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## THE ANGRY SEA'S HAVOC

**F**OR YEARS, many thousands of Europeans and Americans have made a point of being in the Netherlands in the Spring. Then, for miles on end, they could drink in the multi-colored vastness of "tulip time," and view the intricate array of dikes with which the diligent Dutch had transformed the salty sea into fertile soil. At Easter time the more adventurous could boat to tiny islands where the fishermen and their families for one day laid aside their nets and paraded in all the traditional finery of their nation.

This Spring, and for several Springs thereafter, the people of the world have witnessed the marks of the angry sea's attempt to reclaim its lost domain. One American correspondent, flying over the desolation with a bomber crew that dropped boats to natives clinging

to treetops, estimated that it would take years to make the soil arable again, months even to close the dikes.

Ironically, but a few days before the storm, which delayed one-sixth of their harvest, the Dutch had received the independence of U.S. economic aid. The nation, finally, had recovered from the war. Then the flood, with a speed and totality of destruction worse than that of any Panzer division, came.

America sympathizes with the little nation, and the others whose damage, while less, has been grievous. And Americans, who have seen the spate of internationalization both war and catastrophe of this year, will not begrudge uncollected aid to our government as well as individual citizens and organizations to these unfortunate neighbors.

## A VISIONARY BUT WORTHWHILE IDEAL

**O**NCE AGAIN the General Assembly has been asked to rescind its 1941 and 1949 "world government" resolutions. So let us take a look at them.

In 1941 the legislators asked Congress to secure passage of legislation "committing the United States to the acceptance of the principle of the federation of the world" for purposes of proposing to the President of the United States to call an "international convention to formulate a constitution for the federation of the world which shall be submitted to each nation for its ratification."

In 1949 the General Assembly, recognizing the need for world law and deficiencies of the United Nations, asked Congress "to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution which are necessary to submit to the United States to negotiate with other nations subject to later ratification, a constitution of a world federal government, open to all nations, with limited powers adequate to assure peace, or amendments to the Constitution which are appropriate to ratify any world constitution which is presented to the United States by the United Nations, by a world constitutional convention or otherwise."

No matter what action the General Assembly and other state legislatures take, the idea of a world federal government in the near future is dead as a doornail. A federation of the free world is conceivable. Indeed, there are powerful arguments in

favor of a drastic revision of the free nations' disorganized practice of acting at cross purposes in the face of united Communist opposition. Nevertheless, as day to day painfully illustrates, a minimum of unity among close allies will be difficult to achieve.

Nevertheless, let us never drop that still visionary goal of peace through law, which may some day supplant the system of war through international anarchy. From such foundations as our own United States and the United Nations, Europe, Japan, just five years ago, was but a subject of idle talk on Parisian boulevards, and scholarly dissertations in cloistered classrooms.

Since 1953, when the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was signed, North Carolinians have been ahead of their time politically. It was fitting and proper that the state which produced Walter Hines Page and Frank Graham was the first in the nation to endorse officially the concept of world government.

Some leaders of the "patriotic" organizations that would refute these previous resolutions are equally evil and subversive. Listen to the reasoning:

That, of course, is hogwash. By keeping these resolutions on the books, and even reaffirming them, the General Assemblies will once again serve notice that North Carolina is not afraid of new and challenging ideas.

## HOW CRIME BOSSES ARE BREED

**I**N DENYING the appeal of Lottery King Francis Duval Smith and four former police officers, the N. C. Supreme Court sent up a strong signal for all communities in the Carolinas.

"In one of the most cultured and progressive cities of our state," wrote Judge R. Hunt Parker, "Smith operated for 10 years or more vast lotteries, taking in for years as banker \$4,000 a day, five days in the week, after commissions received by his writers and pickup men."

"Pascal, Ferrell, Adams and Money (the convicted policemen) sworn police officers of the city, connived with Smith, protecting him and inhibiting opposition so as to make Smith the kingpin and give him a monopoly."

"These policemen, derelict in their duty and faithless in their trust, cannot justly complain that they had two strikes against

them when they were tried with Smith because when they entered into this unlawful conspiracy with Smith, they placed their entire trust in him."

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Smith's reign in Greensboro was finally ended, but there will be other crime bosses in Greensboro and in every other community so long as an apathetic citizenry permits them to exist. Continuous and open violations of the law can mean only one of two possibilities—the part of law enforcement authorities. In either case, the ultimate responsibility falls back on the citizen who, knowing of the violations, fails to demand enforcement of the law.

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## THE SUGGESTION BY Senator Fulbright that the United States supply Chiang Kai-shek with modern bombing planes is a logical sequel to President Eisenhower's new Formosa policy.

In his State of the Union message, the President said he was issuing instructions that the Seventh Fleet "no longer be employed to shield Communist China." The world has interpreted this to mean that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has been "unleashed" to raid the coast of China.

Yet, as the Al糟 brothers pointed out in their report, he has been free all along to raid China from the Pescadores and from Quemoy, both closer to China than Formosa, and he has been raiding China to the limit of his ability. Obviously if Chiang is to become a greater threat to Communist China, he will need a great deal more equipment of all kinds. The only source is the United States.

Finally, the Eisenhower administration has already decided on the type and quantity of military aid to be supplied for Chiang's Nationalist forces, and the machinery has been set in motion to get it!

From The New York Times

## SOLDIERS SAY: NEVER ENOUGH LETTERS

**W**HEN playwright Maxwell Anderson was in North Africa back in 1943 interviewing the troops to collect notes for his play, "The King and I," he talked to two captains who were discussing the matter of morale. What they told him then is worth repeating because it is just as true today—in Korea.

"To keep up the morale in a company," said one captain, "you need, first of all, news from home."

"Mail," said the other captain.

"Right," said the first. "And next the news, newspapers, radios—news of the world."

"And third," said the other captain, "you

need food and drink, and a warm place to sleep."

"But mail comes first—all the time," the other captain agreed. "It takes a week to get back 150 miles to get the mail. And the men and wives to write to the boys. As often as they can. There's no such thing as too many letters."

Every soldier who gives his family and friends his AFPO number, c/o The Postmaster, San Francisco, will agree that there are never enough letters. They bridge the distance from living room to barracks. They are a slim but strong thread linking a man with all that he loves and all that he is fighting for.

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## 'Sorry, But We Have A Reasonable Doubt About You'



## Joseph & Stewart Alsop

## Chiang Never Was 'Leashed'

WASHINGTON

**M**ORE nonsense has been written and more driven into print about President Eisenhower's "unleashing Chiang Kai-shek" than should really be allowed in a civilized country. It is time to set the record straight.

President Eisenhower has instructed the 7th Fleet to cease "neutralizing" Chiang Kai-shek's stronghold on Formosa. Formosa is to be protected from invasion by the Chinese Communists. But Chiang Kai-shek is now to be permitted to use Formosa as a base for attacks on the Chinese mainland.

This looks like, and has been ignorantly hailed as, a great change in American policy. In fact, it is changing nothing, for the reason is plain that the Chinese Communists are still "neutralizing" Formosa in the first place.

If the Asia-first Republicans had not got drunk on their own propaganda, they would not now be crowing that they have "unleashed" Chiang Kai-shek.

Chiang's Inquiry would have revealed to them that Chiang never has been leashed.

## Red Coast Attacked

**A**TACKS on the China coast originating in Formosa have, to be sure, been forbidden. But Chiang Kai-shek also holds the Pescadores, the island of Quemoy, and one or two other strong points in the Taiwan Strait. These islands are very much worth considering as serious and quite practical bases for a major air and naval offensive. They are much more useful bases than Formosa proper. They were not at any time included in President Truman's "no advance" order. They have not been used by these islands as bases for attacking the China coast for a considerable period, up to the outer limit of his desire and military capability.

When the Chinese Communists started the Korean War, President Truman's advisers carefully considered taking the same action that President Eisenhower has now taken. They decided against it, on the ground that it would be an aggression against the United States. It effects can be easily summarized. It has delighted the Asia-first Republicans and their admirers in the press, as a kind of token achievement of their desire to be "neutralizers." At the same time, it has caused the most widespread alarm both in Western Europe and the Far East, where our allies and potential allies are just as greatly alarmed by the red situation as the Asia-first Republicans are.

The question arises, whether the smiles on the faces of the Asia-first Republicans are worth the equally wretched frowns and head-shakes of their allies.

Our allies were "notified" but not consulted. In Britain, this gesture of American domestic policies has already embarrassed the Conservative administration of Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill and the British Empire has reluctantly acquiesced with the State Department. Other repercussions abroad are to be expected. And while our allies were at least notified, it is noteworthy that the Democratic leaders in Congress are not advised.

Thus, the most important aspect of this new departure is the absence of any hint of bi-partisanship in foreign policy, although the time will plainly come when the Eisenhower administration will respond to the demands of the Asia-first Republicans.

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