



RED CHINA PREMIER IS CONFERENCE-BOUND

SINGAPORE—Premier Chou En-lai (left) has a farewell handshake for Comdr. W. L. Clark, aide-de-camp of the Crown Colony of Singapore, as he leaves for Jakarta, next stop on his trip to Bandung for the Asian-African conference. Center is R. K. Tandon, Indian commissioner of Malaya.—AP Wirephoto by radio from Singapore via London.

FLIGHT TO FREEDOM

U. S. Averts Epidemic Despite Refugee Filth

BY JAMES E. ROPER Star Staff Correspondent SAIGON, South Viet Nam.—You can locate a refugee camp by the odor. It doesn't matter much whether the camp is the newly opened Lach Tray site at Hai-

phong, the infamous Saigon strip along a road outside this city, or the opera house in the heart of Saigon. They all smell bad. Amid the smell, the refugees smile. They bear patiently, or even enthusiastically, conditions that sickened a Westerner.

This is the second of three articles on the most flight of anti-Communists from Red-held North Viet Nam.

Most of the refugees now reach Saigon aboard the Marine Serpent or Marine Adder operated by the United States Navy. The ships tie up in the Saigon River at the foot of Rue Catinat. The refugees—with babies, boxes and bundles—then stream ashore while comparatively rich Frenchmen and Americans, dining or drinking in the top floor of the Majestic Hotel, look down on them with interest or detachment.

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At the new camp at Lach Tray, 4,500 refugees are jammed into a series of barracks and open-sided buildings recently abandoned by French colonial

troops. Among the refugee officials, the idea of having a brick wall is de luxe. 800 in One Building. But 800 persons—men, women and children—sleep, cook and eat in a single warehouse-like building. Their beds consist of straw mats spread on the concrete floor, or on perforated metal stripping that is used to make aircraft runways. In some cases, the metal stripping is placed on oil drums to get the "bed" off the floor.

From the mass of sucking infants, lively youngsters and sprawling adults comes the mingled odors of garlic-like oriental spices, sweet and other human smells. The luxury of having a brick wall around the warehouse is offset by the lack of sanitary facilities.

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George Hopes Bandung Talks Will Aid Peace

BY J. A. O'LEARY

Chairman George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee held out a ray of hope last night that the conference of 29 Asian-African nations in Indonesia this week may prove a "stepping-stone" to more stable conditions in the world.

Just back from a visit with President Eisenhower at Augusta, the Georgia Democrat also expressed his belief there will be no "eruption" around Formosa while the conference at Bandung, Indonesia, is going on. He added, however, that no one can be sure of what the Communists may do.

The Senator's optimism over what may flow from the Bandung meeting appeared to be based on a hope that some of the Asian leaders in attendance will raise their voices in behalf of peace.

Truman Order Hit

Other comments on the Far Eastern situation yesterday included these:

1. Senate Republican Leader Knowland said former President Truman's order neutralizing the Formosa strait during the Korean war "made it possible for the Chinese Communists to move their troops to Manchuria and down to Korea."

Senator Knowland also said he was "amazed and shocked" by Stevenson's speech of last Monday night. He said the 1952 Democratic presidential nominee "appears to be giving the green light to the loss of Quemoy and Matsu."

2. Senator Mansfield, Democrat of Montana, said the United States would not be facing a difficult decision today on the defense of Quemoy and Matsu if President Eisenhower had not "unleashed" Chiang Kai-shek in 1953. He referred to the President's announcement that the 7th Fleet would no longer shield Red China, which was then engaged in the war in Korea.

The Senator said that order invited the heavy reinforcements of the off-shore islands. If those instructions had not been issued the Formosa strait would have remained stabilized, the Montanan argued.

3. Senator Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire, took sharp issue with Senator Mansfield. He said if the President had not made that decision in 1953 there would be nothing standing between Formosa and the mainland. Senator Bridges said that "without strong Nationalist defenses and troops on Quemoy and Matsu, Formosa would be far more vulnerable."

4. Calls Session Important. Senator George, avoiding any discussion of what should be done about Quemoy and Matsu.

held reporters he regards the Bandung meeting as "highly important." "I am hopeful that, while this conference may be stormy and some of the talk may not be pleasant, it may be a sort of stepping-stone to future meetings of the African-Asian nations, and may be productive of some good in the direction of stability," said Senator George. "If so, we should have a friendly understanding of what they are driving at."

The Senator pointed out that one of the chief figures at the conference will be Prime Minister Nehru of India. The Senator said Mr. Nehru is "not entirely hostile to the West," and although he sometimes disagrees with the West on methods, should not be written off. Senator George said Mr. Nehru is a man who "wants peace and stability."

Asked if he thought the United States should have sent official observers to the conference, Senator George pointed out that this government was not invited, and added, "you don't have a very good time going where you are not invited."

Unit to Replace FOA Ordered

BY GARNETT D. HORNER Star Staff Correspondent

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 16.—President Eisenhower, arranging a conference with Secretary of State Dulles here tomorrow, directed the State Department tonight to take over "general responsibility" for foreign aid when the Foreign Operations Administration goes out of business June 30.

The President called for creation within the State Department of a new bureau to handle the International Cooperation Administration to direct foreign aid policy and exercise "supervising authority" over all operations in this field.

The new ICA will handle economic aid for friendly foreign countries directly, and coordinate military aid and assistance to allied forces carried out by the Defense Department.

In announcing the planned meeting with Mr. Dulles, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty stressed that no emergency was involved.

Reason For Flight. He said the reason for the Secretary's flying visit to the President's vacation headquarters here was that Mr. Dulles planned to leave Washington Wednesday morning for a "long week-end" vacation himself. This means he will not have an opportunity to see Mr. Eisenhower in Washington for a week or so after that. The President plans to return to the Capital late Wednesday.

The President and Mr. Dulles normally confer at the White House at least once a week. Mr. Hagerty said the conference tomorrow would be "just a talk on the general situation, covering the whole field of foreign affairs."

Mr. Dulles is due to arrive here at noon and to fly back to Washington after the meeting.

In addition to the FOA transfer, two other likely topics for discussion are the announcement that the Soviet Union and Austria had come to an understanding on terms for a peace treaty and the critical Formosa situation.

First-Hand Report. Earlier today, the President received a first-hand report from Admiral Felix B. Stump, commander of American armed forces in the Pacific.

Admiral Stump told reporters after an hour-long conference with the President that he could not give any assessment of Chinese Communist intentions with regard to a possible attack on Formosa or the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

"If I could, I would be a lot better off," he remarked with a grim smile.

The Admiral, who wears two hats as Pacific Fleet commander and head of the unified command of all Navy, Army and Air Forces in the Pacific, said he reported to Mr. Eisenhower "on the general situation as I see it." He told questioners no emergency was involved.

New Comic Begins In Star Tomorrow. "Mac Divot," a new cartoon strip all about golfing, tees off tomorrow in the comic pages of The Evening Star.

For a look at big-time golf, complete with course descriptions, begin reading "Mac Divot," Monday through Saturday in the Star—you'll even pick up tips on improving your own game.

THE FEDERAL SPOTLIGHT

House Expected to Vote 8.2 Pct. Postal Pay Rise

BY JOSEPH YOUNG

The House appears ready to approve an 8.2 per cent average pay-reclassification bill for postal workers this week.

This type of bill holds out more hope for enactment into law this year of classified and postal pay boosts than would the 10 per cent—no reclassification legislation strongly opposed by the administration.

Backers of the 8.2 per cent reclassification figure consider it more acceptable to President Eisenhower than the flat 10 per cent boost approved by the Senate. They also feel that the 8.2 per cent reclassification measure might command enough support to override a veto if the President turned them down.

President Eisenhower has implied that he would veto any postal pay bill in excess of the 7.6 per cent reclassification measure approved by the House Civil Service Committee.

However, sponsors of the 8.2 per cent reclassification figure hope the President might be induced to sign such legislation. Virtually everyone in the executive branch and on Capitol Hill agrees that the 10 per cent—no reclassification bill approved by the Senate would be vetoed.

That's why the majority of Federal employe organizations are supporting the 8.2 per cent bill.

Key House Democrats and Republicans say the 8.2 per cent measure will be approved when the House takes up the postal pay legislation on Wednesday or Thursday. They predict defeat for a move to substitute the Senate-approved 10 per cent bill.

The two major postal employe organizations are split over the pay issue. The National Association of Letter Carriers favors the 8.2 per cent plan, while the National Federation of Post-Office Clerks insists on a 10 per cent—no reclassification bill.

The 8.2 per cent amendment will be offered by Representative Moss, Democrat, of California. Adoption by the House would send the legislation to House-Senate conference. Indications are that the House version would prevail. This would then leave the measure's fate up to President Eisenhower.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES.—The outcome of the postal pay fight will determine whether Federal classified employes will get a pay raise this year. If the postal pay bill becomes law, classified employes also will get a salary increase. If the postal pay bill is vetoed and Congress does not override the veto, the pay raise chances for classified employes would be very dim.

That's why most classified employe leaders, although not directly getting involved in the postal pay fight, are favoring the 8.2 per cent postal reclassification measure.

The Senate has approved a 10 per cent pay boost for classified workers, the same as it has for postal employes. The House Civil Service Committee is expected to report a classified pay bill as soon as the House takes action this week on the postal pay measure.

Chairman Murray of the House group favors a 7 per cent classified pay boost.

The House is expected to approve a postal pay boost retroactive to March 1. It also can be expected to approve the same retroactive provision for classified employes when the classified Rights will be held on Saturday.

Family Hospital Time

DEEP RIVER, Conn. (AP).—Mrs. Frank Joy drove to Boston to visit her son, a patient at a hospital there, and became a patient herself. She had head injuries when her car was involved in a collision. Her husband was at home convalescing from an operation.



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Fireman Sprinter

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TODAY'S WEATHER REPORT

District and vicinity—Mostly sunny and warmer today with high 78-84. Fair and mild tonight. Some cloudiness and continued warm tomorrow. Maryland—Mostly sunny but some cloudiness and warmer today with high 76-82. Fair and mild tonight. Partly cloudy with little change in temperature tomorrow.

Virginia—Mostly sunny and warmer today with high 78-84. Fair and mild tonight. Some cloudiness and continued warm tomorrow. Wind—Southerly 10-15 miles per hour today.

River Report. From U. S. Engineers. Potomac River clear at Harpers Ferry and cloudy at Great Falls; Shenandoah clear at Harpers Ferry.

U.S. WEATHER BUREAU MAP. Department of Commerce. High Temperatures and Areas of Precipitation Expected Sunday, April 17, 1955. Weather Conditions: Sun, Partly Cloudy, Rain, Snow, Fog, Haze, Ice, Highs and Lows in Inches.

Temperature Figures Show Average for Area. Highs and Lows in Inches. Precipitation in Inches in the Capital (current month to date): January 0.31, February 0.29, March 3.76, April 1.05, May 1.54, June 2.54, July 3.10, August 4.06, September 4.28, October 2.28, November 1.28, December 2.28.

Humidity (Reading Washington National Airport): Yesterday—78 p.m.—59; 4 p.m.—42. Reason for Forecast: Highest 83, on April 17; Lowest 10, on February 7; High and Low of Last 24 Hours: High, 73, at 2:30 p.m.; Low, 55, at 5:40 a.m.

Temperatures in Various Cities: Abilene 66, Albany 62, Albuquerque 67, Anchorage 42, Atlanta 65, Baltimore 63, Birmingham 68, Boston 51, Buffalo 61, Burlington 63, Charleston 80, Charlotte 62, Chicago 60, Cincinnati 69, Cleveland 69, Dallas 65, Denver 72, Des Moines 51, Detroit 65, Duluth 61, Fort Worth 68, Houston 79, Indianapolis 79, Jackson 83, Kansas City 83, Knoxville 66, Little Rock 62, Los Angeles 67, Louisville 64, Memphis 66, Miami 82, Minneapolis 65, Montgomery 66, New Orleans 83, New York 69, Philadelphia 72, Phoenix 66, Portland Me. 52, Raleigh 78, Richmond 74, Salt Lake City 63, San Antonio 80, San Diego 70, Seattle 61, St. Louis 65, Tampa 82, Wichita 82.

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