

CHIANG RATTLES THE SABRE:

Chinese Nationalists troops parading on Formosa before Chiang Kai-Shek, remind the world that although this offshore island is all the territory that remains to the man who once ruled the most populated nation on earth, he has never given up hope of wresting China back from Communist rule. Equipped with the latest American arms, the cream of his 600,000-strong army celebrate the 46th anniversary of the revolt which created the first Chinese republic.

Madame Chiang is one of the V.I.P.s who applaud the climax of the parade - 10,000 soldiers double-marching into position to hear their leader speak. Britain recognises - without necessarily approving - China's Communist regime. But America continues to recognise the Nationalists exiled in Formosa as the legal Government. Strengthened by U.S. backing, Chiang tells his soldiers: "We are a dedicated people. We will return to our homes on the mainland".