

Warns Americans To Ready Reforms For South Korea

Some Doubt If the Present Policies Are Winning Friends In Asia

William H. Stringer, chief of the London News Bureau of the Christian Science Monitor, released the following story a few days ago:

Russia's well-contrived propaganda blasts at the United Nations Security Council this week—directed straight toward Asiatic ears—reemphasize the need for the western nations and particularly the United States to develop a more perceptive and three-dimensional policy toward Asia.

Foreign policy is more than the courageous and unhesitating commitment of troops to counter aggression. It is more than the handout of Economic Cooperation Administration money. Right now, in its nonmilitary phases as perhaps in its military departments, Soviet policy in Asia has distinctly the upper hand over American and western policy.

Richard Crossman, a British member of Parliament, put it perhaps to simply in the House of Commons last week when he remarked that in North Korea, Russia had persuaded a colonial army to fight for it, and to fight effectively.

Largely, of course, this army is the product of a police state. But the North Korean regime under Russian orders also carried out extensive land and taxation reforms. Sufficient people were effectively indoctrinated with this first phase of agrarian communism—the chains come later—so that North Korea became a useful and coordinated ally of Russia.

When United Nations forces begin to work their way north



Doris Day and Gordon MacRae rehearse a musical number in this scene from Warner Bros.' gay Technicolor film, "Tea For Two," opening at the Viccar Theatre on Sunday. Gene Nelson, Billy De Wolfe and Eve Arden round out the big cast.

again, they may discover that similar quick application of Communist agrarian reforms in the overrun regions of South Korea will have prepared for the liberating armies considerably less than a whole-hearted welcome.

So much for Korea. India, Pakistan, and other Asiatic nations which have recognized Communist China are in turn disturbed by the bitterly hostile American policy toward Communist China and by the intervention of its Seventh Fleet athwart Formosa, India—while supporting the United Nations in Korea—has reluctantly voted against the United States on the question of Peiping's admission to the Security Council. Rightly or wrongly, the United States is weakening its Korean case among Asiatics by these policies.

Continued exclusion of the new Chinese Government from the United Nations appears to many Asian peoples, even those awake to communism, to be due to stubborn unwillingness by the West, and particularly Washing-

ton in touching off the Korean war has made more difficult by bringing the American Seventh Fleet into the picture.

One cannot be sure what understandings these two totalitarian capitals may have reached—or failed to reach. The British Foreign Office has no means to appraise reports that Moscow and Peiping are out of step over Formosa. But what is obvious from all this is that the West needs occasionally to sit down and think over whether its policies and its ancient commitments in Asia are winning new friends and influence there, or alienating peoples unnecessarily.

At the recent Geneva sessions of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, some misgivings were expressed over the wisdom of American policy toward the world's backward areas. Particularly it was suggested that the United States has failed to attach to past dollar-aid programs those demands for political and economical reform which would make that aid really effective.

This was true in China. It is also true in South Korea, where apparently, according to on-the-spot reports, some peasants when north invaded still being forced to turn over as much as 80 per cent of their crops in payment for land, rent, and taxes.

There is a long, hard road back to the 38th parallel in Korea. It has been suggested in both Britain and the United States that when the invaders have been thrown back, Korea should be turned over to the United Nations, which would be responsible not only for its long-term economic reconstruction but also for its day-to-day administration until free elections could be held.

This policy might apply to Formosa also.

As of September 1, Tar Heel farmers were expected to produce an average yield of 36 bushels of corn per acre on their 1950 crop. This would be a new record. The highest yield to date has been 35 bushels per acre, made in 1949.



Mary Beth Hughes and Charles Russell in a scene from "Inner Sanctum," showing Saturday at the Marco Theatre.

Joseph Cotten And Valli Are Starred

With a powerful romantic drama as its basis, "Walk Softly, Stranger" co-stars two of Hollywood's top personalities, Joseph Cotten and Valli, now playing at the Viccar Theatre.

A small Ohio town is the locale for most of the action. Cotten, a card sharp who has decided to make one more big "killing" and quit the racket, comes to the town and quietly gets a job in the local shoe factory. His coolness and indifference attract the attention of Valli, the beautiful daughter of the factory owner.

Some months later Cotten and a pal, Paul Stewart, meet in a distant city and execute their prearranged hold-up of a wealthy gam-

bler. They divide the loot and Cotten returns to his job, but the trust that Valli and his elderly landlady have in him is disturbing. Moreover, he realizes he is falling in love with the factory owner's daughter.

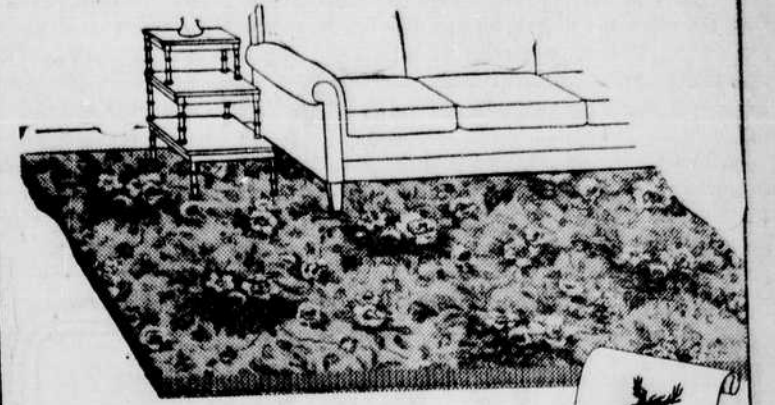
At this point Stewart appears, broke and frightened, for he suspects some of their victim's gunmen are trailing him. Cotten, his security shattered, finds himself at a crisis, and the way in which he resolves the dilemma brings on the climax of the picture.

Town In Arizona Offered For Sale

Phoenix, Ariz.—If you want to buy a town, the village of Bumble Bee, Ariz., population about 50, is up for sale again. Two years

ago, Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Robinson, of New York City, bought the village. Now they will sell it for about \$60,000. Included in the sale are 225 acres of land and fourteen buildings, including the post office, liquor store, grocery store, cafe, trailer camp and water system.

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