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that the step does not imply approval of Communism, and several radios reiterate that Anglo-American relations are cordial. There is also general agreement that the chief reason for the step was Britain's desire for foreign trade.

Soviet and Satellite comment follow expected lines. They emphasize that Britain was "compelled" to "humble" herself and agree that the motive was desire for trade; but they use this to support their standard theme of "imperialist contradictions," claiming that "practical" British merchants are trying to "get ahead of their main competitor--the United States." They assert that the Labor Party seeks to bolster its chances in the pending general elections by demonstrating its independence of Washington. The action is also treated as a victory for world Communism. Both Budapest and Warsaw claim that "the time is not far off" when similar recognition pronouncements will be directed to "people's governments in Burma, Siam, Malaya, or Viet Nam." (It may be noted that neither India nor Indonesia is mentioned here.)

The Chinese Communist radios have not yet touched upon either the Formosa decision or British recognition, but Paris quotes the Shanghai TA KUNG PAO as warning that "true friendship must be expected only from the anti-imperialist"--i.e., the Soviet--camp.

CHINA IN THE U.N.: The question of China's representation in the United Nations is raised speculatively by the Western radios, while Budapest and the Paris HUMANITE and Frankfurt SOZIALISTISCHER INFORMATIONSDIENST (both Communist) predict that the recognition means that "the Chinese People's Republic will greatly strengthen the peace camp in the Security Council."

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