

China Talks Concessions With Russia

'Informal' Parley Is Now Underway, Chiang Discloses

Chungking, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Chiang Kai-shek told a news conference today that "informal" discussions looking toward economic concessions to Russia by China are taking place.

There was no immediate elaboration. The generalissimo also hinted that he might retire from active political life after a constitutional democracy is established.

Asked if he would be a candidate for president when elections are held under the projected new constitution, Chiang said "I haven't thought of that. As far as I am concerned, as soon as the power of government is restored to the people, I have finished my responsibility."

That was the second time within a week Chiang had hinted he might not remain in office after the elections. Constitutional revisions are to be presented to the assembly May 5.

Chiang's acknowledgement that Russia was seeking economic concessions was made at a conference with reporters who asked if discussions looking to concessions beyond published terms of the Sino-Soviet treaty were in progress.

Chiang at first said "no formal discussions are taking place between the Chinese Central Government and the Soviet Government."

However, Chiang replied in the affirmative when pressed to say whether this indicated informal discussions were taking place. His statement followed renewal of rumors that Russia is demanding joint ownership and control of mining and other enterprises in Manchuria.

Chiang said General George Marshall's activities would center on the question of reorganizing China's armed forces. These would involve political problems in which he might render aid. Marshall, President Truman's special envoy, recently arrived at a truce in China's civil strife, conferred with both government and Communist leaders during the recent political unity conference and is a member of a three man army reorganization committee.

Ikkes Would Make Submerged Areas Federal Reserve

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Secretary of the Interior Harold Ikkes today advocated holding submerged coastal oil lands as a Federal Reserve.

He asked the Senate Judiciary Committee to reject a House approved measure surrendering to the States any Federal claim to ownership of submerged land within State boundaries.

The submerged coastal lands are "the greatest potential reserve of oil we have," Ikkes told the committee. "It would be far better for the nation if the oil were under Federal rather than State control."

Yamashita's Fate Up To MacArthur

Tokyo, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The United States Supreme Court's rejection of Lt. Gen. Yamashita's death sentence appeal leaves final decision up to General MacArthur and confirmed that "the trial of war criminals definitely is a responsibility of the military."

Allied headquarters officers, reporting these conclusions today, said that MacArthur has had the records of Yamashita's Manila trial for some days. There was no indication when he might act, and he has made no comment.

The supreme court held that the United States military trial commission proceeded legally in trying, convicting and sentencing Yamashita to the gallows for condoning wholesale war atrocities in the Philippines.

47 On Grounded Ship Are Saved

Ketchikan, Alaska, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The grounded liner Yukon broke in two under the buffeting of gales and waves last night after 47 of the 496 persons aboard had been taken off by power boats operating from a coast guard cutter.

The 47 were women and children. The cutter's brief message about the breaking of the vessel, which ran aground in Johnstone Bay while out-bound from Seward to Seattle, carried no mention of loss of life.

But the little 165-foot craft, fighting a combination of 45-mile winds, 15-foot waves and icy Alaskan darkness, said the weather "seems to be moderating slightly and the wind was shifting to a more favorable quarter."

A SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME



DON'T BE TOO HASTY about taking off those long winter woolies. You'll be needing them another six weeks, anyway, if our groundhog friend lives up to his reputation as a forecaster. Three New York Boy Scouts—(l. to r.) Peter Delgrass, William Doody and Vito Jorelli—test their pet on a little shadow-boxing forecast of, "Winter ahead." (International)

Near East Nations Hand UNO Council New Tangle

Withdrawal Of French And British Troops In Levant Is Demanded Now

London, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Syria and Lebanon handed the United Nations Security Council a new explosive issue today, asking withdrawal of all British and French troops from the Levant, while the council still sought to unravel the tangle resulting from a Russian attempt to use its veto power in the Soviet-British disagreement over Greece.

The veto issue, raised for the first time before the council, blocked action on the Greek question. It also required the council to decide whether Britain and Russia could vote on the question of whether British troops in Greece were endangering world peace, as charged by Russia. The British have demanded complete expropriation of their actions in Greece.

Former French Mandates. Syria and Lebanon, former French mandates in the key Middle East, based their case on the claim that British and French troops have remained in their territories "many months" after the end of war with Germany and Japan and that "some

of these troops have been a constant menace to the peace and security in this region." A meeting of representatives of the five major powers—Britain, Russia, France, China, and the U. S.—was called at the British foreign office today to discuss the world situation and possible United Nations action on it.

Private Talk. But some officials speculated that the meeting might afford a chance for the key nations on the security council to have a private talk about ways out of the threatened impasse. Shaken by disagreements, the council scheduled another meeting for 3:30 p. m. (EST) to decide formally whether Russia can invoke her veto power.

The veto was raised by Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet vice commissar of foreign affairs, after seven members of the 11-nation security council said in a heated debate that Russia's charges against Britain were unfounded. The text of the Syrian-Lebanese note was not immediately disclosed.

Strike Bill Opponents Lead Fight

Renew Efforts To Head Off Broad Labor Measures

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Last ditch opponents renewed efforts in the House today to head off sweeping anti-strike legislation by offering less drastic substitute proposals, but their chances looked slim.

The far reaching strike control bill sponsored by Rep. Case (R-S D.) still commanded powerful bipartisan backing that was unshaken by all initial attempts to modify it.

Tests of strength in voting on minor amendments indicated that substitute proposals in the offing would not get far.

First alternative plan to be disposed of was one by Rep. Adams of New Hampshire. It would authorize the President to name fact finding boards in labor disputes, but would not give them the subpoena power asked by Mr. Truman.

It would also set up a federal arbitration board charged with responsibility for improving and speeding conciliation, mediation and arbitration processes.

Civil Suits Asked. The Adams substitute would allow civil suits against either party violating a contract. Compromises also have been offered by Rep. Voorhis (D-Calif.) and Hays (D-Ark.). Voorhis wants to set up a conciliation and mediation division in the Labor Department and to name fact finding boards only after it fails to settle differences. He would require union and management to maintain working agreements while the boards acted.

Hays proposes a federal industrial relations board with broad powers to help mediate or arbitrate disputes. The board would ask for fact finding groups if it thought them needed.

Promise Of MacArthur Being Kept

Occupation Force In Japan Slashed To 200,000 Men

Tokyo, Feb. 5.—(AP)—In less than six months he has been military ruler of Japan, General Douglas MacArthur has made good his plan to cut United States occupation forces to 200,000 men in Japan.

There are only 233,817 American officers and men in Nippon today, and that includes the air force, headquarters figures show.

Since the surrender five months ago, MacArthur has sent home under the point discharge system 324,829 Pacific veterans from forces in Japan.

Meanwhile, Kyodo news agency reported these political developments.

More than 60 minor parties throughout the home islands have banded together to challenge the people's front of the Communist party. This group advocates retention of the emperor system and liquidation of "old influences."

Dr. Matsumoto, minister of state without portfolio hinted at a news conference that the Japanese government may adopt a tentative draft of a revised constitution that make no change in the emperor's status except to eliminate the words "sacred and inviolable."

MacArthur directed the Japanese government to take immediate steps for prevention of diphtheria, described as "a serious health hazard in Japan."

Safford On Stand Anew In Inquiry

Officer Says He Tried To Clear Admiral Kimmel

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Naval Capt. L. F. Safford said today he acted without the knowledge of Rear Adm. Husband Kimmel in undertaking a campaign to clear Kimmel of responsibility for the Pearl Harbor disaster.

"Admiral Kimmel did not know I was doing this," Safford told the Senate-House committee investigating the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. Kimmel was Pacific fleet commander then.

Safford said he went to New York and saw Kimmel in February, 1944. This was one month after he wrote a code letter to Captain Alvin Kramer, saying that no one in Washington naval high command could be trusted and that Kimmel and the 1941 army commander in Hawaii, Major General Walter Short, had been framed.

The 53-year-old intelligence officer described the meeting with Kimmel under questioning by Rep. Murphy (D-Penn.).

"I was in New York and went to his office and saw him personally," Safford said, adding he had talked to no one else.

He said he did not talk to Kimmel's counsel, Charles Buga, until August or September of 1944. "You made a special trip to New York," Murphy asked.

"I was up there on leave," Safford said. "I took the initiative, not Admiral Kimmel."

Higher Prices For Futures Recorded

New York, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 25 cents a bale higher.

Noon prices were unchanged to 25 cents a bale higher. March 25.43, May 25.41, July 25.41.

	Close	Open
March	25.39	25.39
May	25.37	25.40
July	25.37	25.41
October	25.24	25.28
December	25.20	25.23
March 1946	25.15	25.19

Catawba Folks Solve Highway Problem

College Station, Raleigh, Feb. 5.—Paging State Highway Commissioner A. H. Graham.

The farm folks in Catawba county have hit upon an idea which could pull the state's long-mired secondary roads out of the mud. County Agent Earle Brantnall said today that many rural Catawba citizens have refused to sit placidly by impassable roads, until the overtaxed facilities of the highway commission could clear the way.

Forty-two neighbors of the St. Paul's Church section formed a

shovel brigade recently, pooled tractors and trailers, hauled in gravel and soon had a usable road.

To "Mean" Horses. H. L. Drum of Clines Township also helps himself. Keeping the half-mile stretch between his home and the surfaced highway is made to order for Drum who says that he uses two "mean" horses and a heavy drag.

Vernon Sigmen and John Fulbright of near Statesville have kept the milk flowing steadily from their farms into town throughout the siege of unfavorable weather. When

New Government Plan: Hike Wages And Prices To Achieve Harmony

Policy Shapes-Up After Conference At White House

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—An administration decision that the nation can afford to pay some higher prices in return for industrial peace and all out production appeared in the making today.

A high Government official, who cannot be identified further, predicted the White House will issue an announcement today or tomorrow, detailing changes in the present "hold the line" price policy.

Although the modification will be aimed primarily at settlement of the 15-day-old steel strike, this official said, its terms also will apply to other major industries.

Bowles Key Figure. Key figure in any such revision of President Truman's wage price orders is OPA Chief Chester Bowles, who presumably outlined his position to the President during a 50 minute conference yesterday.

Bowles, it is understood, argued for an across the board policy change, as against "flexible" price control advocated by Reconversion Director John Snyder. Bowles and Snyder reportedly were assigned by Mr. Truman to work out a steel price formula which would enable the industry to settle its wage dispute with the CIO.

Bowles has contended that any special concessions on prices for the steel industry would start a series of "emergency" concessions which would threaten OPA's whole system of price control.

Snyder Won Over. There were indications that the price chief was beginning to win Snyder over in at least part to his views.

One White House official told a reporter the reversion chief now is "inclined favorably" to Bowles' argument and that the two men seemingly have reached a working agreement.

This official, who said he expected the announcement to represent a "substantial revision" in the wage-price policy, added that its net effect should not be drastic.

The point was made that Stabilization Director John Collet still will have to pass on requests for any price rises and that these requests will be screened carefully. In this connection, one official said Collet recently had made known to Snyder that he is lined up with Bowles on the matter of prices. The stabilization head previously had shied away from throwing his weight behind either faction.

Stamford Section Expected To Get New League Home

London, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The 13 member United Nations interim committee today approved a recommendation to put the organization's permanent home in the Stamford-Greenwich-Westchester area of New York and Connecticut.

Australia protested, still urging San Francisco.

Col. W. R. Hodgson, the Australian delegate said he would ask rejection of the recommendation tomorrow when it is presented to the full 51-member committee on headquarters. He added he would put up a fight for California.

The area was recommended by the UNO site inspection committee.

TOP RANKING STOCKS SEEKS LOWER LEVELS

New York, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Leading stocks continued to seek lower levels in today's market although scattered specialties attracted support.

On the off-side were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, General Motors, Sears Roebuck, Glenn Martin and Montgomery Ward.

BUSY PLAYTIME ON NURSERY SHIP



BABIES AND MOTHERS AND TOYS are all tangled up in this bit from the general playroom scene aboard the ss. Argentina as it drew near U. S. home shores with 456 war brides and 170 babies of American soldiers—first of the "nursery ships" to bring glad reunions. (International)

Two-Hour Work Stoppage Threatens In New York

600,000 Workers To Stage Sympathy Walkout At 4 O'clock This Monday

New York, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A two-hour work stoppage of all CIO members in New York City except those in "vital" services has been called for Monday by the Greater New York Council—claiming 600,000 members in the metropolitan area—in support of striking Western Union employees.

The council said that other objectives of the work halt, scheduled to be held from 4 to 6 p. m. were:

Defeat of the Case strike control bill in Congress; termination of "strike insurance" to strike-bound monopolies, now coming out of tax payers' pockets through rebate provisions of the tax laws; to seek end of "discrimination against" veterans on strike; to demonstrate support of all other workers on strike throughout the nation and to "fight against the strike-breaking injunctions now threatened in many states."

Services Exempted. Exempted from participation in the demonstration—to be held at the Western Union's main building—are CIO members engaged in lights, heat, power, transit, newspaper, news service, and health occupations.

It is estimated that 60,000 of the council's claimed members now are on strike and that at least 100,000 others are included in the group exempt from the stoppage.

The council in a resolution said the stoppage was intended to combat "any evil conspiracy by the monopoly corporations" to reduce living standards and to "demonstrate the people's determination to protect their living standards. There is no intention to dislocate services."

Government Hasn't Any Use For Many Of Its Shipyards

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—There's no place in America's maritime program for most of the 99 shipyards built by the government under a wartime expansion program which cost over a million dollars, the Surplus Property Administration said today.

Post-war decline in ship construction means, the agency said in a report to Congress, that "successful distribution of such property will constitute a very real economic problem."

In addition to \$648,000,000 for new yards, the Government spent \$365,000,000 for expansion of 24 privately-owned yards, the report said. This does not include additions to pre-war navy yards.

Liquor sales by the county-owned ABC store here in January amounted to \$108,396, some \$38,000 less than the \$146,032.20 in December, but approximately \$25,000 more than the \$73,684.20 in January last year, according to figures announced today by the ABC Board's office.

The December figure was the biggest for any month in the ten-year history of the liquor store. January sales were exceeded only by November, 1945, at \$109,370.15, and the December total, Last October's sales, he however, were \$106,891.80.

For the calendar year 1945 the store had gross sales of \$887,170.20, which was an increase of \$368,047.20 over the \$519,123 total in 1944.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight. Little change in temperature except not so cool. Occasional showers tonight. Tomorrow showers and a little warmer except colder west portion.