhaul of the project and questioned whether even then it would enable the U. S. and its allies to retaliate against a surprise enemy attack.

Challenging the "adequacy and wisdom of this nation's high-level planning," the two-man report lashed most of its criticism at air force leaders.

Blames Allies

It dealt equally harshly with some European allies, who were said to be gouging the U. S. and its allies on supplies and necessities.

The desire of other allies to cooperate or even to fight to defend themselves was questioned with these words:

"It is our feeling that the United States has made a fundamental error in departing from the sound principle that the only people who deserve freedom are those willing to fight for it."

This was in a section assailing agreements with Allied countries on locations for U. S. military bases.

"In many of the agreements consummated up to this time, our government has been asked to contribute altogether too much and our allies too little," the report said.

Section Deleted

A section dealing with agreements with France was deleted because of objections by the State Department.

Liverpool, N. S. Man Heads Atlantic Airmen's Group

A. F. Wigglesworth, B.E.M., Liverpool, N. S., was re-elected president of the R.C.A.F. Association Atlantic Provinces Group at their fourth annual meeting held here on Saturday.

The sessions, which were held in the clubrooms of the Charlottetown Confederation (201) Wing, began at 9 a.m. with a welcome by the president and the invocation by Rev. Robert Corbett, R.C.A.F., Summerside, and continued throughout the day and evening.

At noon the delegates paraded to the Soldiers' Monument in Queen's Square, preceded by a colour party from the R. C. A. F., Summerside, and placed a wreath. Prayer was offered by Rev. Robert Corbett.

The afternoon session was attended by sixty delegates representing 17 Atlantic Province Wings. The president's address dealt with various matters of importance to the organization. He stated that Atlantic Provinces recruiting continues to hold up to quota in Air Force and Group Observer Corps is more advanced in this area than in other part of Canada.

Amazing Plastic Surgery Repairs Valve In Heart

Detroit, (AP) — Amazing plastic surgery rebuilt a bad valve in a boy's heart while a pulsing mechanical heart kept him alive, it was learned Saturday.

With the whole right side of his heart empty of blood, Harper Hospital surgeons calmly rebuilt the valve which had threatened to kill 16-year-old Charles Chuck Moses of Detroit.

This plastic surgery is apparently a medical first. It opens prospects of ability to repair human hearts much as plastic surgeons now rebuild a nose or ear or hand.

The "Michigan heart," the glass-metal-and-rubber device that works like a 12-cylinder automobile engine, made the surgery possible.

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Conflicting Opinion

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Biggest U. N. Weakness

The UN army's great weakness is lack of reserves to exploit a victory or support bold strategy.

As for the Communists, they apparently have a little more than 1,500,000 men in Korea. Three-quarters are Chinese Communists, the rest are Chinese Communists.

The sun shone on the North Sea Sunday, the snow had stopped falling and all was quiet on the tidal fronts, a sharp contrast to the 80-mile-an-hour gales which sent the sea battering at dikes two weeks ago.

The victory heartened the thousands of service men, volunteer workers and engineers toiling to bolster the patched and soggy dikes. Although seapages developed in several places, there were no big breaks.

The moon-pulled spring tides will continue climbing higher until late Monday night.

In all three countries officials are convinced they can avoid a new disaster if the North Sea remains calm. It was almost millpond flat Sunday and continuing calm weather was predicted for the next 24 hours.

European Firm To Build Glove Plant

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A European firm will build a glove manufacturing plant at nearby Carboner and expects to be in production by October.

Eisenhower Backs Move To Drop Farm Price Support

WASHINGTON, (AP) — A high-placed source said Saturday the Eisenhower administration backs Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson's stand on farm-price supports and is prepared to make an issue of it.

At the same time, the source suggested that the Republican government, less than a month in office, may underestimate the political pressures engendered by falling farm prices and similar "pocket-book problems."

"Political Bump"

He said it has fallen to Benson's lot to take the first politically risky stand under the new administration. But Eisenhower and his chief advisers saw the farm-price problem as the first of many "political bumps" that must be ridden out if they are to put across a program they believe necessary to the well-being of the United States.

Governor-General Makes Appeal For Flood Relief

OTTAWA, (CP) — Governor-General Massey said Sunday night there can be no doubt that Canadians will rise to the challenge to help the people of flood-devastated Britain, Holland and Belgium.

The Governor-General, chairman of the Canadian National European Flood Relief Committee, launched an appeal for aid in a speech over a CBC national network.

The committee announced after a meeting Friday that donations will be received through branches of the Canadian charred banks which will issue receipts.

Mr. Massey said the full story of the flood damage remains to be told "but the facts we know tell us that a tragedy has taken place."

In England, 300 have lost their lives, 18,000 are homeless and 140,000 acres of farmland are under water. In Holland, 1,400 have drowned, 50,000 are homeless and one-fifth of the country—438,000 acres—lies under sea water. In Belgium, 10,000 people have suffered.

He said the committee of which he is chairman is appealing for funds to buy what is needed in the crippled areas. The Red Cross Society is arranging the transport and distribution of supplies through its sister-organization in the countries concerned.

Supplies are being flown overseas by the R.C.A.F. and commercial airlines and other organizations have promised or already are providing "the fullest and most generous co-operation."

"It may be asked what is the objective of the appeal. It is still too early to determine how much will be needed to help the victims of this disaster. I can only say it will be a very large sum indeed."

Dairy Truck Driver Killed At Crossing

WOODSTOCK, N. B. (CP) — William Dunlop, 52, was killed here Saturday when the dairy truck he was driving was hit by a train at a level crossing. It was not decided immediately whether an inquest will be held.

FIRE GUTS ARMY HOSPITAL

SEOUL, (AP) — Fire Saturday night gutted one wing of a South Korean army hospital containing 400 battle wounded. The patients, all ROK soldiers, were evacuated safely, many on stretchers.

FATALLY BURNED

SAINT JOHN'S, N.B. (CP) — John Carveil, 52, died in hospital here Sunday from burns and other injuries received when an oil tank exploded in his home at nearby Manawagonish Road.

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MONTREAL, (CP) — Canada is sending everything from rubber boots to diapers and thermos bottles to army wives and to the flood-harassed people of England, Belgium and Holland.

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Prices Take Dive

About the same time grain prices took the worst dive of a long decline which began last summer, and

when he told Congress in his State-of-the-Union message that outside emergencies, the nation should rely on general monetary controls and the natural working of economic laws.

The source said a bump had been passed 10 days ago without arousing much, if any, political heat. He was referring to the stock market break of Feb. 4 to 6, when stocks wound up in the heaviest decline for months.

The break was ascribed in the market at the time, in part at least, to "anti-inflation measures being taken in Washington," that is, tightening of the money supply by the federal reserve as the government moves from direct economic controls to indirect monetary controls.

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Military Authorities Divided On Korean Offensive Opinion

SEOUL, (AP) — What chance would a big United Nations offensive have right now?

Gen. James Van Fleet, retired commander of the 8th Army, says it would succeed and he seems to be thinking of a big engagement fought fairly soon, after reasonable planning and with some but not many reinforcements.

He does not think it would broaden the war.

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Airlines and shipping companies have volunteered to fill available cargo space with relief cartons. Woolen blankets, sheets and quilts make up most of the shipments.

Some indication of the thorough manner in which the relief goods are designed to clothe and care for the flood victims is given by the contents of one carton, which contains 20 layettes.

For boys, the Red Cross is sending cartons containing windbreakers, pajamas, underwear sets and dressing gowns. Nightgowns, stockings and underwear are on the list for girls.

An ironic twist was provided when oil heaters were shipped to Britain. The heaters were originally manufactured in Britain and exported to Canada for sale. When disaster struck, the Red Cross bought several of them for shipment back.

About 10,000 pairs of rubber boots also have been sent. The boots were bought by Winnipeg for use in case of a recurrence of the 1950 floods. Fifty-one outdoor motors were sent after Netherlands officials said their launches were too big to navigate the waters.

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