Gen. Hurley Attacks Yalta Pact On Mrs. Roosevelt's Program

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, April 17.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's Sunday television show turned into a verbal free-for-all when Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley attacked the late President's Yalta conference.

The general, a wartime and postwar ambassador to China and President Hoover's Secretary of War, blamed "a secret agreement at Yalta" for the Chinese Communist sweep.

His charge and further arguments drew heated replies from his hostess, who was backed up by the three other guests on the NBC forum program.

These were: WARREN G.

Senator Magnuson, Democrat, of Washington, of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Dr. John King Fairbank, head of the Harvard school of Chinese studies.

Richard Lauterbach, newspaperman and foreign correspondent.

Hurley Warms Up.

The old soldier and diplomat, asked by Mrs. Roosevelt to lead off a discussion of China, told of his missions to Russia and China for President Roosevelt.

Then warming up, he told her that "at Yalta your diplomats surrendered all the principles of the Atlantic Charter."

"They weren't yours, Gen. Hurley?" asked Mr. Lauterbach. "Are you differentiating between your diplomats and Mrs. Roosevelt's?"

"You can bet your bottom dollar that I don't give up," retorted the general. "I would not have surrendered every principle for which America said she was fighting."

Gen. Hurley then charged that Yalta violated China's integrity by giving Port Arthur back to Russia as a naval base.

Sees Nothing Peculiar.

"I am very much interested in that," Mrs. Roosevelt replied, "but if you were going to restore to Russia what she had had before, that wasn't giving her anything new. That was simply giving back to her what Japan had taken away. I don't think that was anything peculiar . . . that was more or less what one would expect, isn't it?"

(Russia seized the port from China in 1897, and lost it to Japan in the Russo-Japanese war ending in 1905. The Japs held it until 1945.)

Dr. Fairbank cut in and told the group to "stop fighting the last war." Mr. Lauterbach said the key to China is her poverty and Senator Magnuson told Gen. Hurley he didn't know Chinese history.

But Gen. Hurley returned to the attack when Mrs. Roosevelt said "We wanted Russia's help very badly. . . . You might not do it today, but you certainly had every reason to do it then."

Says Communism Was Favored.

"We gave it to them because we were in favor of communism," the general returned.

"Who was in favor of communism?" Senator Magnuson demanded.

"Mr. Hiss and the crowd at Yalta," said the general.

"That's not true," shot back Mrs. Roosevelt. "We know * * * what were the main things we aimed at in Yalta, and for you to ignore it, sir, is extraordinary.

"I just don't understand how you can ignore it."

Mr. Lauterbach broke in to ask Gen. Hurley if he had read the late Secretary of State Edward Stettinius' book on Yalta.

"All the books written now are alibis," declared the general.

The argument was still going full blast when Mrs. Roosevelt had to call time. Gen. Hurley was predicting that "colonial imperialism" would lose the United States the rest of Asia.

Gets in Last Word.

Mr. Lauterbach had the last word.

"I thought China was lost at Yalta * * *"

Gen. Hurley's mention of Hiss was a reference to Alger Hiss, a top State Department adviser to the President Roosevelt at his conference at Yalta with Premier Stalin and former Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Hiss has been convicted in a New York Federal Court of perjury when he denied before a Federal grand jury that while a State Department official he provided Government secrets to be passed on to prewar Soviet spies. Hiss is appealing the conviction and a prison term.

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