

### Chiang Kai-Shek Welcomes Winter, Ally in Build-Up

By SPENCER MOOSA

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—The October monsoon season provides aging but ever-hopeful Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek another winter of grace to prepare his estimated 500,000 men for an eventual return to the Chinese mainland.

Conversely, the winds that churn the 100-mile Formosa Strait into an angry storm-lashed sea rule out the chance of a Chinese Communist invasion of Formosa this year.

It is now 22 months since President Chiang and the remnants of China's Republican (Nationalist) government arrived on this island fortress December 10, 1949.

One thing can be said without dispute—his chances of returning to the mainland are better today than they were then.

Close friends of Chiang say he is supremely confident that he will eventually return to China and deliver his people from what he declares is Soviet servitude.

Despite his advancing age (he will be 65 October 31), Chiang has not slackened one whit the spartan life he leads. His average work day is about 16 hours.

The generalissimo eats good but simple food, neither drinks nor smokes, reads extensively, and is fond of walks in the country.

Chiang, a Methodist, allows complete freedom of religion in Formosa as he did on the mainland.

Madame Chiang, since she came to Formosa from the United States early last year, has been the generalissimo's constant companion.

People on close terms with the "Gissimo" and Madame Chiang say the relations between them have melted with the years and today are those of almost mutual devotion.

**IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE**  
Chiang has two sons by previous marriages.

The elder is Lt. Gen. Chiang Ching-kuo, head of the defence ministry's political warfare board, a man of retiring disposition who likes to keep in the background.

Some say he feels shy because he doesn't speak English. He speaks Russian fluently, however, having spent some time in the Soviet Union during his younger days.

Ching-kuo is married to a Russian, and through her the generalissimo has several half-Russian grandchildren.

The generalissimo's younger son is Maj. Gen. Chiang Wei-kuo, a dashing young man who commands Nationalist China's armored corps.

Wei-kuo speaks English well. He is a good mixer and likes fun. His wife is Chinese.

Of the generalissimo's intentions...

of different kinds to look at. Feeling ignorant, I said: "You have to be a geologist and a mineralogist, too, don't you?"

"Still more, you have to be an optimist," added Mr. Innes.

"I was in Rupert when there were only two little shacks, in 1908 and '07," Mr. Innes said as he showed me a powerful lighter made from a vitamin B bottle and miner's flint.

"Gold is about 35 an ounce now," I told him of the time when I went down a gold mine in Kalgoorlie, West Australia, and, disappointed to see no gold lying about, demanded of the bank to see some gold before I left, and they showed me bars of gold weighing 700 ounces and worth £7000, gold then being £10 (Australian) an ounce.

Their dog, extraordinarily like a deer, was being put through his paces, counting up to five, two barks to come in, three to eat, and so on, when Mr. Haweis entered. He had recently killed 687 pounds of steer.

"Eight head four years ago fetched \$425 and then we jewed him up. Now \$2000 would be nearer the mark. A big moose has been killed near our place. It must have been the old landmark which has been about for 20 years. It took two of us to life his head and he had between 50 and 60 inches spread—a rifle wouldn't rest on his antlers."

**A PIONEER LEAVES**  
Martin Starrett was packing in his cabin at Topley, preparatory to leaving for Hoop. On the wall there was a wreath of stag-horn moss, which he was leaving behind on a grave. I had noticed this moss growing (so like that) found in many parts of Scotland) in many places along the line.

"I don't suppose you know what this is?" he said, unwrapping what looked like a piece of dried meat. "I bought it from an Indian for 50 cents. It is part of the back muscle of a moose, sinew for sewing with. I am going to repair this with it," and he showed me his moose gun case, which had come unstitched.

We studied a miner's map together. "Pinchi means lake-creek. 'Bin chay' it is pronounced in Indian. And 'Ta' in Tachi means three." I would have liked to have stayed longer to hear more from Martin, who knows Indian ways so well, and to hear about the beaver farm which he plans to start near Hoop, and the cross which was seen on the mountain there which caused an early missionary to name the place Hoop, and I regretfully left him to his packing.

Maine produces three-quarters of the blueberries in the United States and 90 per cent of canned blueberries.

**SWEET MUSIC**  
The saxophone was invented by Adolphe Sax, who took out patents for the instrument in 1845.



AT FALLS EDGE—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh accompanied by Mayor Ernest Hawkins of Niagara Falls and other officials walk along from the edge of the cataract as a battery of photographers and reporters watch. The Horseshoe Falls is in the background. This photo is by Jack Smith. (CP from Toronto Globe and Mail)

### Interesting Characters In Houston District

By EVANGELINE VANN

I had walked across the cut oatfield to the cabin of Arthur Odum Wilkinson, near Houston. The wind had whisked off the leaves already loosened by frost, and they lay like large gold coins on the black earth, an augury of the conversation to come. My welcome was warm when I asked him if he would tell me something about his manuscripts.

"Bankers don't know anything about money." With this rather arresting statement, he went on to elucidate. "I spent a lot of time with a financier, when I was a young man. I was his amanuensis. I am interested in how money is created and how banks work. I tell the truth about money and economics. Several economists are wrong in their assertions, but that's the way it goes."

I looked out at the park-like scene from his window. Born in Ireland over 80 years ago, raised in Dublin, he had been connected with the railway in his home country and in Africa before coming to Canada and to retire to Houston where he has been for the last 30 years.

"If you would like to see any of my manuscripts, you'll have to let me know and I will make arrangements. An old bachelor like me gets slovenly in his habits, you know. There are 44 tucks away with my small library. Most of them are about science, money, economics and banking. I write under a nom de plume. I have 200 classical records, too. Several years ago someone wanted to publish my manuscripts and if I get them published I'll surely send you a copy."

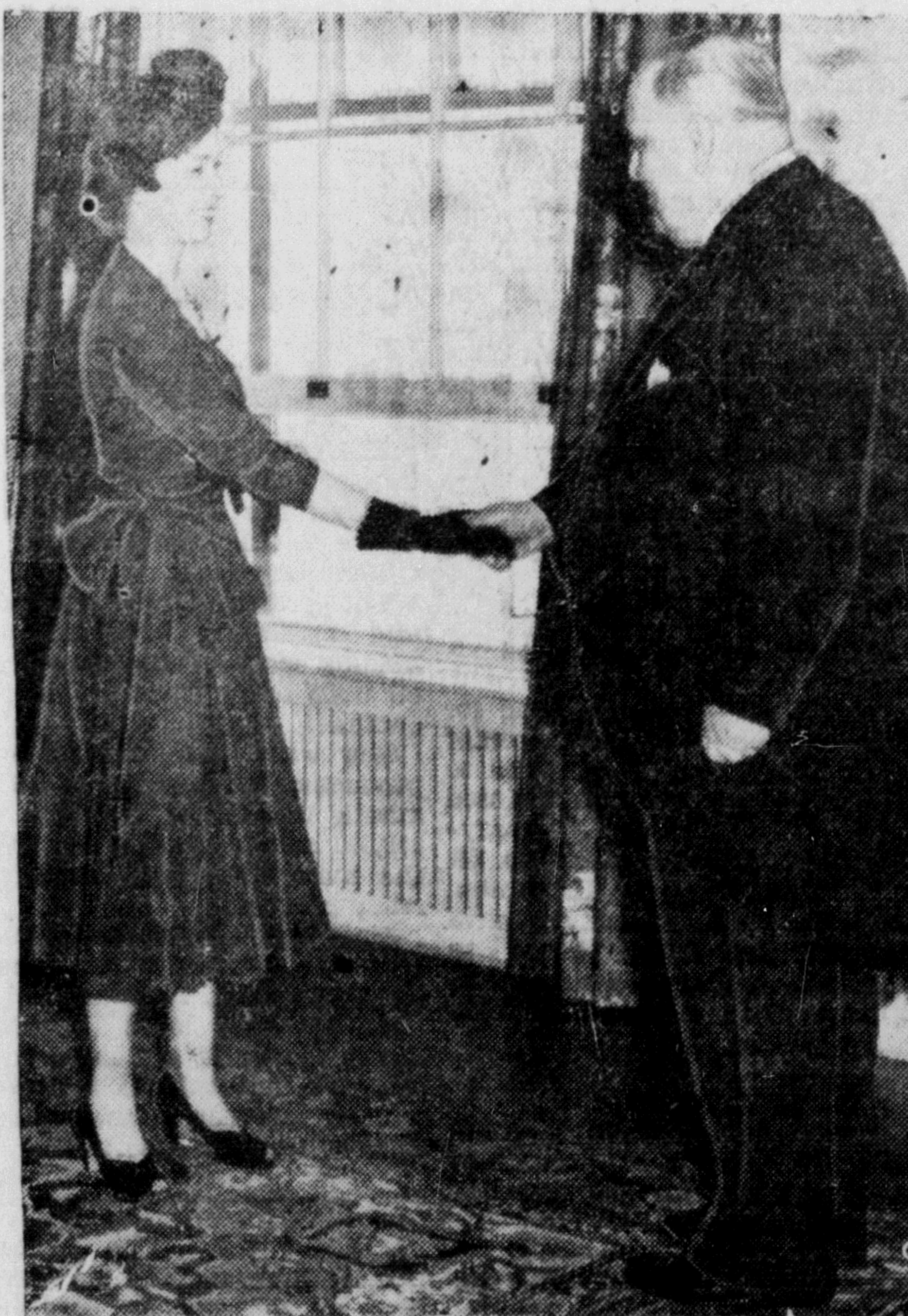
"I was offered a share in the Daily News around 1910."

As I rose to go, he slyly added: "I've socialistic tendencies, you know—light pink—but I vote for the capitalists." I made a mental note to pay another visit on the way back, realizing I had met a gentleman in every sense of the word.

#### THE GUN-A-NOOT AFFAIR

"I remember a case of news traveling as fast as you can get it today," said Warren Innes when I saw him at his home in Topley. "When Gun-a-noot killed MacIntosh at Hazelton in 1906, I was in camp at Long Lake, between Ootsa and Bella Coola, and an Indian rode in at four in the afternoon to ask me to interpret the directions on a bottle of 'white-man-medicine-cure-anything' and told me of the killing of the previous night, and I can't explain it to this day."

Warren Innes walked into this district from Bella Coola in '98 and mined with his wife at the Richfield mine for over 20 years. Mrs. Innes brought me some ore



PRINCESS MEETS PRESS HEAD—Princess Elizabeth shakes hands with Walter Thompson, Chief Information Officer of the Royal tour, during a press reception at Government House in Ottawa. He also directed press arrangements for the Canadian tour of the King and Queen in 1939. (CP PHOTO)

### Coalition is Best in Britain

LONDON (AP)—Raymond Blackburn, the only independent member of the House of Commons is not to be a candidate in Britain's October 25 general election.

"I do not wish to fight old friends," said Blackburn, who was elected as a Labor member in February, 1950, and resigned from the party in August the same year.

In resigning, Blackburn called for a national government which he said should be headed by Winston Churchill, Conservative leader.

In a statement announcing his intention to remain on the sidelines in the forthcoming election, Blackburn said he still believes a national government is the best solution to Britain's difficulties. He said he will do all he can to hasten the return of a strong government headed by Churchill.

Blackburn represented the Northfield division of Birmingham.

mate associates today, one of the closest is his secretary-general, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, a tiny, scholarly man long known as a liberal.

Another of his close advisers is General Chang Chun, stout, grave-eyed former premier, also known for his liberal outlook.

Chiang has two homes, one at the fringe of the city, the other about eight miles out. He has his offices at the presidential building in downtown Taipei. It used to be the administrative centre of the Japanese governor-general of Formosa.

The 1,500,000 refugees from China's mainland on this island are keenly interested in Chiang's destiny. His foresight to make Formosa the last-ditch island of the Nationalist cause, when some of his subordinates saw no road ahead except surrender, has attracted an increasing flock of followers.

The mainlanders know that if Chiang returns, they will too. All of them want to get back.

The state of Delaware, first to ratify the U.S. constitution, retains the whipping post as a punishment for criminals.

### Clatter at Civic Centre

Junior boys' woodwork for the younger members got off with a bang and clatter at Civic Centre Tuesday afternoon. Several new patterns were made in the Halloween design. Witches and cats, pumpkins, etc., were prepared for the coming festivity and are ready for mounting and painting next week.

Several of the parents came to watch, for a very short time only, complaining of the noise of 24 saws to say nothing of the babble of excited voices.

A new work bench is under construction and will afford more room for working.

There is still room for a few more boys ages 6 to 9 years of age.

The wood is supplied through the courtesy of local construction firms free of charge.

The only cost is for broken blades in which case a nickel is required for a new one. Careful workers use very few blades and, as these are available at the class, there is very little delay in the activities.

Those attending the class Tuesday were Michael Bartlett, Bobby Gordon, Christopher Harvey, Bruce Johnston, David Bell, Billy Haugen, Ronnie Dolphin, Donny Scott, Ronnie Daniels, Arthur Tindal, Derek Halliwell, Robin Halliwell, Richard Bowman, Peter John Holland, Garry Calderoni, Neil Lindseth, Bobby McDonald, Ken Dockendorf and Jimmy Bremner, David Kergin, Danny Radford, Jimmy Tough, Silverton, Bruce Mitchell.

#### QUEER FISH

Some species of the "sea urchins" or starfish which live off rocky coasts have poison glands attached.

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