

# 'Stop Reckless Ship Attacks,' U.S. Tells China Nationalists

## Ignores Blockade Put On Red-Held Harbors

Brands Nov. 28 Firing on American Craft

'Indiscriminate and Wanton' Action

The United States has bluntly told the Chinese Nationalist government to see to it that there are no more attacks on American shipping.

The State Department said today an American note was delivered yesterday charging Nationalist warships with "reckless" attacks on American vessels.

The note, delivered to George Yeh, Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, at Hong Kong, protested the action of a Chinese ship which on Nov. 28 pumped 12 shells into American vessel, the Sir John Franklin, an Isbrandtsen Line steamer.

Refutes U. S. Stand

The United States, the note said, reiterated the U. S. position that this government does not admit the legality of the "so-called blockade" of Communist-held Chinese ports.

It termed the Nationalist naval action one of "indiscriminately and wantonly firing" on an American flagship.

American narrow missed death in the attack which occurred on the Yangtze River approaches.

The American note said that Capt. Warren Harding, the vessel's skipper, expressed belief that all personnel on his ship's bridge would have been killed or injured had not one shell ricocheted off an object and bounded into an officer's vacant quarters before exploding.

**Seoul**

Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D., La.) said today that the United States should "call Russia's hand now" instead of pouring more money into economic aid for Communist-threatened countries.

Sen. Ellender, one of the ranking Democrats on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, told the United Press he believes in giving such countries immediate aid.

He did not elaborate on his plan for calling the Soviet hand but expressed grave concern over the mounting U. S. national debt.

**Rome**

The Italian government said today that Communist member of parliament, Walter Audisio, confessed executioner of Benito Mussolini, has been charged formally with that in connection with the disappearance of the former Duce's \$10 million gold hoard.

**Hong Kong**

Communist China's acting President Li Taung-ku will fly to the United States Monday, ostensibly to enter a New York sanitarium for medical treatment, it was announced today.

Communist troops meanwhile pressed a two-way offensive against the new Nationalist "war capital" of Chengtu, where Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is directing the defense.

A Communist column driving along the highway from captured Chungking was reported to be threatening Lungchong, 115 miles southeast of Chengtu.

East-bound mail buses from Chengtu were forced to halt at Lungchong. Regular buses went only to Naikiang, 95 miles from Chengtu.

**Moscow**

The Supreme Soviet today appointed a committee of 75 persons to organize the celebration of Premier Josef Stalin's 70th birthday Dec. 21.

The committee is headed by President Nikolai Shvernik. The list includes politburo members, marshals, generals, trade union leaders, scientists and artists.

Among the artists is composer Dmitri Shostakovich.

**New Delhi**

Informants sources said today that India has notified a number of interested governments of her intention to recognize the Chinese Communist regime this month.

**Buenos Aires**

President Juan Peron said today that some opposition newspapers had accused him of enriching himself in office and that he planned to sue them.

He made his announcement at

## Nearly Half DP's Are Poles



## Smooth Footwork—Shah Shows Snappy Step On His First American Date

Party Partner Finds King 'Is Very Nice'

As He Takes First Lesson in Square Dance

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 3 (UPI)—His imperial majesty, the Shah of Iran, shed his imperial dignity when he had his first date with an American girl since arriving in the United States Nov. 15.

Showing the good taste attributed to kings, the Shah chose willowy Joanne Frakes, 23, as his partner last night at dinner and a square dance. The blond, blue-eyed Oak Park, Ill., girl wore a red rose, the national flower of Iran, in her hair.

The young Northwestern University graduate admitted she was thrilled.

"What girl wouldn't be," she said. "After all, I've never danced with a king before."

"He's a good dancer—dances just like an American man."

Miss Frakes, public relations director for the hotel where his majesty stayed, received the dinner invitation through one of the Shah's retinue.

The Courier carried the added suggestion that his majesty would very much like to accompany her to the square dance thrown by the hotel in his honor.

Envious American males conceded he was smooth on his feet and seemed to have a snappy line of chatter.

Joanne said the Shah "talked about nothing in particular—about the murals on the wall, about what he liked and didn't like. Just the usual things you talk about."

"He's very nice," she said. "When it came time for square dancing, the Shah sat a few out, and then Joanne led him out for instruction. He got the idea fast, and in no time he was dancing about with the best of them."

**Leland L. Crawford Estate Probated**

The estate of Leland L. Crawford, first vice president of Fletcher Trust Co., who died Tuesday in St. Vincent's Hospital, today was bequeathed to his family.

Probated in Marion County Court, his wife, Kathryn, was named the recipient of all tangible assets.

The will named Fletcher Trust Co. executor and trustee of the rest of the estate. It will be held in trust for Mrs. Crawford and their four daughters.

Value of the estate was not disclosed.

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