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World Report—

Declare China's Reds Stiffen Terms of Peace

Threaten New Drives Across Yangtse River

Nationalists Deny 'Ultimatum' That Imperils Parley at Peiping

Chinese Communist forces followed up a reported demand for the unconditional surrender of Nationalist China today with stepped-up attacks threatening a drive across the Yangtse River to envelop the whole country.

High official sources said the Communist attitude permitted no bargaining or concessions. It threatened the peace negotiations going on at Peiping, with a yes or no answer demanded by next Tuesday, informants said.

The government reported that a big force of Manchurian Communists was rolling into Hupeh Province toward Hankow, while 25 miles east of Nanking other Communist units smashed into the strategic river port of Hsiching.

Denies Ultimatum

The government was silent on the reported demand for unconditional surrender. It issued a statement regarded by high quarter as an attempt to cover up a serious situation. A government spokesman issued the following statement:

The government has not received any "ultimatum" from the Communists, nor has it notified foreign missions about any possible river crossing. The report is sheer fabrication, and has absolutely no basis of fact."

However, the situation as ascertained from other unimpeachable sources was that the Communists formally had asked unconditional surrender, laying down certain terms to be embraced by the unconditional surrender, and a yes or no answer was required by Tuesday.

One of the new surrender terms was understood to be establishment of a joint committee, headed by Mao and Nationalist Acting President Li Tsung-jen, to take over the Nationalist government.

Others were believed to include confiscations of the property of China's "first four families," the Chiangs, the Soongs, the Kungs and the Chens; reorganization of the Nationalist armed forces into the Communist "People's Liberation Forces," and Communist control of all financial and economic resources.

Syria

COL. HUSNIAL-ZAIM, Syrian army commander who seized power in a bloodless coup last week, said his government would welcome formation of a "greater Syria" composed of Trans-Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Arab Palestine. Meanwhile, Syria's overthrown president Shukri Al-Kuwatly and Premier Khaled Al-Azem, finally resigned, clearing the way for the army to form its own government.

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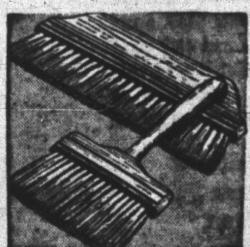
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Doctors Grave
On Inspecting
Douglas' EyeRefuse Comment
On Danger of
Losing Its Sight

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Apr. 7 (UPI)—Three British specialists, including the surgeon-oculists for King George VI, examined U. S. Ambassador Lewis Douglas' injured left eye today but did not disclose whether his vision would be affected.

A U. S. embassy spokesman who conferred with the physicians after the examination said:

There is no change in the condition of the eye. Another examination will be made Saturday.

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Russ Open Major Attack
To Block Probe of TrialsCampaign in UN Held Certain to Fail
As Allied Group Favors Inquiries

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Apr. 7 (UPI)—Russia today opened a major attack against the West in an effort to block United Nations' action on recent trials of church leaders in eastern Europe.

The Soviet campaign was certain to fail in the 14-nation United Nations Steering Committee since a majority already have indicated they favor Assembly investigation of the trials of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary, and Protestant clergymen in Bulgaria.

Opening efforts of the Soviet bloc to fight the inquiry were conducted single-handedly yesterday by Chief Polish Delegate Julius Katz-Suchy.

He forecast the Russian line by charging that United Nations intervention would be illegal inasmuch as the issue was an internal one handled by Hungarian and Bulgarian courts.

The United States and Britain are hopeful that the Assembly will not go too deeply into the trials behind the Iron Curtain since the two powers already have colleagues refused flatly to comment for waiting newsmen. But one of them had reported earlier that the condition of the ambassador's eye was causing "grave

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