

Peace Talk Hopes Dim

BANDUNG, Indonesia, April 25 (AP)—Prime Minister Mohammed Ali of Pakistan said Red China's Premier Chou En-lai told him today the door to direct negotiations with the United States on Formosa is almost closed, but then conceded it "is still open a slight crack."

Mohammed Ali said he told Chou the door is still open and should be opened wide. The pro-Western Pakistani leader said he believes "there is a sincere desire on both sides for a settlement" of the Formosan issue.

He had a 24-hour luncheon talk with Chou in the aftermath of the Asian-African conference and the prospect for a Washington-Peiping parley was among the topics.

There was no comment by the Red Chinese on Mohammed Ali's remarks.

Expresses Regret

Another Western-minded Asian prime minister, Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon, expressed regret over the American reaction to Chou's offer to negotiate.

"It is a pity that the United States should reply to the offer without thinking," Kotelawala told newsmen in Singapore on his flight home.

Nevertheless, the Ceylonese leader said he felt the Formosa situation has eased as a result of the conference.

Chou spurred hopes Saturday for a peaceful settlement of the Formosan question by proposing that Washington and Peiping negotiate directly on the issue. Then he raised doubts as to China's intentions by telling the conference yesterday any U.S.-Chinese talks

would not affect in the slightest degree the exercise by Red China of its "sovereign right in the liberation" of Formosa, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist stronghold.

Calls on Peiping

The U.S. State Department has called on Peiping to let Nationalist China participate in any talks on Formosa and to demonstrate its own good faith in three ways: Agree to an immediate cease-fire in Formosa Strait, release imprisoned American airmen and about 40 U.S. civilians also held in Red China, and accept a UN invitation to discuss ways of ending hostilities in the Formosa area.

Newsmen asked Mohammed Ali if Chou thought the State Department stand left open the door to further negotiation. The Pakistani prime minister replied:

"He didn't exactly interpret it that way—though I did. He felt that the door was not closed but almost closed, and I told him it was still open."

Mohammed Ali added that, since Chou takes the view there is still a narrow opening for further negotiations, "something should be done, I believe, to open it wide."

The Pakistani leader said he had discussed all phases of the Formosa problem with Chou.

Truman Hits Ike Regime On Public Power Ideas

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 25 (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman charged today that the Eisenhower administration went into office with the idea of "destroying the entire public power program."

Truman made the charge at a press conference ending a 24-hour stay in Tennessee during which he was featured speaker at the festival of the east Tennessee mountain village of Cosby holds annually in honor of the ramp, a foul-smelling cousin of the wild onion.

Big Three Meeting Set

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will meet with the British and French foreign ministers in Paris May 8 "to discuss concrete plans" for a later Big Four conference with Russia.

"The three governments earnestly hope that a four-power conference can meet as soon as possible," the State Department said.

In announcing this today, the department gave no official word as to whether the Big Four meeting might be at the foreign ministers level, or higher.

However, a top official said what Dulles has in mind is a Big Four meeting of foreign ministers first, perhaps to be followed by a heads-of-state conference.

Russia's Premier Bulganin

Youngsters Get First Salk Shots

HARRISBURG, April 25 (AP)—The rose-red Salk anti-polio vaccine was injected into the arms of thousands of Pennsylvania youngsters today while those in some counties bided their time until syringes and needles arrived for the program.

"Many county programs got under way today and it is safe to say that thousands of first and second graders were given the injections," said Dr. James Purvis, head of the State Health Department's Bureau of Epidemiology.

"However, ten counties have not yet received the needles and syringes necessary to conduct the program on an all out basis," he added.

In some of the ten counties, he said, shots of the anti-polio serum developed by Dr. Jonas E. Salk, of the University of Pittsburgh, were started despite the lack of sufficient equipment.

The needles and syringes, he explained, are expected to be available starting Wednesday.

Compromise Tried On Oil Question

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—Administration leaders tried today to compromise on the question of oil import quotas in an effort to save their reciprocal trade agreement program from crippling amendments.

Backstage discussion continued on counteroffers made at a secret conference yesterday by Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) and Secretary of the Treasury Hubert H. Humphrey. The Senate Finance Committee put off, at least until tomorrow, a showdown vote on the oil import issue.

Under a pending proposal, imports of residual and other fuel oils would be limited to 10 per cent of domestic consumption. This would involve a material cut-back from the 1954 import level.

dropped a remark Saturday in Moscow that he was interested in such a high level meeting, telling newsmen to "ask Eisenhower and Eden about the date."

If the foreign ministers' meeting made a promising start in settling the East-West deadlock over Germany's future, it was said authoritatively, President Dwight D. Eisenhower would be prepared to meet with Bulganin, British Prime Minister Anthony Eden and the French premier.

In advance of the American-British-French meeting in Paris, the three Allies agreed to send teams of lower ranking diplomatic experts to London Wednesday to chart the steps to be followed in arranging a later meeting with the Russians.

Reds Are Now Prepared For Major War—Ridgway

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—The mammoth Soviet army, strengthened with new atomic warfare training, is "equipped and disposed to undertake a major war with little warning," Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway has told Congress.

The Army chief of staff said in testimony released today the Soviet army remains in "an excellent over-all state of combat readiness" and is "the most powerful land combat force in being today."

Ridgway told a closed door session of a House Appropriations subcommittee in February that last year the Soviets kept up their conventional training schedule which was "supplemented by atomic warfare training."

Record Discloses

The screened record of the proceedings also disclosed:

1. Ridgway estimated the Army eventually will need 200,000 specially trained volunteers annually to build up the planned strength of the reserve.

2. He reported communist ground forces in Korea have been reduced to a 1½ to 1 numerical superiority over South Korean and U.N. troops.

3. Secretary of the Army Stevens said the Army now has enough ammunition to hold its

own in a "shooting war" until production lines get moving.

Army Fixes Value

4. Army estimates fix the value of fighting equipment stored in this country and abroad at 20 billion dollars.

"The Soviet army," Ridgway told the legislators, "is continuing its program of modernization and reequipment. Thereby providing substantial improvement in its mobility, firepower and combat readiness."

With Soviet help, he said, "the other Communist bloc armies in Europe and Asia are also undergoing modernization programs."

"Although their rate of progress is much slower than that of the Soviet army, they are gradually being molded into effective modern forces."

Ridgway said the U.S. Army is "engaged in a program of intensive studies and field tests" to determine changes in tactics required by nuclear warfare.

U.S. Vetoes Talks With Red China; Asks Cooperation

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—The United States was understood today to have decided against any direct talks with Red China unless the Communists make more conciliatory gestures.

That would throw the question of a Far East settlement back to the United Nations, where Red China has a standing invitation to appear in debate on the Formosa issue.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, back from five days at his island retreat in Lake Ontario, spent the day catching up on this and other world problems. He prepared to answer questions about it at his news conference tomorrow.

The State Department already has laid down two prior conditions for meeting with Red China: Nationalist China would have to be at the conference as an equal participant, and there would have to be some show of Red sincerity.

Red China's Premier Chou En-

Chinese Vexed Over U.S. Talks

TAIPEI, Tuesday, April 26 (AP)—Chinese Nationalists advocating an uncompromising stand against communism today gave the impression of disappointment over high level U.S. talks with Chiang Kai-shek.

Walter Robertson, assistant secretary of state, and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, were leaving for Washington later in the day barring a last-minute change of plans.

There was nothing firm to go on, because their talks with Chiang Sunday and subsequently were a well kept secret.

It was noted, however, that neither took any pains to deny publicly speculation that they might have come to propose the Nationalists abandon the offshore islands of Quemoy and the Matsus.

lai gave a boost to hopes for a peaceful Far East settlement last week, then dashed them somewhat yesterday.

Sikorsky Sees Space Flight

LONDON, April 25 (AP)—American helicopter engineer I. Sikorsky says man will be flying in space beyond the earth's atmosphere within 25 years.

The immediate destination will not be the moon or some other planet, Sikorsky told a news conference today. First, as he foresaw it, a machine will be devised to shoot out of the atmosphere, move along free of air friction and then come down at some destination on earth.

While the first timid venture into outer space may take place within 25 years, Sikorsky said, travel to the moon may be possible by the end of the century.

He made his predictions as the Russians announced they are considering a plan to send a radio-controlled tank to the moon by rocket ship. A broadcast by Moscow radio said the tank would carry powerful television equipment to transmit pictures back to the earth.

Supreme Court Makes Ruling on Deportation

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—The Supreme Court today ruled deportation orders may be reviewed by the courts under the Federal Administrative Procedure Act as well as by habeas corpus petition.

The effect of the decision is to make it a little easier for an alien to fight through the courts against deportation. He can launch his case without himself being in custody—a necessity in habeas corpus proceedings.

Bomb Tests Seen Harmful

WASHINGTON, April 25 (AP)—Prof. H. J. Muller, Nobel Prize-winning geneticist, asserted tonight that radiation from H-bomb tests could cause "tens of thousands" of harmful mutations in the next generation of Americans.

Fossil oysters 30 inches in diameter have been found along the lower Rio Grande valley.

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