

CHIANG HINT ON QUEMOY

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has not proposed Nationalist withdrawal from the Quemoy and Matsu Islands in any projected bargain with the Reds for a cease-fire in the Formosa Strait.

The latest move in Nationalist defense of Quemoy and the Matsus was taken this week when mines were planted in waters around the islands. It was said that American military advisers on Formosa, without suggesting the move, appreciated it as a wise defensive tactic.

TAIPEI, May 7.—(INS)—Nationalist officials said today that, contrary to common belief, the United States is happy to see the Chiang Kai-shek government building up defenses of offshore islands against a possible Chinese Communist assault.

These officials indicated strongly that the United States