

FORMOSA

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(Given by Allan Jackson, L.T. in So. Pacific)

The United States will not use any kind of pressure - to force a reduction of Chinese Nationalist forces on the off-shore islands. So says President Eisenhower - supporting an earlier statement by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. The Dulles declaration - regarded as a sort of reversal. Previous indications having been - that the United States would urge Chiang Kai-shek to withdraw Nationalist military forces from the Quemoy and Matsu Islands.

However, at his news conference today, President Eisenhower did repeat his opinion - that it was a mistake to have all those troops on the off-shore islands. He indicated - that he'd welcome a voluntary reduction. Chiang Kai-shek taking soldiers out - of his own free will.

Today, the Chinese Nationalists called off warplane flights - over the Red mainland. They'd been sending reconnaissance planes over, as a regular thing - and the Reds called this "provocative". The decision to stop the flights - was made after consultations between the Nationalists and the U.S. government.

ALGERIA

In Algeria - demonstrations against Premier DeGaulle. By those very elements - that began the move which put the General in power. Today, the Algerian "Committee of Public Safety", representing French colonists ordered mass meetings and a general strike, set for tomorrow. Protesting the DeGaulle decision - to have wide open elections in Algeria next month. Moslems - to have an equal part with the French colonists.

General Salan - DeGaulle: deputy promptly banned the strike - but the French colonists say they'll strike anyway.

SCIENTISTS

President Eisenhower will, personally, make the final decision - in the new uproar along the line of missiles. The new Space Agency - planning to take some two thousand missile scientists from the Army. Including Dr. Werner von Braun, the Army top expert on rockets. The Army - roaring with indignation. Protesting - against the plan.

At his news conference, today, General Eisenhower said - that a presidential commission is now studying the question of transferring the missile scientists. The final decision - up to the President.

ATOMIC

The smallest atomic explosion the news reporters had ever seen - that's today's description of a blast on the Nevada desert. A nuclear device - detonated on top of a wooden tower. The fireball - fading almost instantly.

But this pigmy will be followed by ^{a giant} ~~an~~ underground blast

To be touched off tonight - the largest atomic subterranean explosion.

MONTGOMERY

Former top ranking commanders of Nazi Germany - come to the support of British Field Marshal Montgomery. Who, in his memoirs - criticizes the strategy of General Eisenhower in the defeat of Hitler's Germany. Contending - that General Ike ~~should~~ should have adopted Montgomery's plan - to strike into northern Germany. Following - the victory in Normandy.

General von Manteuffel, who commanded/^a~~the~~ German tank army, says: "I fully agree with Montgomery." Adding - that the way into northern Germany was open.

Today, President Eisenhower was asked about the Montgomery criticisms, and replied: "We won the war in eleven months, from the day we landed." Adding - that nobody, then, expected the struggle to be over in less than two years.

FOREIGN POLICY

It isn't often that President Eisenhower agrees with former President Harry S. Truman. But he did, emphatically, today. The President - condemning the injection of U.S. foreign policy into the election campaign. Which, the Republicans charge, the Democrats are doing.

Former President Truman said - that foreign policy should be kept out of the political battle. President Eisenhower, today, applauding the Truman statement.

AURORA

The Mayor of Aurora, Illinois, was out of jail today - snorting defiance and breathing fire. Mayor Egan locked up - by the police force he tried to fire in vain. The trouble - an anti-bingo crusade. Which Police Chief Don Curran wouldn't join. The Mayor - ordering the chief to be ousted, together with all his cops. But the chief and the cops refused.

So last night His Honor called a mass meeting of supporters. These - including a number of college students. Whereupon Police Chief Curran raided the mass meeting - arresting the Mayor and four students. ^P Today, the unfortunate students were fined - two hundred dollars each. ~~Aurora,~~
~~Illinois - having plenty of trouble.~~ While Mayor Egan - fired another of his officials, ^{the} _A city deputy liquor inspector.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Tonight we find Lowell Thomas - in a bewildered state of mind. Because of a paradox in the Far Pacific.

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Argonaut, today - I mean yesterday - where am I? Oh, yes about to arrive at Pago Pago. Our pilot says the members of Magellan's crew - on that first voyage around the world - were the first to return home and find they had lost a day.

But how do you explain it? If you imagine our earth standing still and the sun also hanging motionless in the sky - then if you go round the earth counter clockwise, when you get back where you started you find you have lost one entire day.

Tondelayo, when I go back to the mainland some day, remind me won't you, to go to Harvard Observatory and have the scientists really make this clear. There must be some simpler explanation than I've just given.

JAPAN

The news from Japan contributes - a little thriller.

Saved from poisonous doom - in the nick of time.

In Tokyo, a sea cook of the freighter Kofuku Maru, went into a drug store - to buy some caustic soda. With which to wash the dishes - in the ship's galley. The druggist gave him the right quantity of white power - and the sea cook departed happily.

Then, after a while, the druggist noticed - ~~that~~ he'd sold the sea cook - potassium cyanide. With which - to wash the dishes. And the crew would eat - out of dishes coated with the deadly poison.

The druggist gave the alarm - but the Kofuku Maru was already out at sea. And the freighter - had no radio.

So there was a frantic sea and air search. ^{Arcl Den} A fishing vessel ^{reaching} the Kofuku Maru, just as the sea cook was ready to wash the dishes with the potassium cyanide.