

TUESDAY, FEB. 15, 1949

Around-the-World—

# China to Speed Peace Efforts With Red Foes

Li Hits 'Government Corruption,' Asks Tighter Army Discipline

Acting President Li Tsung-shan pledged his government tonight to do its utmost to make peace with the Chinese Communists "in the shortest possible time."

In a nation-wide broadcast, Mr. Li also urged an all-out, spirited effort to wipe out corruption and inefficiency in the civil service and tighten discipline in the armed forces.

Simultaneous achievement of peace and political reforms are the chief keystones of the government's policy, he said.

"Peace and political reforms are different policies, but have a similar aim—solution of the national crisis and the people's hardships," he said.

He said China is in its most critical period and must "reform or die."

The Chinese press reported that Premier Sun Fo, who removed his cabinet to Canton early this month, had submitted his resignation to Mr. Li.

**London**

The western Big Three offered today to make slight concessions on the amount of oil properties Russia could have in Austria, but insisted that the Soviets first state specifically what plants they want.

Georgi Zarubin, Soviet delegate to the Big Four conference in Austria, refused to submit a list of Russian demands at this time. The exchange came as the deputies continued their efforts to write an Austrian treaty.

Russia also renewed demands for payment of \$150 million in Austrian reparations. The western powers insisted that the sum be limited to \$100 million.

**Paris**

Irish Foreign Minister Sean MacBride today demanded more vigorous action for European economic co-operation under the Marshall Plan.

He asked a nine-nation committee of the organization for European Economic Co-Operation to defeat a Belgian proposal for a new five-nation steering committee.

The existing 19-nation council and its executive body, are capable of doing the work, provided they are prepared to meet at the ministerial level," he said.

**Warsaw**

The Central Jewish Committee in Poland protested today against the alleged "biased reports" from western Jews on Poland's economic situation.

The World Jewish Congress was attacked for stating in its London and New York bulletins that there was a strong need for immigration from eastern Europe because of the East's economic crisis.

"In the countries of the people's democracies the causes of economic crisis and unemployment have been removed," the Polish Central Committee said.

**Berlin**

Die Neue Zeitung, official German language newspaper of the American Military Government, said today that Russian forces were showing "brisk military activity" throughout the northern Soviet zone.

However, American intelligence officials said they believed the report was exaggerated. They said there was no cause for alarm in reports of such troop movements.

The newspaper also said the Russians were rushing construction of airfields, underground fuel depots and guided missile launchers in Estonia and Latvia.

**Canberra**

Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley announced today the Australian government will introduce legislation to cut income taxes 25 per cent.

Mr. Chifley told the House of Representatives a reduction in income and entertainment taxes had been made possible by an estimated surplus in the budget.

**Tokyo**

A spokesman for Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida today said that Mr. Yoshida's cabinet will be installed Wednesday.

Mr. Yoshida was expected to complete organization of Japan's seventh post-war government this afternoon, but a hitch developed over the Democratic

## Coming Home

Anna Louise Strong

Soviet Arrests Pro-Red American

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Accused of Spying

MOSCOW, Feb. 15 (UP)—

Anna Louise Strong, 64, a pro-Soviet American writer for more than a generation, has been arrested as spy by Soviet security police and will be deported immediately, the Soviet press announced today.

All newspapers carried a brief announcement on their back pages describing Mrs. Strong, the widow of a Soviet official, as a "well-known spy."

Mrs. Strong, the daughter of a Seattle, Wash., minister, came to Europe in 1921 with the American Friends Service Relief in Russia and Poland.

She served as correspondent for various news agencies in Russia and in 1932 married Joel Shubin, head of the press department of the Soviet Commissariat. He died 10 years later.

Mrs. Strong wrote many books lauding the Communist way of life in Russia, Poland and China and made many lecture tours to the United States to do the same.

Her latest publication, "Dawn Out of China," was written in 1948.

Among her accomplishments in Moscow was organization of the Moscow Daily News, the first English language newspaper in the Soviet Union, in 1930.

**Woman, 37, Dies After Beating**

A 37-year-old woman who was badly beaten by a man she met in a tavern Saturday, died last night in General Hospital of diphtheria, police said today.

Before admittance to the hospital, Violet Shaw, 509 N. East St., the victim, told police she was introduced to her assailant by a friend who later left the tavern.

**Hog Prices Down 25 Cents At Stockyard Market**

Hog prices were steady to 25 cents lower today in the Indianapolis Stockyards in an only moderately active and uneven market.

Early bulk sales of good to choice 195-225-pounders brought \$21.50 to \$22, with a top price of \$22.25 paid sparingly. Weights of 225 to 250 pounds moved mostly at \$20.50 to \$21.50, and a few at \$21.75.

Hogs in the good to choice 250-290-pound category brought \$19.75 to \$21. Scattered sales of heavy-weight 300-350-pound weights brought \$18.50 to \$20. Light-weight 100-140-pound hogs sold mostly at \$19.00 down.

Bows were weak to 50 cents lower in relation to yesterday and sold at \$14.50 to \$16.50. A few choice lightweights brought \$17. Stags were not fully established in the trading, but odd head sold at \$15 down.

**Steady to Higher**

Steer and heifer prices were steady to spots higher in active trade. Three loads of high good 1400-pound steers sold for \$22.

Early sales of medium light-weight steers and heifers largely brought \$23 to \$22. Good head moved at \$22.50 to \$23.50 with a few bringing up to \$24. Two loads of common to medium light-weight steers brought \$19.50 per hundredweight.

Steers: 1000 pounds and down, brought 50 cents to \$1 more to day.

A few medium grade head, averaging 1050-1150 pounds, sold at \$21 to \$21.50.

The bulk of good steers, 1000 pounds and down, sold at \$22.50 to \$23.50.

Small lots of good to choice head moved at \$24.50 to \$25.

Cow prices were fully steady and instances 25 cents or more higher on cutters. Common to good cows moved largely at \$16.25 to \$17.50. A few good head brought as high as \$18.

Canners and cutters sold at \$14 to \$16 with scattered sales of weighty cutters bringing up to \$16.50.

**Bulls Steady**

Bull prices were steady with good heavy sausage bulls bringing \$21 to \$21.50. Good beef bulls sold largely at \$19 to \$20 with common to medium sausage grades bringing \$17.50 to \$20.50.

Good to choice vealers brought \$29.50 to \$31.50 in an active and steady market. Common and medium head moved at \$20 to \$29 and most culls brought \$14 to \$20.

Fat lamb prices were steady to 50 cents lower in a moderately active session. Good to barely choice woolled native lambs of mixed weights sold at \$23 to \$24. Bidding was up to \$24.50 on

## 'Sally' Hated FDR, Dutch Singer Says

Dislike for British Also Charged at Treason Trial

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP)—

A former Dutch crooner said today that American-born Mildred (Axis Sally) Gillars told him she broadcast for the Nazis, "first, because she hated the British and second, because she hated Roosevelt."

Handsome Jan De Vries, 26, wartime singer for the Dutch Hilversum radio, testified at Miss Gillars' trial for treason. The government charges she helped German psychological warfare with her broadcasts.

Mr. De Vries told how he refused to speak into a microphone at Miss Gillars' demand and how he later was packed off to a Nazi concentration camp. He didn't say specifically that was the reason he was arrested.

**Sally Very Furious**

He said that his refusal to speak during the recording in mid-1944 at Hilversum made Miss Gillars "very furious." He was singing with a Dutch orchestra making a record of "Home, Sweet Home" broadcast.

Mr. De Vries said Miss Gillars turned to him at one point during the recording and asked him if he wanted "to do a little talking."

"I was very much surprised," he said. "She asked me three times to come to the microphone. I stood where I was and shook my head."

"I was completely quiet for a few moments. After the program she came to me and was very furious. Her face was red. She said I'd spoiled the program. She was so furious when she walked away she said, 'You'll hear more about this.'"

**Sent to Camp**

He testified that later that summer he was sent to a concentration camp. But he was not questioned further on this statement.

Mr. De Vries said that on two or three occasions he asked the defendant "why she was doing this work." She said it was because of her hatred for the British and the late President Roosevelt.

"I told her she was risking her neck," Mr. De Vries said, "but she didn't reply."

He said he and his fellow countrymen engaged in "passive resistance" by disobeying orders wherever possible. He said he is now stationed in Munich, Germany, with the Dutch air lines. He is one of three employees of the Hilversum radio station brought here to testify against Miss Gillars.

## Anti-Cheesecake Actress Turns Over New Leaf

Nina Foch Changes Mind After 7 Years

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15—Nina Foch, who spent seven years being someplace else when her studio wanted "cheesecake" shots, pulled a fast switch today, called in the photographers, and agreed to pose in anything this side of a fig leaf and a purty smile.

This is what you might call leg-art-in-reverse. Because, as any savvy cutie cat, tell you, the way to get a start in the acting business is to peel off most of your clothes and breathe deeply for the flash bulbs.

Rita Hayworth did it. So did Lana Turner. Even the dignified Greer Garson crawled into black silk tights in her day.

But Miss Foch was a young lady with ideas. She was an actress, she kept telling bossman Harry Cohn, not a chorus girl. And every time he insisted, she'd just disappear for a while.

Felt Interior

So Cohn played along like a Gent and let her do her emoting all covered up.

"Then everybody started telling me I had no sex appeal," she said. "That gave me an inferiority complex. But I still refused to wiggle into a tight bathing suit just to prove it."

She finally worked her way out of "B" movies. But she couldn't crack the "A's." And there she stayed, in a private, little vacuum all her own.

Then came the Broadway hit, "John Loves Mary," with Miss Foch doing very well with her clothes. Mr. Cohn promptly signed her up for seven years.

Seven Years Wasted

He also gave her star billing on the Glenn Ford in Columbia's "Undercover Man." And Miss Foch guesses it's high time she did a little discreet stripping for the photos.

"You have to give yourself a mental pep talk to get into the mood," she says. "You say to yourself: 'Gad, I'm the most beautiful woman alive! I'm irresistible!'"

"And pretty soon you get that feeling. And you just hope it lasts while the boys are yelling at you to stick out your chest and take a deep breath. But you have to keep your mind on so many parts of you—your legs, your hips, your shoulders... even your face."

Anyway, there was Miss Foch today in a curve-clinging negligee with the plunging neckline we ever hope to see, breathing deep for the flash bulbs, and keeping her mind on her legs.

It was obvious she's been wasting seven long years.

**Ex-Carroll Showgirl Burned to Death**

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15 (UP)—Police today abandoned a theory that there was foul play in the death of former Earl Carroll showgirl Maxine Gregory, found fatally burned in a hotel apartment.

Lacerations on her head led Coroner Ben Brown to order an autopsy yesterday. Dr. Victor L. Cefalu reported the wounds were old and had nothing to do with Miss Gregory's death, which was due to smoke and flames. The ex-showgirl's body was found on her flaming bed. Police believe Miss Gregory fell asleep while smoking a cigaret.

**Youth Dies of Wound Inflicted Over Girl**

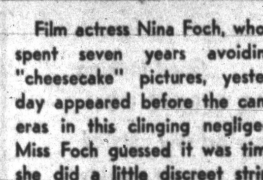
EVANSVILLE, Feb. 15 (UP)—Bill Holtzclau, 17, Carmel, Ind., died in Wellborn Baptist Hospital here yesterday after shooting himself during a Valentine's Day argument with his girl friend, Hazel Robbins, 17, also of Carmel.

Police said the shooting took place outside the girl's home. Carmel is just across the Indiana-Illinois line from Evansville.

**Tucker Auto Company Probe to Open Monday**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP)—The Justice Department announced today that a federal grand jury will investigate Preston Tucker and his automobile manufacturing firm.

The department said the grand jury will start its investigation next Monday, at Chicago.



Film actress Nina Foch, who's spent seven years avoiding "cheesecake" pictures, yesterday appeared before the cameras in this clinging negligee. Miss Foch guessed it was time she did a little discreet stripping for the photographers.

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