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Maj.-Gen. Henry S. Aurand New USF CT SOS Commander

Maj.-Gen. Henry S. Aurand, formerly commanding general of the Normandy Base Section in the European Theater, has been named commanding general of the Services of Supply for the United States Forces in the China Theater. He succeeds Maj.-Gen. G. X. Chevet who has returned to the United States.

One time commander of the Sixth Area Service Command with headquarters in Chicago, Gen. Aurand was active in mobilizing and training in the huge industrial center.



HENRY S. AURAND

COMMANDED INVASION PORTS IN FRANCE

In his last assignment, Gen. Aurand commanded the great invasion ports of Cherbourg, Le-Havre and Rouen, through which poured more than 2,000,000 tons of supplies and 1,500,000 men in a few months.

In announcing Gen. Aurand's appointment, Lt.-Gen. A. C. Wiedemeyer, commanding general USF CT, said, "This Theater has been fortunate in obtaining the services of Maj.-Gen. Aurand. His wide experience in supply in the recent European operations makes him doubly valuable in the China Theater. Gen. Aurand will have the best wishes and whole-hearted co-operation of all officers and men in the China Theater as he assumes his new task."

WEST POINT GRADUATE

Gen. Aurand is from Pennsylvania and was graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in June, 1915. He served as a Coast Artillery officer during the first World War but transferred to Ordnance in July 1920.

During the critical days of 1940-42, when the vast American supply program for the global war was being built, Gen. Aurand was on the General Staff in Washington in the G-4 section. In that capacity he secured intimate knowledge of the routing of Lend-Lease equipment and supplies to China via Bangkok, and the development of the original air freight transport over the "Hump."

Upon assuming his present command, Gen. Aurand warmly commended his predecessor, Gen. Chevet, who organized the SOS headquarters for the China Theater last November.



JAPS RETREAT 60 MILES AFTER LOSING SALIENT

HQ., US CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND, May 31.—(Special To The China Lantern)—While hard hit Japanese forces this week licked their wounds and brooded over blasted offensive dreams in Hunan province, far to the southwest in Kwangsi Province other elements of the resurgent Chinese army added two important new victories to the steadily brightening central and south China picture.

These came with the reconquest by the Chinese, early in the week, of the important north Kwangsi city of Hochih and later in the week by the recapture by the Chinese, in southern Kwangsi, of Nanning, former US Fourteenth Air Force base and key communications center. Following these successes, Chinese troops pushed almost 60 miles eastward from Hochih along the road and reached the vicinity of Ichan. In the Nanning area, after the city's capture, the Chinese pursued the divided remnants of the Japanese garrison northward toward Pingyang and southwestward toward Kowang, where it was captured.

HOCHIH WAS JAP SALIENT

Although neither of these key points was occupied by the Chinese without heavy fighting, inability or refusal of the Japanese High Command to go to desperate lengths to hold both cities is causing considerable speculation in Allied circles. Hochih has been, for more than a year, the spearhead of a Japanese salient pointing northward toward the US Chinese base at Kweiyang, which makes a Japanese retreat of almost 60 miles in one week in this area of considerable significance.

NANNING LOSS MAY MEAN CHANGE OF STRATEGY

Nanning in addition to being an air base within easy range of Japanese sea traffic along the south China and Indo-China coasts, is a terminal point for river shipping on the West river from the Hongkong-Canton area westward and stands at the crossroads of two Japanese corridors, one west along the river from Canton, and the other northeast toward central China from French Indo-China. Permanent loss of Nanning in particular may point to a major revision of Japanese strategy in the Kwangsi area.

In Hunan Province, although hard fighting continued in various sectors during the week just ending, the main issues of the battle appear to have been decided in favor of the Chinese and present action is devoted mostly to mopping up stragglers and consolidating positions.

RETREATING JAPS LIQUIDATED

South of the main Chihkiang-Paoching road, the Chinese liquidated retreating Japanese elements or forced them eastward across the Fu-I-Shui and Tzu rivers. Taohuaping, 25 miles east of Paoching on the main road, changed hands twice during the week but is now held by the Chinese. North and east of Taohuaping, the Japanese are slowly but steadily being forced both north and east from the Laping area.

This puts the opposing forces in essentially the same position as that from which the Japanese launched their ill-fated and costly offensive toward Chihkiang early in April.

DETROIT (ANS)—The great \$100,000,000 Ford Willow Run plant which has sent nearly 9,000 B-24 bombers from its assembly line to the war, will terminate production June 25, progressively discharging 10,000 workers, it was announced this week.

150 Locomotives, 175 Trucks, 15 Planes Lashed By 14th AF

HQ., 14th AIR FORCE (Special to the China Lantern)—Devastating strikes by Fourteenth Air Force bombers and fighters destroyed withdrawing Japanese troops, equipment and communications systems from north of the Yellow River into French Indo-China during the ten-day period ending May 29 to match the general trend in China, highlighted by the Chinese re-occupation of Nanning, key point of control in Japan's China-French Indo-China corridor.

NAZIS LIST CASUALTIES AT 3 TO 4 MILLION

LONDON, May 31 (Globe)—German estimates are that between 3,500,000 and 4,000,000 men in their army, navy and air force were killed or died of wounds from the outbreak of war until late last winter.

Chaotic conditions caused by bombings and the Allied capture of German headquarters after last winter made it impossible to keep accurate records.

From 1914 to 1918, the Germans lost 1,772,700 killed or died of wounds.

4 PLANES DESTROYED, 11 DAMAGED

Throughout the period, no enemy air opposition was encountered and, to further reduce dwindling Jap air power, Fourteenth Air Force strafing missions destroyed one Lilly bomber, one Oscar fighter one Zeke fighter and one unidentified plane, and damaged 11 more aircraft in sweeps which carried as far southward as Ichang in the Lung valley. Operations in this sector also destroyed enemy troops withdrawing from the Lung Valley. On May 28, Mitchells and Mustangs hit Japanese troops and positions near Kowang, and south into French Indo-China, and in the vicinity of Nanning.

150 JAP LOCOMOTIVES BLASTED

While, in some sectors of the Hunan and Hunan fronts, the enemy withdrawal continued, low-level sorties pounded sorely-needed material and equipment on the Lung Hai, Tung Pu, Cheng Tai, and Ping Han railroads, destroying or damaging out of operation, more than 150 Jap-operated locomotives. Earlier, almost 75 trucks were destroyed and approximately 100 others were damaged in missions against supply lines on the shrinking Chihkiang front, west of Paoching.

Fighter and medium bomber strikes also blasted railroad and highway bridges throughout the Yellow River area and in the locality of Changsha, Hengyang and Paoching on the Hunan front.

YANGTZE, SIANG SHIPPING PARALYZED

A single mission of Mustangs strafed a building area in Luchow, causing explosions which indicated stores of fuel or ammunition had been destroyed.

Enemy shipping on the Yangtze and Siang Rivers took a paralyzing pummeling when unopposed fighters destroyed or damaged numerous junks and sampans, as well as river barges, tug boats and freighters.

Although the weather was not operational on the Hunan front for protracted periods the Fourteenth continued to support Chinese ground forces pursuing and pocketing Jap forces retreating from the collapsing Chihkiang front.

Philadelphia (ANS)—The will of Mrs. Anna Ryan was filed in probate here. The beneficiary, Miss Margaret O'Donnell, a friend, 10,000 shares, it was announced. The estate: one penny ticket.

NY ROADS WELCOME TO RETURNING VETS

NEW YORK (ANS)—Bands played and guns boomed in New York harbor when thousands of victorious Yanks came rolling home this week. A roaring, noisy welcome was prepared last Sunday for homeward-bound GIs who poured through this port—the port from which many sailed to triumph over Germany.

Guns at Fort Hamilton, N. J., silent throughout the war, were ordered to boom out salutes to returning troops. Army ships, freighters, ferries, and tugs joined, with whistles and fog-horn blasts as troop-ships returned.

"Welcome home boats" carrying WAC and Army bands sailed out to meet all the troop ships.

However, no Broadway parades as after the last war were planned. Soldiers hitting the piers were whisked directly to camps, cleared and headed for furloughs at home.

Landing piers throughout Brooklyn, New Jersey, Staten Island and New York area have been newly painted.



WELCOME HOME—As first convoy ship from Europe since V-Day steams into pier at Staten Island, WAC band plays and civilians wave from "Welcome Home" boat in harbor. Yanks crowd rails on P-192 convoy vessel for glimpse of American flags and to wave greetings.



JAPS BRIDGES KEEP 'FALLING DOWN'—Last February medium members of the Fourteenth Air Force knocked-out the railroad bridge, north, left, across the long Chi river in French Indo-China, immediately north of Thanh Hoa. The Japs constructed a by-pass bridge, center, to handle freight across the river which was completed late in April. On May 10, Flying Tiger Mitchells staged a raid on the new bridge. The result, pictured above, a direct hit on the bridge which knocked-out 40-feet and rendered it useless. Other bombs tore the trestle and approaches to the bridge. The rail-road is the main communication and supply line for the Japs between Hanoi and Tourane.

Wedemeyer Praises Cheves' CT Work

CHUNGKING (AP)—Maj.-Gen. G. X. Cheves, commanding general of the Services of Supply US Forces, China Theater, has completed his assigned task of reorganizing SOS facilities in China and has returned to the United States.

Gen. Cheves came to China at the personal request of Lt.-Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, commanding general, USFV (C).

Lt.-Gen. Wedemeyer had high praise for Gen. Cheves' work in this theater.

"Both Americans and Chinese have uniformly expressed admiration for Gen. Cheves' efforts and appreciation of his accomplishments in the past six months," he General said. "Our good wishes follow him in his future endeavors."

Before his arrival here in November, 1944,

G. X. Cheves, Gen. Cheves had developed the great Allied supply port of Calcutta and had commanded the US SOS in the Middle East.

In China he utilized the experience that he had gained in India and the Middle East, rapidly developing the reorganization of the "longest supply line in the world." It is recognized by all military men that the China Theater presents one of the most difficult supply problems.

To-day an ever-increasing stream of supplies flows into China over the famed "Hump" of the Himalayas, across the winding Stilwell road, and through the very recently completed oil pipeline.

FOOD RATIONING UNTIL 1950, SAYS SEN. WAGNER

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Food rationing until 1950 was forecast by Sen. Wagner, D-N., who said controls on prices and volume of edibles would be necessary until that time. Wagner's Senate Banking Committee approved legislation continuing OPA until June 30, 1946.

Wagner reasoned that perhaps another year or so would be required to defeat Japan then to avoid disruption of the nation's economy the government would have to keep a clamp on food controls for another three years or so. Although, he said, an unexpected foldup of Japan or some other unforeseen set of circumstances would change this line of reasoning.

ADMIRAL FEARS JAPS WILL QUIT

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 31 (AP)—Rear Adm. Felix E. Stump, commander of a carrier division of the US Navy and the first commander of the USS Lexington, famous carrier, said today that he feared Japan would quit the war "before she is thoroughly beaten."

He said the enemy might ask for peace before feeling the full might of Allied arms, but needed a good licking.

B-29s Continue To Hit Jap Homeland

GUAM (ANS)—A force of about 500 Superforts dropped more than 4,000 tons of bombs on Tokyo's Maru Nouchi business district and Imperial government center last Saturday morning (Japanese time) in the second big fire bomb raid on that city in less than 48 hours. The Japanese capital still was burning from the record 550 plane fire raid early Thursday (Japanese time) in which preliminary reconnaissance photographs showed at least three points where two square miles of Shinagawa industrial area was damaged by fire.

The target area for the Saturday Task Force that struck shortly after midnight Japanese time was south Central Tokyo, bordered on the north by the Imperial Palace and on the south by the Shinagawa area bombed Thursday.

The new area to fall under Superfort attack probably has been built with the most modern buildings in Japan, these include the nation's largest so called fire-proof and earthquake proof office structures.

The damage achieved in this strike will be the supreme test of effectiveness of the new fire bombs which have laid waste already 35.9 square miles of Tokyo in six previous incendiary raids.

In Washington Air Force headquarters announced the loss of 12 B-29's in Thursday's record attack in the heaviest loss yet suffered by a Superfort mission with heavy concentration of anti-aircraft fire given as primary reasons for the loss.

450 SUPERFORTS SET FIRE TO YOKOHAMA

GUAM (ANS)—Superfort crews returning Tuesday from their heaviest incendiary raid on Japan reported that fires were burning all over the industrial section of Yokohama after the first strike against Tokyo's port city. More than 450 B-29s loosed their 3,200 tons of bombs in their third strike in six days within a 20 mile radius of the Imperial palace.

The airmen reported smoke billowed for four miles above the city and predicted destruction would rank with that of previous highly effective fire raids against other major Japanese industrial cities. The enemy high command conceded "considerable damage" was inflicted.

A strong wind appeared to

'Shangri-La' Doolittle's 8th Air Force Going To Pacific

Atlanta Welcomes Gen. Hodges, Vets

ATLANTA, GA. (ANS)—Gen. Courtney Hicks Hodges who led the First Army from the Normandy beaches to the junction with the Russians, and is now en route to the Pacific as the first ETO army commander to join the fight against the Japs, got a wild reception from his fellow Georgians last week in Atlanta's biggest celebration since the premier of "Gone with the Wind."

V-E DAY ONLY A "MILESTONE"—The General and officers and enlisted veterans of the First Army who accompanied him were obviously happy with the reception but Hodges warned that victory was "but a milestone" in the campaign to defeat aggressor nations and achieve a lasting peace.

His hometown really had a holiday as the first military party of ETO veterans arrived in Atlanta early in the afternoon by plane.

NO REST UNTIL JAPS ARE BEAT

With him were Pacific bound officers and men who said they were anxious to pit their experience against the Japanese. Hodges himself said "this is wonderful but it's just a pause for the men of the First Army. There can be no real rest until we give the final blow to the Japanese."

Mrs. Hodges was on hand to meet her husband and forty combat veterans wearing numerous service stripes and military honors. The party included 24 enlisted men, all of whom are eligible for discharge and seven generals.

The crowd, estimated at several hundred thousand, thronged a 15 mile area from the airport to the hotel where the reception was held and the men met their families prior to a meeting in the municipal auditorium at which Hodges was the principal speaker.

Hodges was given a tremendous ovation as he rode down famed Peachtree street through the wild celebration during which he walked past his wife and didn't hear "remember me," then someone addressed him "there's your wife" and he pushed through the crowd to embrace her.

Buffalo, N. Y. (CNS)—The Rev. Alfred G. Eutzer married the terse looking couple who stood before him at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Then he turned around. His altar was afire.

spread fires through automotive, aircraft, shipbuilding and rubber plants. Great flights of Superforts flew through intense anti-aircraft fire to strike their targets which included most of the city. Absence of enemy fighters was partly due to the 1500 mile round trip flight Monday by Mustangs from their Iwo Jima bases to make neutralizing raids on three airfields near Tokyo, including Kasumigau.

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The US Army Eighth Air Force, commanded by Lt.-Gen. James H. Doolittle, will be moved from Europe to the Pacific to join the war against Japan, the War Department announced this week.

Doolittle led the first raid on Tokyo on April 18, 1942, taking off in B-29s from the deck of an aircraft-carrier only 250 miles from Japan. He led 79 men in an unprecedented raid which, while it caused relatively little damage, gave the enemy a foretaste of the devastation to come.

Several of Doolittle's men on that first raid were captured and executed by the Japanese.

Maj.-Gen. William E. Kepner who took over command of the Eighth when Doolittle returned from Europe will continue to command elements remaining in the European theater until redeployment is finished.

"READY TO MOVE"—The announcement said that certain ground units of the organization were ready to move to the Pacific immediately after V-E Day and some are already on the way. Other units are returning to the United States under the War Department redeployment and demobilization plans.

"While the movement of the Eighth to the Pacific does not necessarily mean all personnel and units will be part of the new set-up, enough combat trained personnel will be included to maintain its high performance level," the War Department said.

Additional personnel will be drawn from pools set up in this country to replace men demobilized or given domestic assignments.

FINISH THE JOB

"Gen. Doolittle is now prepared to help finish the job he started on Japan in April 1942 when he hit Tokyo with his carrier-based B-29s but now he'll be using land-based four engine bombers with plenty of fighting cover," the War Department said.

The Department also promised that the tempo of the bombing of Japan will be stepped up to the point where Japanese war industries can expect even greater volume of explosives than rained down on Hitler's fortress in Europe.

The Eighth was a major factor in bringing defeat to the Germans through the systematic, strategic bombing of German industries and communications from bases in England.

40,000 Airmen To Go To The Pacific

LONDON, May 30 (Globe)—About 40,000 airmen will leave Europe during the next few weeks for the war against Japan. Most of these men will go to bases in the Pacific.

Japan is not to be allowed any breathing time between Germany's unconditional surrender and the opening of the major war against herself.

"DIDN'T REALIZED SHE MARRIED," WANTS OUT

CHICAGO (ANS)—Mrs. Nylene Pollock Wons, 21, seeking annulment of her marriage to Emil Wons 24, says that news that her first husband had been killed in action shocked her so that she didn't realize she married again until two months after the wedding.

The suit, filed in superior court this week, said Mrs. Wons married Pvt. Paul Pollock on Sept. 7, 1943 and he was killed in Germany Oct. 24, 1944. She learned of his death on November 8, the suit said, and on Feb. 2, 1945, she married Wons during a lapse of memory.

The suit further said that on May 15 friends suggested that she investigate her relationship with Wons and she discovered she had married him. She had regarded him merely as an acquaintance, the suit sets forth.

Her petition for annulment of the marriage said that her husband and her parents attest the fact that the couple never had lived together as man and wife.

Jap Bomb Balloons Travel 125- mph

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Lyle F. Watts, chief of the United States Forest Service, said Japan's bomb carrying balloons being sent against America are launched in the home islands and are controlled by an automatic ballast dropping device. The Forest Service has been assisting the Army in preventing damage from balloons.

Watts said the balloons are made of five layers of silk paper, 35 feet in diameter, are taken to Japanese war plants where officials "make a lot of speeches to stir up workers to a frenzy and then launch the balloons." The hydrogen-filled balloons ascend to height of 25,000 to 35,000 feet where they reach air currents which travel constantly from west to east, Watts said each time they descend to 25,000 feet from loss of gas a barometric pressure switch automatically drops a sandbag. The release of the sandbag causes the balloon to rise again to about 35,000 feet.

A second automatic switch which controls the bombs, takes over after the last sandbag is dropped, releasing incendiary bombs and finally setting off a demolition charge which destroys the balloon, Watts said.

The balloons found on the ground are defective over which failed to explode. Watts said the balloons travel up to 125 miles an hour taking from 80 to 120 hours to reach this country.



LAST ROUND—With two-thirds of the Axis now ground to dust, Allied land, sea and air forces poised for the last blow against Japan. Map shows the ground to be covered from here in.

Stateside Stuff

LOS ANGELES (ANS)—This city is planning a celebration to top all celebrations in honor of two famous guests, Gen. George Patton and Lt. Gen. James Doolittle who will be here June 9 and 10. Gen. Marshall informed Mayor Bowen that the two generals will be able to accept the city's invitation as Patton's hometown is nearby San Gabriel and Doolittle once attended high school here. . . . **PHILADELPHIA (ANS)**—John J. Beaumont, 37 and father of nine children, was inducted into the Army last week. Draft officials said they considered him a job-jumper as he left a shipyard to become a railroad worker without their permission. Army officials said Beaumont's family will receive a \$240 monthly allotment. . . . **EDGEWOOD ARSENAL, MD. (ANS)**—Nine persons were killed and 53 injured last week when a severe explosion occurred in the loading plant here. . . . **GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (ANS)**—The police traffic bureau here said that an applicant for a driver's license, attempting to pass an examination and failing completely, explained he had just purchased a new set of teeth and "couldn't read because he couldn't pronounce his words. . . . **CHICAGO (ANS)**—Three-fifths of the Army's enlisted personnel do not intend to return to their former jobs after the war, Maj. Gen. William Tompkins, director of the planning division of the WD special staff said. Two-fifths of the men do not want to or cannot return to their jobs while one-fifths plans to find employment in other fields, he added.

NEW YORK (ANS)—Stage and screen actress Mary Martin is critically ill at Laying in hospital, her husband Richard Halliday announced. . . . **HOLLYWOOD (ANS)**—The Andrews sisters, singing trio, were aired for \$5,600 by the two writers of their radio show who charged that they wrote scripts for 16-weeks but were paid only \$6,150 of a promised \$11,530. . . . **MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (ANS)**—Maj. Sgt. Jesse Hucks of Conway, S.C. 4-months a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines, collected back pay totalling \$3,604.87. . . . **HOLLYWOOD (ANS)**—A girl weighing seven-and-a-half pounds was born Tuesday to actress Hedy Lamarr and husband John Leder at the Cedars of Lebanon hospital. The couple were married two years ago. This is their first child. . . . **HOLYOKE, Mass. (ANS)**—Miss Rena Rose Gordon, 23, woman wrestler whose professional name was "Flash Gordon," died here this week after a month's illness. . . . **WASHINGTON (ANS)**—The Navy has over 40,000 slightly shopped life-belts for sale at \$3.15 each. . . . **HOLLYWOOD (ANS)**—Actress Myrna Loy got her release from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios after 12-years work but will appear once a year in a "Thin Man" series if she approves of the story. . . . **LUCEDALE, Miss. (ANS)**—America's sweetheart of the hours, Congressional Medal of Honor winner Jake Lindsey and Miss Beverly Hartgreaves were married here this week. . . . **BOSTON (ANS)**—Rep. James M. Curley, Mass.-D., announced that he would take out nomination papers for a fourth term as mayor of Boston. . . . **HOLLYWOOD (ANS)**—Actress Dorothy Lamour announced that her first child is expected in December. Her husband is Maj. William Howard of Baltimore, now stationed at San Bernardino (Cal.) Air Base. . . . **DETROIT (ANS)**—Judge Joseph Gilles made it clear that being one of the boys doesn't exclude a man from laws of protection and ordered a prisoner to return \$90 and watch he picked up from a cellmate. . . .

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (ANS)—At the request of Pres. Truman, a wreath was placed on the grave of Lt. Gen. George Patton on Memorial Day by Brig. Gen. George Honnen, commander of cadets at West Point. . . . **MIAMI, Fla. (ANS)**—Two hundred veterans, including men from the First and Fifth Armies and some of Merrill's Marauders argued by ATC planes last Saturday. Some are on furlough for reassignment and some to be discharged on points. . . . **WASHINGTON (ANS)**—The Army Air Technical Service Command revealed that the B-29 has a top speed of more than 350-miles per hour and a range of approximately 3,600 miles and a gross weight of 135,000 pounds. This is a revision of the previously published facts. The new description also listed the plane's bomb-load as "up to ten tons." The crew was listed as 11 men; pilot, co-pilot, bombardier, engineer, navigator, radio operator and five gunners. . . . **WASHINGTON (ANS)**—The War Dept. dropped its demand for a nurse draft law explaining that the "rapidly changing circumstances of the last six weeks" have eliminated the need for it. **WASHINGTON (ANS)**—Pres. Truman designated June 14 as Flag Day and asked its observance with "a fresh sense of our strength as a nation." **WASHINGTON (ANS)**—A hope that the government will go out of its way to encourage servicemen to bring home foreign sweethearts was expressed in the House of Representatives by Ellis West, W.-Va.-R. When the boys get home and think it over they regret their choice, he said. "Let our boys get away from the strain and drama of war and they will want a girl just like the girl who married dear old dad," he added.

6,968,000 MARK SET FOR ARMY SAYS MARSHALL

NEW YORK (ANS)—Maj.-Gen. James A. Ulio, adjutant general of the Army, said Tuesday that "our best judgment is that we can defeat Japan quickly and completely with an army which a year from now will be 6,968,000." Troops urgently needed in the Pacific will go there directly he told members of the Advertising Mens Post, American legion.

Asserting that troops and equipment moving to the Pacific would have priority over servicemen returning home Gen. Ulio said: "We will not ask any American soldier to lay down his life in order that another American soldier may return home a few days sooner. However, it is not the intention of the War Department to push demobilization to one side during the many months it will take to transfer our main strength from Europe to the Pacific. Demobilization will proceed at the same time as deployment, although it will necessarily be secondary in the case of urgency. First priority must be given to troops and equipment going to the Pacific."

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"TOKYO WILL HAVE TO BE REBUILT"

NEW YORK, May 31—The New York Radio this week quoted a broadcast by the Japanese Premier, Admiral Suzuki, in which he told the Japanese people that Tokyo had been destroyed beyond any hope of repair and that the city will have to be rebuilt completely.

Tax Exemption For All Armed Forces?

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Sen. Bridges, R.-N.H., this week proposed legislation exempting all men and women in the Armed Forces from income taxes on service pay. Bridges said he would offer the measure as an amendment to the first revenue bill to come before the Senate in order to "remove the distinct injustice in our national tax policies against men women in the Armed Services."

The legislation must be handled as an amendment because all tax measures must originate in the house. Under the present law, Bridges said many servicemen and women will return home to find their personal problems "acutely increased" by income taxes which have accrued during years of service. "While our present laws have given servicemen and women the relief of not requiring income tax payments or returns while on foreign service," he said in a speech prepared for the Senate, "they have not forgiven such obligations. They simply postponed for the veteran the day of reckoning."



GOOD JAPS—An American soldier stands outside a small fence-enclosed Japanese cemetery on Okinawa, in the Ryukyus, where a few of the thousands of the enemy who have lost their lives in the struggle for the strategic island are buried. Names of the dead are written in Japanese on wooden pillars. In the background, Seoska Shima, neighboring island, burns after shelling by US warships. (Radiophoto.)

Stratemeyer, USAAF To Leave Eastern Air Command

TRAGIC ERROR CAUSES DEATH OF ATC SGT.

1340th ATC BASE, KUNMING.—Mistaking a high-tension wire for a clothes line caused the almost instantaneous death of Sgt. George Aceveto, Brooklyn, N.Y., and a Tech. Inspector at this base, recently.

Aceveto had been washing his clothes and went out side to hang them up to dry. An apparent clothes line was hanging outside his barracks and this seemed to him to be suitable.

Previous to this pole, carrying 220 volts Chinese current, and at the corner of his barracks had begun to sag, apparently not being sufficiently deeply embedded in the earth. A slight rain earlier had softened the earth and this coupled with the fact that the pole had no guide wires to counterbalance the heavy wire load at the top caused the pole to lean towards the barracks and dropped the high tension, uninsulated power line to about shoulder height. It was this that Sgt. Aceveto mistook for a clothes line.

The ground around the wire was wet and so too were the clothes that the sergeant had in his hands. The result was electrocution and death.

M/Sgt. Elnar J. Warren, 1350th BU Air Inspector of Berlin, Md., happened to be near by and heard the screams, being well versed in First Aid he immediately applied artificial respiration and continued this until the medical officer arrived. Everything possible was done but the shock had been too great and Sgt. Aceveto died about a half hour later.

Sgt. Kenneth W. Griffin, Washington, D.C., a refueling man with the 1340th BU and a very close friend of Sgt. Aceveto's said that the sergeant had several years of civilian experience plus that in the army with electricity and was a man who would normally take all due precautions in such a case and that the average individual, in such a case, would be equally likely to mistake the wire for a clothes line and certainly not a high power wire.

ARCTIC CLOTHING TO BE ISSUED TO TROPIC TROOPS

HAWAII (ANS)—American soldiers in the Pacific long used to fighting the Japanese in sweltering jungle heat, will be issued clothing capable of withstanding 20 degrees below zero temperatures.

Brig. Gen. George Hartman, Quartermaster of the Army Forces in the Pacific, disclosed that cold and wet weather clothing would be issued for the first time to troops in the Pacific for use in striking at Japan's inner-fortress. The outfitting of garments fashioned on the layer principle will be carried out when all equipment has reached here from the mainland. Meanwhile, ship loads of parkas and akis are being unloaded near beaches filled with sunbathers and sun-boarding riders.

AIR COMMAND, SOUTH EAST ASIA, May 31—Maj.-Gen. George E. Stratemeyer to-day relinquished command of Eastern Air Command from which American units have been withdrawn. He remains commanding general of the US Army Air Force in the India-Burma Theatre.

He is succeeded as Air Commander by Air Marshal W. A. Coryton, who has been Assistant Air Commander since December, 1944 and remains Air Marshal Commanding, Royal Air Force, Burma.

In a special Order of the Day, Air Marshal Sir Keith Park, Allied air commander-in-chief, South East Asia, says, in part:— "Having taken a vital part in the defeat of the Japanese in Burma, USAAF units are being withdrawn from Eastern Air Command to fight the Japs again in another theatre. The closing down of the fully integrated Eastern Air Command Headquarters is therefore an important milestone in the war against Japan.

PATTON'S ARMY READY TO BLAST JAP TROOPS

3rd ARMY FRONT (ANS)—The hard-hitting, fast-moving 3d Army is headed for the Pacific. That word comes from its commander, Gen. George S. Patton. After men with high point scores who are not deemed essential have been screened as "surplus" the 3rd—now consisting of 12 infantry and 6 armored divisions—will be moved to the Far East to give the Japs some lessons in the science of armored warfare. When the war ended in Europe, Gen. Patton's army was the largest in American history.

50,000 A Month To US By Airplane

WASHINGTON (ANS)—The homeward flow of US soldiers from Europe by airplane will soon reach its peak of around 50,000 men each month the War Department disclosed. Transportation of men will require an airplane flight across the Atlantic every six minutes, day and night. In addition to the huge transports operated by the Army Air Transport Command, the movement of tactical planes homeward gradually will be stepped up until from 100 to 125 such craft will cross either the north or the south Atlantic daily, reversing the routes by which they went to the war in Europe. These planes will be flown by the same crews that took them into combat. These tremendous operations serve to illustrate the growth of the Army ATC which rounded out its fourth year of existence last Monday.

Big east coast air terminals like La Guardia field New York, and 39th Street airport, Miami, are being used to debark veterans brought home by plane. Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga. and Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Conn. are the main ports of entry for the returning tactical planes.

Chinese Officers Graduated At ITC

CHINESE TRAINING CENTER, US ARMY—More than one hundred Chinese Army officers, ranging from lieutenant to colonel, received diplomas at graduation exercises of the first class of the re-activated Infantry Training Center, one of the several schools for improving the combat efficiency of the Chinese now in operation in Yunnan Province under the US Army's Chinese Training Center.

Maj.-Gen. Liang Hwa-Sheng, commandant of the Yunnan Training Command, a veteran of more than a hundred battles against the Japanese, and Col. Mose Kent of El Paso, Texas, commandant of the ITC, addressed the graduates.

Gen. Liang said that as a result of the training they had received in the intensive eight weeks' course at ITC, the officers would return to their units qualified to pass on to the troops serving under them the knowledge of modern infantry technique and tactics they had learned. Col. Kent spoke in a similar vein, declaring that it had been a pleasure to work with the members of the class and lauding them for the interest they had taken in perfecting themselves in modern infantry tactics.

The course which the students took at ITC included infantry weapons; individual, platoon and squad tactics; company, battalion and regimental tactics; heavy weapons; communications; first-aid; sanitation and engineering. The courses are patterned after those given at the US Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. (Picture on page 12).

Memorial Services Throughout World

On Memorial Day millions of Americans mourned the nation's war dead last Wednesday. Work for victory over Japan continued in most of the war plants and government offices, as the nation observed its 77th Memorial Day with parades, religious services and quiet ceremonies in cemeteries. Few of 240 remaining civil war veterans took part in the observances. Wreaths were placed on the graves of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery and Franklin D. Roosevelt at Hyde Park.

Chicago had a 15 mile long parade and the graves of the veterans in the 122 Chicago cemeteries were decorated. In Boston, recently—returned veterans of World War II marched in a parade followed by a military review on the Boston common. War plants stayed open but the business district closed.

Over 25,000 were to march in New York City's major parade with others scheduled throughout the other four boroughs.

OVERSEAS SERVICES

Taps sounded over the graves of the dead throughout the European Theater while soldiers placed flags and flowers in military cemeteries. Religious services were held at 82 American cemeteries in France, eight of them holding 31,000 American soldiers who died in World War I and the other 17,502 killed in the present war. A small American flag, a single flower or spray was placed on each soldiers grave in Italy, Sicily, Corsica, Sardinia and Gibraltar.

More than 950 Army soldiers attended the Anzio beachhead service where 8,000 men fell and services were held also in Germany where more than 8,000 Americans lie in temporary graves. At Guam the dead were honored at three memorial day services and three ceremonies conducted by Catholic, Protestant and Jewish chaplains. Floral wreaths made by the Guam natives were placed on the graves.

AFTER 6 "DEATH BLOWS" DESTROYER FIGHTS AGAIN

SEATTLE (ANS)—The Destroyer USS Laffey steamed into Seattle harbor last Friday, a ship that took six "death blows" from Japanese suicide planes and lived to fight again after her stand against the massed enemy air fleet off Okinawa last April. Her rudder jammed, and flaming gasoline burning gunners strapped to their seats, the Laffey punched back for two hours. Thirty-one officers and men were killed or missing and 60 were wounded.

American flyers came to her aid and the Yanks shot down eight of the Japanese planes, one of them a ninth. Six more died into the destroyer.

Errol Flynn, Wife Together Again

HOLLYWOOD (ANS)—Nora Eddington Flynn, on the verge of divorcing Errol Flynn when she came back from Mexico last March, has moved in with the film actor to "talk it over and see what they can work out of their marital problems," her stepmother Mrs. Margaret Eddington said this week.

The 20-year-old red head, who met Flynn while she was a cigar-stand clerk and he was a defendant in a statutory rape trial, moved into Flynn's house and took with her their four-month-old daughter Deldre, born in Mexico City.

PROMOTIONS

CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND
 Report of units and personnel of officers of the command, the majority of them serving of their service in the field, has been announced by Maj. Gen. R. B. McCaskey, commanding general of the Chinese Combat Command.

Promoted from captain to major are: Thomas Brooke, Romeville, N. J.; James H. Chan-Bing, New Orleans, La.; Alvin E. Edwards, Manhattan, Kansas; Maurice K. Hoyle, Portsmouth, N. H.; Clarence Nelson, San Francisco, Calif.; David B. Parsons, Waltham, Mass.; Ronald N. Taylor, Fairfax, Mass.; William A. Stevens, El Paso, Tex.; Joseph Tammann, Los Angeles, Calif.; and John F. Whitak, Chicago, Ill.

Elevated from first lieutenant to captain are: Albert J. Albert, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Chris Beatty, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lewis B. Berry, Mitchell, La.; Leroy J. Davis, Brigham, Utah; Leonard L. Goldbaker, Detroit, Mich.; Eugene D. Hill, Youngstown, O.; Joe W. Hussey, San Diego, Calif.; Robert C. Jones, San Antonio, Tex.; John W. Lester, Washington, D. C.; Joseph F. Letting, Chicago Heights, Ill.; Robert L. Marlett, Glenham, Pa.; James C. McVee, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William A. McMeekin, Harley T. Perkins, Louisville, Ky.; John F. Phillips, Whitaker, Calif.; Robert H. Phillips, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; Sidney Prosnansky, Madison, Wis.; Warren E. Rebel, Springfield, Ill.; Theodore T. Leonard, Akron, Ohio; Richard B. Sawtelle, Los Angeles, Calif.; Thomas C. Wilkinson, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.; Wayne R. Williams, Rockledge, Fla.; Charles M. Stenson, South Orange, N. J.; Joseph E. Vaneck, St. Albans, N. Y.

Newly named second lieutenants under the order are: William B. Daum, Evansville, Ind.; Theodore H. Eng, Seattle, Wash.; Daniel W. Berger, Newington, Va.; Harlan D. Hewitt, Ithaca, N. Y.; Harry H. Hong, Boston, Mass.; William J. McDermott, New York, N. Y.; James J. McDevitt, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Robert L. Seay, Jr., Dallas, Tex.

AWARDS

KUNMING—In recognition of meritorious services rendered during the formative period of Services of Supply in the China Theater, 27 enlisted men and 33 officers were awarded the Bronze Star Medal by Maj. Gen. G. K. Cheves, commanding general, just before he relinquished his command to return to the United States.

The awards reached into almost every staff section and most of the base commands and major units under the SOS.

Officers included in the group decorated were: Col. Ralph C. Washington, Durant, Okla.; Col. Burton E. Vaughan, Washington, D. C., and Little Rock, Ark.; Lt.-Col. Robert P. Burris, Brighton, Ill.; Lt.-Col. Harold T. L. Decker, Richmond, Ind.; Maj. Col. Charles D. Driscoll, Camden, N. J.; Lt.-Col. Albert J. Grielus, Boston, Mass.; Lt.-Col. George W. Hibbert, Toledo, Ohio.

Lt.-Col. Leslie E. Jones, Newport News, Va.; Lt.-Col. Harmon A. Parmelee, Munhall, Pa.; Lt.-Col. John H. Sharp, Arlington, Va.; Lt.-Col. Earl E. Swarner, Kansas City, Kans.

Maj. Basil M. Krenshler, Grifton, Texas; Maj. R. B. Furman, Washington, D. C.; Maj. Richard C. Gales, Rochester, N. Y.; Maj. Clarence W. Leese, Callender, Md.; Edward Sanders, Sumnerville, O.; Maj. Joe H. Serkovich, Peoria, Ill.; Maj. Thomas F. Wade, Maspeth, N. Y.; Maj. Francis T. White, Hudson, Mass.

Capt. Max O. Berman, Malden, Mass.; Capt. Francis J. Berry, St. Joseph, Mo.; Capt. Michael J. Bruns, Capt. Hamilton L. Dashiell, Arlington, Va.; Capt. Harold L. Kellogg, Des Moines, Iowa; Capt. Ella M. Biorand, Brockton, Mass.

Lt. William E. Andrews, High Point, N. C.; Lt. Walter L. Dunn, Whitefish, Mont.; Lt. Robert P. Fombert, Eau Claire, Wis.; Lt. Robert W. Thompson, Irwin, Pa.; Lt. Bernard Carless, New York City; Lt. Hugh A. Peck, Stillwater, Okla.; Lt. Albert C. See, Los Angeles, Calif.

First Sgt. Kenneth H. Lyons, Elkhart, Ind.; M/Sgt. George A. Hickey, M/Sgt. Edmond J. Roth, Bottsview, Pa.; M/Sgt. Eugene B. Suttner, T/Sgt. Raymond T. Arnold, Brooklyn, N. Y.; T/Sgt. Arnold J. Homes, T/Sgt. Roger E. Lockwood, T/Sgt. Claude S. Merrill, Cincinnati, O.; T/Sgt. Francis C. Mitchell, Waterbury, Conn.

S/Sgt. William M. Cashal, Plandome, L. I.; S/Sgt. Joseph Lebowitch, Debita Ferry, N. Y.; S/Sgt. Groves M. Miller, Sgt. Alvin L. Bower, Akron, O.; Sgt. Joseph D. Dertzy, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sgt. Charles H. Donohue, Sgt. Roy B. Risley, Trout, La.

Sgt. Oswald J. Clark, Hazelton, Pa.; Sgt. George M. Dillow, Sgt. Arthur W. Kreizer, Sgt. Arthur F. Tines, Corp. Bernard Schreck, Gordon, Kans.; Pfc. Lavina E. Burns, Menros, Mich.; Pfc. Gabriel T. Mink, Lovelock, Youngstown, Ohio; Pfc. Albert I. Strzyker, and Pvt. Harry E. Moorhead, Cincinnati, O.

JAP NAVAL CHIEF SHELVED IN SHAKEUP

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Japan fired its chief of naval general staff Tuesday, and replaced him with the commander of the combined fleet and named an obscure vice admiral to lead the remains of its battered navy against powerful United States and British fleets.

The shakeup would be similar to the United States firing Adm. King and replacing him with Adm. Nimitz and putting a three star admiral in command of the Pacific fleet. The Japanese broadcasts announced the shake-up, which dismisses Adm. Ko-shiro Okiwa, replacing him with Adm. Soemu Toyoda and gives Vice Adm. Jisaburo Ozawa command of the fleet.

Russia Drafting 15-16 Year Olds

MOSCOW (ANS)—All Soviet youths of eighth and ninth grades between 15 and 16 years old—have been called for army training scheduled to begin June 1, it was announced Tuesday.

In announcing the call-up, which he said would be one hundred per cent, Lt. Gen. N. N. Pronin, Chief of Administration of the General Training of the Peoples Commissariat declared, "General military training in the present period would be conducted on an even higher level than in days of war." The new program is the largest training schedule ever voted for peace-time Russia, according to the Associated Press.

THUNDER-DRAGON MEN WHISTLE AS THEY WORK

HQ., WEST CHINA RAIDERS:
 —Rear echelon members of the Thunder-Dragons fighter group in China are swinging and swaying through their details these days, thanks to a camp wired for sound and a "Music Box" maintained by three rhythm-conscious sergeants.

Convinced that his fellow Thunder-Dragons should "whistle while they work" Sgt. James A. Watt, Los Angeles, Cal., talked himself into the job of the group's music maestro. Helped by several willing hands and backed by the permission of his CO, Watts proceeded to set GI life in China to music.

The sergeant and his helpmates, Sgt. Marlin P. Otto, Lodi, Wis., and S/Sgt. Alvin C. Church, Crafton, Pa., installed a public address system in the Thunder-Dragons camp, with speaker outlets covering the entire area. Then the men took over a small



Sgt. Watt and turntable room at the end of the compound. They equipped it with "PA" amplifier, radio microphone, a rebuilt turn-table and record player and Watt's "Morale Factory" was opened for business—and pleasure.

Music, entertainment and news, picked up on the radio and re-routed through the public address system are the sergeant's main commodities. He monitors the radio in search of the best programs to send out over the area speakers, and fills in the lulls with a bit of jive churned out by the record player.

The group network also functions as an information and public service bureau. Frequently a musical program is interrupted for a special, or momentous, announcement, such as: "The laundry is in," or "No letter to-day, sorry," or, "Pvt. Joe Donkes better report to the orderly room immediately or he'll be sorry. His rotation papers just arrived."

That the sergeants' morale-elevating department has served its purpose is evident from the recent comment of one of the listeners: "I thought I'd never see the day when I could be on a GI detail and happy, too. But how can a guy be grumpy with Bob Hope or some other wise-cracker spouting humor all over the place."

Diathermy Machine From Scrap Metal

HQS. SERVICES OF SUPPLY, KUNMING—Aluminum scraps of old airplane parts have been put to many uses in China where supplies of all kinds are hard to obtain. Probably the most ingenious use yet made of this scrap



Pfc. Jack S. Castiglia, right, Chicago, explains the operation of the short-wave diathermy machine he constructed to Col. Alexsei A. Leonidov, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., commanding officer of the hospital, and Lt. Joan Landers, Waban, Mass. (Signal Corps photo).

metal was the construction of a short-wave diathermy machine at a station hospital here by Pfc. Jack S. Castiglia, Chicago, Ill.

Castiglia, whose hobby has always been building things from scrapped or junked metal, constructed the machine when a soldier friend arrived at the hospital with a partially paralyzed nerve in his left foot. Shortwave diathermy, said the doctors, would make the difference between paralysis and complete recovery. But the hospital had no equipment for this type of treatment.

Castiglia's offer to build the necessary machine received the enthusiastic support of Col. Alexsei A. Leonidov, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., hospital commanding officer.

He then contacted Col. Richard Wise, commanding officer of a Service Group, who aided in the procurement of the materials necessary to build the apparatus and Charlie Yen, Chinese civilian mathematician who rendered invaluable assistance in designing the machine.

After consultation with Lt. Joan Landers, Waban, Mass., head physical therapist at the hospital, Castiglia began his experiment, without plans or previous knowledge of the intricate machine.

The finished product is a complete success. Not only did it cure the patient for whom it was originally built, but also it is now serving as a part of the regular medical equipment of the station hospital.

Bond Show Tickets Cause Riot In KC

KANSAS CITY (ANS)—There were only 10,585 tickets available for the bond rally show and, at times that many people wanted them. The result was a riot at the Municipal Auditorium and angry buzzing all over the town last Thursday.

"We've been robbed," "Dirty deal," "Cheat, cheat," were the cries that resounded at the Auditorium.

"I know Pres. Truman and I'm going to win, I'm immediately unless get tickets," shouted one militant woman.

Tickets were for the Bob Hope show, June 4, and were to have been distributed at the Auditorium starting at 3:30 a. m. to persons who had purchased bonds in the Seventh War Bond Drive.

But people began lining up at 3:30 a. m. and by six o'clock an estimated 12,000 were in line despite the rain. In desperation, ticket office employees began doling out ducats. The last one was gone by 8:25 a. m., five minutes before the time originally set for the start.

A large throng of disappointed ticket seekers, constantly augmented by late arrivals declined to leave the Auditorium lobby, hundreds milled outside. Angry bend buyers swamped telephone switchboards, public buildings, bond headquarters and newspapers.

Trade patrons called the principals of schools where children had purchased bonds in the million dollar sale on May eighth in honor of Truman's birthday.

"The trouble" explained Earl T. Scott, chairman of the distribution committee, "was that there were 25,000 potential ticketees out. Each good for from one to four seats and less than 11,000 seats were available."

CORRESPONDENT FINDS —

A Chinese Dollar Bill Will Almost Buy A Shelled Peanut

By **ALBERT RAVENHOLT**
KUNMING, May 31 (UP)—When a friend remarked to me one evening at dinner that one Chinese dollar bill would almost buy a single shelled peanut I determined to discover how skyrocketing inflation has affected the lives of the little people in this city, which is China's gateway to India and Burma.

Though the official exchange rate remains pegged at six Chinese dollars for one rupee, black-market exchange operators on Kunming's cobble streets offer anywhere up to 260 (two hundred and sixty) Chinese dollars per rupee. The exchange rate they quote is for one hundred rupee notes which are in great demand among smugglers bringing illicit goods in from India.

(Editor's Note: One Rupee is worth approximately 5.30 in American money.)

PROFESSIONAL MEN, CLERKS COOLIES HIT HARDEST

Though the price of everything from peanuts to simple cotton cloth has climbed steadily, the Chinese professional man, clerk and coolie has suffered most from the multiplying cost of rice, his staple food. Calculated at the exchange rate of CN\$260 for one rupee, one maund of 82 pounds of fairly high quality rice costs Rs. 110.

A sampling of food prices at one of Kunming's largest markets gives a glimpse of the difficulties a Chinese professor, on a largely fixed salary, has in maintaining his family. Translated into rupees at the black-market exchange rate they read: Eggs...Rs. 2/5 for ten; Chicken...Rs. 4/9 per pound; Fish...Rs. 6/- per pound; Sugar...Rs. 4/6 per pound and flour...Rs. 2/- per pound.

RICE ALLOWANCE

In an effort to keep pace with mounting prices, Government employees and workers in larger banks and factories are paid a basic monthly wage and then either given a "rice allowance" or "Government rice"—estimated on the quantity of rice a man and his family will eat in a month. Rice for Government workers comes mainly from the land tax, which is collected in kind instead of cash, while large companies purchase stocks of rice at the same time they negotiate contracts to insure that a mounting cost of living won't wipe out their margins.

COTTON SUIT COSTS CN\$10,000

Even a Government employee, with his basic rice needs provided for, has little hope of supplying himself with anything except the barest essentials. A plain blue cotton suit, composed of trousers and coat, costs 10,000 Chinese dollars or 38 rupees at the black-market exchange rate.

It is paradoxical that though China has been blockaded from the outside world for nearly three years almost anything can be bought in the gaudy shops lining Kunming's streets—for a price.

Anyone with sufficient bundles of Chinese currency can buy a new "Omega" gold wrist watch for CN\$450,000. Silk from Shanghai, fountain pens from the United States and gold bullion in tolas from India, can all be bought over or under the counter. The wealthy who buy them crave these luxury items not so much for use but as a reserve against inflation.

For more than four years observers have repeatedly predicted collapse or at least economic chaos as a result of China's steadily accelerating inflation. Dr. T. Y. Soong, now China's Foreign Minister and president of the Executive Yuan, is quoted as having said, when asked about his country's falling currency: "It's something like the man who fell from the roof of a twenty story building. As he passed the eighth floor he remarked: 'So far, so good.'"

BUSINESS CLASS LEAST EFFECTED

The business classes and the peasants generally have suffered less from the mounting costs of living than others. As prices have climbed, so has the value of the goods they have in stock.

A rickshaw coolie laughed bitterly when I asked him how he managed to live. He pointed to a wad of notes in the leather pocket on his belt (the recent issue of 400 and 500 dollar notes has simplified large transactions in cash) and said: "Half of this goes to-night to the man who owns the rickshaw. With the rest I can buy all the rice I can eat at one meal, a dish with meat and a soup. But 'aey's', the pieces of meat are so small you can hardly find them, and the soup, it's 'boiled water'."

He, like the great majority here, somehow continues to live—but on a very narrow margin.

B-29 TOKYO RAID NETS 3 PROMINENT JAPS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (AP)—The Japanese Domei news agency broadcast a report to-day that three prominent Japanese were killed on May 26 in the American B-29 raid on Tokyo.

It listed these victims as Viscount Kikujiro Iahii, "head of Japan's diplomatic service"; Tsuneji Taniguchi, vice-governor of the Bank of Japan, and Dr. Yorozu Oda, a one-time judge of the international court at the Hague.

Release All Men Over 35, Say May

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Chairman May, D-Ky., of the House Military Affairs committee called Tuesday for the prompt discharge of all soldiers over 35 except for key personnel.

"Now that our principal enemy has surrendered unconditionally there should be a more drastic reduction in the Armed Forces than the Army has yet made," May declared in an interview.

The Army last month announced plans to discharge enlisted men over 42 and followed that action May 21 by lowering the age to 40. It said at that time that a further age-limit reduction was in prospect but that it could not be put into effect immediately without jeopardizing current operations or slowing the release of combat veterans under the newly installed point system.

MEN OVER 35 ARE MOST COSTLY TO RETAIN

The group over 35, May said, should be released as soon as possible because most of them have families and business obligations and are "the most costly to retain in the service because of the vast sums of money being allocated to dependent wives and children."

"The best figures available" May asserted, showed that between 14,000,000 and 14,500,000 men already have served in the Armed Forces during the present war, and they are still coming in at the rate of 70,000 a month."

12,100,000 IN US FORCES ON APRIL 1st

As of April 1, he said, approximately 12,100,000 persons were in "all our services" and an additional 2,000,000 to 2,400,000 have been discharged, killed or otherwise rendered ineffective for military purposes.

Col. McClure New Chief Of FATC

CHINESE TRAINING CENTER
 —Col. Stanton I. McClure, Ithaca, N. Y., has been appointed commandant of the Field Artillery Training Center, largest of the US Army schools operating under the Chinese Training Center in Yunnan Province. He succeeds Col. Garrison B. C. Overdale, Lawton, Okla., who has been transferred to the Chinese



Commandant.

Col. McClure, before his transfer to the FATC was chief of staff of CTC. He was formerly professor of military science and tactics at Cornell University. He is a graduate of George Washington University, BS 1915, ME 1916 and a member of Kappa Sigma. He also graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla.

Col. McClure is a Regular Army Field Artillery officer and before coming overseas in April 1944, saw service at Camp Adair, Oregon with the 98th Division and at Headquarters of the Army Ground Forces, War College, Washington, D. C. He also served in the Panama Canal Zone during February and March 1944. He graduated from the Ithaca High School, Kans., before entering college.

US Military Personnel Urged To Avoid Criticism In China

KUNMING—In an effort to forestall criticism of American troops in the overcrowded Kunming area an extensive campaign through unit commanders will be undertaken immediately to promote courtesy, better military appearance, and good conduct in presence of civilians.

Lt. Col. Henry C. Thomas, Washington, D.C., assistant theater provost-marshal, has outlined the aid of several staff sections of Headquarters, Services of Supply, which is entrusted with the responsibility for dealing with Chinese local and municipal authorities on matters "concerning the appearance, conduct, behavior and discipline or welfare of US Army personnel."

CUSTOMS DIFFER

Col. Douglas L. Crane, Tampa, Fla., deputy commander of SOS, at a meeting of the staff group, pointed out that American Army personnel in China are in a slightly different position than in any other country. They are guests in a very friendly country but among people having different social customs than their own. They occupy the peculiar position of ambassadors of good-will in addition to being soldiers.

"The Chinese make generalizations on the conduct of all Americans from the conduct of our troops on the streets here," said the colonel.

"Therefore, if we are to carry out our mission every American must present a clean appearance, good behavior, and gentlemanly conduct in public."

PASS LIMITATION BEING STUDIED

Unit commanders will be directed to devote more attention to recreation and educational programs among their troops so that GIs will not have to find entertainment in places and forms that lead inevitably to trouble.

It is expected that some sort of control of the number of soldiers allowed in Kunming on pass each night may be effected to prevent overcrowding and permit more enjoyment by those given passes.

Transportation will be surveyed with a view to complying with orders to restrict gasoline consumption and at the same time provide adequate mass transportation for necessary recreational purposes, compliance with curfew rules, and safety on highways.

Scarce Categories Remain In Pacific

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (ANS)—United States Army Headquarters announced this week the first of what it termed "scarce categories" in which soldiers may be retained, even though they have the required number of points for discharge from the service.

The list included various types of specialists in radio, telephone, telephoning and detection devices operation, certain specialists in cryptography, powerhouse and marine engineers, translators, interpreters and voice interceptors of the Asiatic languages.

Also on the list were surgical and medical technicians, orthopedic mechanics and acoustics technicians. The Army said the men in such categories would be offered to each Army command in the Pacific ocean areas to determine if they are needed. Should they be needed they will be transferred, but if not, they will be returned to the United States.

Other lists of scarce categories will be issued from time to time said the Army directive.

Masons Clubs To Hold Meeting This Week

KUNMING—Kwei Chu Hill, the club of American and Chinese Army officers who are Master Masons, will meet Monday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Cross Town Club.

Following dinner the group will go to nearby Hostel 14 for an entertainment program which will include a talk on "Development of Chinese Industry During War" by Mr. K. T. Kwo, assistant general manager of the Yaulung Electric Power Co., of Kunming. There will be election of a new president and other officers.

The regular monthly meeting of the Enlisted Men's Masonic Club will be held in the Hotel du Commerce on Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m. U.Sgt. Jackman, chairman, and his entertainment committee, have an interesting meeting planned. All Enlisted Men who are Masons are invited to attend.

INDIA PALS BRING PX STUFF FOR CHINA GIs

1342nd BU, CHINA—The guys who live in the hostels would like the fellows in the bushland to know they think they are plenty all right.

There may have been some arguments about the relative hazards of flying the Hump compared to transport driving in China. But the factor that has really kept the ATC on opposite sides of the Hook Pile is the bundles for China movement.

Hump crews from Valley stations have supplied men here with variety of delectables in recent months. Hardly a ship arrives from the west but has a crewman on it who has a friend here, knowing the limited PX supplies in China he brings his friend candy bars, peanuts or may be a can of fruit juice.

Base operations frequently play a part in these Santa Claus deals. If the friend is not immediately available, the gifts are left at operations to be picked up later.

It is not uncommon for a lucky pilot here to receive a whole case of beer from a pal in India. Sometimes a whole box of cookies, candy and beer are brought in with a note for a friend here:

"I just thought you might be able to use some of this . . ."

Men stationed here try to return the favors by collecting Chinese souvenirs for their friends in India.

HOLLYWOOD —and— BROADWAY

RADIO ROW: "Information Please," NBC's program of intellectual quizzing starts its eighth year on the air late this month, with regulars Franklin P. Adams, John Kieran, and master of ceremonies, Clifton Fadiman, taking the lead in stride. . . . Fred Waring's Penny band, including a new horn or two, returns to the air the beginning of June. . . .

"Truth or Consequences" has already sold a grand total of \$5,000,000 worth of 7th War Loan bonds. . . . Cigars were passed out by Fibber McGee and his wife Molly recently when they became grandparents for the first time. . . . When an autograph sign accosted W. Winchell for his signature at the coast meeting, the younger Winchell asked him: "And please put down what country you're from!"

On the way to the networks is the late Throne Smith's pixie novels concerning the private life of one Mr. Topper. "The Adventures of Topper" will feature the whimsical Roland Young. . . . Columbia Broadcasting's program called "House Party," which makes the audience do part of the work, conducted a search recently for the "audience participant with the biggest feet." . . . Latest of the hit songs comes from the Rodgers-Hammerstein musical "Carousel" is called "June Is Bustin' Out All Over," and is now being heavily plugged on the airways. . . . NBC will tell the story of the Army Airways Communication System on the Army Hour, with pickups from Hickory Wild, Honolulu, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. . . .

Betty Hutton, the blonde riot, is on the Hollywood set of "Stork Club," which is made to look like Sherman Billingsley's swank establishment in Manhattan. Miss Hutton explains the plot: "I start out as a hat-check girl and I run into Barry Fitzgerald who I think is a poor old man, but he's really lousy with dough. So when I save his life, he makes me rich and I spend it all to help my boy friend orchestra leader get famous." How else could it happen? . . . Peter Lawford, star of "Son of Lassie," will see the show reviewed in the same movie house where he used to sweep out the popcorn spillings as assistant to the chief usher.

A single chapter from Morton Thompson's book, "Joe, the Wounded Tennis Player" has been purchased by Hollywood and will be chased by a film. The chapter is called, "Louis, the Boy Who Talked with Horses," and was widely reprinted in American magazine. . . . Irving Hoffman tells of a riotous conference in which a famous book was being adapted for the screen. The script writer was fighting like a madman for a certain line of dialogue he wanted retained. After a good deal of argument back and forth, the producer flatly stated: "No—it must come out!" The writer wept, "It's the last line left from the book and I feel kinda sentimental about it."

ATC Expresses From Calcutta Speed CT's Offensive Plans

By ALBERT RAVENHOLT

KUNMING, May 31 (UP)—In an effort to meet the mounting demands of the Chinese Armies being trained south of the Yangtze River for communication and equipment, the Air Transport Command is developing a new and more direct route over the famed "Hump" from India to China.

Flying non-stop from dock-side airbases in the Calcutta area to operational fields in China, huge four-motored C-54 Sky-master transport planes have so increased the monthly tonnage being delivered in Yunnan Province as to permit a stepping up of offensive preparations in the China Theatre.

INTRICATE RADIO TRAFFIC CONTROL

The airline operation which two years ago was a make-shift route linking the Assam Valley with Kunming to-day is a broad network of interlaced aerial traffic lanes spanning Burma from Fort Hertz to Mandalay. Day and night, regardless of weather, loaded transports lumber east at assigned altitudes. Empty cargo planes return to their bases skirting the Bay of Bengal at higher altitudes, directed by an intricate radio air traffic control system which follows each plane from the time it leaves the ground until it taxis to a halt on the next field.

10,000 TONS MONTHLY FROM ONE FIELD

Figures on monthly tonnages being delivered here by air are secret but a grasp of the scale of this aerial transport operation may be gained from the fact that a single base in Bengal from where planes make the more than 900-mile flight to China, has the capacity to deliver 10,000 tons in a month over the "Hump"—the goal set for all ATC operations into China in December, 1943.

Brig-Gen. William H. Tunner's India-China Division of the ATC at present operates more than twice as many planes as all combined airlines in the United States before the war. More than fifty per cent of all the hours flown by the Air Transport Command throughout the world are flown between India and China.

TROJAN CARRIES "CHINA LANTERN" TOO

The "Trojan," a fast, high-priority freight and passenger air service from the Calcutta area to Kunming, has cut to less than five hours the time it takes to rush a vitally needed piece of equipment or an officer, on an urgent mission, to China. Each plane carries in official language "more than 10,000 pounds" of net cargo. Returning from China, the Trojan brings out medical patients being evacuated to hospitals in India and the United States, repairable aircraft engines, drivers to bring trucks in over the Stilwell Road and mail, along with other assorted cargo.

ONLY NUMBER OF PLANES LIMIT HUMP TONNAGE

Since early 1943 the bottle-neck for supplies flowing into China has been the over-burdened railway and river supply route into Assam. With the establishment of the Bengal Wing of the ATC, now under command of Col. Andrew Cannon, and the building of enormous concrete airbases that have changed the face

of eastern India, the only effective limit on the quantity of material that can be flown into China has become the number of planes and crews available and the degree of "saturation" in the air.

One of the longest transport hauls in the world was made for a time out of bases in the Calcutta area, C-54 Sky-masters, and C-109, four-engined gasoline tanker planes, rushed aviation fuel over a more than twelve hundred mile long non-stop route from the Bay of Bengal to Chengtu, in Szechuan Province.

ATC "PIPELINE TO UNCLE SUGAR"

From its Bengal bases the India-China Division of the ATC has established what they term a "pipeline" reaching all the way back to factories in the United States. Each C-54 Sky-master plane, which by pilots are termed "the airiner of the future," after a specific number of flying hours is routed back over the "pipeline" to the US for complete engine change and overhaul. Between the east coast of America and the airfields of Eastern India there is a constant flow of essential plane parts to keep the planes constantly in the air over Burma.

500,000 TONS IN 1945

Over what they term "China's aerial lifeline" the India-China Division of the Air Transport Command will move an estimated more than 500,000 tons of freight in 1945. It is an axiom that the contribution which the China Theater will make to the defeat of Japan hinges primarily on supply. In the eyes of military men here the pay-off on tonnages being lifted off the Bengal bases will come in China's eastern provinces, where the recent victory at Chihkiang was made possible primarily by a very plentiful supply of ammunition and material.

House Wrangles Over Own Pay Hike

WASHINGTON (ANS)—Republican members of the House Appropriations Committee divided in debate Tuesday over what the House should do about the \$2500 annual expense money members voted themselves. Rep. Tubor R.-N.Y., pleaded with the House to abandon tax-free expense the fund which the Senate spurned and to pass instead straight 15 per cent pay hike. But Rep. Ploeser, R.-Mo., urged members to stick to their guns and get their expenses. The senate refused to vote its own members the \$2500 a year that the House will get and came close to knocking out the House money too.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



The Wolf

by Sansone





A NEW SIXTH ARMY installation being inspected by a party which includes Maj.-Gen. R. B. McClure, commanding general US CCC; Lt.-Gen. f a US combat section of the CCC. (Signal of the New Sixth, and Col. Walter C. Phillips, commanding officer of Liao Yao-hsiang, commanding general nal Corps photo).

THEY'VE "HAD IT" —

Japan May Be Abandoning Southeast China For Possible Manchuria Stand

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH

KUNMING, May 31 (AP)—The abandonment of Nanning is authoritatively interpreted here as a sign that Japanese Imperial Headquarters has written off their entire Southeast Asia conquest as an irretrievable investment of men and material except for its pending nuisance value.

This interpretation is predicated, of course, on the idea that Japanese repositions will forbid any reopening of the Nanning passage to and from Southeast Asia.

Other changes in enemy dispositions almost as startling as the Nanning development — for example, the reported movements out of such coastal areas as the Wenchow-Swato-Foochow corridor as well as pilots reports of northward movement along the Nanning-Hengyang-Yochow corridor, suggest even that the Japanese are in progress of abandoning Southeast China.

It appears that the enemy may intend to leave only strategically small holding forces in the south, say in Canton and Hongkong, while he masses his major strength between the Yangtze and the Amur rivers for the decisive last ditch battles on the Asiatic continent.

FEAR OF RUSSIAN INTERVENTION
One cannot rule out the likelihood that the fear of Russian intervention along the Amur figured importantly in reshaping Japan's Asiatic battleplan, but an even more demonstrable factor was the prospect that Japan's corridor to Southeast Asia could not be held open against Chinese-American offensives by land sea and air when they finally were mounted in force.

In that regard, the enemy's recent Chihkiang reversal at the hands of resurgent Chinese troops, tremendously aided by Chennault's Flying artillery, may have a had profound effect on Japanese calculations. Such a strategy of general withdrawal would explain Japanese failure to commit their formidable reserves to that losing battle.

NEW SIXTH ARMY HELD IN RESERVE
It is noteworthy also that the Chinese won their battle without sending into action their new Sixth Army, their best trained and equipped outfit, which had been flown to the Chihkiang front in a unique American Air Transport operation.

When Chennault sent P-51 reconnaissance planes over Nanning last Sunday to assay the amazing report that the Japanese had yielded to slight Chinese pressure there and pulled out, friendly waves of welcome from townspeople and Chinese soldiers, as seen by pilots, were visible results of one of the more drastic shifts in enemy strategy since the beginning of the war.

200,000 JAPS ABANDONED
In abandonment of Nanning, the Japanese permitted the overland door to be slammed against perhaps 200,000 troops spread over Malaya, Thailand, French Indo-China, and parts of Burma whose only hope of withdrawal to any China citadel lay in the retention of the Nanning gateway from Indo-China into Southeast China. Hundreds of American sea-sweeping planes have already forbidden any major withdrawal by sea.

At seven o'clock Saturday night, the Chinese who had driven into the town reported it deserted by the enemy. The Chinese entered in force on Sunday. The Japanese were moving north and east toward Luchow.

Monday the first Fourteenth Air Force plane, a light liaison-type that didn't need much space, landed on the Nanning airstrip, which hadn't been repaired since the Fourteenth blew it up and burned and abandoned the base last

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When the Japanese lost their bid for the Chihkiang airbase and staging center for ground support of Chinese armies, they may have been convinced it was time to save what could be saved out of Southeast China before those forces were cut off by a Chinese intercepting drive eastward, say on Hengyang.

If later developments bear out this apparent trend in Japanese strategy, it would seem that the enemy is virtually inviting the long-heralded American amphibious offensive against the Southeast China coast. He may be preparing at the same time for a fight to the finish not there, with their communications extended, but rather consolidated in north China against the Americans and Chinese or possibly in Manchuria against the Russians.

JAPS WITHDRAWING INTO NORTH CHINA
Many signs point to an enemy withdrawal into a north China citadel in one of his last gasps for the initiative.

Chennault, who is not a source of other interpretive comment in this dispatch apply phrased his immediate reaction to the Japanese abandonment of Nanning: "It looks like they think there's a three-ball alert on in Manchuria." (Three-ball alert in China airbase terminology is an urgent alarm against imminent attack.)

Other duties of the liaison teams includes giving ground signals, and talking over radiophone to flyers in order to adjust their positions for the utmost accuracy.

The teams work in positions very close to the actual fighting lines. In one instance in the Hunan battle, the team members thought they were 80 yards from the Japanese — but suddenly found that they were only 15 yards from the enemy and suffered an attack by hand grenades.

JAP TRICKY — BUT NOT ENOUGH
To offset this organization, the Japanese gave American type signals to trick the flyers into bombing the Chinese, but that was found out before any damage was done. The Japanese were also able to use some English speaking men to try and give false directions over the radio to the planes overhead. But this was later prevented by installing American radios with a special crystal control the frequency of which the Japanese could not reach.

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"THE AMERICAN CHINESE"—

ATC Lifts New Sixth Army Over 'Hump' To Chihkiang

By ALBERT RAVENHOLT

HQ. US CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND, KUNMING, May 31 (UP)—The Chinese New Sixth Army, veterans of the North Burma Campaign who were ferried to China last December by the Air Transport Command, were flown into the airbase for the critical Hengyang battle in one of the most unique military movements of this war, Maj. Gen. Robert B. McClure, commanding the US Chinese Combat Command revealed in an interview here.

Though the New Sixth Army, which was trained and equipped by Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell in India, did not fire a single shot in the critical battle for the 14th Air Force Base of Chihkiang, Gen. McClure said, they were "An ace in the hole" and the manner in which they were shifted into China and then shuttled to a critical area is significant for future operations.

Air-Ground Liason Tops At Chihkiang

CHUNGKING, May 31 (UP)—In the recent battle in Hunan, the air-ground liason of the Fourteenth Air Force was developed to perfection — which was one of the major factors frustrating the Japanese onslaught toward the American airbase at Chihkiang. The stopping of the Japanese drive in this direction was the first time throughout the past year that the fall of an American airbase under Japanese attack was prevented. During the course of last year, no less than a dozen essential American airbases in China were lost as a result of deliberate campaigns on the part of the Japanese to capture them.

US AIR-GROUND LIASON BEGAN AT CHANGTUNG
Maj. Roy M. Herrick, control officer for all Fourteenth Air Force air-ground liason teams in the Hunan area, said that the air-ground liason — handled by members of the Fourteenth Air Force themselves — began only a year and a half ago at the battle of Changtung, west of lake Tungting.

In this operation, the Fourteenth merely sent a few men with the Chinese forces to talk to the planes flying over the city and to direct them to the targets. Up to last year in the battles in Burma and Kwangsi provinces, the Fourteenth Air Force mainly depended upon Chinese units on the ground for directions to the targets. They also depended upon Chinese army intelligence as to where to strafe and bomb. As intelligence message transmission was slow, those aerial attacks were not efficient.

In the April-May battle in Hunan this year, the air force's own air-ground liason teams were placed in strategic positions around the frontlines. The actual number of teams cannot be revealed because of security, but there are enough teams to ensure most efficient possible strafing and bombing to make the Japs run for their lives or die.

Maj. Herrick said all teams are organized according to regulations. Each team consists of one officer, two enlisted men who are radio operators, all Americans, and one Chinese interpreter.

UP-TO-THE MINUTE INFO ON JAP POSITIONS
Thus instead of bombing and strafing positions where the Japanese were reported 48 hours ago in the case in the battle in Kwangsi last year, liason teams provide reports regarding Japanese positions to the base within five minutes by radio. Planes may be over the target area within 30 minutes.

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Gen. Liao Yao-hsiang's New Sixth Army, containing the veteran 22nd division which walked out of Burma with Gen. Stilwell in 1942, and the 14th division which was shifted by air to India for training in the spring of 1942, was rushed by transport planes from airfields in Northern Burma to bases in China to meet the critical Japanese thrust to Kweiyang last winter.

The New Sixth Army was flown then and now again complete with horses and mules, hospital equipment and some artillery to meet the emergency. Under the direction of American liason officers assigned to each Chinese unit down to the regiment, working in close cooperation with the ATC, each Chinese unit was allotted a certain number of planes and lifted complete even with their kitchens back over the "Hump" to their homeland which some had not seen since they began the long march to Burma in January of 1942.

The victory at Chihkiang, Gen. McClure emphasized, was won by regular Chinese troops of Gen. Wang Yao-sui's Field Army, most of whom had been regularly stationed in Hunan Province. They were supported by the troops of Gen. Tang En-po and supplied in a large measure by the American Army, especially during their critical counter-attack.

CCC TRAINED AND EQUIPPED
US liason officers and men of the Chinese Combat Command, the American ground army command which is set up as a parallel organization to the Chinese Armies south of the Yangtze River, have been training and equipping these Chinese troops in Hunan Province for six months.

When the Japanese drive began, these Americans went into action in the field and advised their respective Chinese Commanders on tactics.

The General stated this, perhaps first movement of a complete ground army by air had a very definite effect upon the tide of battle. The Japanese were unwilling to commit their limited reserve if there was no assurance of being able to destroy one of the best single armed forces in China.

When the civilians of the Chihkiang area saw the soldiers of the New Sixth Army, many of whom are natives of Hunan province, landing and moving in behind the front, they almost immediately turned and trudged back toward their homes.

The peasants called the cocky, well-fed, helmeted soldiers of the New Sixth Army who contrasted so sharply to the under-nourished troops they were accustomed to, "The American-Chinese."

The New Sixth Army Gen. McClure concluded, remains fresh and available for an offensive as are other units of similar type.

CHIHKIANG VICTORY HAILED BY WEDEMEYER

KUNMING, May 31 (UP)—Lt.-Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, commanding general, USFC, said at a recent press conference that the most difficult part of the battle for Chihkiang was over and that the "Japanese have definitely been stopped."

Gen. Wedemeyer said that in the fighting for the Fourteenth Air Force base, "for the first time air and ground forces really cooperated. The Jap commanders made no major mistakes and full credit for the victory should go to the Chinese ground forces. The situation in the Chihkiang area is very favorable for the Allied cause and portends a better future for the China Theater."



RIFLE SIGHTING is an integral part of training for Chinese troops as it is for American troops. Brig.-Gen. Henry A. Barber, Jr., deputy commander of the Chinese Combat Command smiles encouragingly upon a Chinese soldier learning marksmanship with the aid of a sighting device. (Signal Corps photo.)



ON THE MARCH AGAIN—Sino American co-operation was demonstrated late last year in the successful Salween campaign to reopen the Burma Road. Flags of both nations led the procession in Lungling, ancient city on the Road from which the Japs were driven by Chinese troops. Now these proud Symbols of Democracy are on the march again in China. (Signal Corps photo.)

CHINESE GUERRILLAS HAMPER—

Japs Struggling To Secure Grip On Corridor In Hunan

By GEORGE WANG

CHUNGKING, May 31 (UP)—After touring areas in Japan's continental corridor in Hunan province, I have obtained reliable information that the Japanese are strengthening their garrisons there, attempting a desperate grip on the corridor against:

- 1.) Constant attacks by the Fourteenth Air Force.
- 2.) Constant raids by Chinese guerrillas dispatched and supplied regularly by the Chinese army.
- 3.) A potential Chinese attack on the Hunan and Kwangsi sections of the corridor by the newly victorious Chinese field forces which are eager to continue their fight to cut Japan's mainland lifeline.

to Japanese arsenals to be used as scrap iron.

ROUND-THE-CLOCK US AIR RAIDS

The Fourteenth Airforce is raiding the corridor both day and night and even on moonless nights. Flyers report they see no movement along the highways and railways of the corridor during the daytime. Because of their harassing sorties, the corridor in the daytime appears deserted.

JAP ENGINEER REINFORCEMENTS REPAIR BRIDGES

I received information that the Japanese have reinforced their engineering units along the corridor to repair bridges and other installations which are constantly being destroyed by the Fourteenth Air Force. These units are from less-threatened parts of occupied China such as the lower Yangtze. They have now been moved to Hunan and Kwangsi provinces to guard bridges and locomotives.

It is a well-known fact that the Japanese are able to repair a damaged bridge overnight and a destroyed bridge in a couple of days. Engineering units are also busy repairing damaged locomotives. However, destroyed locomotives are usually quickly removed



GENERAL CONVERSATION—Lt. Gen. Liao-hsiang, commanding general of the New Chinese Sixth Army, explains a tactical maneuver to Maj. Gen. R. B. McClure, commanding general US CCC, during a training demonstration by Chinese troops at an installation somewhere in Free China. (Signal Corps photo.)

US RIFLES TO REPLACE 'CAVE WEAPONS' USED ON CHIHKIANG FRONT

CHUNGKING, May 31 (UP)—According to information from the Hunan front, native-made Chinese rifles, generally known as "Generalissimo rifles" in large numbers played a major part in defeating the Jap drive toward the American air force base at Chihkiang. "Generalissimo rifles", produced in mountain cave arsenals in west China are the favorite weapon of the Chinese soldiers.

American Thompson light machine-guns, which are distributed in smaller numbers than the "Generalissimo rifles" are also favorites of the Chinese on the Hunan front.

The US Chinese Combat Command is engaged in a busy program of training and re-equipping the Chinese Forces and will soon equip every individual Chinese soldier with American rifles of a type more efficient than the "Generalissimo rifles", and a larger number of Thompsons will be delivered to the Chinese forces.

In future battles on China's mainland, the Japs will be confronted with weapons much more powerful than the "Generalissimo rifles" which defeated them this time.

GI Trucks Rolling Into Free China

CHUNGKING, May 31 (UP)—New 6 x 6 trucks, weapons carriers, trailers and jeeps, over a thousand in number, have been brought in over the Stilwell Road since its opening last January 19. They have reached all parts of Free China, turning American gasoline which is constantly flowing in via the world's longest pipeline—the India-China pipeline. While the exact four figure number of new American vehicles brought in over the Road during the past four months and a week cannot be revealed, it may be said that the total number brought in thus far already exceeds the total number of "useable" motor vehicles Free China had during her blockaded days.

TWO TYPES OF TRUCKS IN CHINA NOW

Everywhere in Free China one sees two entirely different kinds of trucks. Old, obsolete, pre-Pearl Harbor trucks, installed with charcoal burners and alcohol burners, usually breaking down every few miles along China's zigzag mountain roads, over-loaded, coughing and droning loudly like an old horse carrying 200 pounds uphill. They give Chinese mechanics and drivers constant trouble and require hourly repair on the roads.

The other kind are the new American trucks, strong, tough, never overloaded and seldom breaking down and very often driven by GIs because the training of Chinese drivers is not fast enough to handle the ever-increasing number of new vehicles.

NEW TRUCKS NORTH OF YANGTSE RIVER

An American general in China recently pointed to the Tungting lake area on a map when asked how far the new trucks reached in south China. The Minister of Communications, Lt. Gen. Yu-feipeng, in Chungking announced that a "small portion of the first allotment of new trucks has actually been received in the north."

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PHYSICALLY FIT, and to prove it these troops of a Chinese division recently put on an exhibition for Gen. Ho Ying-chin, supreme commander of all Chinese Armies, and Maj. Gen. R. B. McClure, commanding general of the US Chinese Combat Command. (Signal Corps photo.)

FIRST TIME IN CHINA—

GI Portable Field Hospitals Aid Chinese On Hunan Front

CHUNGKING, May 31 (UP)—For the first time in China, American portable field hospitals were put into full operation on the Hunan front with American GIs evacuating Chinese wounded from the battlelines in American trucks.

Col. Paul G. Hansen, Cleveland, Ohio, surgeon in command of three portable surgical hospitals has divided the units into six stations operating at different locations behind the lines, providing soldiers with the best medical care in eight years of China's war.

AMMO UP—WOUNDED SOLDIERS REARWARD

GIs operating with the units are doing dual service, hauling ammunition forward in jeeps, weapons-carriers, 6 x 6 trucks and trailers and removing the wounded to the rear on the return journeys.

From the start of the Japanese drive on the Hunan front, roughly 50 days ago to the present, at least 3,000 wounded have been evacuated by trucks to field hospitals. Some GIs who never drove trucks before took over the task after only 30 minutes training and did the job well, wheeling heavy vehicles over zigzag roads through 5,000

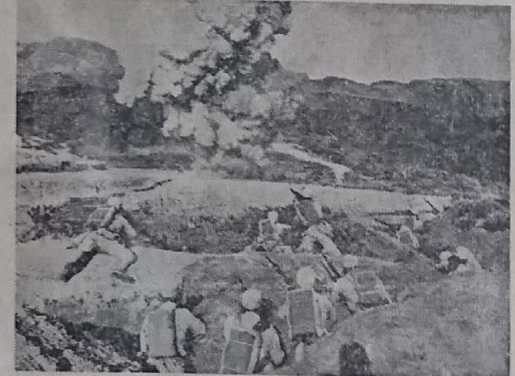
foot mountains without an accident.

NEW TRUCKS BEING USED

One morning ten 6 x 6 trucks loaded approximately 300 wounded men at a portable hospital to be taken rearward for better care. Minor wounds and some serious cases waited perhaps half an hour before the trucks passed. GIs helped to carry stretchers for litter cases. The wounded, going rearward, all seemed happy and confident of the American medical aid. In teahouses on the front, Chinese soldiers are after heard saying "we have American doctors, hospitals, medicines, and American soldiers" helping to evacuate the wounded."

The trucks employed on the Hunan front are new to China since they were recently brought in over the Stilwell road. This means that the impact of the Stilwell road is already being felt on the Hunan front.

Fairmont, Minn. (CNS)—A couple of adventure-loving 15-year-olds swiped a plane in this town, flew it to Jewell, Iowa, cracked it up there, then hiked the 158 miles back home. Neither had ever flown a plane before.



WELL EQUIPPED, WELL TRAINED, Chinese are on the offensive again. This picture shows Chinese troops crouched in a trench along the Salween River front in southern Yunnan Province where they hurled back a Japanese offensive.



TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT of the New Sixth Chinese Army being reviewed by Maj. Gen. R. B. McClure, Lt. Gen. Liao Lao-hsiang and Col. W. C. Phillips. (Signal Corps photo.)

Four Track Marks Shattered At Inter-Allied Cinder Meet

KUNMING—Betting four former track and field champions under ideal weather conditions the American team piled up a total of 744 points, to 144 for the Chinese endermen, to sweep the second annual Chinese-American Track Meet last Sunday, May 27, at the Yunnan Provincial Stadium.

Military necessity prevented the appearance of a considerable number of the Chinese Army entrants leading to the lopsided American triumph, in sharp contrast to last year's meet which was close all the way and only the Americans superiority in the field events led to the margin of victory.

Despite the fact that the Inter-Allied meet drew only a small contingent of Chinese competitors, the spectators were rewarded with some stellar performances as the track marks for the 220 yard dash, 880-yard run, the broad jump and the discus throw were shattered during the afternoon events.

Pfc. Duane Paulsgrove forged ahead in a blanket finish in the 220-yard sprint to set a new mark of 33.7 seconds for the distance; Pfc. John Lynch retained his half mile crown and lowered the mark four seconds by galloping over the distance in 1:55.1; Capt. Dick Ganslen, jumped 20 feet, 11 3/4 inches in the broad jump, and Capt. Melvin M. Syivan, former Univ. of Mich discus star, making his first appearance in the China meet, hurled the platter 144 feet, 1 inch for the other field mark.

Pfc. Lewis Bass, ATO work-horse who places consistently in the sprint events, runs the relays and competes in the broad jump, tied the 100-yard-dash mark of 30.6 seconds set two weeks ago by his teammate Pfc. Arveln Goodman, and the American 440-yard relay team the old standard of 49 seconds for that event.

FOUR YARD RELAY: Capt. Dick Ganslen (Am) 12.6; C.P. Wei (Ch) 10.9; Pfc. Robert Rhode (Am) 10.6.

HIGH JUMP: Lt. William Taylor (Am) 59 3/4"; Pfc. Robert Rhodes (Am) 55"; C.P. Wei (Ch) and Pvt. Calvin Harsh (Am) tied for third at 57".

SHOT PUT: W/O Joseph Bressler (Am) 49.6"; Pfc. Jack Abeltin (Am) 47.3"; Capt. Melvin Syivan (Am) 47.3".

ONE MILE RUN: Pfc. John Lynch (Am) 5:09.1; T. K. Lee (Ch) second; T. H. Wang (Ch) third.

440-YARD RUN: Lt. William Wyatt (Am) 57.8; Corp. Irving Wood (Am) second; Sgt. Donald Stratton (Am) third.

100-YARD DASH: Pfc. Lewis Bass (Am) 10.6; Pvt. Arveln Goodman (Am) second; Pfc. Duane Paulsgrove (Am) third.

440-YARD RUN: Pfc. John Lynch (Am) 2:05.1; Pfc. Francis Ferro (Am) second; S. K. Lee (Ch) third.

DISCUS THROW: Capt. Melvin Syivan (Am) 144.1"; W/O Joseph Bressler (Am) 142.9"; S/Sgt. Mel Maccaus (Am) 124.7".

220-YARD DASH: Pfc. Duane Paulsgrove (Am) 23.7"; Pfc. Lewis Bass (Am) second; Sgt. R. Spradling (Am) third.

BROAD JUMP: Capt. Dick Ganslen (Am) 20'11 3/4"; Jimmy Mao (Ch) 20'9"; Capt. Albert Parr (Am) 19'6".

440-YARD SPRINT RELAY: Won by

UNENTERED HORSE WINS OPENER AT JAMAICA

NEW YORK (ANS)—Jamaica racetrack stewards announced that the horse which won the opening race when racing was resumed there last Monday was not Easy Spell, which paid-off at 555 for 2, but Grandpa Max which was not even entered. Investigation disclosed that Grandpa Max was saddled instead of Easy Spell by mistake, and because it was an honest error no penalty would be levied against either the owner or the trainer.

Signal Ten Socks 'Brass Hats' 20-4

Scattering 16 hits to all corners of the diamond, the Signalers trounced the General Staff School 20 Saturday afternoon at the Losora field, to win the first of a three-game series for the APO 671 SOS softball championship.

The Signalers built up a 16-0 lead going into the last half of the sixth inning before the 'brass' segregation could solve the slants of Fireball Phil Knight, and combined six hits in the last two stanzas for four runs.

Gene Claxton was the big stick for the Signalers, belting a double, triple and a home run to drive seven runs across the plate and score four times himself. Schor, General Staffer himself-sacker, led the losers with two hits.

The two teams will meet in the second game of the series on Saturday afternoon, June 2.

THE BOXSCORERS—

SIGNALERS		GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL	
Beretta 2b.	3 1 2	Shallington	3 0 0
Martowski	2 1 2	Punise Jr.	2 0 1
2b.	2 1 2	Alexander cf.	2 1 0
2b.	2 1 2	Schor 2b.	3 1 2
Brakes 3b.	2 1 2	Craigin 3b.	3 1 1
Jennings lf.	3 3 3	Wizake 3b.	2 0 1
Sadowski 3b.	4 3 1	Gearle cf.	4 3 2
Wizake 3b.	2 0 1	Barckes lf.	3 0 1
Gearle cf.	4 3 2	Whitehead c.	3 1 1
Zuriface cal.	3 0 0	Senmat ss.	2 0 1
Punise Jr.	3 1 1	Lee-sp.	2 0 1
Brennan cf.	4 1 0		
Knight pt.	4 0 2		
	38 20 16		27 4 9

TOLEDO MUDHENS HAND GREAT-LAKES FIRST LOSS

GREAT LAKES, ILL. (ANS)—The Toledo Mudhens of the American Association handed the Great Lakes Blue Jays their first defeat of the season, 5-2, on four hits Monday.

All Toledo hits and runs came off Bob Feller in the fifth inning as Denny Galehouse who relieved him allowed no hits in the last four innings. The Jays got ten hits but could only score two runs in the eighth as four doubleplays nipped the navy rallies.

The American team of Pfc. Duane Paulsgrove, Pfc. John Discepulo, Pfc. Horace Carroll and Pfc. Lewis Bass. Time: 49".

*New Record

—Sgt. Charles Leong.



VAULTING 12' 6" Capt. Richard B. Ganslen, Red Bank, N.J., OOC entry at the Chinese-American track meet at the Yunnan Provincial Stadium, won top honors in this event for his team. A former Columbia University track star, his 14' 6" vault won him the National Collegiate championship in 1939. (Signal Corps photo).

SPORTS SHORTS

Joe Louis, has his eyes on a postwar championship bout with Billy Conn but "right now the army is my manager so I guess I'll have to wait until this thing is all over," he said. Joe was at Edmondston to referee the Army Airforce Alaska division boxing tournament.

Red Ruffing, former Yankee pitching luminary, saw team play for the first time Saturday since he was inducted into the army two and a half years ago. Ruffing who has been transferred to a camp near New York is 46 years old, and there is a possibility he may be released from the Army in time to do some pitching this summer.

Lou Nova came off the floor Saturday night to KO Johnny DeShazo of Indianapolis in the sixth round of a scheduled ten rounder.

The Army beat the Navy in their annual baseball game, 7-2, the Cadets taking their fourteenth straight win without a loss.

Washington state announced the resignation of Football Coach Babe Hollingberry who had been with the school since 1926. Phil Sorboe, Tacoma high school coach, is his successor.

The Texas Aggies signed Homer Norton to a new five-year contract as grid coach.

Ray Robinson will probably meet Jimmy McDaniels at the Garden June 15 and later face Freddie Cochrane in a welterweight title bout.

Lt. Frank Leahy, Notre Dame director of athletics and football coach on leave for the duration, is slated to be grid coach at St. Mary's preflight this fall.

Michigan has announced a 10-game football schedule for 1945 including games with the Army and Navy at New York and Baltimore respectively.

Pres. Ford Frick fined Manager Leo Durocher of the Dodgers \$75 for using "profane and violent language" in his dispute with Umpire Bill Stewart during Sunday's doubleheader with the Cubs.

Manager Leo Durocher of the Dodgers is off the active player list, thereby booting a chance to earn a \$1,000 bonus which Deacon Rickey offered if he played 15 complete games. Leo the lap played the opening game and removed himself in the second game of the season for pinch-hitter that being the total extent of his activity.

Eddie Miller, Cincinnati shortstop out since the season opening with a busted kneecap, reported ready to play this week and then was named a holdout when the Reds refused to meet the terms.

undergo tremendous slaughter by air attacks.

CHENNALAEMEN FRUSTRATED JAP MOVEMENT

Any substantial movement by rail certainly by the time it reached northern Indo-China or China, would have been a sitting duck target for Chennalaem's fighters and bombers, even if railways could have been kept in operation which would have been close to impossible. The Japanese would have been subjected to even greater airborne punishment than is now being laid on along the Peiping-Hankow line.

The Fourteenth Air Force's attacks on Southeast China communications, even before the Chikiang victory, had reduced rail movements to a futile passage of a few flange-wheeled trucks. Trucking was restricted to sneaking nocturnal operations and even then the convoys were exposed great danger from nightflying B-25 intruders.

It has been clearly demonstrated as the enemy undoubtedly recognized, that delayary would march with any attempt to pull out of Southeast Asia. Withdrawal from Southeast China likewise has its frightful hazards, as forthcoming communications of the Fourteenth Air Force undoubtedly will show, but something may be saved at last.

SUPPLY SOURCE ELIMINATED

Thus the Japanese over-extension into Southeast Asia and even into Southeast China is now being turned to the Allies' favor. With Nanning gone, even the trickle of supplies that once reached South-

Nelson, Snead Tie For Golf 'Crown'

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (ANS)—Byron Nelson, in the finishing form that made him the game's leading money winner shot through the rain and mud Sunday to defeat Jimmy Snead four and three to gain a standard in their 72-hole special match for the unofficial world's title.

The match was played under miserable conditions, and Nelson won it by a wider margin than Snead did Saturday in the medal play.

Leading from the start Nelson wound it up on the 18th hole of the afternoon round his 23 hole total, was 128, three under par compared to Snead's 123.

Thus the man who had won the most of the golf's feature tournaments the past winter finished where they started with neither holding the advantage. No provision had been made for the playoff in the event they finished in a tie, so there was no way of awarding either man the title although Nelson's decisive edge today gave him the edge in the two day's play.

Night Baseball Worries McPhail

NEW YORK (ANS)—Last Thursday, after introducing night baseball to the major leagues ten years ago Larry McPhail was "extremely concerned over the unanticipated growth of the after-dark phase of sport."

"Unintended night baseball as we now have it in both leagues defeats itself. Not only that, but it is likely to ruin the attendance at day games. I have always believed that seven games at night at home is enough for each club," McPhail said.

Japan May Be . . .

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there is one trackload of scouring troops.

The guerrillas place themselves at a strategic point along the route and as soon as the convoys arrive they hit the leading truck in order to halt the whole column. Sometimes the scorching battle may last as long as two hours and 200 Japs may be killed. The battle may end with the convoys and supplies being captured as the Japanese see.

CHINESE GUERRILLAS ACTIVE EVERY NIGHT

These scores of guerrilla squads placed along the corridor came in Hunan province make such raids every night and sleep only after 5 a.m. and following lunch. After that they tarry in their portable battery radio sets to get broadcast news from San Francisco, New Delhi, and Chungking.

After seriously defeating the Japs in the recent Hunan battle, the victorious Chinese forces is fully prepared and obviously capable to chase the Japanese to Foching.

If and when the corridor is null in two, the long Japanese serpent with its head in Manchuria and tail in Singapore will be cut in the waist.

GI Trucks

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west," referring to the northwestern provinces of Free China far north of the Yangtze River.

A number of the new trucks have already made their usefulness felt in the April-May battle in west Hunan. Driving along the scenic roads beside Hunan's placid rivers and pine-covered mountains, the new trucks rushed weapons, ammunition and gasoline to front-line troops and brought back wounded men on return journeys. The GIs driving these vehicles make it a relief to return the salute with the right thumb up of the Chinese peasants saying "ding hao."

Answer to Cross-word Puzzle.

2	A	R	E	A	R	I	S	E		
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14	S	L	A	V	E	R	R	O	N	A
15	S	L	A	V	E	R	R	O	N	A

Japs Struggling . . .

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November 19 as the last of their central line of airfields was lost to the Japanese bisection drive through Southeast China last year. Indeed, the enemy because of his waning airpower and the Fourteenth's watchful suppressive actions, never succeeded in bringing to full operational status any of 13 bases captured in Southeast China between June 24 and January 30 of this year. At most they served for fly-by-night staging stops.

INVITATION TO COAST INVASION

Thus Japan's offensive from Yochow through Changsha, Hengyang and Kweilin to link up with forces from Canton at Nanning and Luchow was, in the light of latest developments, no more than a colossal distraction of force, although it was to be explained at the time as principally the laying of an overland supply line to Southeast Asia.

If the Japanese Southeast China withdrawal continues, it will thus amount to an invitation, not only for a landing on the China coast, but also for the recovery, one by one, of lost airbases.

Before Nanning, and other newly reported enemy withdrawals in Southeast Asia and China, amateur as well as professional strategists heretofore thought the Japanese sought to the last to keep the corridor open for the retreat of their Southeast Asia troops, even if it had failed

as a supply route, but this row seems to have been a loose sort of analysis.

Yet, of necessity it was this concept that inspired the bulk of American assistance to Chinese ground forces in supply, equipment, training under the US Army's Chinese combat command which came to first fruition in the recent Chikiang victory. By the time a fullscale Chinese offensive is possible, the Japanese may no longer be in Southeast China. Of course, they can be pursued.

ENEMY MANEUVER COMPLETE FAILURE

With the sharpened perception that often comes after the fact, it is easy to recognize the harsh military logic of the enemy's liquidation decision, which seems to have been based on the conclusion that troops in Southeast Asia would be at best a battered military asset, next to worthless, when finally consolidated with other forces in China.

Moreover, the operation would have consumed precious months. Disregarding the time factor, the withdrawal would have had to be one of those rare operations that become textbook demerits of military perfection. Many hundreds of miles would have had to be covered afoot at the sacrifice of heavy equipment.

All the cards were stacked against it. Men would have perished from disease and hunger; they would have been vulnerable to flanking assaults by Chinese regulars and guerrillas, but above all, they would have been forced

Oklahoma Bows Out With Benefit Shows

KUNMING—In a fitting gesture of Chinese-American friendship, one of the two final performances of "Oklahoma," the musical hit which has enchanted as well as entertained thousands of GIs in this area, was given last Thursday night before a packed Chinese audience at the Nanping Theater in Kunming for the benefit of the Chinese Soldiers' Field Hospital and Kunming Orphanage.

It was a gala as well as purposeful evening, with an appreciative first night audience composed of prominent Chinese civic and military representatives, as well as other Allied dignitaries. Although most of the audience through the movies are familiar with American musicals, this was the first "live" song-and-dance show for them. The colorful Western costumes were particularly impressive to them.

The two benefit performances were sponsored by the Kunming Women's Organization under the chairmanship of Madame Yun Lung, wife of General Yun Lung, governor of Yunnan Province.

With the benefit tickets prices scaled at 1000, 2000, and 3000 CN each, the proceeds for the orphanage and hospital are estimated to be about 4,000,000 CN for the two nights' stand.

Last Friday, May 25, was the final performance of the Base Special Service production of "Oklahoma." Originally scheduled for 2 performances at the Hangar Playhouse, its cast and staff of 50 persons, all volunteers from 15 organizations in China have played 21 "encores" performances.

Success Of Oklahoma Prompts More Shows

AIR BASE, APO 637—Entertainment hungry soldiers in the Air Base, APO 627 soon will be served more solid theatrical fare, the Base Special Service, Entertainment Unit, announced with two long-run Broadway comedy hits set for production.

First on the schedule is "Room Service" a farce whose success was proven with a two-year Broadway run and two movies adapted from it. It is a three-act comedy concerning a playwright in search of a producer. Auditions for parts for interested actors and actresses were scheduled for Monday and Tuesday nights, 7:30, May 28 and 29 at the Base Special Service library, but those with experience may still audition for several openings.

Second laugh hit, to follow "Room Service" will be "The Man Who Came To Dinner," authored by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart especially for the late Alexander Woolcott, nationally loved writer and raconteur. Try-outs for "The Man" were held the same time as for "Room Service."

Opening date for "Room Service" is set for late June.

Red Cross Opens New EM Club At Kweiyang

KWEIYANG, CHINA—The American Red Cross opened a new club here which GI visitors this week described as one of the most beautiful and best equipped in the China Burma India area.

Brig-Gen. Frederic W. Boye, commanding general of the Central Command Chinese Combat Command, officially turned the new club over to enlisted men at a formal ceremony Thursday, May 10. S/Sgt. Emil William Prandsen, Groton-on-the-Hudson, N.Y., chairman of the club's Enlisted Men's Committee accepted the key to the club from Gen. Boye.

Comprising three large buildings and as many landscaped courtyards, the club's attractions will include a 25-bed hostel for use by soldiers in Kweiyang on passes from outlying areas.

Also promising to win favor are the club's six equipped photographic darkrooms, lounge rooms, library, snack bar and craftsmanship studio.

Miss Flora Counts, of Newport, Vt., who headed similar clubs in India and at Kunming, is the club director. Other staff members are Mrs. Esther Conlin, of Rochester, N.Y., assistant director; Mrs. Gladys Wavick, of Harrisburg, Pa., program director; and Miss Betty Quick, of Watertown, N.Y., staff assistant. Twenty Chinese girls are acting as hostesses.

The club was first opened to visitors Sunday, May 6, although the extensive remodeling operations were still incomplete. Officers were invited to inspect the club during the first five days but after the formal opening the unit was reserved exclusively for enlisted men.



BRIG-GEN. MERVIN E. GROSS, acting chief of staff, USF CT, congratulates Mrs. Naomi Thompson, director of the New American Red Cross Club in Chungking. The new club was dedicated on May 21. (Signal Corps photo).

New ARC Club Opened For Chungking Area

CHUNGKING, May 31—The new American Red Cross club for the enlisted men of the Chungking area opened its doors recently to a crowd of enthusiastic GIs who took one look at its spacious lounge, its game rooms and its snack bar, and promptly dubbed it strictly stateside.

Brig-Gen. Mervin E. Gross, Acting Chief of Staff to Lt-Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, figuratively threw out the first doughnut, presenting the club to service personnel of the China Theater on behalf of Gen. Wedemeyer. Gen. Wedemeyer also sent two gifts for the new club, a leather-bound guest registration book and a Chinese scroll.

Miss Mimi Buescher, Columbia, Mo., Red Cross staff assistant, arranged a dedicatory program which included everything from Gen. Gross's speech to free ice cream and cake and an extensive collection of first-class entertainment.

Pvt. Alexander F. Korotsky, Jamaica, L.I., M.C.'d the program. Miss Jean Bowyer, Abilene, Tex., of the Red Cross, gave the new club a name, and the club director, Mrs. Naomi Thompson of Washington, Pa., thanked everyone for their aid in the construction of the new club—located in the Chiu Ching Middle School—and threw in an extra plug for the Air Transport Command, which brought in a lot of necessary materials.

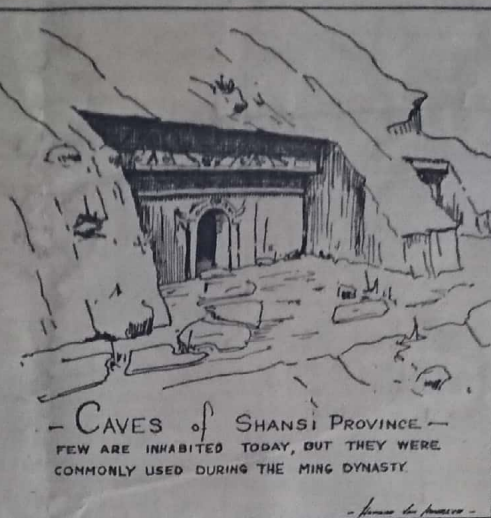
Sgt. Paul Schommer, Chadron, Neb., and S/Sgt. Milford Phillips, Baltimore, Md., stopped the show with a jitterbug number, with Schommer dressed as a country belle, with all accessories. The Ambassadors, a 12-man glee club led by Pfc. Joseph Leiniger, Cleveland, Ohio, presented fifteen minutes of harmony, and Tony Apicella and his orchestra furnished the musical background for the evening, tossing in a couple of top-flight numbers of their own.

Sgt. Schommer and Chief Yeoman Jimmie (ex) Sward of Jacksonville, Fla., representing the enlisted men of the Army and the Navy, accepted the registration book and scroll from Gen. Gross. Sgt. Charles Blair, Janesville, Wis.; Pfc. Leonard Upham of Providence, R. I., and P/Mic Ansel Smith of Denver, Colo., took part in skits presented during the program.



AH. SPRING—T/Sgt. Paul Schommer, Chadron, Neb. and S/Sgt. Milford Phillips, Baltimore, Md., provided one of the high spots on the GI show staged for the opening of Chungking's new American Red Cross Club. (Signal Corps photo).

INES ON CHINA by VanHeuklyn



CAVES of SHANSI PROVINCE—FEW ARE INHABITED TODAY, BUT THEY WERE COMMONLY USED DURING THE MING DYNASTY.

HAPPY HOLLYWOOD ENDING — "China's Robert Taylor" Freed From Prison; Traitorous Producer Captured

CHUNGKING, May 31 (UP)—The dramatic arrest of China's leading traitorous movie-producer and the final release after five years of illegal imprisonment of one of China's leading movie actors, thrilled movie fans throughout Free and occupied China.

Chao-tan, who has been known as "China's Robert Taylor" for the past 15-years went to Sinkiang, China's far-northwestern province, in 1939 on the invitation of despotic Gov. Sheng Shih-tei, together with a number of other Chinese intellectuals to modernize the backward province. Somehow they displeased Gov. Sheng and were thrown in prison for the past five years.

Gov. Sheng was removed last year, and Chao recovered his freedom this year and arrived in Chungking by air last week.

Being a tough man, Chao-tan's weight dropped from 200-pounds to 140-pounds and he is now anxious to rejoin Free China's patriotic movieland.

On the other hand, a big shot in occupied Shanghai, Chang Shan-kun, who is general manager of the "Associated (Sino-Japanese) Motion Picture Corp" and chairman of the board of directors of the Greater Asia Movie Producers Society, both in Shanghai, last week enjoyed relaxation at a Yellow Mountains scenic spot in east China with his third concubine, former actress Tung Yuch-chuan and were arrested by Chinese guerrillas as traitors.

Chang and his concubine staged a practical show on the city streets of Tunki, an operational base in east China, attracting huge, angry crowds who threw stones at the onetime leading producer and charming young actress-concubine.

Church Contributions Aid Mission Groups

KUNMING—Nine schools and mission groups in China received financial aid from soldiers of the US Forces during May through the collections taken at Protestant services, it was reported by Chaplain (Capt.) Mert M. Lampton, of Services of Supply.

The month's distributions included Lutheran Mission \$100, China Inland Mission \$100, British Methodist \$100, Presbyterian Mission \$50, Anglicans and Episcopalians \$25, the En Kawang school \$25 and \$18,000 CN, Church of Christ in China \$22,125 CN, Yunnan Blind and Deaf School \$17,500 CN and Blind Girls' School \$30,200 CN.

Bulk of the contributions came from SOS personnel at Hostel 5, 14th Air Force headquarters personnel at Hostel 3, and ATC and transient personnel at hostels 6 and 7.

China Lantern Crossword Puzzle

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RADIO STATION X-N-E-W (KUNMING)

- SATURDAY, JUNE 3**
- 1109—V-Disc Blues
 - 1115—Melody Roundup
 - 1130—Henry King's Orch.
 - 1209—GI Jive
 - 1215—Yank Bandstand
 - 1230—News
 - 1245—Musical Varieties
 - 1309—Johnny Richards' Orch.
 - 1315—Sign Off
 - 1730—Jazzies
 - 1900—Science MAGAZINE of the Air
 - 1930—Village Store
 - 1940—News
 - 1945—Spotlight Bands
 - 1950—Henry King
 - 1959—Hit Parade
 - 2039—National Bandstand
 - 2109—To Be Announced
 - 2130—Saturday Night Serenade
 - 2145—Jazz Concert
 - 2210—AF Request Parade
 - 2220—News
 - 2215—AF Request Parade
 - 2430—Sign Off
- SUNDAY, JUNE 4**
- 1109—Symphony From Home
 - 1130—Showtime
 - 1209—Just An Time Juke Box
 - 1230—Fredia Martin's Orch.
 - 1300—Family Hour
 - 1330—Serenades
 - 1340—News
 - 1350—Organ Melodies
 - 1400—Sammy Kaye's Serenade
 - 1430—John Charles Thomas
 - 1500—New York Philharmonic Orch.
 - 1600—Fred Waring
 - 1630—Milton Eddy
 - 1700—The Great Gildaysees
 - 1730—James Melrose's Serenade
 - 1900—Music For Sunday
 - 1930—Randwagon
 - 1945—News
 - 1950—Jack Benny
 - 1950—Music For Worship
 - 2000—Charlie McCarthy
 - 2030—Album of Familiar Music
 - 2100—To Be Announced
 - 2115—Lynn Murray
 - 2130—Hour of Charm
 - 2200—Boston Symphony Orch.
 - 2230—News
 - 2315—Dance Orch.
 - 2330—Sign Off
- MONDAY, JUNE 5**
- 1100—V-Disc Blues
 - 1115—Melody Roundup
 - 1130—Symphony Express
 - 1209—GI Jive
 - 1215—Yank Bandstand
 - 1230—News
 - 1245—At Ease
 - 1290—George Sterney's Orch.
 - 1315—Sign Off
 - 1730—Popular Melodies
 - 1745—Raymond Scott
 - 1800—Frank Marney
 - 1830—Sweet America Loves Best
 - 1900—News
 - 1915—Spotlight Bands
 - 1930—Music We Love
 - 2000—Mail Call
 - 2030—Burns & Allen
 - 2100—To Be Announced
 - 2115—Supper Club
 - 2130—Sunday Dinner For A Soldier
 - 2230—Ray Charles's Orch.
 - 2300—News
 - 2315—Dance Orch.
 - 2330—Sign Off
- TUESDAY, JUNE 6**
- 1109—V-Disc Blues
 - 1115—Melody Roundup
 - 1130—Carlton Houck's Orch.
 - 1200—GI Jive
 - 1215—Ginny Simms
 - 1230—News
 - 1245—Sign Off
 - 1250—Striker's Orch.
 - 1315—Sign Off
 - 1730—Hibbards
 - 1800—Happy Family
 - 1830—Guy Lombardo
 - 1900—News
 - 1915—Spotlight Bands
 - 1930—Great Moments in Music
 - 2000—Bob Hope
 - 2030—Carmel Cowley
 - 2100—To Be Announced
 - 2115—Supper Club
 - 2130—The Stranier
 - 2200—GI Journal
 - 2230—George Paxton's Orch.
 - 2300—News
 - 2315—Dance Orch.
 - 2330—Sign Off
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**
- 1109—V-Disc Blues
 - 1115—Melody Roundup
 - 1130—Intermezzo
 - 1200—GI Jive
 - 1215—Lena Horne
 - 1230—News
 - 1245—Musical Varieties
 - 1300—Emil Vandias Orch.
 - 1315—Sign Off
 - 1730—Popular Melodies
 - 1800—Boudie
 - 1830—Jack Carson
 - 1900—News
 - 1915—Spotlight Bands
 - 1930—Eddie Bracken Show
 - 2000—Howard M. Koffman
 - 2030—Cordman Performance
 - 2100—To Be Announced
 - 2115—Supper Club
 - 2130—Suspense
 - 2200—Kay Kyser's Kollege
 - 2230—Gene Krupa's Orch.
 - 2300—News
 - 2315—Dance Orch.
 - 2330—Sign Off
- THURSDAY, JUNE 7**
- 1109—V-Disc Blues
 - 1115—Melody Roundup
 - 1130—Rhythmic Serenade
 - 1200—GI Jive
 - 1215—Bing Crosby
 - 1230—News
 - 1245—Leo Reichman's Orch.
 - 1315—Sign Off
 - 1730—Popular Melodies
 - 1745—Serenade for Strings
 - 1800—Here's To Romance
 - 1830—Concert Hall
 - 1900—News
 - 1915—Spotlight Bands
 - 1930—Dinah Shore
 - 2000—This Is The Story
 - 2030—Bing Crosby
 - 2100—To Be Announced
 - 2115—Supper Club
 - 2130—Mystery Playhouse
 - 2200—Melody Hour
 - 2230—Harry James' Orch.
 - 2300—News
 - 2315—Dance Orch.
 - 2330—Sign Off
- FRIDAY, JUNE 8**
- 1109—V-Disc Blues
 - 1115—Melody Roundup
 - 1130—Charlie Barnet
 - 1200—GI Jive
 - 1215—Martha Mears
 - 1230—News
 - 1245—At Ease
 - 1300—Stan Kenton's Orch.
 - 1315—Sign Off
 - 1730—Popular Melodies
 - 1745—Raymond Scott
 - 1800—Smith's Trough
 - 1830—Kate Smith
 - 1900—News
 - 1915—Spotlight Bands
 - 1930—Music From America
 - 2000—DuFour's Orchestra
 - 2030—Amos and Andy
 - 2100—To Be Announced
 - 2115—Dance Orch.
 - 2130—Jimmy Durante
 - 2200—Waltz Time
 - 2230—Busby Foster's Orch.
 - 2300—News
 - 2315—Dance Orch.
 - 2330—Sign Off

WORLD EVENTS IN PICTURES



BLOCKADES AHEAD—Australian soldiers are ready to wade ashore on Island of Sadau. Invasion precedes larger operations at Tarakan, 6 miles to the southeast. Iron rails in water were placed there by Dutch in 1942 as protection against Jap invasion. Aussie engineers later removed them.



EXECUTION: JAP STYLE—Photo obtained by "Life" Magazine, is said to have been taken by a Jap of a Jap officer who is about to behead an Allied serviceman with his samurai sword.



MAJ-GEN. LIANG HWA-SHENG, commandant of the Yunnan Training Command, addressing the graduates of the Infantry Training Center which is operated by the US Chinese Training Command. Looking on is Lt.-Col. Harold W. Simmons, left, and Col. Mose Kent, center, ITC commandant, who also spoke to the graduating Chinese Army officers. (Signal Corps photo.) Story on page 3.



CHINESE BABY, obvious to the cares of a war-torn people, slumbers peacefully in his ragged blanket coat in a home made bamboo carriage. (Signal Corps photo.)



CHOSEN as typical modern girl of the Golden West, Tont Abwater poses with her favorite mount at Las Vegas, Nev. When not riding the range the comely equestrienne holds down riveting job in plane plant. Her husband, Capt. John Atwater, is stationed in Dutch East Indies.



ROYAL FAMILY—King George of England and Queen Elizabeth are shown as they leave St. Paul's Cathedral in London after attending Sunday services. They are followed by their daughters, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose.



FUEHRER NUMBER TWO, Adm. Karl Doenitz leaves the headquarters of the vanquished German High Command at Flensburg. The self-appointed successor to Adolf Hitler has changed the theme of the former dictator's policies.



BRIG.-GEN. JOHN M. THOMPSON, right, recently assigned to the China Theater, receiving the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit from Lt.-Gen. Dan I Sultan, commanding general of IBT, for his work as assistant chief of staff, G-4, of IB. The citation read, in part, that Gen. Thompson "... by the exercise of initiative, sound judgment and tact secured the co-operation of all supply agencies in working toward a common goal, thus keeping vital materials of war flowing to the field forces in China and Burma. (Signal Corps photo.)