

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT
REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS CALLED FOR
JULY 13, 1961, AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE
HOUSE MINORITY LEADER, CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A.
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Members Present:

Senators Dirksen, Saltonstall, Kuchel
Representatives Halleck, Arends, Byrnes, Hoeven, Brown, Miller.

Members Absent:

Senator Bridges.

Also Present:

Robert Humphreys, Mark Trice, Harry Brookshire, Bryce Harlow,
Robert Allett.

The Presiding Officer, Congressman William E. Miller, called the meeting
to order at 8:40 a.m.

The Agenda presented for consideration is as follows:

Red China

Outer Mongolia

Other matters

RED CHINA

Chairman Miller recognized Senator Dirksen to discuss admission of Red
China to the United Nations. The Senator read a "fact sheet" reviewing the efforts
of this Administration to seat Red China at the U. N. A copy of this background
fact sheet is attached. Senator Dirksen also read a State Department letter to
Chairman Fullbright (Senate Foreign Relations) opposing the pending Republican
sponsored House and Senate Resolutions objecting to recognition and seating of Red
China. There was general discussion of this subject.

Congressman Arends reported Chairman Morgan of the House Foreign Affairs
Committee, told him his Committee intended to put language in the Foreign Aid Bill
expressing opposition to seating Red China.

Senator Dirksen read his press statement opposing seating of Red China. General discussion followed and Senator Saltonstall suggested deletion of language in first paragraph re: "firmness" in Berlin because Berlin should not be tied to the Red China question. Congressmen Halleck and Miller differed - said "they are related". After further discussion the first paragraph of Senator Dirksen's press statement was revised to meet Senator Saltonstall's suggestion and the revised statement approved. Copies of the original and revised statements are attached.


OUTER MONGOLIA

Congressman Halleck read his press statement on United States recognition of Outer Mongolia. After a brief discussion Congressman Halleck's press statement was approved without change. A copy is attached.

NATIONAL GUARD

There was discussion regarding the activating of National Guard Units and the President's recent request for a review of U. S. military power and needs. Congressman Arends and Mr. Harlow pointed out review of our military strength now is the second "review" under President Kennedy. Congressman Arends termed it "a review of the first review". Also there was discussion of the practicability in atomic warfare of massive mobilization of men and material. Concentration of men and supplies make "prime missile targets" and the same applies to "landing operations".

Military Review and Foreign Aid were suggested for next week's agenda but no general agreement, and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.


Acting Secretary

Approved by the
Presiding Officer