

IKE TO WARN RED CHINA: YOU RISK WAR WITH AMERICA

MR. STAGG.

From RALPH CHAMPION, Washington, Sunday

PRESIDENT Eisenhower will make one of the gravest pronouncements of his career tomorrow.

He will declare in unmistakable terms America's intention to defend Formosa, island stronghold of Chiang Kai-shek, Chinese Nationalist leader.

And he will give an em-

phatic warning to Red China that if they press their present attacks on the Nationalists beyond a specified limit it will bring them into conflict with American forces.

It is not certain whether Eisenhower will define an exact defence line. He may feel that this would give the Communists a licence to grab everything outside it.

Congressmen who normally leave Washington for the week-end are hurrying back to the capital tonight to be on time to hear the

President's special message.

Although the President has complete personal power to order any action, he promised to consult Congress before running the risk of war.

Both Parties

Eisenhower is anxious that he should have the support of both parties for his plan.

A united front would thus be shown to Red China, and his political opponents could not make capital out of the position afterwards.

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I talk with the 'flashpoint isle' Premier

From JOHN WALTERS, Formosa, Sunday

THOUSANDS of women, children and aged men are being evacuated tonight from Chiang Kai-shek's Tachen Islands, eighteen miles from China's mainland, which huge forces in Red China are ready to invade.

Powerful units of the American Navy are steaming into the zone to help evacuate some of the 20,000 Chinese Nationalist troops there if the order is flashed from Washington.

'Almost Ready'

Chiang Kai-shek's Government is almost ready to agree to a total evacuation of these two small islands 200 miles to the north of Formosa.

But they want America to make a solemn pledge in compensation.

In this pledge America would be asked — in

addition to her guarantee to protect Formosa — to promise to protect Quemoy and Matsu, two other small islands close to the Red China coast.

Possession of these two strategic islands enables Nationalist troops to foil any invasion of Formosa from the nearby Communist ports of Amoy and Foochow.

Details of the fall of the tiny Nationalist island of Yikiangshan, off the coast of China, were still coming in today as I sat alone with Nationalist China's Premier, O. K. Yui.

All 720 defenders are reported to have been killed.

Premier Yui told me that when it was clear Yikiangshan's garrison could not hold out against overwhelming odds the offer was made to evacuate the defenders.

"They refused to be evacuated," said Yui. "They were determined to die rather than to retreat."

'Our One Objective'

My talk with Premier Yui was extraordinarily frank.

He almost scoffed at the idea of the United Nations arranging a cease-fire between his Government and the Chinese Reds.

"All our efforts are directed towards invading the Chinese mainland," said Yui.

"This is our one objective and the only reason why we are in Formosa at all.

"We are determined to liberate our brethren on

THE MAN FROM THE 'MIRROR' IS THERE

the Chinese mainland who are under oppression."

I asked Premier Yui for his views on last week's sinking of the British freighter Edendale by Nationalist Chinese bombers during their attack on shipping in the Red China port of Swatow.

'Should Realise Danger'

"Britain," he replied, "should realise the danger to ships in such an area."

Premier Yui would not give an opinion on the future of the Tachen Islands, but he did say: "We realise that the Communists have air advantage over the Tachens, since these islands are so close to their coasts."

JAPS TAKE £6,500,000 —FOR £1

JAPAN is making a big attempt to capture Britain's market in Nigeria, West Africa, with its 32,000,000 customers.

The colony's latest trade statistics reveal the amazing fact that in the first nine months of last year Japan sold goods worth £6,500,000 to Nigeria, and in return bought goods worth £1.

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Two members of the Syrian Parliament have been dismissed for being unable to READ AND WRITE.

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