

Chinese to Defend Matsus Nationalists Announce Islands Reinforcement

TAIPEI, Formosa, March 7 (AP)—The Matsu Islands 100 miles northwest of Formosa will be defended and are steadily being reinforced, junior Nationalist officers declared today.

Apparently this meant with or without U.S. support. The United States has not committed itself publicly to defend the islands 20 miles off the Red mainland.

The officers told foreign correspondents that strong fortifications are being thrown up in the Matsus. The islands are being laced by a system of military roads.

The officers said the Matsus will be built up to greater strength than the Tachen Islands, which had a garrison of more than 11,000 men before they were abandoned. The Matsu garrison has been estimated at 5000.

Will Not be Abandoned
The junior officers, who channel news to the press, took pains to impart confidence that the islands will not be abandoned. There has been much speculation here that the Matsus would be yielded.

One newspaper quoted the Defense Ministry as saying the islands "will not be abandoned now or in the future without a bitter fight."

The junior officers asserted the United States had proved a generous ally who understands the military and psychological importance of not yielding the Matsus or Quemoy, across Formosa Strait.

U.S. Help Expected
Thus the Nationalists seemed to have convinced themselves, at least, that U.S. help is forthcoming in a defense of the islands. The United States, however, has given the impression this might be the case only if the attack on the offshore islands was part of a drive toward Formosa.

Before leaving for Hong Kong, Adm. Felix B. Stump, Pacific Fleet commander, made a flying visit to the Matsus Sunday. The garrison commander declared he was ready for any Communist onslaught.

Stump told newsmen the Pacific Fleet could "defend anything against the Communists" if ordered. Asked if that meant the Matsus he replied: "Anything."

Leader Appoints 3 To Censor Board

HARRISBURG, March 7 (AP)—Gov. George M. Leader asked the Senate tonight to confirm three new members of the state Board of Censors.

Leader's revamped board, which passes on movies shown in Pennsylvania, consists of Mrs. Louise Moses John, West Chester; Mrs. Helen K. Massock, Washington, Pa.; and Mrs. Clara Stevenson Black, Harrisburg.

Leader also submitted to the Senate for confirmation: Vita Curcio, Pen Argye, justice of the peace, Plainfield Twp., Northampton County.

A. Reed Hayes, Belleville, Mitchell County Board of Assistance.

Miners Go on Trial

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 7 (AP)—Four coal miners accused of dynamiting a train as the violent climax of a mine strike went on trial in U.S. District Court today.

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Man Killed In 100 mph Turnpike Ride

LANCASTER, Pa., March 7 (AP)—A 100-mile-an-hour ride down the wrong side of the Pennsylvania Turnpike ended in death last night for a 27-year-old man recently released from a mental institution. Police had been pursuing him since he sped through a toll gate without stopping to get a ticket.

State police ended the terrifying ride by commandeering a tractor-trailer and parking it broadside across the road. The driver of the car, Kenneth Shelly never even slowed up as he raced toward the huge truck spread eagled across the highway.

He crashed into it broadside, his auto crunching under the high body of the trailer and skidding about 10 feet on the other side. He was removed unconscious from the wreckage, died several hours later at Ephrata General Hospital.

The 40-minute chase covered 42 miles and sent startled motorists swerving all over the superhighway.

Shelly, of nearby Lititz, according to records at the State Hospital in Harrisburg, Pa., was a patient at the institution several times between July, 1951, and August, 1954.

Ohio River Floods Reach New High

CINCINNATI, March 7 (AP)—The Ohio River crept tonight toward its highest level in seven years, forcing hundreds of families along its banks to find new shelter.

American Red Cross officials in Columbus, Ohio, said the river has reached "disaster" proportion. Some 1600 families in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia have suffered damage, Mrs. Helen Evans of the Franklin County Columbus chapter reported.

However, in Cincinnati, Col. J. L. Person, the Ohio River engineer, did not view the damage as disastrous.

"There has been a good deal of scattered damage," he said. "But there has been nothing like a catastrophe. The low-lying areas which get wet every few years are in the water now."

He estimated damage at several million dollars but cautioned that

Mover Tackles 'Whale of Job'

NORTH WILDWOOD, N.J., March 7 (AP)—A man in the moving and hauling business tackled the job of ridding the Wildwood beach of an unwanted 48-foot whale today.

The whale washed up yesterday and attracted a big crowd of spectators.

Police said the moving man went to work with two helpers, cutting up the odorous whale with huge knives.

The big mammal weighs between four and six tons, police estimated. They said it was about medium size for its species.

Blind Couple Will Keep Son

AKRON, Ohio, March 7 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hathaway can neither see nor hear, but that's no reason for the Welfare Department to take their infant son from them, a Juvenile Court judge ruled today.

The community must help the Hathaways care for their 2-week-old child in their own home in nearby Stow, said Judge Russell Thomas.

"This is only the beginning," said the judge, who reached his decision after a two-hour closed hearing. "Not one of us can drop the Hathaway case at this point and say 'Let the other fellow do it.' We must work out a community plan."

Taylor Replaces Hull

TOKYO, Tuesday, March 8 (AP)—Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor today was appointed U.S. Far East commander and head of the United Nations Command, effective April 1.

an accurate accounting could not be made until reports were filed.

Pomeroy, Ohio, and Catlettsburg, Ky., were hit hard, he said. However, he foresaw no great damage unless there were a lot of rain and none was sighted in the Weather Bureau forecast.

But, he recalled, the river is at about the same level now as it was during the early stages of the 1937 flood when the Ohio rampaged to 80 feet.

The Red Cross has sent 21 disaster specialists from its Eastern Area headquarters to strategic points along the Ohio in West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana.

Ten shelter centers were distributing food and clothing to 1000-1200 persons.

At Catlettsburg, 100 families already have been evacuated and another 200 will be moved out if the river goes beyond expected levels.

Tito Claims Access To Nuclear Energy

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 7 (AP)—Marshal Tito said today Yugoslavia has "ample raw materials" and know-how to produce nuclear energy for peaceful uses. He called for destruction of nuclear weapons and "active coexistence" among countries of the world.

Tito made a 90-minute address at the first session of Parliament this year. He was well tanned after his recent 74-day good will trip to India, Burma, and Egypt.

His statement was the first official assertion that this country has discovered within its borders the essential raw material, presumably uranium, for nuclear power. He made no reference to atomic or hydrogen bombs, confining himself to the term "nuclear energy."

Atomic Energy Plant
It has been no secret the government has constructed an atomic energy plant outside Belgrade for experimental purposes. Tito gave the additional information that well-equipped institutes for nuclear research have been set up in Zagreb and Ljubljana as well as in the capital area.

Tito scored the use of nuclear energy for military purposes. In addition to demanding the destruction of "all existing nuclear arms," he said efficient international control would be necessary to prevent the "misuse" of nuclear power.

Lists Points
Tito made these additional points:

1. The outlook is good for the "Little Three" Balkan alliance of Yugoslavia, Greece, and Turkey.
2. Settlement of the Trieste dispute "has contributed to peace and created better possibilities for Italian-Yugoslav relations."
3. "There have been no changes in the past year" in relations with the West. "We do not forget the material aid they have given us. We must continue the policy of friendship and cooperation with the Western countries."

Steps to Unify Germany
4. Steps must be taken to unify Germany as "a sovereign country with means to defend its independence."

5. Normalization of relations with Russia and other East European cominform countries with which Yugoslavia split in 1948 was a "contribution to peace and stabilization." The claim in some of these countries that Yugoslavia was confessing its "blunders" was branded nonsense.

Nugent Acquitted By Army Board

FT. SILL, Okla., March 7 (AP)—A nine-colored court-martial board, after deliberating two hours and 15 minutes, today acquitted Maj. Ambrose H. Nugent on all specifications and charges accusing him of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner in the Korean War.

The dramatic climax came after the longest military trial in history, which had started its seventh week.

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