

Acheson Deflates Rumors on Chinese Red Peace Feelers

Secretary of State Acheson has not heard of any peace feelers from the Chinese Communists, he told a news conference today.

His comment tended to deflate a recent series of rumors that the Chinese Reds were making some new move to end the fighting in Korea.

Government officials still hope that such a move may come as a result of losses suffered by the Communist armies in Korea and reported growing unrest within Communist China.

Chinese Still Determined. Lincoln White, State Department press officer, was asked yesterday about the flurry of rumors on peace feelers. He said he knew of no actual peace moves by the Reds.

Officials suggested that the speculation about such a move may arise from reports of unrest within Communist China as well as to the wearing away of the Chinese Reds' trained armed forces in Korea.

But all the evidence American officials can get indicates that the Communist bosses still are determined to try to expel the United Nations forces from Korea. The big question is how long it will take to convince them they cannot do this.

Moscow Claims Victory. Moscow's current propaganda line is that the latest Communist offensive in Korea was really a counterattack which resulted in a clear-cut victory for Chinese "volunteers" and North Koreans.

State Department officials said that is the propaganda line being followed also by Red China to explain the failure of the offensive to make much headway against United Nations forces.

The outcome appears also to have made the Chinese Communists more cautious. Officials here told a reporter the Communists now are chary of predictions that the attack now building up will drive the 8th Army into the sea. Officials said Moscow avoided such a prediction all along.

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while Allied officers differed on just when the Reds will strike they agreed:

"The Chinese are loaded and cocked and can explode southward any time they want."

Probing Attacks Sharpened. The Chinese sharpened their probing attacks Wednesday morning, concentrating on the central front. They have moved in considerable strength across the Pukhan and Soyang Rivers on either side of Chunchon.

One bugle-blowing attack drove Allies from their positions east of Chunchon before artillery broke up the Chinese force.

Korean Reds hit southwest of Inje, after recouping the highway on the eastern front.

Skirmishing stepped up on the western front, too, with several sharp clashes about 17 miles north of Seoul. The Reds turned anti-tank guns on one armored American reconnaissance patrol.

"It looks as if they are just about ready and will be on their way down to us pretty soon," one officer said.

Mr. Randolph reported all signs seemed to point to the final moves before a typical Chinese offensive.

Fighting early today was heavier than the customary patrol actions. But none of it reached battle size.

Reds Suffer Heavy Losses. Bugle-blowing, whistle-toting Chinese struck at 1:30 a.m. east of Chunchon. U. N. troops withdrew under the grenade-throwing attack supported by automatic rifle fire.

After the U. N. withdrawal, big American guns opened up, inflicting heavy casualties on the Reds.

The Reds penetrated Chunchon, 45 miles northeast of Seoul, but were driven out.

Communists also used artillery heavily in the eastern sector, supporting an unsuccessful attack east of Inje. Heavy use of artillery is customary before a Communist offensive.

A United States 8th Army spokesman said the largest Red attack yesterday was an early morning assault by two battalions south of Yongdae in the Inje area. This attack by about 1,500 men forced South Koreans to withdraw. Republican troops later counterattacked and regained their positions.

2,850 Casualties in Day. The probing attacks signaled a new rise in Red casualties. The 8th Army reported 2,850 for Tuesday.

Mr. Randolph reported that both Allied officers and recently captured Reds disagreed as to when the big assault would come. Estimates ranged from between now and Monday to early June.

Monday night will bring a full moon, favorite time for Chinese offensives. Three of their last four offensives were launched under a full or nearly full moon. This affords sufficient light for infantry, which the Reds have in masses, but insufficient lighting for long-range Allied artillery and planes.

To Hit All Indications Front. Mr. Randolph said indications were the Reds would strike all along the 100-mile front with their heaviest blow down central Korea's Pukhan River valley through Chunchon.

Most of the 390,000 Communist striking force was arrayed in depth north of this area. Chinese are in the center of the line with 100,000 North Koreans on their flanks.

Prisoners said the Reds had stored sufficient food in North Korea to supply their entire force—600,000 men—for 50 days.

King Abdullah in Turkey. ANKARA, Turkey, May 16 (AP)—King Abdullah of Jordan arrived late yesterday on a state visit to Turkey. He was greeted by President Celal Bayar and his cabinet and the ambassadors of all Moslem nations in Turkey.



HOME-COMING WELCOME—San Francisco.—About 1,422 Army men, fresh from the fighting in Korea, stand at ease at the Fort Mason Dock after debarking from the transport Lt. Raymond Beaudoin. They were given a brief greeting and then entertained by movie stars. Looking on are relatives and friends of the men brought home under a rotation plan.

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In the dispute as it convened at 10 o'clock and the discussion, with tempers being aroused, continued until the moment Gen. Bradley was excused and afterwards.

During the committee debate, the transcript showed, Senator Russell criticized his Republican colleagues for injecting partisanship into the investigation.

The issue arose yesterday when Senator Wiley undertook to question Gen. Bradley about confidential conversations with President Truman leading up to the dismissal of Gen. MacArthur as Far Eastern commander.

Gen. Bradley refused to answer and pleaded that the conversations were on a basis of his position as confidential advisor to the President.

Wiley to Appeal Ruling. Senator Wiley brought up the issue again at the opening of this morning's session and sought to have the matter put off until tomorrow. At that time, he said he would renew an appeal from Senator Russell's ruling yesterday that Gen. Bradley should not be required to answer such questions.

Senator Russell noted that some Republican members had held "huddles" on the issue last night and this morning and added:

"I have tried to sit here, not as a Republican or Democrat, but as an American," Senator Russell said as Gen. Bradley awaited a second round of questioning. "I have devotedly hoped from the moment these hearings opened that they would not degenerate into a partisan fight, where the Republicans would have huddles here and the Democrats would have huddles there."

The controversy was renewed as soon as the joint investigating committee—Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations—began its session this morning.

Wiley Suggests Postponement. Senator Wiley suggested that the whole issue be passed over until tomorrow morning. At that time, Senator Wiley said he proposed to renew his appeal from Senator Russell's ruling yesterday that Gen. Bradley should not be required, under threat of contempt action, to divulge what went on in the White House conversations.

The Senator made and then withdrew such an appeal when the issue arose late in yesterday's session and disrupted Gen. Bradley's testimony defending the administration's war policies in Korea and the dismissal of Gen. MacArthur.

Senator Russell insisted, however, that the committee should proceed without delay a matter of such importance.

Wiley Resents Suggestion. Senator Wiley, recognizing after the chairman's criticism, said that he "didn't like the way the chairman suggested that because a few of us Republicans got together and talked the matter over that it was a partisan matter."

Some of the Republican members held a conference last night and again this morning before the hearing began in an effort to chart their course. Senator Ferguson, Republican of Michigan, and a member of the Judiciary Committee, was asked to prepare a report on the matter.

Senator Wiley said that he and Senator Bridges, Republican, of New Hampshire, had discussed the matter with Chairman Russell.

"You didn't discuss the procedure you were going to take with me," Senator Russell interrupted.

"I challenge the record as to the judicial part. I did question the non-partisan aspects of your meeting."

Senator Wiley protested the interruption and said "the chairman has the right to preside but not to occupy all the time."

"I apologize for the interruption," Senator Russell remarked.

Lodge Questions Future Course. Then, hitting at the Republican "huddles," the Georgia Senator said:

"It seems to me that if there ever was a time in our country, or a matter before a committee, that is peculiarly unsuited for partisan handling, it is the matter that is under investigation."

Senator Lodge, Republican, of Massachusetts interrupted to ask that if the question was settled today would the committee be forever foreclosed . . . from citing any subsequent witness for contempt if we ever feel we should do it."

Senator Russell sharply replied that a man does not have to be



Fred Strivender, electrician 1/c, embraces his wife Lee at Long Beach on his return from Korea on the cruiser St. Paul. The St. Paul cruised up and down Korean coasts for six months, hurling 17,616 rounds of 8 and 5 inch shells at the Reds.

Bradley Rejects TV; Labels MacArthur 'Special Witness'

At the start of today's Senate hearings television representatives approached Gen. Bradley with the idea of his making a short telecast sometime during the day.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff demurred.

"But Gen. MacArthur made an appearance," persisted the television reporter.

"He was a special witness," replied the general.

Reds Accuse Yanks Of Korea Atrocities

LONDON, May 16.—The Moscow radio today quoted a visiting North Korean delegation as saying American troops were committing "unprecedented atrocities" in Korea.

The propaganda broadcast said the Koreans told a Moscow press conference that thousands of their countrymen were being shot to cover American "failures on the fronts."

"They caught Yan U Sam, secretary of the primary organization of the party of labor, skinned him alive, chopped off his legs," the broadcast said.

In Pyongyang alone, 15,000 patriots were shot. In Hwanghae province alone of the smallest provinces in Korea—100,000 people were shot.

"During the occupation of Seoul they arrested 75,000 residents, 10,000 of whom were shot."

In Synchron settlement in Hwanghae province, they tortured to death in bestial fashion 70 children of 10 years of age."

Dorothy Kirsten Married; On Way to See Her Parents

NEW ORLEANS, May 16.—Newly-weds Dorothy Kirsten and Dr. Eugene Chapman were en route to Neptune, N. J., today to visit the blond opera star's parents.

Mrs. Kirsten, suffering with a heart ailment, was unable to attend her daughter's marriage here late yesterday to Dr. Chapman, obstetrician of San Antonio, Tex.

Dr. Chapman's age was given as 44; the bride's as 34. Each had been married once before. Dr. Chapman, father of a 19-year-old Vassar senior, was divorced last December. Miss Kirsten and Edward Oates, Columbia Broadcasting System official, were divorced in April, 1950. They had no children.

After visiting in New Jersey, the couple plan to leave for an undisclosed honeymoon spot. Miss Kirsten said she expected to give up her home in California and live in San Antonio.

The word "obey" was not used in the single ring ceremony performed in the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church before a dozen friends and relatives.

Weber Perjury Trial Delayed by Quiz on Juror's Fitness

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, May 16.—The perjury trial of Louis Weber, Brooklyn numbers racketeer, was held up more than half an hour today while Federal Judge Charles A. Dewey questioned the fitness of an unidentified juror.

During yesterday's trial session, two policemen from the forger squad appeared in the courtroom. Their presence led to a report that police wanted to question one of the jurors in connection with a Richmond (Va.) charge.

Today Judge Dewey called one of the jurors to his chambers and questioned him in the presence of Government attorneys and Defense Counsel James F. Ryan. The juror then was permitted to return to the juryroom.

Juror Says On. United States Attorney Irving H. Saypol then informed newsmen that "a question arose regarding the status of one of the jurors."

He said there was no need to excuse the juror who was questioned "since there was no question about his integrity."

Mr. Saypol said the first he knew about the police wanting to question one of the jurors was shortly after midnight.

"The first order of business this morning," Mr. Saypol said, was to advise defense counsel. The prosecutor said he was satisfied to continue with the jury.

"If the slightest doubt arose in my mind that the integrity of any juror was impaired, I would be the first to correct it," Mr. Saypol said.

Weber Doesn't Take Stand. Weber, charged with lying to the Senate Crime Committee under oath, did not take the stand, and offered no witness in his defense. His counsel planned to move for dismissal of the indictment, and if that fails, plead Weber's cause in summation.

If that move fails, a summation by Mr. Ryan pleading Weber's cause will follow.

Politician James J. Moran, tried on a similar charge of perjury, followed that course last week. He drew conviction and the maximum penalty—five years in prison and \$2,000 fine. Weber could get the same sentence if convicted.

Case Hinges on Moran Visits. The two perjury cases, the first prosecutions growing out of the Senate committee hearings here, hinge on the number of times Weber visited Moran at his office when Moran was first deputy fire commissioner from 1946 to 1950.

Moran, a long-time pal of Ex-Mayor William O'Dwyer, told the Senators there were no more than six visits. Weber testified he didn't even know Moran.

Fire department witnesses testified for the Government at the Moran trial that there were 111 visits. A lesser number of witnesses at Weber's trial yesterday told of 64.

The Government presented its case with eight witnesses in about three hours yesterday, carrying on the quick tempo of the Moran trial. Moran, under Government subpoena and fighting against taking the stand, was not called.

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ernous corridors are like those of many American state capitols.

In adjoining conference rooms military and civilian delegations waited to see him. Maj. Gen. William C. Chase, head of the new American military assistance advisory group, had just completed a visit.

Chiang was calm, relaxed and laughed quietly as he talked. He smoothed the rich covering of the conference table with long fingers from time to time.

Friends said he looked healthier in appearance than for several years.

Behind Chiang's chair were the crossed flags of Nationalist China and his Kuomintang Party. Both have been driven from the mainland to this island 100 miles off the southeast coast.

A large picture of Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese republic, was on one wall.

Chiang was working a normal day, an aide said. He was up at daybreak, like the old soldier he is. He took a few minutes of exercise. Then he read the Bible and indulged in the first of two daily periods of meditation and prayer.

The generalissimo works a long day. It is interrupted in the afternoon by 30 minutes of sleep.

In the interview, a question brought from Chiang a reminder that he had been fighting Communists since 1927. He answered many questions ranging from charges of corruption in his Nationalist government to Soviet Russia's long-term program.

The first question I asked the generalissimo was whether in his opinion Europe or Asia were under the greater immediate threat from Russia.

"At this stage," he replied, "the

Kansas Republican Leaders Want Eisenhower on Ticket

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in better political position than he was in 1947.

"There is more sentiment for him here in Kansas, and I think in other parts of the country than at a similar time before the Republican National Convention of 1948."

The former presidential nominee looks on Senator Taft as the man likely to have the most delegate strength at the National convention if Gen. Eisenhower is out of the picture. But he also looks for a great scramble for the nomination, with Gov. Dewey of New York, Senator Duff of Pennsylvania, and Gov. Warren of California, all controlling big delegations and wishing to have a hand in the selection of a candidate.

Darby For Eisenhower. Mr. Darby, who is an earnest supporter of the Eisenhower-for-President idea, said:

"I am for Eisenhower. We in Kansas think he is a great American, popular and of great capacity. I haven't conferred with him regarding the political situation of what his plans may be. I feel that I should not, at a time when he is worried with the great problems he has to face, relating to national defense and the strengthening of European defense. I feel we should let him alone. I feel that he is the man who can lead us out of our troubles."

"I share Gen. Eisenhower's view on the importance of European defense. The defense of Western Europe is a primary point of defense of the United States."

Views on Defense Problem. Mr. Landon's opinion was that the problem of defense against Russian Communist aggression lies both in Asia and in Europe.

The feeling, rife at the time Gen. MacArthur returned to this country that the controversy over the deposed Far East commander and his overshadowing personality

had taken wealth to the United States.

"We requested the United States Government to inform us of this so that we could then take all measures to return this wealth or treasure to its rightful owners, the government of China."

"So far, our talks have produced no results. We are ready to proceed to reclaim any money taken from China and use it for the general good of the people."

Asked whether the Chinese people would accept militant Communism and become resigned to the present rule in Peiping, Chiang declared:

"Absolutely not. The culture, tradition, the philosophy of the Chinese people, is diametrically opposed to communism."

Here the generalissimo ventured a bit of humor.

"Even after the death of a Chinese," he said, "I don't think his ghost would become Communist."

The present Red Purge of the anti-Communist Chinese "prevents local leaders from emerging on the Chinese mainland," he said.

"Only when a counteroffensive is launched from Formosa will it be possible to start the liberation of the Chinese people from communist oppression."

In conclusion I told the generalissimo that some one had suggested he visit the United States and speak to a joint session of Congress.

"When we succeed in recovering the mainland of China," he said, "I would certainly deem it a pleasure to visit America to thank our friends who have helped us in our struggle."

Arias Trial Set May 25; More Officials Arrested

PANAMA CITY, Panama, May 16.—Police carried out a new roundup today of members of ousted President Arnulfo Arias cabinet, as the death toll from last week's bloody rioting mounted to 17.

Dr. Arias himself is in jail and will stand trial May 25, charged with abusing his constitutional powers.

Ex-officials picked up early today on government warrants were Foreign Minister Carlos N. Brin, Finance Minister Rodolfo Herbruger, Public Works Minister Celso Carbonel, Education Minister Cristobal Adan Urriola and Jose Ehrman, presidential secretary.

District Attorney Dario Sandoval said he had ordered the ministers' arrests because they were co-signers with Dr. Arias of the decree scrapping the 1946 constitution—the act which crushed off the violence and brought the President's downfall.

Musk, used commercially in perfumes, is obtained from the musk-deer, although the odor is also emitted by the musk-ox, muskrat, musk-duck, musk-shrew, musk-beetle, and the alligator of Central America.

WestEuropeAssembly Seeks More Power

By the Associated Press

STRASBOURG, France, May 16.—Western Europe's consultative assembly ended a 10-day session last night with a bid for more power.

By a vote of 64 to 2 the assembly asked the Council of Europe's upper house, the Committee of Ministers, for changes in its basic statute.

One of the most important demands was for a measure of control over other European organizations—notably the Organization for European Economic Cooperation.

The OEEC, some of whose members do not belong to the Council of Europe, helps American authorities administer the Marshall Plan. It tends to think of itself as an agency that does things and of the Council of Europe as a mere "talking shop."

The assembly, on the other hand, advised the OEEC yesterday to work on "current problems" rather than think about "past achievement." It was clear the Assembly thought the OEEC was not doing enough.

Another assembly resolution urged the Committee of Ministers to sponsor establishment of a joint resources board to allocate scarce raw materials among nations of the non-Communist world.

Scenarist Bercovici Says He's Not a Red

By the Associated Press

Screen Writer Leonardo Bercovici denied today that he is a Communist, but he refused to tell the House Un-American Activities Committee if he had been one in the past.

Screen Writer Richard Collins and Director Edward Dmytryk, both admitted former Communists, had testified that Bercovici was known as a party member in 1945.

Bercovici readily told Representative Potter, Republican, of Michigan, he was not and never had been, a member of the Ku Klux Klan but he balked at the same question respecting past membership in the Communist Party.

"In other words," Mr. Potter said, "you make a distinction between membership in the Klan and membership in the Communist Party?"

One was incriminating and the other was not, Bercovici replied.

Lyford Moore Case Closed; Death Called Accidental

By the Associated Press

OSLO, Norway, May 16.—Police have closed the case of Lyford Moore, Berlin news manager of the American Broadcasting Co., whose body was found in Oslo fjord Sunday after he had been missing five months.

Criminal Police Chief Frans Kaltenborn said experts had testified Mr. Moore's death was accidental.

The ABC correspondent, who had come to Oslo with a group of United States Air Force men, disappeared last December 10.

In New York, ABC said Mr. Moore's body will be shipped to Troy, Ohio, for funeral services.

Court Annuls Marriage Of Dutch Girl, Moslem

By the Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands, May 16.—The District Court at Breda yesterday annulled the marriage of 13-year-old Bertha Hertogh and Ali Mansur Adabi, 22, who were married at Singapore August 1, 1950.

The marriage led to bloody Moslem rioting in Singapore last December after a Singapore court awarded custody of the girl to her Catholic parents. She had been reared for eight years by a Moslem nurse. The girl was brought back to Holland later.

Lloyds Places Odds Against War Crisis Before June 25 at 19-1

By the Associated Press

SEATTLE, May 16.—Lloyds of London has set 19-to-1 odds against big enough war developments to stop a June convention. Last December Lloyds quoted 50-1 against world war before September, 1951.

Dr. Frank Wood of Seattle, president of the Pacific Coast Dental Conference, said yesterday the organization is paying \$535 premium on a \$10,000 policy. The policy was taken out to cover advance costs and commitments for the June 25-28 conference here.

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