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There is a spate of speculations on the U.S.-China Communique after the Jaxon visit.

"The U.S. has sold Nationalist China down the river," is a typical comment. This is because of the U.S. commitment to decrease U.S. troops in Taiwan military installations as the tension decreases — and the agreement to treat the Taiwan question as an internal problem which means Taiwan is a province of China.

Whatever the explanations, the U.S. seems to have humbled itself before Red China.

"Another Potsdam or Munich" is another comment.

"Peace at any price — they add  
"even at the price of honor."

A place in Envelope XVI-D the newspapers that carry the communique as well as comments. In the envelope are also papers given me this morning by Amb. Byrns.