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Around-the-World—

# China to Speed Peace Efforts With Red Foes

**Li Hits 'Government Corruption,' Asks Tighter Army Discipline**

By United Press  
Acting President Li Tsung-jen 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 keynotes 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.

Georg Zarubin, Soviet delegate to the Big Four conference on 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**

French 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 18-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 launching sites in Estonia and Latvia.

**Canberra**

Minister Joseph B. Chifley announced today the Australian government will introduce legislation to cut income taxes 23 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 Designate 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

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## Soviet Arrests Pro-Red American

Anna Louise Strong  
Accused of Spying

MOSCOW, Feb. 15 (UPI)—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 as 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.

Was Red Official

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.

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