

FORMOSA

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Red China, today, rejected American terms for a conference on the Formosa crisis. The Peiping radio stating -- that conditions put forward by the Americans are unacceptable.

We insist that, in any conference on Formosa, the Chinese Nationalists should have a part, -- stating their own ~~position~~ position in the negotiations. The Communists declare -- they won't negotiate at all, if the Chiang Kai Shek regime is represented.

The dilemma becomes complete -- when we hear from the Nationalists. The Chiang Kai Shek people say -- they won't participate in any conference with the Communists. Which makes our insistence appear to be rather odd. We -- wanting both the Nationalists and the Reds to attend. While they, both, say -- no.

(At the Bandung meeting, in Indonesia, the Premier of Burma is offering to act -- as a mediator. The government of Premier U Nu is "neutralist". The same -- as India. Premier U Nu has been palsy-

walsy with the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister Chou En Lai, ~~and~~ He says that Chou En Lai has been "conciliatory" in tone. But, at the same time, Burmese Premier U Nu says he does not believe Chou En Lai will ever agree to go into a conference in which the Chiang Kai Shek people are represented.)

In rejecting American terms, today, the Peiping radio mentioned the question of those imprisoned American airmen. Indications are that the Reds might try to use the liberation of the fliers as a bargaining point -- in the matter of arranging a conference on Formosa.

At Bandung, today, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mohammed Ali said he thought the Chinese Reds might release the eleven imprisoned airmen, if they were convinced the United States is genuine and sincere, -- in wanting to negotiate, a settlement in the Formosa dispute. (Mohammed Ali hints that he has been trying to convince Chou En Lai that the fliers should be set free. And -- that he made progress.

The Bandung Conference of Asian-African countries has ended. The final session -- held today. The most important result, it would seem was the proposal made by Chou En Lai -- that talks on Formosa be started. Later, he insisted that the Chinese Communists would gain possession of Formosa -- no matter what. Which dampened the hopes of a conference. But, the headline that came from Bandung was -- Formosa.

In Washington, today, the Democratic leader in the Senate, Lyndon Johnson, of Texas, ~~xxx~~ came out in favor of going into negotiations with the Chinese Reds. Endorsing -- a declaration made, over the weekend, by Senator George of Georgia, who told a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, ~~an~~ that we should take up the offer made ~~at~~ at Bandung by ~~Chou En Lai~~ Chou En Lai. Today, Lyndon Johnson advised the Eisenhower Administration to give this -- "careful ~~xxxxx~~ consideration."

BIG FOUR

Foreign Ministers of the Western Big Three will meet in Paris, May Eighth, to discuss -- "concrete plans" for a Big Four Conference with Soviet Russia. This was announced in Washington, today.

Moscow has proposed a meeting with the West -- to arrange a peace treaty with Austria. Getting -- a favorable answer from the Western Powers. So the supposition is that the gathering of the Foreign Ministers, announced in Washington, today -- would be for that Austrian purpose. However, the statement in Washington is framed in such a way -- as to suggest a broader conference. One -- that might consider such matters as German unification, as well as an Austrian treaty.

AUSTRIA-ELECTION

Austria had a weekend election. A blow -- for the Communists. A triumph -- for the conservative party of Chancellor Raab.

There was a ~~XXXXXXXX~~ municipal election -- in a province controlled by the Soviets. But the balloting was free -- and the Communist vote showed a severe decline. The Reds never did have much strength in that part of Austria. In the last election they polled only five-and-two-tenths⁵ ~~or two~~ percent. This time they got -- less than four percent. Chancellor Raab's party, on the other hand, came out with a clear majority.

ISRAEL

Festivities began in seventy-five cities and towns from Dan to Beersheba today, celebrating Israel's Independence Day.

Over the weekend, France had an election...
But the significance concerned all France: The party of De Gaulle...
More than half of the seats on the municipal councils...
The National Assembly had 460 members and fifty-one...
Of these, that last seventy-five...
Retaining only seventy-five.

All of the parties, of the right and the left, were...
Today's dispatch from Paris indicates that...
the beginning of the end of the political...
movement began by the General who... "Free France"
in World War II.

FRANCE

In France, ~~in~~ it looks like a swan song -- for the political party headed by General Charles DeGaulle. Over the weekend, France had an election. Local, to be sure -- an election of regional councils. But the significance concerned all France. The party of DeGaulle -- defeated all over the country. Losing more than half of the seats on the municipal councils, which it once held. Before this weekend election the DeGaullists had one-hundred-and-fifty-one council members, ~~all over France~~. Of these, they lost seventy-nine. Retaining -- only seventy-two.

All of the parties, of the right and the left, made gains. All -- at the expense of DeGaulle's own party. Today's dispatch from Paris declares that this marks the beginning of the end of the political movement ^u ~~begun~~ ^{led the forces of} by the General who ~~headed~~ ^{led} "Free France" in World War Two.

ATOMIC SHIP

And now, mates -- ship ahoy. Atomic ship - ahoy. A merchant vessel, with an atomic engine -- which will be able to circle the world, over and over, without refueling.

So announced by President Eisenhower, today. The President -- in New York, addressing an Associated Press luncheon. In connection with the annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. Which goes into session -- tomorrow. A good forum -- for announcing the first atomic powered passenger and ~~ixixmg~~ freight ship.

The President said -- plans for this ultra-modern craft are being prepared by the atomic Energy Commission and the Maritime Administration. The Administration -- to ask Congress for special funds to build the vessel.

"The new ship powered with an atomic reactor," said the President, "will not require refueling for scores of thousands of miles of *operation!*"

~~operation~~

Then the President told the assembled editors and publishers what the most immediate purpose of the atomic vessel would be. "Visiting ~~the~~ ports of the world," he said "the ship will be an atomic exhibit carrying to all people -- practical knowledge of the usefulness of this new science." In other words, a graphic example of the peacetime use of atomic energy.

Well, this country has, already, an atomic submarine in operation -- the Nautilus. So now we'll carry on, extending atomic power -- to the American Merchant Marine.

ATOMIC

The weather man is not doing right -- by the atomic man. Bad conditions for a nuclear experiment blew into Nevada, today, and made things impossible - for the atomic test, which was to have been held tomorrow. Cloud conditions are predicted for tomorrow -- which would prevent the kind of observation and study the scientists want, when the mushroom cloud soars into the sky. Moreover, the direction of the winds will be bad -- and might blow the radio active "fall out" in the wrong direction. Great care is always taken -- to be sure the "fall out" does not go drifting toward centers of population.

So, now, as I head in the direction of Nevada, it turns out that tomorrow's atomic explosion has been postponed.

STORY FOLLOW ATOMIC

~~So~~ now ~~lets~~ have the atomic story, which I promised on Friday. Told ^{to us} ~~to us~~ during a visit ~~we~~ made to the Bevatron, at the radiation laboratory in Berkeley.

After a dinner party with the atomic scientists, we were taken for a look at the giant atomic machine, which they are now using for a study of cosmic rays. The first three letters of Bevatron stand for "billion electron-volts". We stood on top of the great circular mechanism -- like a sort of atomic race track. Beneath our feet, nuclear particles were going round and round, driven by a billion electron-volts. All this -- explained to us by atomic scientist Dr. Luis Alvarez.

TP But the cue for the story was -- when we went in, and -- had to leave our watches outside. The Bevatron -- so intensely magnetic, will take the bobby pins out of a girl's hair. Watches -- ~~xxxxxx~~ would be magnetized and put out of commission, completely.

Dr. Ernest Lawrence, head of the Radiation Laboratory, told us of an incident - back in the days when we were still on terms of war-time friendship with Soviet Russia. A party of Soviet Russians came to visit the Radiation Laboratory, and were shown the cyclotron, the original atom smashing machine, created by Ernest Lawrence. Which achievement won him the Nobel Prize.

The Russians were told - they must leave their watches outside because - of the magnetism. They listened to what the interpreter said and looked suspicious. Could this be a capitalistic trick to get their watches? But they finally handed them over; and they were placed on a table near the door.

After their inspection of the cyclotron when the Soviet party came x out - to get their watches back - one watch was missing! Of course the American scientists were non-plussed. It sure was embarrassing.

Dr. Ernest Lawrence told ^{us} ~~me~~ -- how they looked for the watch. But it was no go. All they could do was make lame excuses to the Russians -- who really were suspicious by now. Capitalistic trick -- getting one of their watches.

Well, it was a mystery, until ^{hours later} ~~a little while~~ ^{a laboratory} ~~afterward~~ when ~~one of the~~ technicians happened to reach into his pocket for his watch. He found -- two watches. He always carried a ~~cheap~~ cheap Ingersoll and one of the Soviet watches was an Ingersoll -- bought in this country. The technician, absent-mindedly, ^{had} picked it up as his own.

Well, they returned the watch to the Russian delegation -- and explained. But they were quite sure the ~~mis~~ Soviet people never believed the story. All - capitalistic trickery.

BENSON

The Secretary of Agriculture is on his way to drought stricken areas of the west and southwest. Ezra Benson -- accompanied by experts of his department. Heading first for Denver, they'll tour dust bowl sections of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico.

Officials of the department of Agriculture say that, since last November, thirteen million acres of land have been damaged by wind erosion. Wind -- blowing off the top soil. Another nineteen million acres -- ready to blow if the drought and the high winds continue.

WEATHER

Our American east coast, today, was mighty wet. Torrential rains -- all the way from the tip of New England -- down into Dixieland.

This was the end of weekend storms that swept out of the southwest. Blowing up -- dust storms, tornadoes, gales, and a deluge of rain.

Alabama had a frightful freak of nature -- a red tornado. A twister, described as -- glowing crimson. A million dollars worth of damage, along a five mile trail of destruction, left by - the red tornado.

In South Carolina -- hail storms; like a cannonade - with hail stones the size of baseballs, four inches in diameter. Baseballs of ice, bombarding South Carolina. And now - our final bombardment of words of wisdom from Hugh Holder.