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beyond the 3-mile limit, we would hardly bear the scrutiny with legalistic detachment). The two Quemoy islands are in the port of Amoy, only a few miles off shore. A comparable situation would be that of Staten Island if it were held by forces opposed to the American government, if those forces were supplied and trained by the Chinese Communists and if they were engaged in shelling New York harbor and its water traffic. Though this is a long way from Formosa and outside the area our military are supposed to protect, it has been turned into a particularly provocative kind of tourist spectacle for visiting celebrities.

This is something of which American public opinion has been kept unaware. But this is what the Hong Kong correspondent of the London *Daily Express* had to report of it after a British Skymaster was shot down accidentally by Chinese Communist planes in the area (quoted in the London *Peace News* for July 30). "Quemoy", this correspondent reported, "has become such a showpiece, such a symbol of resistance, that it is a must on the itinerary of touring American senators and generals. A six hour trip gives VIPs time

to glower at the Reds, duck an occasional incoming shell, and pull the lanyard of a well-polished artillery piece loaded with appropriately inscribed ammunition. 'A present for Mao,' 'Send a splinter to Malenkov,' sigh out across the strait and burst well within binocular view." This is a dangerous way to play Coney Island shooting gallery.

We cannot go on lobbing shells in this mindless way into one of China's great port cities. The Chinese Communists have shown extraordinary patience, but no government could go on indefinitely taking attack of this kind. This is what makes the South China coast the world's No. 1 trouble spot. Our trigger happy military have made the Formosa guarantee the excuse for operations of this kind within a few miles of the mainland. Some who regard peace as appeasement may be hoping for an incident which will give them an excuse for war. Chiang wants war and by stepping up his attack may make it harder and harder to avoid. This is why the British are trying hard to get Eisenhower to rescind the one-sided order of last year which permits Chiang to attack the mainland while we protect him from reprisal. The situation is more serious than most people realize. War with China could be just around the corner.

Capsulated Tour of a Troubled Globe

McCARTHY: This time he's going to get it (1) because the overwhelming majority of his senate colleagues regard him as a boor and a bore, and (2) because Nixon as well as Eisenhower now feels his political future depends on destroying Low Blow Joe . . . GERMANY: Dulles and Adenauer torpedoed British plans for a German arms conference in what will prove to be the most foolish misjudgment of French politics in many years: they have been encouraged by Bidault to believe they can overthrow Mendès-France and get a more pliable man . . . THE ARMS PLAN: The M-F arms pool plan was drafted as a new means of imposing controls on the Reich and, more important, as a possible means for bringing Russia and Poland back into the mechanism of control. The French would like "re-insurance" with the Soviet Union against Germany, not as an alternative, but as a complement to the Atlantic Pact. This makes sense

strategically for France but Dulles and the Germans see in it the end of his dreams of a war of "liberation" eastward . . . MOSCOW: The atmosphere seems to be lightening for freer discussion in science but the party hacks are closing down again on literature . . . ISRAEL: The State Department goes on fantastically misjudging the situation; arms for Iraq and Egypt mean arms for war against Israel, not the U.S.S.R. The two Arab countries are military flea-bites anyway, from a Russian point of view. Iraq's ruling class is anti-Soviet but the country is rotten; Egypt is deeply neutralist. The truth is the Department, especially under Dulles, just doesn't like Israel . . . SEATO: Of no real importance; a shadow and caricature of what Chiang wanted: a Pacific Pact including Nationalist China and Korea. Both excluded from SEATO. From Asia's point of view, the West's last gasp effort.

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