

Red Premier Hits U.S.-China Treaty

TOKYO, Thursday, Dec. 9 (AP)—Premier Chou En-lai of Communist China today called the U.S.-Nationalist mutual defense treaty "a grave provocation against the People's Republic of China."

And unless the United States withdraws its forces from Nationalist Formosa and Formosa Strait "it must take upon itself all the grave consequences,"

Marian Year Ends As Pope Blesses World From Bed

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 8 (AP)—United by radio to Roman Catholics everywhere, Pope Pius XII today closed the Marian year with a blessing to the world from his sickroom.

His message was spoken with deep emotion, as if reflecting his suffering:

"As we behold the entire Catholic world, kneeling today like one family at the feet of the Immaculate Virgin, we are grateful to the Lord who, as a seal on such a multitude of prayers and good work offered up to Him during this year of grace, has asked of us suffering and sacrifice as an act of love."

It was with "suffering in our members and sacrifice in our heart" that he closed the Marian year by saying the Ave Maria, the Pope added.

Recorded at his bedside and broadcast over the Vatican radio, the words were heard in hushed silence in Rome's majestic basilica of St. Mary Major. There, two miles from the Vatican, prayerful Romans had gathered to observe the closing Te Deum for the year in Mary's honor.

British Charge Greece

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Britain has protested to Greece against what she called "hostile propaganda" broadcasts by the Athens radio to Britain's island colony of Cyprus in the Mediterranean Sea, Secretary Sir Anthony Eden said today.

The British ambassador to Athens "has received an assurance that offensive matter will not in the future be included in the broadcasts," Eden told the House of Commons.

Ike Says War Fears Abated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower said today the free world's fears of a global war have diminished in the last four years. He said the last year itself has brought a considerable accomplishment in his "atoms-for-peace" proposal.

Eisenhower gave his appraisal to an overflow crowd at his weekly news conference.

A reporter asked him whether he thought the chances of peace had increased since he took office in January 1953.

An armistice is not peace, he said thoughtfully. He described peace as a situation where a nation may have justifiable confidence it can devote its energies to the good of the people, not to protecting them or destroying others.

That is not the situation now, he observed.

He mentioned the atoms-for-

peace progress in his opening announcement, noting that this is the first anniversary of his offering the idea at the United Nations. It envisioned a pooling of atomic materials and knowledge for the good of all nations, rather than for destruction of any.

Eisenhower said that while progress has not come up to hopeful expectations, there had been a considerable accomplishment.

He said Secretary of State John Foster Dulles would sum up the achievements later.

Eisenhower announced he would meet Tuesday with Republican and Democratic leaders of congressional committees dealing with foreign relations, the armed services and appropriations to discuss foreign affairs, foreign aid and national security.

Told that the Chinese Commu-

Printer Swipes Girl Reporter From News Room

LA PORTE, Ind., Dec. 8 (AP)—The editorial staff of the La Porte Herald-Argus had a story dumped right in its lap on its afternoon deadline today as a fun-toting apprentice printer kidnaped a young woman reporter from the news room.

The printer, Robert Panek, 25, returned the reporter, 22-year-old Abbey Johnson, to the newspaper office unharmed an hour and 40 minutes later and then drove off in the car in which he had carried her away.

As a police search was underway for him he walked into the La Porte police station and surrendered another hour and a half later.

Miss Johnson was too unnerved upon her return to give a clear account of her experience.

She did tell her fellow workers, however, that while she was with Panek he asked her if she would marry him and she told him, "No."

Erie Mayor Admits Conspiracy Charge

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 8 (AP)—Mayor Thomas W. Flatley, 67, a kingpin in the Erie County Democratic party, pleaded guilty today to charges of conspiracy and violating his oath of office. The charges stemmed from a gambling raid.

Flatley entered his surprise plea while the court was considering a motion by the mayor's counsel to postpone his trial. He was one of more than 40 persons arrested by state police Oct. 16.

District Attorney Damian McLaughlin, a Republican, said the raid broke up a 20-million-dollar a year gambling syndicate in the county.

McLaughlin said the mayor accepted money from gamblers and in return kept police from interfering with their operations.

Refugees Welcome

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Refugees from Communist "political and religious persecution" will always be welcome in the United States, the American government bluntly informed Poland's Red regime today.

Eisenhower Shuns Talk of McCarthy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower shunned a personal word battle with Republican Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin today while declaring the American people want a government run by "progressive moderates."

"And that is exactly what I am working for," the President added.

Eisenhower, with his temper apparently well contained, told his news conference crisply that he would not reply to McCarthy's attack on him yesterday. The senator had accused him of displaying a "shrinking show of weakness" toward communism.

The President said he stands for positive things and does not indulge in personal vituperation or quarrels of any kind.

When a reporter spoke of the possibility of the "extreme right wing" of the Republican party following McCarthy into a new party in 1956, Eisenhower said if people want to spit off because of secondary or lesser considerations that will have to be their business.

"From the beginning I have tried to stand for something that is positive and progressive," the President declared.

"I believe that the federal government has a continuous, definite obligation to study the needs of 163 million people, our standing abroad, our security from attack, and the arrangement of the connections between government and our economy, our industries and our individuals."

"Now that is the kind of program that I stand for," Eisenhower continued, "and if there are enough people waiting to go along with it, then we have no fear."

Harriman Criticizes Election Tactics

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8 (AP)—Democratic Gov.-elect Averell Harriman said today President Eisenhower condoned unworthy tactics in the recent election campaign and that he must not be excluded from criticism.

"We've got to stop avoiding holding President Eisenhower responsible for the actions of his lieutenants and of the Republican party," Harriman said in a prepared address.

The former New Deal and "Fair Deal" ambassador to Moscow and secretary of Commerce was a speaker at the Jackson County Democratic victory dinner.

Harriman, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1952, has been mentioned as a possible candidate in 1956 although he has declared for former Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois.

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