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**Telegram No. 115 from Taipei to the Secretary of State, 'Press Review July 22 through 24'**

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**Summary:**

Reports on Kuomintang developments, highlighting discussions on radical party reforms, the need for discipline, and the elimination of factional conflicts. The report also notes public executions of Communist agents in Taiwan, resumed shelling by Communist forces on Quemoy, and proposed policies for economic control. Editorials broadly supported party reform while urging self-reliance amid US defense support

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Press review July 22 through 24, News:

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Kuomintang CEC met July 22 and passed resolution for party reformation. Reform Committee consisting 15 to 25 members to be appointed by Generalissimo will be formed replace present CEC and CHC. In addition Central Advisory Committee will be organized consisting party veterans.

In long message Generalissimo declared: "Party cannot shoulder dual responsibility suppressing Commies and exercising constitution unless radically reorganized"; "amalgamation of party and youth corps in 1948 failed attend party reform;" "military adversity on mainland was due not so much to Communist prowess as to disintegrated organization morale and deteriorated discipline of of party;" "if we are to make Taiwan base of national resurgence vanguard of democracies in Asia combat and champion of world peace we must effect thorough reform;" "there shall be no more factional personnel conflicts within party. There shall be no more misdeeds by members detrimental to party principle and destructive to party organization;" "negatively we shall have drastic discipline for members who have been corrupt, reactionarily inclined and violating party principle for selfish gain in order to restore our revolutionary spirit. Positively we shall rally patriotic youths both domestic and overseas to effect rebirth of party".

American press dispatches state CC clique will be eliminated from Kuomintang and CC leader Chen Li Fu planning leave for US while all members who had deserted party will be dismissed including T.V. Soong and H.H. Kung. Foreign Minister K.C. Yeh told AP reporter July 21 "Nationalist China considers US helping Taiwan defense as ally and not protector." Maurice Williams visiting Vice Chairman China Policy Association told Chinese reporters at reception July 22: "Believe

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-2- 115, July 24, from Taipei.

US troops willing shed blood here if any when security of 7,000,000 freedom-loving people in Taiwan is menaced.

Carried Chinese translation CHINA NEWS English bulletin article warning "Commie invasion Taiwan more possible now than two months ago." Commies resumed shelling Nationalist-held Quemoy July 22. Four Commie agents including the city police directors in Taiwan executed July 21 plotting overthrow government. Defected naval officers also shot same day. Ex-Economic Affairs Minister Liu Hang Shen pleaded innocent at first hearing July 21 on charges corruption malfeasance.

Provincial People's Council requests government impose entrance fee NT dollars 10,000 on each incoming passenger from Hong Kong, Macau and NT dollars 2,000 on additional dependent.

Editorials: Comments on party reform sizable and favorable. Both CHING YAN JIH PAO (KMT) and ECONOMIC DAILY (independent) urge "we must not entertain idea of dependence but keep our vigil although we know we have true allies now". Other comments scattered on local economy.

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