

City of Tientsin Suffers By Chinese Communists

Fall May Signal End For Chiang Reds Take City After Barrage

SHANGHAI—(AP)—The great commercial city of Tientsin, battered by Communist shells and fire in several places, fell to Chinese Reds today in what may be the crowning blow to Chiang Kai-Shek.

Victorious troops of Red Gen. Lin Biao captured the city after a fierce fighting which devastated old landmarks and many buildings.

Radio reports from the "Eastern Front China" described the city of 3,000,000 as one of death and destruction.

Many civilians were killed. Hospitals were jammed with wounded.

Robert Smyth of Berkeley, Calif., U. S. consular general, said that all of his staff was safe.

So far as is ascertained all other Americans (about 90 in number) are safe, Smyth reported.

News of the capture of Tientsin, which flows through the heart of the North China plain, has shocked the Red conquerors, stopping in front of the U. S. consulate for the first time since they took the city.

Confirmation of Tientsin's fall came from an all-out assault on the city by the blow to the Nationalist cause is certain to have serious repercussions.

Peiping, 90 miles northeast of Tientsin, is the Nationalist capital. Nationalist Chinese troops reported only that the city had entered Tientsin on the victory at Tientsin from Lin Biao's forces on the river front.

Peiping may be the next big city to fall to the Communists, according to the Communist press.

The reaction of officialdom in Tientsin has not been reported there, according to James D. White, a British news correspondent there, who was in the city when it was captured.

The Communists, said White, had been scheduled previously but took on an emergency air as Nationalist troops were being driven out and demands for what appears virtually unopposed surrender.

Official Chinese reaction to what Mao's terms were "very fierce" and leave no room for bargaining.

Terrified Indians Flee African Riots

DURBAN, Union of South Africa—(AP)—Terrified Indians fled from Durban as race rioting which already has claimed an estimated 300 lives blazed up in the suburb.

The fighting between native blacks and the Indians, a minority group in South Africa, has been in progress since Thursday. Indians and natives alike have been burned and shot to death and shot. Entire Indian families have been wiped out. The city's Indian quarter has been wrecked. Some of the survivors charged Zulu battle cries as they fought.

Intervention by South African armed forces has slowed but not halted the rioting.

At least 400 persons have been injured. One European (white) was killed and a doctor injured. They have not, however, been generally reported as being killed. Damage was estimated at \$1,000,000.

Police organized areas of refuge for the fleeing Indians and grants or descendants of immigrants from the Asian sub-continent. A majority of the Indians are fleeing to the interior of the province, where they are fleeing to their remaining possessions. Their officials made the casualty estimates.

More than 200 police reinforcements have arrived from the Defense Minister. F. C. Erasmus said he would proclaim a state of emergency if the situation grew worse. The South African Air Force was held in readiness. Five radio cars and 100 policemen already have been sent from Pretoria by air.

The new flare-up in the suburb, the district police commander for Durban said the police and military and naval personnel had the situation well in hand. It was the first time South African military units have been summoned to help quell racial violence.

White streets and stores and houses had been burned down or looted. Hundreds are destitute or homeless.

The rioting broke out Thursday, when a five-year-old boy was injured by an Indian market peddler. He was taken to a hospital and died. It is believed that he had been killed.

Incidents snowballed into widespread attacks on the Indians.

The time the armed forces quelled the rioting in the city, it had spread to the suburbs.

Egyptians, Jews Hold Truce Talks

By L. S. CHAKALES
RHODES — (AP)—Egyptians began negotiations today for the release of an estimated 3,000 Egyptian troops trapped by Israeli forces at Faluja, in Palestine's Negev desert.

This was the second major item on the agenda for armistice negotiations aimed at ending Israeli-Egyptian fighting bringing full peace to the Holy Land.

Both sides agreed yesterday, in conferences under the eye of Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, the United Nations acting Palestine mediator, to this of a withdrawal to positions held during the period of the talks and to respect each other's national security.

Spokesmen said details of the armistice being adopted yesterday would not be made public until the discussions end — perhaps next week.

Point No. 2 of the agenda calls for implementation of the Security Council Resolution of Nov. 4 and Nov. 15, which ordered both Jews and Arabs to withdraw to positions held Oct. 14 and to negotiate for peace.

The withdrawal order to the Egyptians actually was just a gesture. Jewish troops had driven them back, mile after mile, since the start of the fighting. It was hammering at Egyptian border positions when cease fire offers were made.

The first point up for discussion at the Rhodes conference was approval of a 15-minute meeting yesterday. The delegates approved a pledge that neither side would start a new military offensive and that each would respect the national security of the other while the armistice talks were on.

Specific topics to be taken up under Point No. 2 include the question of what is to be done about the other while the 3,000-man Egyptian brigade is trapped by Jewish siege lines. Previous efforts to settle that case fell through.

Delimitation of armistice lines and reduction of forces also are matters for disposition before the conference gets down to drafting and initiating an armistice agreement.

SENATE COMMITTEE BACKS ACHESON

Dean Acheson (right) talks with Democratic Senator Tom Connolly of Texas (center), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Republican Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan (left) in Washington. Later the Foreign Relations Committee voted unanimously to approve his appointment by President Truman as Secretary of State. Quick confirmation of Acheson is expected in the Senate. (AP Wirephoto.)

No Tickets For London Grocer

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The fever chart at the Truman inaugural committee headquarters still suddenly upward today but subsided after a Transatlantic mixup over invitations was straightened out. It began with a brief dispatch from London reporting the forthcoming manner with which a vegetable stall operator at Covent Garden market had accepted a bid to the Jan. 30 ceremonies here.

The vegetable man's name was Arnold Walker, the story said, and he had turned his back on his Brussels sprouts and gone out and bought two airplane tickets for the United States. One for himself and one for his wife.

There was a little more about how he had said the Truman inauguration ought to be, quote, as exciting as a good rubber match, unquote.

Within a few minutes, telephones were ringing all over Washington.

Said Melvin Hildreth, chairman of the inaugural committee: "Omigod!"

Hildreth told reporters the invitations had been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Walker of London, all right, but they were intended for an export-import firm executive of that name.

Hildreth, whose bureau are growing almost too much to bear as the big day approaches, guessed the British grocer had gone away but he promised to fix up the vegetable man and his wife with tickets, nevertheless, "if I have to take them from my own family group."

Then there was a series of Transatlantic telephone calls, and it turned out the invitations had been delivered to the right Mr. Walker after all. Turned out he had an office in Covent Garden, too.

How he came to be confused with the Mr. Walker in the vegetable stall was just one of those things... hard to explain.

Anyway, it's all straightened out now, and all reports Hildreth was out inspecting the stands along Pennsylvania Avenue again.

Inaugural Mixup Is Cleared Up

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Swedish Link Sought For Anti-Red Chain

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Officials expressed hope today that a new "allies" label on American arms will coax Sweden off the Communist fence in the Cold War against Russia.

State Department Press Officer Robert E. Ross said he was confident yesterday that the United States cannot spare military equipment for nations unwilling to enter a defense alliance against Communist expansion.

Officials said that was aimed straight at Sweden, where press reports have taken the opposite view. Sweden has suggested that her northern neighbors could shoulder the western alliance and join her instead in a policy of strict neutrality.

The State Department followed up McDermott's statement with an announcement that last Summer Sweden received 30 P-51 fighter planes which are no longer in operating condition but which can be used to replace parts in planes in the Swedish air force.

Stockholm reports said earlier this week that Sweden had urged Norway and Denmark to spur the projected North Atlantic military alliance for an iron-clad Scandinavian military pact in any case, Sweden indicated, she would remain aloof from the treaty being negotiated by the United States, Canada and five European nations.

The State Department official reportedly felt that in today's divided world such a purely Scandinavian defensive arrangement would not work.

The policy of the Western powers has been to block Soviet aggression, aligning friendly nations in critical areas of the world.

Survivor Wanted To Jump Again

FAYETTEVILLE—(AP)—One of the paratroopers who bailed out of a stricken C-54 flying boat here yesterday wanted to make another jump last night.

Pvt. Harry Brown, an 82nd Airborne division recruit from Philadelphia, Pa., was one of the 36 paratroopers who parachuted into the plane into a patch of woods.

After returning to his barracks last night, Brown volunteered to make another training jump that was scheduled for last night.

His request was refused.

Two-Day Talks Concluded British, French In Accord

LONDON—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Bevin said today Britain and France have reached an agreement providing hope for the world.

He had conferred here for two days with French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman.

"We achieved a great agreement which augurs well not only for France and Britain, but for Europe and world peace," Bevin said after saying farewell to Schuman at Victoria Station.

There was no announcement of the specific details of the agreement. Schuman told a news conference last night, however, that he and Bevin had covered the whole range of world problems common to the two nations.

He said, also, Bevin revealed a "happy fact" about Indonesia. He decided to say what this fact was. There was speculation here he meant a new American plan — later reported from Lake Success — to settle the trouble between the Netherlands and the Indonesian republic.

Schuman told Bevin as they parted that he was very optimistic in coming and I am more satisfied than I could hope.

Marshall And Wife Leave U.S.

PINNEYVILLE—(AP)—Ailing Secretary of State George C. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall left by plane today for a vacation in San Juan Puerto Rico.

The general was in good spirits as he left his recent home here. He told friends that "I'm going there for a vacation in San Juan Puerto Rico."

They boarded an Air Force Constellation plane at Pope Field, Fort Bragg, N.C., at 10:30 p.m. The President's aide was Sgt. Jim Gena, the General's attendant, and Mrs. Marshall's Chinese maid, Anna.

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PORT BRADDOCK—(AP)—A paratrooper jumpmaster who was recommended for the soldier's medal for his coolness in a "flying boxcar" crash yesterday was credited with saving 36 lives.

The division commander, told Sgt. Robert Lee Hodgkiss of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, he would recommend him for the award for his "coolness in an emergency."

Hodgkiss ordered 36 paratroopers to bail out when the jump master bled in the stricken ship.

He was in the plane when it crashed but escaped injury.

The public information office also announced that a General Bevin has sent a letter commending the efficiency of the plane's crew.

They were Capt. Robert Kilpatrick of Baytown, Texas; Sgt. Thomas L. Hilton Jr., of Greenville, S. C.; and Sgt. Norman E. Harris of Tampa, Fla.

The airborne commander's message said all the surviving paratroopers praised the crewmen for their alertness and efficiency.

"The first of our four men," Bevin wrote, "was for the safety of the passengers."

WEATHER

Warm and rather cool tonight. Slight fair and steady tomorrow. Temperature at P. M. today, 35 high and low last 24 hours — 67-33. Sunset today — 7:24. Sunrise tomorrow — 7:22. More Weather Data on Page 18-A.

Mae Leaves Hospital In Wheel Chair To Give Show

BALTIMORE—(AP)—Miss West, the veteran stage and film actress, put on "a show must go on" production by a sedan at a hospital and leaving at her own request in a wheel chair.

She has after several admissions to University Hospital which described her condition as "fair" the star left at her own request, saying "I feel much better."

Starting here in her own "Edmond Lyle" stage production, Miss West said she was leaving today that 80 other actors and actresses in the play would be put out of "today's matinee."

The performance was canceled, but Miss West said she hoped to go through with tonight's show.

Shortly after Miss West was taken to the hospital early this morning Dr. W. H. Townsend Jr. examined her and advised her "fair" the star left at her own request, saying "I feel much better."

The co-production of the show, Herbert Brenson's "Born 'Ma' is a very sick girl."

But after awakening from a short sleep production by a sedan, Mrs. West asked to be allowed to return to her own quarters.

Dr. Townsend said Miss West signed a release from the hospital "against the wishes of doctors."

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Work Begins On Second Floor

Announcement of the first step in an extensive remodeling and expansion program for Eiford's Department Store was made here today by Paul Eiford Jr., vice-president.

While other parts of the program would not be revealed, Mr. Eiford said that when completed, Eiford's will be "bigger and better" and one of the most modern and up-to-date department stores throughout this state section.

Today's announcement concerns the \$100,000 remodeling of the second floor, which features ladies' ready-to-wear, lingerie, sportswear, millinery, foundation garments and ladies' better shoes. Work was started yesterday by men who spent the present Charlotte's most modern fashion floor to Eiford's many friends and customers by April 1.

The floor was designed by Grand Rapids Store Equipment Co. in close cooperation with the fashion floor department managers and J. E. Eiford, who spent considerable time getting the best ideas from already remodeling stores in the South.

The fixtures are being furnished by Grand Rapids Store Equipment Co. and will feature streamlined designs in cases and counters, as well as display sections, all blended expertly by most effective deep tone colors. Plans call for a dark ceiling and modern fluorescent lighting, extending from the ceiling, which will provide natural light for the ease of shopping.

The "purple-guy" walk-to-walk carpet will complement the colors in the walls and fixtures, bringing out the full effect.

The overall effect of the layout of the second floor will be, to the left of the elevators, the dress department, millinery department, lingerie and sportswear departments will be effectively arranged throughout the remaining sections of the second floor. A great deal more attention.

See EIFORD'S on page 18-A.