

The United States and the Chinese Nationalists - *have* exchanged pledges, ~~as reported from Formosa, today.~~ A communique issued - ~~that~~ ^{as} Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek ended their talks. The exchange of pledges ^{is} regarded as a sort of compromise to ~~a~~ save the prestige of both parties. ^PChiang Kai-shek - renounces the use of force against the Communist mainland. His policy will now be - peace along the China coast. But this is hedged with a condition. The Nationalists - reserving the privilege of intervening on the mainland, in case of a revolt against the Communist regime. Something like a Chinese version of the Hungarian rebellion, which broke out just two years ago today.

The United States pledges to regard the defense of the off-shore islands - as connected with the protection of Formosa itself. But there's a condition - attached to that. We agree to defend Quemoy and Matsu - "under present conditions."

Presumably leaving the United States in a position to decide - when, and if, "present conditions" change.

Today, as the Dulles-Chiang Kai-shek agreement was made public - the Communist bombardment of the Quemoy Islands came to a sudden halt. The shelling stopped at noon, Formosa time - and the Reds haven't fired a shot since.

CBS News Correspondent Peter Kalischer, in Taipei, says there was a secret agreement between Dulles and Chiang as well. The agreement providing that Chiang will reduce the size of his large garrisons on Quemoy and Matsu.

KHRUSHCHEV

Moscow announces - that Soviet Russia will lend the United Arab Republic a hundred million dollars - for the construction of the Aswan high dam. That project for irrigation in Egypt - long pushed by Nasser, the Egyptian Strong Man.

The United States was interested in aiding the construction of an Aswan dam - but the proposal was withdrawn a couple of years ago. And Nasser's reaction to the American rebuff was credited with bringing about the Suez Canal crisis. So now Khrushchev says - the Soviets will step in where America refused to tread - to the tune of 100 million dollars.

NOBEL PRIZE

Today's award of the Nobel Prize for Literature promises international reverberations - in the cold war between East and West. The Committee in Stockholm - granting the honor to Boris Pasternak, A Russian ~~writing~~ ^{writer}, author of a novel that's an international best seller. But - is banned in Soviet Russia.

During the terror of the Stalin purges in the 'Thirties, Pasternak refused to sign a document approving of Stalin's executions of the Russian generals.

Then, after Stalin's death, he came out with his novel - "Doctor Zhivago". Telling the story - of a cultured physician, ruined by the Red bureaucracy. At first the novel was okayed in Russia. Then - banned.

However, an Italian Communist had access to the manuscript - and published "Doctor Zhivago" in Italian. It was then published in eighteen countries.

In today's award of the Nobel Prize, the Secretary General of the Swedish Academy compared "Doctor Zhivago" to Tolstoy's "War and Peace." But, immediately, a Swedish

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Communist leader called the award - an "insult" to Soviet Russia

The Nobel Committee today sent the usual invitation to Boris Pasternak - inviting him to Stockholm to receive the prize. But it isn't known if the Soviet government will permit him to go. They don't even know if Pasternak will be able to accept - the Nobel Prize.

By way of coincidence, this Nobel Prize award was made on the second anniversary of the beginning of the Hungarian Revolt of Nineteen Fifty-six. The patriotic rebellion - crushed savagely by Soviet Russian tanks.

CUBA

The Cuban rebels, today, released the two American oil company employees they kidnapped on Monday. Charles Bennett and Kenneth Drews, of the Texas Company - turned loose unharmed, Together with seven Cuban employees of the oil company, who were kidnapped at the same time.

This followed a communication from the State Department in Washington - demanding that the rebels release the prisoners at once. The department - accusing them of "callous disregard" of American rights. This, apparently, did the trick.

Meanwhile, the word in Cuba is that the rebels are planning an all-out push against the Havana government. To disrupt the general elections - called for November Third.

RICKOVER

President Eisenhower, today, promoted - Rear Admiral Hyman Rickover. That naval officer - so prominent in the development of the atomic submarine, and so often at odds with the Navy high command. Because, among other things, of Rickover's unceasing championship of atomic subs.

In Washington, there had been considerable doubt - that he would ever get a promotion. But the pressure from Congress was heavy and President Eisenhower, today, raised Rear Admiral Rickover - to the rank of Vice-Admiral.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Civil Rights Commission will hold a hearing at Montgomery, Alabama, December Eighth - to look into charges that Negroes are being denied the right to vote. On Monday, the Commission asked for the voting records of Macon County, Alabama, but the local authorities refused the request.

Today the Commission stated - the voting records may be subpoenaed, when the hearing is held at the capital of the state.

The Commission also says - there'll be an investigation in New York. Looking - into possible racial discrimination in public housing projects. They say, there's no feeling that the City has been at all negligent. They simply want to gather ~~an~~ general information about public housing and racial rights.

Meanwhile, the FBI has moved into the fight - against bombing outrages. The hate campaign - which threatens churches, synagogues, and integrated schools. Director J. Edgar Hoover

announces - that the FBI will hold special conferences ^{with} ~~at~~ state and local police. Which indicates increasing concern by the federal government - over the hate-bombings in several parts of the country.

SATELLITE

The Army will never know - why the balloon satellite failed to get into an orbit. They say: "It's like ~~max~~ reconstructing an accident, when you have no witnesses."

In the launching ~~it~~ at Cape Canaveral last night, something went wrong immediately after the Jupiter rocket was fired. Missile expert ^{Dr.}/Jack Froelich explains: "The radio transmitter started giving abnormal signals, after about one hundred and ten seconds. ~~But we don't know~~ But we don't know," he adds, "whether this was caused by difficulties in the transmitter, or in the rocket."

Less than ten minutes after the launching, all contact with the rocket and its radio was lost. And - they'll never know why.

ROBES

In London, there's a shortage - of a most aristocratic sort. Not enough scarlet and ermine robes - to go around for the peers of the realm.

The splendor of scarlet and ermine is worn - at the formal opening of Parliament. Most of the peers don't own their own - and hire them from a company.

Ordinarily, a lot of earls and barons don't bother to attend the opening of Parliament. But, this time, there'll be many more than usual. Because the formal opening of Parliament, next week, will be televised. Many a peer of the realm - wanting to be seen on TV. Hence the shortage - of the scarlet and ermine.

Today the situation was emphasized - by an advertisement in the classified section of the Times of London. The Ad reading:

"Will any baron, not requiring his robes for the opening of Parliament next Tuesday, please write Box Oh Six Two Six."

One baron - hoping another baron, who has his own robe, won't attend the ceremony on television. And will be willing to rent the regalia.