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Chinese Reds? Formosa and the nearby Pescadores -- nearly all are agreed on that. But what about the Quemoy and the Matsu Group ~~is~~ of islands, just off the Red mainland? The resolution would give the President authority to defend any island necessary to defend Formosa and the Pescadores. Which might include - Quemoy and Matsu.

Some Senators ~~do~~ not agree. Arguing - that we should not guarantee any of the long string of small islands, which the Nationalists hold along the coast.

Senators Humphrey of Minnesota and the Kefauver of Tennessee are backing proposals to limit the administration to the defense of Formosa - and the Pescadores - and nothing else.

BRITAIN-CHINA

Today, the British government made clear - its position in the Formosa crisis. In Parliament, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden clarified - by drawing a definite line.

Distinguishing between Formosa and the Pescadores - and those other islands just off the China Coast.

He said Britain is committed to the American view that Formosa and the Pescadores are inviolable. But Eden took it for granted that President Eisenhower, in his message to Congress, did not imply that anything else would be protected. His view was that the American guarantee does not apply to the long string of off-shore islands, like the Tachen and Quemoy groups. These latter - a subject for negotiation.

"We are convinced" Eden declared, "that the problem of the coastal islands is susceptible to a peaceful solution."

We hear from Washington, that the United States would not oppose a U N invitation to Red China - to participate in discussions of the Formosa crisis. President Eisenhower has told us, repeatedly, that our government would welcome action by the United Nations - to procure a "cease-fire". At the U N a resolution for a truce will be presented by New Zealand - this week, or next. So, should the Chinese Reds be invited to send representatives?

Today, a U S diplomatic official in Washington remarked, it would be "unrealistic" to discuss a ~~new~~ cease-fire without the Chinese Reds participating in the talks.

However, the question remains - would they accept any such invitation? The Foreign Minister of Red China has been shouting - that the Formosa question is no business of the U N.

Soviet propaganda, today, made its angriest attack against American policy on Formosa. The Communist party newspaper, PRAVDA - calling President Eisenhower's message to Congress a "brazen intervention" in Chinese affairs. And - a "threat to peace."

The Soviet line is that American efforts for a U N "cease-fire" are merely a ~~gi~~ disguise to keep the Chinese Reds from taking over Formosa and the other islands.

EISENHOWER CHINA

In the immediate future, President Eisenhower will stay near Washington. He'll not spend more than one night away from the White House, and will not go any place farther than a distance of two hours flying time.

So announced by Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty, today. ~~He was~~ Asked - was this connected with the Formosa emergency? ~~He~~ answered ^{that} the emergency was not the prime ~~reason~~ reason. He said the President wanted to stay close at hand in the early months of the new Congress. ^{he} But admitted that the Far Eastern crisis did ~~not~~ enter into the decision.

COMMUNIST

A Communist leader was convicted in Chicago, today, setting a precedent, something new. Which could bring about the prosecution of every card/carrying Communist in the country.

In the Smith act, one section pertains to persons conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the United States government by violence. Hitherto, Communist leaders have been convicted under that proviso. But another section of the Smith act makes it illegal for anyone to belong to an organization - which, to his knowledge, advocates the violent overthrow of the government. So now, for the first time - a conviction under that ~~xxxxxx~~ clause.

Claude Lightfoot, a negro executive secretary of the Communist Party in Illinois - found guilty of belonging to the Communist party. That, virtually, is what ~~ixxx~~ it amounts to.

The conviction will be appealed - and, apparently, is on its way to the Supreme Court.

MACARTHUR

Words of burning patriotism were spoken in Los Angeles today - at the unveiling of a statue to General Douglas MacArthur, on the occasion of his own seventy-fifth birthday. The burning words - cried forth by Douglas MacArthur himself.

To a huge throng he said: "Be not deceived by strange voices that accuse us of being reactionary, when we idolize our country. Place your country above all else. Be proud to be called a patriot or a Nationalist - if it means love of country."

Burning words of patriotism - from the commander of victory in the Pacific.

PLANE

A strange air accident - out in the Atlantic - the pilot - making an accidental move. He pulled a wrong lever, and ~~ja~~ dumped three hundred and fifty gallons of gasoline into the ocean.

An air force cargo plane, a C-54 -- flying from the Azores to Bermuda. Down on the ocean, ~~a~~ coast guard cutter, Coos Bay, ~~which~~ picked up a message from the plane, telling how the pilot had, by mistake, jettisoned the fuel supply.

The C-54 -- compelled to land on the water. Coming down - two-and-a-half miles from the coast guard vessel. Which certainly was lucky. It was a stormy ocean, ~~with~~ high winds and heavy seas. The cutter - steaming to the rescue.

Here's the latest -- ~~as~~ everybody rescued. All eight airmen taken from the cargo plane - that had the strange accident.

BASEBALL

The baseball hall of Fame has four new members - headed by Joe DeMaggio. In New York, tonight, the vote was made public - in the annual election by the baseball writers of America.

Last year there was a ~~surprise~~ surprise when the former Yankee Clipper failed to gain admission to the Hall of Fame, now, he heads the list. The other three are two former great pitchers- Ted Lyond and Dazzy Vance. And - old time ~~catcher~~ catcher, Gabby Hartnett.

REFUGEE

Here's a story about a refugee from Communism - and did he have trouble! Adelbert Rozsa (Rozha), a Romanian, found the free world a hard place to get into.

Adelbert is a fiddler - he was first violinist in the orchestra of a ballet, which the Red Government of Romania sent along to Paris. The dancers and musicians were guarded by Communist agents but Adelbert found his chance.

While the company was dining together, he made a pretense of being ill, and sneaked out into the street - for a dash to freedom. He was dressed in the costume the musicians wore at performances - Romanian peasant costume. And he took his fiddle along - what fiddler would leave his fiddle behind?

Adelbert thought the real headquarters of liberty would be - the United States Embassy. So there he went. At night, he found a Marine on guard - and said he sought freedom. But Adelbert speaks only Romanian - of which the Marine understood not a word.

He looked the musician over in his peasant's costume -

and glanced at the violin. He thought Adelbert must be looking for a night club, down the street. So he pointed that way. Adelbert figured - that must be the way to freedom. So he went to the night club.

There they didn't understand any Romanian either, and thought he was a street musician - wanting to play for the customers. The night club doorman, with a contemptuous gesture, told him - "Go away."

Adelbert, waving his violin, began shouting in indignant Romanian. He wanted freedom.

That attracted a couple of gendarmes, and Adelbert argued with them. Asking them - to take him to the police station. The two gendarmes, not understanding Romanian, thought - it was only a crazy musician, in a masquerade ball costume, making a scene. They were a couple of good-natured gendarmes. They merely laughed, and told Adelbert to go away.

By now, Adelbert was desperate. He attacked the two gendarmes, and that got him to the police station all right.

There, he explained eloquently - he sought freedom. But they didn't understand Romanian either. They searched Adelbert, and found the key to his hotel room. So they called the hotel - and got one of the Communist agents on the wire. He spoke French all right and said - oui, oui they'd come and get Adelbert.

That produced the final unhappy situation for the unfortunate fiddler - when in walked a gang of Red agents to take him away.

Today Adelbert said: "There were at least ten of them. I hid behind a policeman, and made up my mind - to grab his revolver, and commit suicide, if they required me to leave."

The gendarmes noticed Adelbert's extraordinary conduct - and began to suspect. They got an interpreter - and found out what it was all about.

Today Adelbert, with his fiddle, was a happy musician - given leave to remain in France as a political refugee.

WIFE

In our national capital, there's a lady who has been to the top of the Washington Monument - eighty-three times. Sounds as if she certainly must revere the Father of His Country - and the tall shaft erected in his memory. She's a Congressman's wife - promoting the political career of her husband.

In the current issue of the magazine NEWSWEEK, there's an article on the wives of legislators in Washington - and the way^s they help their husbands. One way - to entertain parties of constituents from back home. And - show them the sights. One of which is, of course - the Washington Monument.

Hence the lady who has been to the top of the tall shaft eighty-three times. The article doesn't give her name - and I wonder who she is. ^{Hugh-} It sounds as if she might end by making her husband president.

cheered. Because for at least twenty years I had wanted to take a look at the Rub al Khali. The distance across it - that is the longest stretch - from west to east, is about a thousand miles. From south to north, four hundred.

Where we crossed we were over ^{some} ~~about~~ seven hundred miles of it.

The first crossing of "The Empty Quarter" was when the British explorer, ~~and political officer~~ Bertram Thomas, by camel caravan, made his way through one section of it, twenty two years ago. A year later his rival, St. John Philby, explored another part.

We took off ~~as~~ from a flat stretch of desert, on the Hadhramaut coast, some twenty miles east of the remote little known skyscraper seaport of Mukalla. For the first two hundred miles we flew over an almost uninhabited wilderness of wild mountains, barren tablelands, and waterless valleys. In fact, ~~we flew low enough so we could see anything larger than a small bird or maybe some small desert creature moving~~

~~below us~~ There are a few camel caravan routes across
this ~~coastal~~ area, ^{The} ~~which is desert too. Because that is the~~
only way men have had for making the journey from the Arabian
Sea to the sky scraper cities of ~~the Wadi~~ Hadhramaut, a
region I have already told you about. On this part of the
flight, at infrequent intervals of ~~km~~ every twenty miles
or so, we ^{saw camel} ~~would see~~ caravans ~~of from three to a dozen camels.~~
For the first hundred miles, not even a hut. Then, as we ~~it~~
flew nearer the ancient Frankincense Valley of Hadhramaut,
we began to see villages. Then, suddenly we were again out over
the grand canyon like Hadhramaut. Here we took another run
low over ~~Hadhramaut~~ for another look at those skyscraper
cities I described a week ago, which so few travellers
have ever seen. ~~And~~ ^Then we swung north into the unknown, —
heading right for the heart of The Empty Quarter.

Hugh, there is ~~just~~ barely time for you to give us
your message. So, ^{all have to} ~~do you think it will be all right if~~
~~to~~ tell the rest of this ~~Arabian adventure~~ tomorrow night?