

FORMOSA

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Tonight, the city of Taipei, on Formosa - is under martial law. Thousands of troops, patrolling the streets. Special guards, on duty near American buildings. Americans, warned to stay at home - the streets of Taipei, dangerous for Americans.

All day today, Chinese mobs roamed through the city. Attacking Americans wherever they found them. Bursting into the U S Embassy and the U S Information Service offices - leaving both looking as if they had been sacked by invaders. The streets around these buildings - littered with glass, broken furniture, and burned out vehicles. What brought this ~~one~~ on?

It all started when Sergeant Robert Reynolds, of Colora, Maryland - shot a Chinese whom he found peeping through one of his windows. An American court-martial heard the Reynolds case - and found the Sergeant innocent.

As soon as the verdict became known - the Chinese

began to demonstrate. A crowd, gathering at the U S Embassy quickly increasing from a few hundred to around ten thousand. Shouting anti-American slogans. Hurling stones. And finally they stormed the Embassy, ransacking it from top to bottom. A number of personnel were beaten - before the police were able to rescue them. The mob tore down an American flag and raised a Chinese Nationalist flag in its place.

About two hundred Chinese burst into our Information Center - and wrecked it. They threw out the window - books, magazines, papers, typewriters, furniture.

The Formosa police opened fire on the mob - killing two Chinese. Then the rioters turned on the police headquarters -- smashing and burning.

Finally, Chiang Kai Shek ordered the Army into Taipei. A hundred trucks rumbling into the city with troops. Martial law declared. Tonight, the <sup>mobs</sup> ~~gangs~~ have disappeared dispersed by the Army. But all of Formosa is tense, with fear

of another outbreak. The toll of the day-long riots - two Chinese killed, twelve Americans and many Chinese injured.

Meanwhile, what happened to Sergeant Reynolds and his wife? They were only saved from being lynched because they were rushed to the airport and put aboard a plane bound for the Philippines. While a mob sacked their home.

## PROTEST FOLLOW FORMOSA

The news from Formosa brought immediate repercussions in Washington. ~~The Nationalist government - for that attack on our Embassy.~~ The State Department calls the Embassy "totally wrecked" and demands compensation. Ambassador Rankin, in Taipei, has delivered an official protest to Chiang Kai Shek's government.

But there is irony in that. Without our financial backing the Nationalists would collapse. So demanding compensation from them is tantamount to demanding it from ourselves.

In Washington, Ambassador Holington Tong called at the State Department - and expressed profound regret over the incident.

Reactions in Congress are varied. Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee describe the Taipei situation as "very serious." Some members of Congress believe aid to Formosa may be affected. But Congressman Walter Judd, who

is a real expert on China and the Far East, says the basic reason may be - the behavior of American troops. That well known American attitude of superiority which irritates people in many countries. Congressman Judd thinks that feeling may be at the bottom of today's riot in Taipei.

## COURTS FOLLOW PROTEST

A dispatch from Bonn, Germany - on the other side of the world from Formosa, mentions a key issue about this riot. The question - should local courts in other countries have the right to try American servicemen - who get in trouble with the law? This dispatch points out that European local courts <sup>do</sup> have the <sup>at</sup> right - <sup>- all do except</sup> ~~outside of~~ West Germany; - and Bonn is now negotiating for the same right.

The Chinese Nationalists have always wanted to try American servicemen. But so far, they have not been allowed to do so. No agreement worked out. So on Formosa, American courts-martial still handle American cases.

The Chancellor of West Germany is visiting America for the fifth time - since he took office in Nineteen Forty-nine. Chancellor Adenauer, arriving for talks with President Eisenhower. At the New York Airport, the Chancellor read a brief statement - saying he wants to discuss general world problems with President Eisenhower. He did not mention any details. But in Washington, it's taken for granted that <sup>the</sup> West German leader has one big problem on his mind - the reunification of his country. Adenauer, described as worried by a report - that we might be willing to reach an agreement with Russia - that would leave Germany divided. <sup>Chancellor</sup> Adenauer <sup>is</sup> expected to ask <sup>Pres.</sup> ~~the~~ Eisenhower for a flat denial of that rumor.

GERMANY FOLLOW ADENAUER

With Chancellor Adenauer in America - his colleagues in the government in West Germany - are calling on Russia to state her price for reunification. A note, left at the Kremlin by the West German Ambassador to Moscow. The text, to be published on Monday. <sup>So -</sup> But we are told in advance <sup>that</sup> West Germany is pressing once again - for an end to partition.

At the same time, the West Germans refuse to abandon atomic rearmament. The Germans saying, their Army is not equipped with atomic weapons now. But it may be, soon.

## KHRUSHCHEV

The Soviet Union is going to attack America - with meat, butter and milk. So says Khrushchev. The Red boss, in a speech to agricultural workers, said that while Russia has hydrogen bombs and a strong Army, there is another better way to attack the capitalist world.

According to Khrushchev, America's great production of food - is influencing the entire free world. But he thinks Russia is catching up. He added that when Russia produces enough food then said Khrushchev, "we will launch a very strong torpedo - against the foundation of capitalism." Meaning, the Soviets would like to have excess food - to use for propaganda, in the under-developed areas of the world.

## SYRIA

The Syrian government announces - withdrawal of all its troops from Jordan. This, at the request of Young King Hussein.

About three thousand Syrians crossed the border last year - when it seemed that Jordan might be invaded by Israel. The Syrians, remaining - long after that threat was gone. Many observers believe they ~~stayed~~ stayed - to support the opponents of King Hussein.

But the King won. Yesterday, he formally asked the Syrian government - to pull <sup>all troops</sup> ~~its units~~ out of his Kingdom. Now the Syrian reply - the last Syrian soldier, to be out of Jordan by tonight.

## SUEZ

In Rome, the first direct talks between Britain and ~~the~~ Egypt since the invasion of Suez. The two delegations - ~~are~~ making counter-claims -- compensation for damages. Egypt, submitting a bill for hundreds of millions of dollars. But the head of the British delegation, Sir Dennis Rickett - has already said that his government does not intend to pay any reparations for the attack on the Canal Zone. Sir Dennis, is concerned primarily with private British ~~and~~ claims - against the Egyptians. Those claims, running to more than one hundred and sixty million dollars.

Observers in Rome predict - no settlement of claims on either side, at this conference. But they do expect the talks will lead - toward normal relations between Britain and Egypt.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower defended his budget again today. ~~The President~~, continuing his campaign - to arouse public opinon. This time, in a telephone message to a G O P convention in Trenton, New Jersey. Mr. Eisenhower, repeating that the foreign aid he wants - is aimed against, what he called<sup>s</sup>, "despotic Communism." The President saying, America needs his budget - and appealing to Americans not to play politics with it.

Congressman George Mahon, Texas Democrat - today told the House that military leaders must curb defense costs. Mahon, chairman of a military appropriations sub-committee. He's leading the fight against a restoration - of cuts in the military budget. Mahon, demanding a thirty-five billion a year ceiling on defense spending.

At the same time, he denied that slashes already made - are harmful to the country. Mahon, claiming that President Eisenhower has been, in his words, "erroneously informed." This congressman denying that ~~the~~ funds for missiles and planes - have been chopped down. And demanding that the House refuse to bow - to pressure from the White House.

When Mahon sat down - he got a round of applause from <sup>some of</sup> his colleagues.

Over in the Senate, Secretary of the Army Brucker asked the Senate military appropriations sub-committee - to give the Army what it wants - over nine billion. Secretary

Brucker declaring that a proposed cut in personnel funds -  
would prevent seventy thousand men from being sent overseas -  
as replacements for those on duty there.

## INFLUENZA

A dispatch from Tokyo, tells of an epidemic raging through the Far East. It's being compared to the great epidemic of World War One - which killed hundreds of thousands of people.

The present epidemic broke out in Japan - spread rapidly, jumped to Hong Kong - and on north through China. Later Formosa, Singapore, Thailand, and Indoensia were hit by it. Finally, it even got as far as the Philippines.

The toll so far - several thousand dead - millions stricken.

A U. S. Marshal finally managed to serve a subpoena on Dave Beck, Jr. ~~today~~ <sup>today</sup> Marshal Bud Parsons, handing the document to the son of the President of the Teamsters Union. The place - Seattle.

Dave Beck, Jr. had been one of the missing witnesses - in the case of his father. He had been reported <sup>in Canada -</sup> in Vancouver, <sup>B.C.</sup> But he returned to Seattle - in time to accept the subpoena.

Still missing, Fred Verschueren, auditor for the Teamsters Union - and Joseph McElvoy, a relative of Beck's wife.

## CIVIL WAR

Congress acts to help the historians commemorate the Civil War. A House Sub-Committee voting unanimously - to create a national commission. ~~The purpose of that commission,~~ to coordinate the many festivities throughout the country in Nineteen Sixty-one. The Hundredth Anniversary of the outbreak of the war between the States.

The Commission, to be composed of fifteen members - from Congress, the Defense Department, the National Park Service and the public. The Sub-Committee voted one hundred thousand dollars to finance the work.

A hundred thousand <sup>dollars</sup> to help Americans remember ~~our~~ favorite page of history - the struggle between the Blue and the Gray, - ~~that began in Nineteen Sixty-one, and went on for four years.~~ The epic of Lincoln, Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and Ulysses S. Grant. — of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Appomattox.

ANNAPOLIS

The Navy, authorized to spend fifteen million dollars  
on Annapolis. *A news dispatch says that is* Our famous Naval Academy, overcrowded. Historic  
Bancroft Hall, where the Middies sleep, was built to hold  
*Now its overflowing with* *Middies.*  
twenty-five hundred men. ~~There are now~~ thirty-seven hundred,  
Other facilities in Annapolis, equally crowded. So the House  
Armed Services Committee says - let the Navy spend fifteen  
million - to take better care of the Midshipmen.

## TORNADOS

Tornados - in Texas again. The black whirling storms- roaring across the Pan Handle, today. Mostly, in areas with few inhabitants.

A passenger plane with thirty nine aboard - trying to dodge a hurricane near Amarillo. Not quite making it - and the plane was hurled a couple of thousand feet straight up. But the plane went on okay - with a few minor injuries.

COLLEGE

That riot at Bowling Green State University in Ohio - was caused by a ban on fraternity drinking. University President Ralph McDonald, announced that the fraternities would be disciplined. The students began a torch light parade in protest. They marched out onto Highway Six - staging a sit-down strike in front of the President's home. They blocked traffic - while they built a bonfire - and burned the President in effigy.

When a fire truck arrived, the students seized it. Turning hoses on the firemen. Twenty highway patrolmen had to be rushed in - to restore order.

~~The~~ result - two students in jail tonight. <sup>and the</sup> Police armed with tear gas <sup>or</sup> ready to prevent <sup>students</sup> ~~others from the college~~ from attempting to release the prisoners. President McDonald says his ban on drinking - still stands, <sup>Henry as the</sup> ~~the rest of the~~ college, <sup>settles down,</sup> ~~picking up the pieces~~ after the wildest riot in Ohio State Univ at the history of Bowling Green.

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell Thomas recalls

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A year ago today, there was a religious ceremony in the Indian State of Behar - the town of Bodhgaya. That ceremony, one of the great moments in the history of Asia. They were celebrating the twenty-five hundredth anniversary of Gautama Buddha - the Indian Prince, who became the Light of Asia. Buddha, who taught the Doctrine of Nirvana - and showed millions of Asians the path to enlightenment.

More than a thousand Buddhist monks were in Bodhgaya a year ago today. One object of their special veneration - the sacred "Bodhi Tree" - <sup>legend says</sup> under which Buddha sat, when spiritual perfection descended upon him.

~~It was just one story in the news.~~ But it had a meaning for everyone on our planet. Buddhism, still one of the ~~largest and~~ most vigorous of the world's <sup>great</sup> religions.

And so long until Monday