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Will Formosa be the Target

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 ceasefire 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 isand has been threatened by the Peiping radio. And the West has learned not to discount Red China's threats.

This is a matter of utmost seriousness to the United States. Columnist Robert 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 which may be preparatory to an attempted Formosa invasion. He cited as an example the destruction by Red Chinese fighters of the unarmed British airliner, but a deliberate act, and there were two reasons for it. First, it was designed to [illegible] Britain how precari[illegible] position in the East [illegible]d, and most disturb[illegible]e attack was made [illegible] malevolent purpose [illegible]ng their hatred and [illegible] the United States by killing Ambassador William Donovan, who they believed was on this plane, en route to Thailand." Mr. Donovan, luckily wasn't aboard, but that doesn't make Red China's plans and motives any threatening.

Mr. Allen further reports that security reasons prevent disclosures of the steps that are being taken by this country to defend Formosa. Some precauions, however, are known. Heavily strengthened U.S. naval forces are now patrolling the China coast and war materials are being stockpiled on the island.

Just about everyone agree that if Red China does strike and if Formosa is to be saved, we will have to do most of the saving. The Nationalist Chinese forces on the island are fairly large in number, but they are ill-equipped and their average age is high for combat troops. They haven't the resources to make major 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.

Ridgely Lions Sponsor Tournament on Sept. 6

The second annual tournament sponsored by the Lions Club of Ridgely will be conducted at Ridgely Community Park Setp. 6 at 1 p.m.

Dr. Harry C. Byrd, candiate for governor of Maryland on the Democratic ticket, will deliver the charge to the knights.

Al Gadow, president of Ridgely Lions Club, appointed Martin L. Sutton, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Caroline County, to secure a speaker for the event. Mr. Sutton chose Dr. Byrd.

Rumsey Mulliken, chairman of the tournament will be assisted by Dr. C.H. Winnacott, O.N. Todd, Winfield Wright, B. Lawton, Clarence Sutton and B. Spence .

More than 50 "knights" are expected to joust for a senior and junior loving cup and the privilege of crowning the "Queen of Love and Beauty."

A greased pig will be released for for the amusement of the crowd at 12:45 p.m.

Proceeds for the tournament will be applied to Lions Club projects.

Two members of the Caroline High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America dairy judging team, at Denton, will represent Maryland at the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Mass., Sept. 16 to 19.

The boys ,Wheatley Neal and Stephen Wood, Jr., will be accompanied by the state poultry judging team and milk judging team.

MARYLAND WILDLIFE

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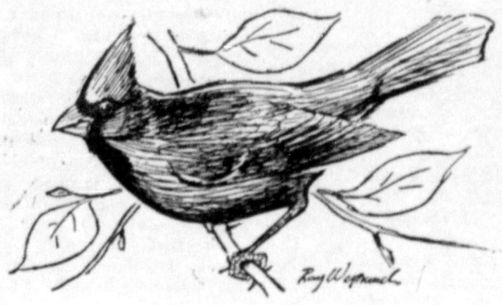

CARDINAL
(Red Bird)
(Richmondena cardinalis)

RANGE: One of the best known birds in Maryland and along the whole Atlantic Coast from Canada to the Gulf States; not so plentiful, however, north of Maryland; permanent resident in our State; although many migrate south some spend the entire winter here mostly in sheltered places. There are several subspecies.

DESCRIPTION: Male bright red with high crest, throat black; female a greenish brown with red in tail, wings and crest, and slightly smaller than male. Length about 9 inches. Heavy red bill (grosbeak), both sexes.

BREEDING: Nests in bushes and trees. Lays 3 or 4 white or greenish or bluish eggs, with brownish spots. Sometimes raises three broods annually; male very attentive to mate bringing her food while she is incubating; both parents care for young.

HABITS: Male sings to mate on nest; untiring in his efforts in feeding young for several weeks, while frequently female starts another brood. Fine singer and his call when spring comes is eagerly awaited by nature lovers.

MANAGEMENT: No particular effort can be made to increase their numbers, but food can be supplied to those individuals who spend the winter in Maryland. Use as cage bird prohibited.

VALUE: A very valuable bird as a destroyer of insects and weed seed and a charming singer. The brilliant flash of the red bird through thickets and across roads is priceless.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Queen Anne's County letters of Administration on the personal estate of

BERNARD SLAUGHTER

late of said county, deceased All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof ,to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of March, 1955, otherwsie they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 25th day of August, 1954.

JAMES B. SLAUGHTER,
Administrator of the estate of Bernard Slaughter, deceased.

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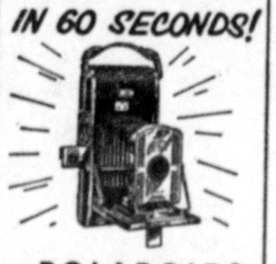

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