

Shirley Black Urges U.S. to Break With Taiwan

By Michael Harris

Former Ambassador Shirley Temple Black, home from three weeks in China, said yesterday the United States should break its traditional connection with Taiwan and prepare to deal instead with the People's Republic of China.

"Sooner rather than later, the old Chinese civil war must be put to an end," Black told an overflow audience at a luncheon at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

"Sooner rather than later, U.S.-Asian policy must tilt toward the 900 million Chinese of the PRC.

"However controversial, it is necessary and inevitable."

Black said she believes Taiwan is not strong enough to be able to negotiate with the Chinese government on its future status before returning to its traditional place as part of China.

"Actually, for centuries Taiwan island was China's vassal state," Black said. "In 1943, the Big Three at Cairo (President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek) promised to re-



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store it to China." At that time desire for friendship.

"Nonsense! This may have been international diplomacy before radio, satellite communication and TV. No longer. What is said publicly is of major long-range importance."

Taiwan belonged to Japan.

Black added that she did not favor immediate recognition of China. That should wait, she said, until the settlement of Chinese-American differences in Korea.

Nor, she said in reply to a question, did she believe that former President Nixon should be called from retirement to assist in diplomatic dealings with China's leaders.

"I think," she replied, "we already have everything he has to give on the subject."

Black said she considers China's need for technical aid and modern machinery sufficient incentive for that country's leaders to engage in world trade rather than to continue their earlier quest for self-sufficiency.

But she said she was distressed by the continual public displays of hostility to the United States and capitalism — continuing on street loudspeakers even while she was being told about China's professed

"I remember a year or so ago in Ghana (where she served as ambassador) I was told by a very senior

official, 'Never mind what we say publicly. Pay attention to what we say privately.'

Black's answers to other questions asked at the luncheon and at a news conference:

Women's rights: "I saw women digging ditches and men carrying away the dirt. I also saw men digging ditches and women carrying away the dirt. They had complete equality."

Andrew Young's forceful stands in Africa: "He is well intentioned and hard-working. I am not

sure he is a fully developed diplomat as yet."

Requests for "The Good Ship Lollypop": "There is nothing sadder than a 49-year-old woman trying to sing a child's song. I don't even sing it at home."

Black's political future: "I am looking forward to continuing working and studying in the field of foreign relations. I think it unlikely the Carter administration will find my services too valuable to pass by. I expect to have a vacation for four years — but no more than that."