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QUEMOY

The old adage that coming events cast their shadows before them explains the announcement by the Ford Administration that the United States is pulling its military advisers out of the Nationalist Chinese islands of Quemoy and Matsu. This move is undoubtedly planned by our State Department as the forerunner of withdrawal of recognition from Taiwan after the November presidential election, in abject appeasement of the Chinese Reds.

The little island of 'luemoy is freedom's farthest outpost in the Pacific, located just a little more than a mile off the tioast of Red China. There, through binoculars, you can look out from the land of the free and get a long close view of the home of the slave. You can even watch the Red soldiers patrolling the beaches of Mainland China.

One must either visit Quemoy or study the map to realize how this tiny island nestles into the shoreline and is surrounded on three sides by Mainland China. Quemoy is sometimes called the cork in the bottle.on Amoy. In order to get there, you must make a hazardous flight in a plane flying only about 500 feet above the sea to avoid Red China's radar.

Every part of the island is within range of Red artillery fire. On every odd-numbered day for the last decade, the Red Chinese have shelled Quemoy with artillery fire. For the last few years, the shells have been filled with propaganda leaflets instead of explosives, and only a direct hit is fatal.

Quemoy is completely built as an undergound and camouflaged community. The impressive civic auditorium is carved out of solid rock, and has natural underground air conditioning and perfect natural

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acoustics. It can bt transformed into a hospital in a few hours.

•For 25 years, tht' lled hi:a.'.ta lobby in the United States has been insisting that Quemoy is indefensible and should be abandoned to Mdinland China. Red China devfftees in the United States argue, that the offshore islands of ')uemoy and Hatsu should belong to whomever eontrols Mainland China. 'rhat is about like saying that the offshore islands of England and Ireland should have been turned over to Hitler after he conquered the continent of Europe.

The Chinese Reds have ade several unsuccessful attempts to conquer Quemoy. In 1949 the Uecl.s attacked with troops and air force and occupied a corner of Quemoy. After a bitter two-day battle, the 1teds were defeated. Half their invasion i'orce was killed and the other half was captured. 'l:h.e Reds never tried another invasion.

In 1958 the Chilrnse t0d· 1-icgan heavy shelling and many appeasement ndndetl pundits in the United States counseled immediate retreat. However, President Eisenhower we:ut on television and told tho world that America would stand firm j_n the Taiwan Straits. With the help of **U.S.** equipment called "alligators ana "sidewinders,'' the free world won a brilliant military and psychological victory that has endured to this day.

quemoy is immensely important to Taiwan and to the free world, not only militarily, **b "t** as a symbol of man's determination to be f'ree. It is a fantastic milit,'lry, :t'inancial, and psychological achievement for Taiwan to hold this little island in the very jaws of the Communist colossus.

In the days of the late, lamented Cold 1far, the United States did .not surrender any real estate to the Communists. 'l1l1e years of Jetente, however, have been ma1 ed by retreat all over the world. If Gerald .F'ord is reelected, the first few months of his second term wil be busy ones, indeed, as Henry Kissinger proceeds with all the acts of appeasement he has postponed so as not to alienate the votes Ford needs for nomination and c1lection. '.I'his includes the ainmdonme:nt of 1·aiwan, the new giveaway treaty with Panama, and the "normalization" of relations with Cast1·0 and Angola,with the Angola he conquered.

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