

No Compromise Seen In Far East Crisis

What is the conflict in Quemoy?

Quemoy, a Nationalist held Chinese island, is the center of Red Chinese attacks on Nationalist forces, in a struggle over the territorial rights of the two governments.

Why is the U. S. involved?

The United States is involved because of the vast amounts of economic and military aid (\$1,000,000,000 since 1951) which she has given to the Nationalists. The Formosa Resolution of 1954, between the U. S. and Nationalist China pledges the U. S. to defend such "related positions" as the president should deem essential to the defense of Taiwan (Formosa), and for both parties to "act to meet the common danger" in the event of an attack on the other.

How is the U. S. carrying out her commitments now?

At the present time, the U. S. Seventh Fleet is doing nothing more than providing air and sea escorts for supplies going from Formosa to Quemoy.

Presently the Far Eastern situation is anything but static. U. S. policy has changed in the past week, and so have Red Chinese tactics. The United States previously indicated that Quemoy and Matsu Islands might be covered by the provision of the Formosa Resolution as areas essential for the defense of Taiwan, but has now stated that these islands "as of themselves, are not greatly vital to Formosa". Although Secretary of State Dulles contends that basic U. S. policy has not changed, the new approach has been hailed as more flexible by critics of American Policy at home and abroad.

The Red Chinese announced Monday that they have ordered a cease-fire for one week, on the condition that there be no American escorts for Nationalist supplies to the off-shore islands. This move on the part of the Reds does not, however, indicate that they are seeking to end the hostilities. On the contrary, they have been increasing their own defenses on the Communist island of Amoy, just six miles from Quemoy, and have had extra motor patrols in the waters along the coast north of Hong Kong which are manned by experienced crews, and ready for a possible invasion of Quemoy, according to Nationalist intelligence sources.

In recent talks between Red China and the U. S. at the ambassadorial level in Warsaw, the demands of the former have been that U. S. withdrawal from the Taiwan area must be effected at the time of a cease-fire. U. S. demands have been that a cease-fire precede further negotiations.

The possibility of the cease-fire being a result of the talks in Warsaw has been ruled out by the statement of Red China's Foreign Minister, Chin Yi, who said that the U. S. shouldn't assume that the temporary cease-fire was called to meet U. S. demands for that action. He restated that the Chinese people are determined to liberate Formosa, Quemoy, Matsu, and the Pescadore, all of which are Nationalist-held islands.

The only conclusion which one can draw at this point is that the situation will not remain quiet for long with the buildup and transfer of more supplies into each garrison during the brief cease-fire. It is expected that bombardments will begin again at the end of the designated seven day period. With this concentration of forces and supplies on both sides, any future attacks by either side will yield more destruction with fewer blows.

Since I started writing this article, the situation has changed considerably and inclusion of new and pertinent facts has forced me to reconsider earlier evaluations of the situation. I have included these new developments in this discussion, but since the world cannot wait for the *Salemite* to go to press, I trust that this background with the novice's approach, will stir your curiosity so that you will pick up a newspaper and see what the next installment will bring.

The outcome of the situation is very vital to the United States, and to us as Americans, because our defenses are pledged to the Tia-wan government. The results of the Warsaw talks, and of the cease-fire, as well as the reactions of our Allies, especially to Chiang Kai-Shek to our new policy are all relative to the future position of the U. S. in the Far East. Likewise, Russia's activity there will hinge on the amount of participation or non-participation of the United States.

Books Our Editors Recommend

(Editor's Note: Upon the supposition that Salemites may have some free time for leisure reading during the year, our editors have offered their current reading which may be of interest to the student body at large.)

Compulsion by Meyer Levin was recommended by assistant editor, Mary Jo Wynne. The story of the renowned Leopold-Loeb kidnap and murder case, *Compulsion* offers an analytical insight into criminal actions. In the first part of the story "Greatest Crime of the Century," Levin narrates the background of the case. The second section, "Greatest Trial of the Century", deals with the psychological analysis and gives deep insight into understanding their problems.

Erwin Robbins, feature editor, suggests Aldous Huxley's *Apes and Essence*, for those who might enjoy a satire on contemporary world affairs and the men who influence them. *Apes and Essence* is an exploration into the destruction of the human race by a Third World War. Often, it is considered a sequel or companion piece to Huxley's *Brave New World*.

Sallie Hickok, copy editor, suggests Louis Fischer's *Russia Re-visited*. After an absence of about twenty years, Mr. Fischer returned to Russia to compare the situation now and then. He gives a distinct picture of the few new transformations in those twenty years, and gives a clear impression of the ideas of Russia's young people today.

He doubts that Russia's government will be overthrown by the citizens since all those capable enough to take over are paid well and live comfortably. He sates his belief that the satellite countries will be the instigators of the largest threat to the U. S. S. R. The young people's viewpoints and attitudes provide the more interesting reading.

Our news editor, Nancy Jane Carroll, recommends for heavier reading, *The Encyclopedia of Morals*, edited by Vergilius Ferm. The Encyclopedia contains central ideas of all important philosophies, religions, philosophers, and writers, clearly and interestingly written. The \$10.00 volume can be obtained for \$4.98 if ordered through the Salem Book Store.

Headline editor, Sarah Ann Price, suggests, especially for those interested in writing, a volume of selected stories by Edgar Allen Poe. For building of suspense, concentration of dramatic effects, and creation of mood, Poe's stories are unequalled.

Susan Foard, our managing editor, offers Theodore Dreiser's *An American Tragedy*, a novel every college girl should have read. Dreiser's novel is the picture of a member of a low-class American family of intense religiosity and his struggle to rise to the top of the social strata. A good book for sociology students, *An American Tragedy* possesses psychological undertones which add depth to the well-written story.

Editor-in-chief, Jean Smitherman recommends Thornton Wilder's *The Ides of March*, an account of the last months of Julius Caesar's life, told in letters by the characters in history. The poet Catullus, the statesman Cicero, and the Queen of Egypt are some of the well-known correspondents in this study of Caesar's character and the state of the Roman Republic. The letter form gives a sense of immediacy that makes dry history come alive.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a day-student, I have a few things I should like to say regarding your editorial of October third entitled "Day Student Center Is Inadequate, Unattractive." First of all, although the students may not hear our gripes, the administration does. Both this year and last year objections to the condition and use of our rooms have been made to the proper authorities. At best, we hear in reply, "We'll see what can be done" or "Well, this and this and this must be done . . . but we'll see." And everyone knows what answers like that usually mean.

Directly above the editorial on our "unsightly rooms" is one on the "Poor Investment Returns" of the Student Center. Why should it not be possible for this to be the Day Student Center? It would eliminate to a certain extent the bad effects of the music and vibration of the Organ in Old Chapel. During the concert Monday night, the plaster in the unheated bathroom fell. The furniture would be attractive, non-sweater-tearing, and comfortable; and the Student Center Committee would see its project IN USE!

Another very poor feature of the present Day Student Center is its frequent usurpation by groups other than day students for purposes other than those engaged in

by day students—for example, class meetings, special meetings of a course, play and May Day rehearsals. As a boarder, a Pierrette, and a director in the Theatre Workshop last year, I used the Day Student Center frequently. As a day student this year, I would like to study there. At the moment this is impossible for three reasons: 1) Meetings mentioned above; 2) The organ; 3) Noise perpetrated by those who do not have to study—or are not studying. Also I would like to enjoy a cigarette without having to drop everything to traipse to a room that is too small, has too few chairs, and is unattractive.

If the Day Student Center were moved downstairs, I could study, I could smoke comfortably, and the Pierrettes, May Day, courses, and classes could meet upstairs as often as they chose. As an added attraction, there is a great deal of cupboard space which the Pierrettes could use for lighting equipment, make-up, paint—whatever they wished—removing thereby, the crowded clutter from back-stage.

To date some thirty (30) odd Day Students make these rooms their home-away-from-home. At least, let us use the big room—How would you like to study under our conditions?

Yours very sincerely,
Anne Wellesley Sprinkle

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Professional Show Hard To Come By

The Senior Follies production, produced and directed by Susan McIntyre, shows a professional concept of how to give the student body their money's worth. The *Salemite* would like to commend the entire senior class, the director, and Dr. Welch, class advisor, for their effort and showmanship. The Follies Wednesday night were certainly one of the most enjoyable and tasteful student productions on campus in a long while.

One of the nicest things about the Senior Follies went unnoticed by most people, except those who came late. The show began on time at 8:00, which is more than I can say for the other events on campus, especially classes and meals.

Big Mo

So long as Salem is going to be governed by clocks, bells, and wristwatches, (this promises to be forever) would it not be a good idea if all the clocks gave the correct time?

We are told that the ancient clock on the Moravian Church steeple is the official time. All right. But how can we know when we are on time for meals when the dining-hall clock registers slow for every meal except breakfast, when it is fast: Electricity evidently can not be trusted; neither can Western Union time, for it is not official. But more disconcerting is the class bell, which at times has rung as much as fifteen minutes early. (A late class bell never bothers anyone.) If Big Mo is going to dominate campus time-keeping, I would suggest that the class bell clock, and the dining-hall clock, be synchronized with him. Of course, we must not expect too much. Clocks are only machinery.

—j. s.

What? No Music?

I'm worried. Something is puzzling me. One night last week, as I was making rounds in Mr. Wright's pants cuff, I glanced in the windows of a dormitory living room. There was a party going on. At least that's what I thought then.

In the true Salem spirit, I was eager to go in and liven up the party with my latest bop step and Johnny Mathis record. Besides, I saw several young men in there, and some of them had on fraternity pins.

So I went in. Making myself inconspicuous under the chairs in the main room, I listened to see if I could hear anything familiar. What! No music in here? Just talk about something related to sociology and environment. Evidently these were the chaperones. Nothing going on here.

I bounced into the dining-room. Plenty of people to listen to here. But all I heard was talk about religion, ethics and philosophy. "Squares" I thought, "these kids aren't up on the latest conversation topics." I was discouraged by this time, but being a very pernickious fellow, I hopped into a plate of refreshments and was carried into the far end of the living room. Relief! I saw a card table and there were four people sitting around it. At least they had a good bridge game going! Somebody around here was normal. But, disappointed again. It wasn't a bridge game, but a discussion of foreign policy and diplomacy.

Well, I was terribly bored by this time. After all, I'd been here fifteen minutes and nothing had happened. The combo hadn't arrived yet. And I heard no one talk on familiar topics such as "Who do you know from where I'm from?" and "I know lots of boys in that fraternity—" Surely this wasn't a Salem party.

So I left. I certainly didn't intend to spend my time there! My thinking and discussing are reserved for the classroom. But, I wonder . . . ?

—Tendrils