

Says Reds Aiming At Southeast Asia

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SONOMA, Calif. (UPI) — Adm. Charles M. Cooke Jr., USN (ret.) former commander of the U.S. 7th fleet and a military-political strategist with a remarkable record of accurate prophecy, said today that if the Communists are not stopped in Laos and South Viet Nam they will continue toward conquest of all Southeast Asia.

And that conquest, he said, is just part of their overall plan to dominate the whole world.

Cooke said he approved of President Kennedy's action in sending U.S. Marines into Thailand but that the move came late and still was not in sufficient force.

"I would put at least a Marine division in Thailand," Cooke said in an exclusive interview with United Press International. "At the same time I would put a guerrilla-trained division of Marines in South Viet Nam—and on a fighting rather than merely advisory basis."

"Our decision should be to stop and turn back Communist aggression and we should use forces sufficient to do it. We did it in Lebanon. And we did it in Korea, although we did not carry through to victory."

Retired Unwillingly

Cooke was commander of the 7th Fleet from June, 1946 to February, 1948. Retired unwillingly at the mandatory age of 62 in

1948, he continued military activity as adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and frequent consultant to Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Korean War.

It was at his California ranch that he talked with this correspondent about the latest Far Eastern crisis.

Cooke recalled that in May, 1945, Fleet Admiral Ernest King asked him for a memo on the Navy's role in the postwar years. Cooke told him that:

"Unless the United States prevented it, Russia would expand too fast and too far."

—Unless the United States prevented it, the Communists would take over China.

—In order to carry out U.S. policy, all services must be prepared to carry out local war.

"Nobody believed that," he said today, "until Korea."

Cooke said that in 1948, when the U.S. government ordered its troops out of South Korea, he found it incredible, and said so

in an interview with Frank H. Bartholomew, former president and present chairman of the board of United Press International.

He said he considered it "disastrous" in January, 1950, when U.S. government policy put Korea outside U.S. defense lines. The North Koreans, with Russian and other Chinese Communist backing, attacked in June.

Warns Of Threat

When the Korean cease-fire talks began, Cooke warned that if the Chinese Communists were left off without a decisive defeat they would move into North Viet Nam. In 1955 North Viet Nam surrendered.

Cooke said he did not believe the Communists intend to attack Thailand immediately, but that with Laos practically lost the Reds have a pathway to new attacks in South Viet Nam and for threats to Thailand.

"Each time we let them get away with something," he said, "we weaken ourselves. Other countries figure the United States is never going to do anything. As we continue to retreat, we are weakened in the minds of our friends."

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Indiana Seeks More Funds In Flood Control

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Indiana Gov. Mathew Welsh appeared before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee today in support of increased funds for Hoosier flood control projects.

The group made a similar plea Tuesday to a House subcommittee studying appropriations for the same projects. In many cases, the Hoosiers asked for funds in excess of those recommended by the administration of President Kennedy.

The requests included \$1 million for the Huntington Reservoir on the Wabash River.

George D. Gettinger, executive vice president of the Wabash Valley Association, presented many of the requests. The funds requested which were not included in the budget were \$35,000 for the advance engineering and design for the England Pond Levee in Illinois and \$30,000 for local protection.

Police said one of the three asked for a glass of water and, when a guard brought it, they attacked, stripped the guard of keys to a wall vault containing guns, and rode up an elevator to escape armed with five loaded .38-caliber revolvers.

The three prisoners fled in a new car owned by one of the guards. Authorities throughout Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan were alerted after the escape, and fleets of squad cars prowled the city, watching main arteries out of the city for the three.

Hours after the escape, there was no indication by police of any trace of the prisoners or the car they stole.

In addition to Triplett the other prisoners were identified as Michael A. Huntington, 19, Chicago, held in connection with the recent bombing of a North Side synagogue, and Paul Muhlig, 19, Chicago, held for violation of the Mann Act.

Triplett had been questioned by the FBI in Detroit earlier this year, and admitted a part in the ambush of John A. Kilpatrick, international president of the United Industrial Workers of America.

But Triplett, of Detroit, accused his uncle, Dana Nash, 41, as the triggerman on the job.

Kilpatrick, a bitter union foe of

convicted labor racketeer Angelo Inciso, was shot in the back of the head and left dead in a car wired with dynamite last Oct. 20. Triplett said he and Nash were hired by an aide of Inciso to beat up Kilpatrick, but that Nash fired the fatal shots without warning.

Confirmation means to confirm or strengthen (1) the sacred vows the parents made at consecration of their children (2) the claim of God upon their lives, (3) membership in the church.

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Confirmation Rites

On Sunday Morning

The Rev. Louis C. Minsterman

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