

L.T. - Deleo. Friday, Jan. 28, 1955.

The session of the Senate today, was tense - during the debate over the question of giving President Eisenhower authority to do what he thinks <sup>best</sup> ~~fit~~ for the defense of Formosa. Leaders of both sides called for ~~united~~ action, to show that this country is firmly behind the President. Chairman George of Georgia pointed out that the Chinese Reds have been building up their military strength while Congress discussed how much authority to give to the President. Senator George added that Chiang Kai Shek has been hampered in his military planning - because he has to wait to see what happens in Washington.

The ~~most~~ most important moment of the debate came when Senator Morse of Oregon declared that he would not filibuster against the Eisenhower proposal. Morse, the most outspoken of the critics, ~~he~~ said he would fight to the end - to deny to the President any right to attack either the Chinese mainland or the islands of Quemoy and Matsu. He charged

that some ~~members~~ members of the Eisenhower administration

want a preventive war against Red China. The Oregon independent, specifically naming Admiral Radford as an advocate of preventive war. But with all his criticism, Senator Morse decided not to filibuster - which gave the proposal a chance to get through today.

The answer to Senator Morse was given by Senator Knowland of California. Knowland remarked that none of our leaders has ever suggested landing American ground troops in China. The strongest proposal any of them has made called for air strikes against bases in China during the Korean war. But the proposal under discussion, had nothing to do with attacking the Chinese mainland.

Those were the highlights of today's ~~debate~~ debate - as leaders of both parties drove forward to a quick decision. There was no question about approval - only whether the Senate could get its vote finished before tomorrow.

## TACHENS

An American official in Taipeh predicts that our forces will help the Chinese Nationalists defend the Quemoy and Matsu islands. According to this official, we have written off the Tachens because Red Air power is so formidable in that area. But, in return, we've agreed to help Chiang Kai Shek hold Quemoy and Matsu.

There is obviously little chance that the Tachens could be saved. Because a ~~Nato~~ Nationalist military leader estimates that Mao Tse-Tung has massed nearly half a million men on the mainland. And these troops could invade the Tachens <sup>at will.</sup> ~~whenever~~ <sub>^</sub> ~~he wanted them to.~~

Meanwhile, more American ships and planes are on their way to Formosa. One flotilla of cruisers and destroyers has just left the West Coast. And another, including the aircraft carrier, Midway, is racing up from Singapore. These ships will be added to the Seventh Fleet - which already has four carriers, seven cruisers, and fifty

destroyers, just north of Formosa, waiting for orders from Washington.

If the orders are to evacuate the Tachens - then elements of the Seventh Fleet will be sent in to help carry out the orders.

The air reinforcements have been flown from Japan. Sabre jets and night bombers, reassigned to Korea. Thunder Jets flying to bases on Okinawa.

How does the situation look to ~~us~~ our Ambassador on Formosa? Well, Carl Rankin told a news conference that he doesn't think there's any real danger that a full scale ~~we~~ war will break out over the issue of Formosa. In Ambassador Rankin's words, "if we take a strong line - within reason, and without provocation - the chances of avoiding war are better."

But our military men are still ready for anything - and Admiral Pride repeats that his Seventh Fleet can handle whatever the Reds might happen to throw at him.

## AMERICANS

A former British Communist reveals that the so-called "evidence" against the American airmen in Red China jails - was planted by the agents of the Mao Tse-Tung regime. Douglas Hyde was an editor on the London Daily Worker - before he broke with the Communists in Nineteen Forty-Eight. Now he's in contact with refugees from behind the Iron Curtain - and he says that one Catholic missionary gave him the information about the Americans.

The Hyde announcement came in a letter to the London Times. It was a reply to a Communist - who said that he had seen no satisfactory explanation of why the Americans were flying over Chinese territory when they were shot down.

Hyde answers simply - the Americans were not over Chinese territory. They were over North Korea.

Here's the full story as told to Douglas Hyde by a Catholic missionary, whose identity cannot be revealed, but whose veracity is guaranteed by Catholic sources in London.

The B-29 was shot down in North Korea during the fighting.

The Americans were captured, and they and the wreckage of their plane were carried north into Manchuria. And it was there that the photograph was taken - which the Reds now say is evidence. According to this missionary, the photograph was taken a week after the plane had been shot down.

That's the information revealed by former Communist Douglas Hyde in his letter to the London Times. Naturally, we'd like to hear more about it. And we'll ~~like~~ probably get a chance ~~very~~ soon - because Douglas Hyde will arrive here next week for a lecture tour.

Denis, diplomat, India left New Delhi by plane

Ministers will meet ~~very~~ soon - to discuss Indo China.

Anthony Eden, Edgar Faure, and John Foster Dulles -- to discuss ways and means of preventing the Communists from encroaching on the territory of Free Viet Nam. The three Ministers are scheduled to meet anyway at the conference on the southeast Asia Treaty Organization. And the belief in Paris is, that Eden, Faure, and Dulles, will take time out for special talks of their own - talks about Indo China.



The Prime Minister of India left New Delhi by plane today, bound for London. And in Britain they're asking - is Nehru carrying a message from Chou En Lai? Will Nehru pass on to Anthony Eden the Red Premier's attitude to the Formosa question?

Nehru himself refused to give out any information about this. At the airport, he declared that the Formosa issue is very serious. Nehru adding, that it will certainly be discussed at the conference of Commonwealth Premiers that - before conferring with his Governor General for that opens on Monday.

But the interesting thing is that Nehru received the Chinese Ambassador to India just a few hours before his departure. That meeting, giving rise to the guess - that

Nehru received a message from Chou En Lai, and will make it known to ~~Anthony~~ <sup>Churchill</sup> Eden, in London.



The Premier of France is almost ready for a showdown debate in the Chamber of Deputies -- a showdown on his North Africa policy. Mendes France stayed up all last night conferring with Tunisian leaders. They discussed the question of home rule for that French protectorate. Informed ~~as~~ sources describe the talks as "near success," which is important for Mendes-France, ~~xxx~~ because Tunisian home rule will be a big issue when the debate comes up.

The dynamic Premier got only three hours' sleep after that - before conferring with his Governor General for Algeria. After which, he hurried to the steering committee of the National Assembly - to prepare the agenda for the debate.

So Mendes-France has just about set the stage on which he will play the leading role - when he stakes the life of his government on his North African ~~pi~~ policy, next Wednesday, in the Chamber of Deputies.

## DIXON YATES

The congressional Atomic Energy Committee recommends cancellation of the controversial Dixon-Yates power contract. The vote ~~is~~ in the committee, strictly on party lines - the ten Democrats voting for cancellation, the eight Republicans against it. The meaning of today's vote is being widely discussed -- because it has no legal force. And Senator Jackson of Washington predicts that the recommendation to cancel the contract will, in his words, "keep the lawyers busy for six months."

## RUBINSTEIN

Scotland Yard, called in to help New York police on the sensational murder of Serge Rubinstein. The ~~dead~~ financier once operated from a luxury hotel in London. It was then that he gained control of a company that owned gold mines in Korea. That company crashed in Nineteen forty-three but Rubinstein was said to have made millions out of it. So now Scotland Yard is asked to pass on whatever information it has - about Rubinstein's activities in Britain. The New York police, hoping that the famous London Crime Bureau will turn up a clue to yesterday's murder. The Paris police also ~~expected~~ to be interrogated - because Rubinstein lived there during the thirties - and was expelled for speculations that endangered the franc.

New York police <sup>decline</sup> ~~refuse~~ to say whether they have uncovered <sup>any</sup> ~~the~~ motive for the crime. But they point out that there are two angles. One, financial - Rubinstein notorious for his speculations on an international scale. And second, ~~the women, he was acquainted with.~~ Already more than a dozen

women have been questioned. And the police declare that there are more to come.

That's the latest on this sensational murder -

involving the man who was both an international financier and a draft dodger.

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A former Mayor of New York City becomes President of Mexico's largest Marine Construction company. William O'Dwyer, who also was once Ambassador to Mexico, taking over the leadership of the company. It's been working on government contracts for some years - and apparently intends to expand.

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## CASHIER

The citizens of Lewisville, Texas, are still recovering from the shock - caused by the case of E. D. Wolters. He ~~was~~ one of the pillars of society. A deacon in the ~~Baptist~~ Church - often called on to lead the prayers. He lived in a modest home, dressed quietly, and attended the Lions Club every week. ~~He was~~ One of the ~~xx~~ most respected men in the Lewisville area.

Wolters worked as a cashier in the first National Bank of Lewisville. ~~He~~ Had been there for two years. Last Monday, the bank examiners arrived for a routine inspection of the books. Tuesday morning, a small irregularity was pointed out to Cashier Wolters. And then, in the words of the chief examiner, "he ~~just very~~ abruptly put on his hat and left." A few hours later, his body was found in an automobile on a country road. The cashier had committed suicide.

After that, the examiners naturally hastened their audit. And the results are now disclosed - deacon Wolters,



the cashier, embezzled more than a quarter of a million dollars. ~~That amounts to~~ almost half of the deposit of the bank. According to the bank President, Wolters used the money to cover the bad checks of a trucking company in which he was interested.

Everybody who knew E. D. Wolters is astonished at this revelation. His friends just can't understand why the respected deacon of Lewisville turned into an embezzler. And they can't understand how he managed to get away with a quarter of a million dollars.



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A dispatch from Reykjavik, Iceland, reveals that American planes have given up their search for the crew of those two British trawlers - that are believed to have capsized under the weight of the deadly Arctic "Black Frost" Yesterday we had the story about how the trawlers Roderigo and Lorella disappeared - after an S O S message stated that they were capsizing because of the build-up of ice on their superstructure - the ice being the "black frost" that is so dangerous to ships moving through polar waters.

Our Air Force immediately sent planes to the area. The planes crossed and -re-crossed the Denmark Strait, ~~between~~ between Iceland and Greenland. All day the search went on. No sign of survivors or ~~wreckage~~ wreckage. So now, it's assumed that the ships and their crew are gone for good. However, our Air Force reports that it will take up the search again if the Iceland lifesaving association thinks there's any hope at all that some of the men might still be alive on the frigid waters of Denmark.

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