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Asserts Stalin Prefers to Wait Until Election Is Decided.

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ported by Johnston in the current Reader's Digest, Stalin observed: "I like to do business with American businessmen. . . . Your word is good and, best of all, you stay in office a long time, just like we do over here. But a politician is here today and gone tomorrow, and then you have to make arrangements all over with a new set."

That Churchill decided to go to Moscow at once, without awaiting the results of the American election, came as no surprise to those familiar with European political events. Since the Tehran conference, the united nations have enjoyed an unbroken procession of military triumphs on the one hand, and, on the other, they have been confronted by the mounting wreckage of political problems capable of menacing the common bonds uniting Soviet Russia and the western powers.

At Tehran plans had been drawn for a co-ordinated attack by the allies and the Soviet forces upon Hitler's fortress. The military chiefs at Tehran had allotted to the Red army the task of striking at and destroying the industrial backbone of Germany which today is concentrated in Silesia and the Bohemian bastion of Czechoslovakia.

Plan at Tehran

These remote southeastern provinces of the Reich, from which Hitler draws his dwindling sinews of war, do not lie within easy striking distance of British and American strategic air forces. According to the Tehran plans, I am told, Stalin's armies were to be advanced across the Vistula and the open plains upon Breslau in Silesia and through Cracow in the south into the armament centers of Bohemia. This plan was designed to break the backbones of the Nazi war production.

The Russian offensive rolled up a series of magnificent victories within a few weeks while Eisenhower's armies were battling their way inch by inch out of Normandy. Toward the end of July the Soviet forces were poised to strike through central Poland at the industrial heart of Germany. The American and British armored columns were preparing to blitz France and Belgium.

Then something happened. This

1000 Yank Planes Pound Formosa Base, Japs Report

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carrier force, from Adm. Halsey's 3d fleet, was "still lurking in the waters off the Ryukyus."

There was no confirmation from any allied source, however, that Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's task force 58 had turned its attention to Formosa, as the Japanese communiqué would indicate.

Formosa was reported to be the site of the largest Japanese camp for American prisoners. At one time Maj. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, who was captured in the fall of Bataan, was believed to have been confined there.

The island, which the Japanese call Taiwan or "beautiful," is elliptical shaped with approximately 3,000,000 population.

The northwestern tip is only 130 miles from Fochow, China's last big seaport which the Japanese claimed to have captured last week. Takao, a port on the southwestern coast of Formosa and the origin of the rail line, has been hit at various times this year by Liberator bombers from the 14th air force in China.

Tainan is just north of Takao and Tachiu is nearly midway up the

west coast, where the rail line runs. Meanwhile, Liberator bombers delivered new blows on Japan's vital oil resources on Borneo and other Dutch East Indies islands, it was disclosed today as Central Pacific forces strengthened their control of the eastern approaches to the Philippines by occupying the 10th island in the Palaus.

Adm. Nimitz announced at Pearl Harbor that troops of the 81st army division occupied without opposition the small island of Baira-kasen, seven miles northwest of Garakayo, in the southern Palaus Tuesday.

Nimitz' communiqué disclosed that 1st division marines were making steady progress in mopping up isolated Japanese on Umurbrogol mountain, on Peleliu, and had blown up an ammunition dump in one of the largest enemy-held caves.

The communiqué also announced that an error had been made in the calculation of enemy dead on Peleliu and Angaur. The revised figures through Oct. 10 showed 10,305 enemy dead on Peleliu and 1165 on Angaur. In addition 284 prisoners were taken on Peleliu and 11 at Angaur.

more. We'll get all the aid we want from Russia."

The British invasion of Albania and Greece, generally recognized as an operation improvised at the last minute, followed. Churchill apparently decided that diplomacy alone would not halt the Soviet tide in the Balkans, and that before proceeding to talk things over with Stalin it would be prudent to hold a strong military position in the disputed areas.

Issue "By-Passed"

The British are said to feel that the question of the legitimate Polish government, which had been bypassed by Moscow and its puppet regime at Lublin, requires an immediate settlement since the crisis over Poland has raised a moral issue which goes to the roots of the war and the future peace.

The arrival in Quebec of Anthony Eden, whose benevolent attitude towards Soviet Russia approximated closely that of President Roosevelt, is said to have been closely related to the profound shift in British opinion as a result of the Soviet attitude towards the uprising in Warsaw, a shift which was soon reflected in parliament.

Churchill is said now to hold the belief that a clear-cut understanding with Stalin on the controversial issues cannot wait another meeting of the Big Three, after the November American election. Backed by the spectacular victories of allied arms in the west, Churchill is said to be to Moscow in a resolute mood.

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