If Reds Attack Formosa, Can We Avoid Entering It?

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The cease-fires in Korea and Indo-China were welcomed in the western world, even though they amounted to peace without victory. All the nations concerned were sick of the bloodshed.

The bloodshed, undoubtedly, was of much less concern to Red China, with her virtually inexhaustible supply of manpower and the low value the Oriental mind puts on human life. But the cease-fires must have been very welcome there too, for other reasons. She gained a major objective in preventing the unification of Korea under what, by Oriental standards, would have been a democratic regime. And in Indo-China she defeated a major Occidental nation for the first time in her long and sanguinary history. The importance of this to the Red Chinese leaders, to whom "face" is everything, cannot be exaggerated. Geneva was the climax of their lives so far."

THERE IS STILL another reason, and an ominous one. The cease-fires released Red China's energies for use elsewhere—if her leaders so desire. There can be no small doubt where she will strike next, if she does strike. The target will be Formosa. Conquest of the Island has been threatened by the Peiping radio. And the West has learned not to discount Red West has learned not to discount Red China's threats.

China's threats.

This is a matter of the utmost seriousness to the United States. Columnist Roisert S. Allen recently wrote, "The United
States is prepared to go to war to hold
Formosa," Those are grim words, but the
attitude in Washington seems to justify
them

Mr. Allen also wrote that Red China has already started a softening-up process

Birmingham's Real Spirit

One of the human qualities that has

Air Lines Lure Travelers To Europe

marked Birmingham and vicinity is the

spirit of friendly neighborliness that mospirit of friendly neighborliness that mo-tivates the lives of many of our citizens. A recent example of this was revealed when Mrs. T. Melbourne (Betty) Roberts, 1111 Yarmouth road, invited to her home five new neighbors. To meet the newcomers, the also played hostess to 18 old neighbors.

Proof that the air age has now arrived can be seen in the advertisements of vari-ous foreign air lines in any one of the major New York newspapers. From day to day, flights to Europe are offered at surprisingly low prime.

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While rates as yet are not down to those of fourist-class ocean travel, they are approaching it and recently one-Scandinavian air line offered a round trip to Normay for less than \$475.

THE LOWEST FARE on an ocean liner

THE LOWEST-FARE on an ocean liner for a comparable trip is something over \$200, but this does not include all costs, which are incurred as one spends five or six days on the ocean. Actually, the price for a ticket on an airline and the money spent during the approximately twelve or thirteen hours, of air travel approaches the 'total spent on an ocean liner during the five or six days of an Atlantic resssing. Theyecident rate on trans. Atlantic fly.

The accident rate on trans-Atlantic flying, surprisingly, is less than that on domestic routes, and therefore, the safety factor is not the obstacle to increasing

surprisingly low prices

which may be preparatory to an attempted Formosa invasion. He cited as an ex-ample the destruction by Red Chinese fighters of the unarmed British airliner. According to him, it has been definitely established that this was not an accident, but a deliberate act, and there were two rea-sons for it.

FIRST, IT WAS designed to show Britain how precarious her position in the East is. Second, and most disturbing, the attack was made "for the malevolent purpose of venting their hatred and fury at the United States by killing Ambasador William Donovan, whom they believed was on this plane, en route to Thailand." Mr. Donovan, luckly wasn't aboard, but that doesn't make Red China's plans and motives any less threatening.

Mr. Allen further reports that security reasons prevent disclosure of the steps that are being taken by this country to dethat are being taken by this country to de-fend Formosa. Some precautions, how-ever, are known. Heavily strengthened U.S. naval forces are now patroling the China coast and war materials are being stockpiled on the island. Just about everyone agrees that if Red China does strike, and if Formosa is to be saved, we will have to do most of the sav-ing. The Nationalist Chinage forces on the

ing. The Nationalist Chinese forces on the island are fairly large in number, but they are ill-equipped and their average age is are ill-equipped and their average age is high for combat troops. They haven't the resources to make strikes against the Chinese mainland, which would be necessary to the prosecution of the war.

So the situation stands, with all the question marks that are involved. Before very long we should learn if Red China has decided to invite World War III.

Over dessert and coffee, that evening,

the newcomers were briefed on Birming-

ham-at-large, and the neighborhood's var-

ious activities in particular. Mrs. Roberts' characteristics in this direction are the

qualities that make a community something more than a mere physical shelter for a family.

trans-Atlantic air travel some would assume. The main obstacle is money, but as prices continue to come down, this obstacle is steadily being lowered.

AS WE SEE IT, the continuing influx of

AS WE SEE IT, the continuing influx of travelers from the United States to Wes-tern Europe and those heading the oppo-site way, is in the best interests of inter-national understanding and peace. Amer-icans going abroad should make every ef-fort to conduct themselves in a proper and careful manner, so as to create good will and a good impression abroad.

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Too often in the past, unfortunately,
Americans abroad have tended to forget
their normal restraint and throw money
around as if they carried on in such a
manner back in the United States.

This has created two false impressions:

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1. That Americans are brash unrefined visitors, as a general rule, and 2, that all Americans are wealthy and, therefore, ripa to be stuck by every foreign scheme and chiseler.

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"HE'D POUR them apples into you fellows soo he hopper, so many sweet, so an' get Henry, nany sour, an' set down the lid. fashioned feast

ONE THING OR ANOTHER



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

No One Made It Yet

BY ALICE E MORGAN

Uncle Abner put down his glass and thoughtfully wiped his lips with the back of his hand. He took another sip, rolled it around in his mouth, swallowed and sighed deeply.

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The fashion world has just celebra

25 pounds and more than a dozen inches in girth.

Now if this principle could be built into all types of women's wearables to take care of the constant battles of the bulges, what a boon it would be to husbands.

Two white-overalled gunmen held a savings and loan association in Cleve-land, escaped with \$30,000. Guess they didn't want any spectators to call them "dirty crooks."

Michigan GOP Chairman John Feik criticized Michigan State Fair M has criticized Michigan State Fair Ma ager James M. Hare for not resignin now that the latter is the Democra candidate for secretary of state. Feilse claims Hare is going to use the fair as political battleground.

The GOP chairman now is waiting see which way Hare springs.

American Airline pilots were on strike because they say their duty time on a flight should not exceed eight hours. Thus cross-country flights would en-d some miles short of the east or west coast terminer. coast terminus. Wonder if the wives of these pilots

or onner if the wives of these pilets call it a day after 480 minutes and with the supper dishes only half washed and wiped?

Fall isn't too far away. On the sec day of my vacation-August 17-Lud ton residents were talking about the which was discovered that morning at one spot along the shore of nearby Lake Are these nice days really our Indian

In all my 20 years of driving, I prolably haven't been stopped more than twice by any of Michigan's state police (and never got a ticket, incidentally). Yet I have gone out of my way may times to talk with various troopers.

I don't really know why, except p haps it is because they are so polife. courteous and neat-looking.

First it was cigarates which were dolled up with cork tips, eed tips, etc., for the women. Now there are misiature pipes with rhinstones arranged in decorative patterns on the bowl.

I wonder what the manufacturers will come up with to femalinize cigars and cut plug?

By George Wm. Averill

ust plug?

In Washington, a litre billoon with "lke" lettered on its sides blew away from its moorings aloo, the hotel in which a group of Clinens for Eisenhower was viewing a new campaign movia.

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Said the wire service dispatch; "When last seen, the balloon was mounting toward the stratosphere.

Why, I always thought balloons went down, instead of up, doin't you?

The National Republican committee had such a hard time trying to beat Roosevelt and Truman that it findly put across a constitutional amendment that limited the President to two terms.

Licked three times in a row by Gov. Williams, now the Michigan Republicans are proposing to have seters next spring adopt an amendment to the state constitution limiting the govefort of two terms. Seems an easier way; gentlemen, to do it; just come up with u better candidate and platform than the Democrats and their FDR's, Harry's, and Soaly's.

One of the reasons that the adminis-

One of the reasons that the administrative staff of nearby Beaumont Hospital hash't been annuanced yet, I understand, is because the medicos can't decide who to put forward as chief of the pediatrics division. The hospital is scheduled for opening in about five months. months.

months.

Down in Douglas, Arts, a man and his wife returned home after a six-months' absence to find missing.

The beds, cuphoards and drawers, tables and chairs windows, water pipes, faucets, toilet, light bulbs, and dig out of the front yard were the ciothes line and steel posts.

The neighbors said, why, no, they didn't notice anything suspicious.

My, what wonderfull degribors live in Douglas, Ariz. They really keep their noses out of other people's business.

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Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric— The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO

"The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church is to be entertained by Mrs. E. Crary at her home on Wednes-lay afternoon, September 7, All nyited as usual."

"Dr. James A. Miller, of Farmington, made us a short call on Saturday. He has a fine practice at Farmington and is doing well and we are glad of it. He deserves it all."

"Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Young and daughter Miss Imric, of Evangeline Farm, are at the great St. Louis Fair and will enjoy a ten days' visit at the greatest show on earth. Hikking the Pike is the doctor's favorite pastime as well as the rest of the visitors."

30 YEARS AGO
August 29, 1924
David, H. Ladid of Madison avenue, was received into membership at the weekly meeting of the Birmingham Rorary club Monday, Mr. Ladd represents the classification of building equipment.

Foulding equipment:

Because of the rapid increase
in the population of Bloomfield
ownship, the township board, at
meeting held June 2, 1924, creted another voting precinct in
he district. This gives Bloomfield
ownship five voting precincts.

Under the true of the will of he late John C. Donnelly, Detroit thorney, which was filed robate court at Pontiac this week, he Church of the Holy Name, on larmon street, was bequeathed to such that the court of the such that week is considered to the such that the suc

, children kept more on their dig-nity, as Mrs. Kate Fearsall added in the pionic preparations for her eighty-aixth birthides. Saturday. For the fifteth time Mrs. Pearsall is bustling around the same children which for that many yearth as been a special occasion in the fam-ily. For nearly 60 years she has lived in the same house on Long Lake read in Bloomfield this.

F. J. Mulholland company will almost double their present floor space about the middle of Septem-ber when the store occupies the additional quarters in the building at 255 N. Woodward avenue, next to the present location

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The Arkansas preacher who tried to crash the nudist camp near Battle Creek wouldn't remove his clothing in order to get in, so the nudists threw him out. What is that old axiom about "all of us are brothers (and sisters) under the skin'

Perhaps the best thing that can happen to baseball in these United States is for the Cleveland Indians to win the Ameri-

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can League pennant this fall. Those ter-rific Yankees "have never had it so good" for too long . . . don't you believe?

To the informed person, there is beauty even in a mud puddle, when it is made of mud. But when certain literary persons jumble their words into the mud puddles of cheap sex . . . well, where can one find beauty?

While we've never voted for Harry Truman, we have a hearty approval of him as a family man. That's why we hope daugh-ter Margaret will soon get married and then, in due-time, present Harry and Bess with that wonderful gift: grandchildren!

So They Say . . .

Dr. Ralph Bunche, noted Negro Diplomat: "Ingrown social attitudes and prejudices are stubborn."

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor, Christian

Herald:
"Let us not blink at the brutal fact that
freedom's greatest challenge . . is communism."