

Anti-Rightist Revolt Predicted In Kuomintang by No. 2 Red

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Yenan, Dec. 18 (AP).—Chou En-lai, China's No. 2 Communist and the party's chief negotiator, predicted today that new and vigorous elements in the Kuomintang (government party of Chiang Kai-shek), now working unnoticed underground, would rise soon to throw off the yoke of extreme right leadership.

When that time comes, Chou told the Associated Press in an interview, other democratic and left-wing elements of the nation would join together to achieve a solid, progressive front.

"The Communists will have broken the back of the Kuomintang military offensive in six months," Chou said, "and within a year there will be sweeping changes effective in China's over-all governmental and economic structure."

Chou, whose interview continued for four hours, said he had received no reply either from General Marshall, President Truman's special envoy, or from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to his recent telegram outlining the two points considered necessary by the Communists before resumption of negotiations. These are abolition of the National Assembly and return of troops to their January 13 position.

He expressed belief that the government would be unable to start

an effective offensive in Manchuria because of lack of reserves and the necessity of concentrating military efforts elsewhere.

He said the aim of Communist military campaigns within the next few months is to restore the January 13 positions, but that Yen-an would not feel an obligation to be limited to this.

Chou declared that, should the government of Chiang accede to Communist wishes and form a coalition government, the Reds are "fully prepared" to evacuate their troops from Harbin, Tsitsihar, Chefoo and elsewhere.

Both Sides Lose Heavily

Peiping, Dec. 18 (AP).—Chinese Communist troops waged guerilla warfare today against the government's main land-lines to Manchuria and, by government accounts, heavy casualties were experienced by both sides in a four-hour fight.

Against this military backdrop, the commanders of Chiang Kai-shek's troops in north China wound up an extraordinary conference at which they agreed on "concrete measures for defense" of threatened areas. Chiang's troops have been under cease-fire orders for more than a month, conditioned by the proviso they are to defend themselves if attacked.