

PROTESTS

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Officials of the State Department in Washington are incensed -- because of the rejection of two American protests by the Chinese Reds. It isn't so much the fact that the protests were turned down. That, perhaps was to be expected. The exasperating thing is -- the way it was done. Not only did the Reds refuse even to accept the diplomatic messages -- but they behaved in a way unheard of in the world of diplomacy.

The protests were transmitted through the British government; since we don't recognize Red China. The messages -- sent along to the British Charge d'affaires in Peking, Humphrey Trevelyan. Who -- took them to the Communist Foreign Office. There, he read the messages to the Vice ~~Comm~~ Foreign Minister, Chang Han-Fu.

The notes -- strongly worded ^{One} / denouncing -- the destruction of a British airliner by Red fighter planes off Hainan. Three Americans -- killed. The other -- complaining about the attack by Red fighters on American carrier planes participating in rescue operations. The clash -- in which two Reds were shot down.

Chang Han-Fu listened, and then Humphrey Trevelyan handed him the documents. That seemed to be that, but here's what happened as the British diplomat was leaving. The State Department

(Protest)

in Washington says "A member of the Chinese staff handed the two notes to a member of Mr. Trevelyan's staff, saying that Mr. Trevelyan had forgotten to take them." Our protests -- given an unceremonious treatment.

The State Department calls this -- "a studied insult" pointing out -- that our protests were entirely in order. Under international law, our government has the responsibility of protecting the lives of its citizens -- three of whom were killed, when the airliner was shot down. The fact that the plane was British -- makes no legal difference. By the same token, it was our business to help in the hunt for survivors. All -- making the diplomatic banners of the Communist all the more inexcusable. The way they rejected -- the protests.

INDO CHINA-REFUGEES

The Exodus is on.

There is a vast procession moving from the city of Hanoi to the port of Haiphong. Forty thousand people, traveling day after day -- in busses, in trucks. ~~Many~~ Vietnamese refugees from Communism -- moving from their homes in the Red River Delta, as the time approaches for the Reds to take over.

About half are Christians, Roman Catholics. French missionaries -- having done a great deal of work in Indo China. Many of the clergymen, themselves, are staying. The French bishop of Son Tay -- remaining at his post, and urging others of his clergy to do likewise.

The Communists are carrying on an intensive propaganda -- trying to stop the flow of refugees. Announcing that, under a Red regime, ~~they~~ will retain possession of their property. As the stream of busses and trucks, carrying crowds, proceed from Hanoi to Haiphong, Communist ^{and agitators} ~~agitate~~ line the way. Shouting to them -- not to go. Telling them -- they'll be coolies under French jurisdiction, in southern Indo China.

But the stream continues -- refugees ~~will~~ ^{board} ships at Haiphong for a voyage to Saigon, far to the south.

KOREA

A drastic warning was handed out in Korea today by Syngman Rhee's Provost Marshall. Who told the Communist Poles and Czechs on the Armistice Commission -- to get out of South Korea. ~~or~~ -- face the consequences. Under the armistice, those Red members of the Commission have a right to be in South Korea. ^{But} Syngman Rhee's Provost Marshall argues -- they've no business being there any longer, since the Geneva Conference failed.

If the South Koreans did lay their hands on the Red members of the Armistice Commission, it could be an international incident. and U. S. officials in Korea are not discounting the threat. ~~The~~ Provost Marshall happens to be Lieutenant General Won Yong Duck, ~~and he's~~ the military officer who played ~~an~~ a principal part in the affair of the prisoners of war, shortly before the Armistice was concluded. Won Yong Duck issued the statement -- that anti-Communist prisoners of war in South Korea would be turned loose. and he kept his word -- releasing twenty-seven thousand captives. That was a major headline at the time, ^{and} the whole Armistice business might have been wrecked by Won Yong Duck. Who now tells the Communist members of the Armistice Commission -- to get out.

JOHN

(A West Berlin newspaper prints a report connecting Otto John, missing security chief, with the vanished British diplomats Burgess and Maclean. The top ranking spy hunter for West Germany went to the Communist sector of Berlin, and later spoke on the Red radio. It still appears not certain whether John was abducted, or whether he deserted ^{to} ~~for~~ the Communists.

The story, as published, is that the West German security chief helped Burgess and Mclean, when they fled behind the Iron Curtain -- as they are supposed to have done. Otto John helping them -- because the two British diplomats had aided him in an escape from the Nazis during the Second World War when -- he was in the bomb plot against Hitler.

It is doubtful if there's anything in this report but it adds to the strangeness of the case of Otto John.)

DOCTOR

A dispatch from London states that a Doctor Joseph Cort of Boston, has decided to take refuge behind the Iron Curtain -- seeking "asylum" in Red Czechoslovakia.

The case of this young American doctor has been in the British headlines for quite a while. He asked for "asylum" in Britain, saying -- he'd face unemployment, even imprisonment, in the United States, if he returned. Because, he'd been a Communist while a student at Yale. American authorities reply ---that Cort was wanted back home on a draft dodging charge.

The British refused to grant him "asylum". So now the statement -- that Cort has decided to take refuge behind the Iron Curtain.

ATOMIC

Hydrogen bombs and ~~atomic~~ bombs are piling up at a record breaking rate in this country. So says the Atomic Energy Commission, in a semi-annual report. President Eisenhower told the Commission to keep ahead of Soviet Russia in the atomic armament race. So now ~~the~~ ^{the} report -- that ~~the~~ atomic production in this country ^{is} at an all time high.

The Commission points out that, the ~~city-~~ ^{giant} city-destroying bombs are not the only thing. The stock ^{pile} ~~pile~~ includes atomic weapons of various kinds -- such as can be used in battles.

Senator Flanders launched his charges against Senator McCarthy, today. He did this somewhat in advance of the debate. Making public -- the address he intended to deliver before the Senate, ^{at the start of} when the McCarthy proceedings began. Which proceedings were delayed -- because of a debate on the three billion dollar Foreign Aid bill.

Senator Flanders had agreed ^{that} he'd hold up his own resolution, until the Foreign Aid question was decided. But then, as the debate continued, he ~~announced~~ released his anti-McCarthy address to newsmen, which, in a way, started the argument -- before it came to the Senate floor.

The Flanders resolution is as follows: "Resolved, that the conduct of the Senator from Wisconsin, Mr. McCarthy -- is unbecoming to a member of the United States Senate. Is -- contrary to senatorial tradition. And -- tends to bring the Senate into disrepute. And -- such conduct is hereby condemned." ^J That's the resolution of censure, with Flanders listing various points. One -- that McCarthy showed "personal contempt" of the Senate by refusing to answer questions of a subcommittee which investigated ~~xxx~~ his financial affairs in 1952.

Another point refers to the famous trip made by Cohn and Schine to Europe in 1953. When Roy Cohn and Dave Schine were sent by Senator McCarthy to investigate alleged pro-Communist activities by U.S. officials abroad. Flanders declares that Cohn and Schine were -- "frivolous and irresponsible". He says their antics dismayed our allies in Europe.

The charges made by the seventy-three year old Vermonter include the case of General Zwicker, who was handled roughly by McCarthy during an investigation. Flanders accuses McCarthy of making reckless charges -- without end. And he declares the Wisconsin senator, actually, has done little worthwhile in the battle against Communism.

Senator Flanders indicates that McCarthy's side may reply with charges against him. But he says -- he would not be deterred.

Ass't Sec. of Defense Struoe Hensel says that Roy Cohn has been the guiding spirit of the combination. He likes McCarthy and Cohn to the whale and the pilot fish.

FIRES:

News from all Northern California pictures -- a phantasy of forest and brush fires. Two thousand weary blaze battlers in action against the flames at more than a dozen different places. Twenty thousand acres of woodland and brush country -- burned out. Yesterday, the situation was bad. Then, today, more fires broke out. All - the result of a long heat wave and the dry weather. Which has turned forest and brush into virtual tinder, ready to burst in flames.

I've been broadcasting from the little town of Monte Rio, on the Russian River - and yesterday during the broadcast great smoke clouds were rolling overhead - coming up river from Fort Ross where the Russians had their outpost and fur trading base 140 years ago. And the sun went down last night looking blood red thru the smoke and throwing a bright red glow over the giant red woods and the water racing by in the Russian River.

Add FIRES

But here's quite a contrast to that: - from Globe, Arizona. Where -- a state of emergency has been declared. That colorful mining town washed out by a cloudburst.

Three inches of rain fell at Globe in less than an hour, a couple of dry streams were turned into roaring torrents. Six-Shooter Canyon and Pinole Creek converge at Globe. And both have been pouring a deluge into the business section of the town. Damage -- estimated at two million dollars.

FASHIONS

Dispatches from Paris tell us that the gossip along the boulevards has become, suddenly -- non-political. Parisians have stopped talking politics -- ~~and~~ turning to another subject. A most interesting subject, as all Paris knows -- the feminine figure, the ~~fantastic~~ form divine. Dior has changed it -- or thinks he has. The one-time creator of the "new look", comes forward with -- the "flat look." Or, as that headline fashion designer calls it -- the "hippy ~~and~~ silhouette." Flat chest -- and big hips.

This is a sensation at the summer fashion show ~~in~~ Paris. Dior's exhibition -- displaying ~~a~~ style of dress cunningly designed to flatten out the upper part of a lady's torso, and emphasize the part where the skirt begins. A wide, flaring skirt -- ⁱⁿ Dior's newest model. All of which has roused an uproar of protest. The manufacturers of falsies -- leading the ~~charge~~ They see a bad slump in their business if Dior's "flat look" should prevail. That -- hippy silhouette. Today, *one* manufacturer asked sarcastically, "How will a girl explain where it all went so suddenly?"

In Hollywood there's an equal volume of protest from such movie stars, famous for curves, as Jane Russell, Maryln Monroe and Terry Moore. They say they don't want -- flat chests and big hips.

And now from San Fran - lets put on an 7-League ³⁰Boots and span the continent to Ed Fleming in N.Y.