

## Taiwan Issue Cited as Barrier

# Mansfield Says China Dissatisfied

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Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield reported yesterday that Chinese leaders are not satisfied with the progress in the relations between the United States and the People's Republic, and indicated he may favor cutting U.S. ties with the Nationalist government on Taiwan.

The Montana Democrat also said the Chinese apparently are willing to seek information about three American military personnel shot down near the China-North Vietnam border during the Vietnam war.

Mansfield, who first visited mainland China as a U.S. Marine in 1922, spent three weeks there last December.

He said in a 91-page report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the United States so far has failed to implement "the obvious intent" of the 1972 Shanghai communique between President Nixon and Premier Chou En-lai calling for U.S. military disengagement from Taiwan.

"As a matter of official policy we have temporized," he said. "We have yet to face the Taiwan issue, but if full normalization is to return in Sino-U.S. relations, as it has in the relations of a hundred other nations with China, this issue will have to be met."

The problem over Taiwan is that Peking considers it an integral part of the People's Republic of China. The United States considers the Nationalist government on Taiwan to be independent and allied to the United States through a mutual defense treaty.

Although Mansfield did not say so explicitly, he appeared to be urging that the United States cut its diplomatic and military ties to Taiwan, and cut its military force of 5,145 on the island.

Mansfield conferred with President Ford Jan. 6 on his return from his China trip and presumably gave him this assessment. Mansfield was in China Dec. 9-30.

President Ford has accepted an invitation to visit Pe-

king in 1975. The Chinese seem likely to use that presidential visit to press their claim to Taiwan.

Mansfield quoted one Chinese official as saying of U.S.-Chinese relations:

"Generally speaking, our relationship is good and is moving ahead. But are we satisfied? I cannot say so."

Mansfield said he had inquired specifically about the fate of three Americans who were shot down near the North Vietnamese-Chinese border during the Vietnam war.

Military sources said the three men, Lt. Joseph P. Dunn, Petty Officer Reuben B. Harris, and Petty Officer Kenneth W. Pugh, are known to have gone down over China. Dunn was shot down in 1968, and Harris and Pugh were shot down in 1966.

"The Chinese were prepared to carry out an investigation if they were thought to be in China," Mansfield reported, adding that the Chinese offered no help if the men might

have disappeared in North Vietnam or Laos.

On other points, Mansfield:

- Found that the Communist system in China is in firm control, has popular support, and operates "with great dynamism."

- Reported that the People's Republic possesses large supplies of oil, and "the Chinese are now looking to crude oil as a major earner of foreign exchange."

- Reported, "There are no signs that China is bent on oppression or domination of other nations." Rather, it is deeply concerned with its own internal development.

Concluding with the problem of Taiwan, Mansfield said: "U.S. policies on this critical question, in short, are saddled with anachronisms. We lag behind a hundred nations in dealing with a fundamental reality of the situation in Asia."

"We remain tied to a past which is fast receding into history and which has little relevance to the contemporary needs of the United States."