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JAPAN HIT BY LAND PLANES

Chinese Recapture Former U. S. Base

Air Center Of Sincheng Is Retaken

Advancing Upon Another Base

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHUNGKING — (AP) — Chinese forces have recaptured the former American air base of Sincheng in Kiangsi Province and are advancing northward toward another former air base at Kanhsien, 210 miles northeast of Canton, the Chinese High Command announced today.

Chinese troops also recaptured Nankang, on the Kiangsi-Kwangtung highway fifteen miles southwest of Kanhsien and were hotly pursuing Japanese fleeing toward the former American air base, the Chinese said.

FIFTH BASE RECOVERED

Sincheng was the fifth former American air base to be recovered in the new Chinese drive. It was abandoned by Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault on Jan. 25. Other Blackpool air bases are those at Suichwan, Yungshun, Ganchow, Linchuan and Taichung.

In Kwangsi Province meanwhile, Chinese troops driving on the former American air base at Kweilin have captured Chengtu, 50 miles northeast of Lipchow on the Lipchow-Kweilin highway, the Chinese said.

Other Chinese forces 130 miles to the southeast struck eastward from recently liberated Yungan and advanced toward the important inland port of Wuchow, 40 miles to the east on the Kwangtung-Kwangsi border, through which the Japanese funneled their invasion forces from Kwangtung to Kwangsi last year.

The enemy was cleared from Chinchuen, the Chinese said, and in the Tenyuan area the Japanese were carrying out a strategic contraction of their lines in the direction of Canton, a little more than 110 miles southwest of Wuchow.

Counter-attacking Japanese troops in Kiangsi Province struck northwestward from a point twelve and a half miles northwest of Kanhsien, the Chinese said, while another enemy column pushed northward from Kanhsien along the highway leading to the recovered air base city of Suichwan, and were engaged by the Chinese.

Kanhsien, which used to be the seat of the model southern Kiangsi district administered by the Generalissimo's elder son, Chiang Ching-Kuo, was completely cut off by Chinese severance of communications with Kukong on the Canton-Hankow railroad 125 miles north of Canton.

The High Command belatedly announced that Chinese troops on July 1 captured a point four and one-half miles west of another former American air base, Paoching, which guards the western approaches to the coastal rail junction city of Henevang.

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WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness and a little cooler today and tonight. Thursday partly cloudy and mild.

Temperature at 2:30 Today 82
High and Low Last 24 Hours 95; 72
Sunset Today 8:29
Sunrise Tomorrow 6:18

Stokowski & Orchestra Heard By Celebrities

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Conductor Leopold Stokowski and the Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra inaugurated the 37th season of "Symphonies Under the Stars" last night with an audience of 14,000 in the large outdoor amphitheater; the concert was broadcast over the CBS network.

Foes Take The Stand

Witness Against Charter Ushered Out By Policeman

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Opponents of the United Nations Charter trooped before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today as Chairman Connally, Democrat, Texas, expressed confidence that any restrictive amendments would be beaten down.

The first opposition witness, Mrs. Agnes Waters of Washington, D. C., was escorted from the committee table by policemen when she attempted to continue after her allotted time had expired.

"What we need is a good old-fashioned American revolution," Mrs. Waters shouted as she left.

Mrs. Waters, a familiar figure at Congressional Committee hearings, said she represented the National Blue Star mothers. She denounced the Charter as an "international fraud."

Other opposition witnesses included Mrs. Cecil Broy of Arlington, Va., representing Americans United Inc., who said the Charter will lead to "Empire rule," and the Rev. J. Paul Cotton, Cleveland, representing the World Peace Forum, who declared "There is something sinister in the speed" of Senate action on the pact.

Connally held a watch on each witness to make sure everyone got his fifteen minutes, but no more.

One of the opponents, David Darrin, was questioned by the chairman about his designation as representing the United Nations of Earth, Associated. Darrin said there wasn't any such organization, he simply used the name and it didn't have any members.

"That is a rather unique situation," commented Connally. "You are, for the purposes of this hearing, the whole United Nations of Earth Association."

Mrs. Grace Keefe, Chicago, representing the Women's League for Political Education, said she wondered whether it was "decent" to "rush this Charter through the Senate" in the absence from the country of many members of the Armed Forces. She said the Charter in effect "is an instrument insuring our involvement in all future wars."

W. E. B. DuBois, an official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the Charter is "equivocatory" in its pledges of race equality. He urged clarification through a Senate reservation.

Dairy Strike Hits Detroit

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A labor dispute in Detroit one of a score across the country which kept some 50,000 men and women off their jobs, prevented an estimated half million persons from getting their regular supply of milk, today.

For the third straight day, deliveries of 30 per cent of the motor city's milk supply were tied up by a walkout of 1,000 dairy company employes. Efforts to settle the dispute were pushed to end the stoppage, but CIO United Dairy Workers officials said no home deliveries would be made before tomorrow, should a settlement be effected today.

Other labor disputes, some of long duration, affected the fuel and arms industries. In Detroit alone controversies curtailed or halted operations in six separate plants involving more than 8,000 workers.

The striking CIO United Dairy Workers in Detroit were to vote on the proposal to go back to work and their local president, Russell Ballard, said he would favor ending the walkout. The Regional War Labor Board issued a back to work order and Chairman Louis C. Miriani asserted he was amazed that this insignificant matter can endanger the welfare of 500,000 people."

The walkout at the Detroit Creamery Co. and the Ebling Creamery Co., stemmed from a dispute union spokesmen said was over "accumulated grievances of office workers" at the latter company.

Other stoppages in Detroit were at four war plants, with 6,400 CIO United Automobile Workers off their jobs, and at twelve lumber yards idling 700 AFL workers.

There were disputes involving CIO oil and gas workers in the United Fuel Gas Co. serving six Eastern states; United Mine Workers at five mines in Pennsylvania and Ohio, shipbuilding employees in New Jersey; and workers on B-29 bombers in Chicago.

The country's largest single strike was the eleven-day walkout by 16,500 CIO United Rubber Workers at the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in Akron, O.

Social Scrapple

Bitles Become Biddles After Bitter Battle

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — The Bitles became Biddles yesterday.

Judge Eugene V. Alessandroni granted Russian-born Abraham Bitle and his wife, Celie, the right to change their name to Biddle despite protests by socialite prominent Maj. Charles J. Biddle, World War One flying ace.

Maj. Biddle said the Bitles probably wanted to adopt a new spelling "which they feel may bring to them some social standing."

Counsel for the Bitles pointed out 175 Biddles in the city directory, including butlers, brokers, lawyers, chauffeurs, laborers and bank dealers.

Mecklenburg Casualties

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Truman Working Aboard Cruiser

By ERNEST B. VACCARO

ABOARD CRUISER AUGUSTA WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN — (AP) — President Truman began whipping into final form today a mass of data he will present to the Big Three meeting at Potsdam next week.

He called Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Adm. William D. Leahy into the Augusta admiral's cabin, where former President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill held most of their Atlantic Charter conferences in the ominous days of 1941.

WORK FOR HOURS

There, for several hours the three, assisted by diplomatic and military experts, worked over an accumulation of documents.

While plans for a visit to London after the meeting with Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill still are tentative, the President has no plans at all for visiting France.

Accompanying the Augusta, a battle proved veteran, is the equally famous cruiser, the Philadelphia, which acted as Gen. George S. Patton's mobile artillery support when he moved from Palermo into Messina to end the Sicilian campaign. She shot up bridges, knocked down planes and even fired on enemy tanks with her big guns.

The Augusta served as the flagship of Rear Adm. Alan Kirk's Normandy task force on D-Day.

It was disclosed today that several British men of war will form an escort for the American ships when they reach the British Isles and remain with them until the President arrives at a Northern European port, from which he will fly to the conference scene in the big C-54 plane which he likes to call "The Sacred Cow."

The Augusta, moving northward now, is running into steadily cooler weather. The President put on a brown Fall suit for his 6 A. M. stroll and topped it with a salt-and-pepper hat.

He is going into the conference without prior consultation with Churchill, apparently with a view to assuming the Britishers have no intention of making any independent agreements, even of a tentative nature.

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Japs Believe Carrier Fleet Has Moved Off

Return Of American Naval Forces At Any Moment Expected, However

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

From bomb-torn Japan, Tokyo radio reported today it believed the U. S. carrier task force that launched more than 1,000 planes had withdrawn in fear of suicide attacks, but in the same breath admitted it expected the Americans back at any moment.

Tokyo said there were no raids by carrier planes today, but admitted that the steady pounding of the homeland was being kept up without respite by land-based planes from Okinawa.

The new raids by 150 Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters hit airfields on the east coast and south of the home island of Kyushu. They stayed over their targets for 2 hours.

NIPS ON ALERT

In declaring that the American Third Fleet had withdrawn "some distance to the south," Tokyo made no claim that the episode was finished. It expressed the belief that the "enemy task force is still in the seas in the vicinity of our homeland" and said Japanese forces are "on the alert against a possible follow-up raid."

While American sources refer repeatedly to the raids as a 1,000-plane affair, Tokyo went one better by boosting its previous estimate of 800 plane to a new total of 1,200.

Standing out with glaring clarity as a result of the smashing attacks was the lack of Japanese air strength. The enemy was absent or reluctant to fight. Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz claimed only that 154 Nipponese planes were destroyed or damaged thus far—and only two were in the air.

Pilots reported that weather was excellent and visibility gave them easy access to their targets, but Tokyo made its usual claim that damage to installations was "extremely small."

A broadcast heard by the Federal Communications Commission said "there were almost no damages inflicted upon our airfields, airfield facilities, warships and ships."

The enemy also made the unsubstantiated claim that Japanese interception units shot down 26 attackers and damaged "a considerable number of others." There was no mention of American losses from fleet sources.

INVASION SPECULATION

Both Admiral Nimitz and the Tokyo radio spoke in agreement on one subject, however—future American invasion moves.

Tokyo speculated openly that the American carrier strike presaged an invasion, recalling that the last carrier force blow at Tokyo was followed promptly by landings on Iwo Jima.

On the American side, Nimitz revealed a regrouping of growing air power in the Ryukyus. Gen. Douglas MacArthur will command all Army planes there. Nimitz will keep his own Marine and Navy aircraft at the job of blockading Japan in preparation for future amphibious assaults.

Preliminary reports for the morning hair of Tuesday's carrier plane assault showed that only two of the 134 Japanese planes destroyed or damaged were aircraft. Both were reconnaissance craft swooping too near the mighty U. S. Task Force operating offshore. Some of the warships including

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GI Measure Approved

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The House Veterans Committee today approved a revised GI Bill of Rights after discarding a bonus provision for all servicemen.

It makes no major changes in the loan, education, and job provisions of the original over-all veterans benefits measure but is intended to overcome difficulties that have developed during the bill's first year of operation.

RANKIN PROPOSAL

Stricken out by a one-sided committee vote was Chairman Rankin's proposal to pay every veteran with 90 or more days of honorable service an outright bonus of $1,040. This is the same amount provided in the GI bill for ex-servicemen unable to obtain jobs.

The Mississippi Democrat offered the proposal to offset what he said was an encouragement to idleness in the original bill's provision for $20-a-week jobless payments for one year. His plan called for the $20 weekly payments to every veteran, employed or unemployed.

Rankin told reporters the committee action should not be construed as a definite rebuff for adjusted compensation proposals. Some committee members, he said, felt that action now on a bonus would be unwise and should not delay needed amendments to the GI bill.

"The bonus proposal definitely is not dead," Rankin asserted.

Major changes approved by the committee are designed to simplify procedure by which veterans may obtain Government-guaranteed loans and to liberalize the vocational education section of the original legislation. The changes resulted from complaints to the committee that "red tape" was making it difficult for veterans to avail themselves of the law's benefits.

The committee adopted an amendment by Representative Scrivner, Republican, Kansas, giving either the Senate or the House committee handling veterans affairs authority to review, and veto any regulations issued by the Veterans Administration under the G. I. Bill.

Rejection of the bonus plan was Rankin's second rebuff in committee in one day. Earlier, a majority of the committee issued a "minority report" opposing legislation approved last Friday to waive "closed shop" restrictions in labor-management contracts in the case of veterans seeking jobs.

Curb On Racing

Horses Will Have To Walk To New Tracks

WASHINGTON — (AP) — An Office of Defense Transportation order today virtually confined race horses and racing fleet to tracks now operating.

The ODT ordered that transportation of race horses or show animals by railroad and common or contract motor carriers be prohibited, effective at 6 P. M. today.

Under these conditions, continuance of racing appeared to be virtually impossible except at tracks where horses already are stabled.

Thus the billion-dollar sport faced its second serious setback in less than a year.

Last December, James F. Byrnes, then War Mobilization Director ordered a complete stoppage of racing effective in January, 1945.

This ban remained in effect until Fred M. Vinson, successor to Byrnes as War Mobilizer, lifted it last May 9, after victory over Germany.

Since its revival, racing has drawn record crowds all over the country. Betting has been setting new highs.

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After Munich

Goering Noted Nazi Sentiment Among French

This is the third of several articles based on Reich Marshal Goering's personal notes on conferences, between July, 1938, and August, 1942, with Nazi and foreign leaders. The notes were discovered in a leather-bound volume entitled "Besprechungen" ("Conferences"), which was found in the Field Marshal's personal effects.

IN October, 1938, the Munich agreement had just been signed. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain was back in London waving the notorious scrap of paper signed by him and Hitler "symbolic of the desires of our two people never to go to war with one another again."

DALADIER

Edward Daladier, French Premier, was home in Paris with the French Ambassador to Berlin, Francois Poncet. After forty-eight hours in Paris, Poncet returned to Berlin. Goering, probably with the beaming smile of Munich still on his face, received him on Oct. 3. It was 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

His notes read:

"Ambassador Francois Poncet, Oct. 3, 4 o'clock.

"Comes directly from Paris where he had long talks with Daladier and Bonnet.

"Strong tendency there to come to an arrangement with Germany in new and final fashion.

"Daladier has great confidence in the Fuehrer. Swing of opinion among French people. But Left Wing parties intriguing against Daladier, etc.

"Agreement similar to that with England. No war, consultation first: that would be decisive.

"Daladier would thus be strengthened and would be able after elections to get rid of a 'people's front' and alliance with Moscow.

"Wait until then."

It is practically true that immediately after Munich the atmosphere in Paris—not only in government quarters but among the general public—was infavor of a final Franco-German settlement.

BLUM MAINTAINED OPPOSITION

Only the Blum wing of the Socialists and the Communists objected to friendship with Hitler Germany. "Great confidence of Daladier in the Fuehrer" is probably an overstatement. Daladier in these days changed his views about Hitler and Germany time after time.

He landed at Le Bourget from Munich convinced that he had betrayed Czechoslovakia and stained the honor of France. He expected boos and instead found a crowd cheering hysterically.

In the Chamber he got a vote of confidence of 535 to 75. So he decided to cash in on the mood of the moment and to become an enthusiastic "Man of Munich." He became increasingly anti-Left and anti-Soviet—in fact antieverybody who criticized Munich.

(On being shown Goering's notes, M. Daladier said: "I didn't, in fact, see Francois Poncet on his visit to Paris which preceded his interview with Goering; he saw Bonnet. So what Goering says about me can only be imagination on his part or imaginative embroidery on his conversation with Francois Poncet.")

Meanwhile, in Berlin, Poncet continued his talks with Goering.

(According to M. Poncet, the notes, in part, represent ideas which the interview apparently set going in Goering's mind.)

NOTES ON CONCERT

"Poncet inquired what is his position with the Fuehrer.

"He is to be transferred to Rome. He would like to remain here to settle German-French relations finally.

"Czechoslovakia is finished, since she will terminate alliance. Public opinion there is against France.

"With regard to colonial question there is far-reaching readiness.

"Afterwards currency agreement between great European powers.

"Mark is very stable but so far valueless abroad. Franc unstable but has purchasing power everywhere. Equalization!

"Readiness to open doors in economic field and to collaborate.

"Never was public opinion in Europe so much disposed to begin a new epoch.

Germany has now established herself definitely as the first Continental power. Only left-wing parties do not want to recognize this."

That there was any real willingness on the French side to make colonial concessions to Hitler-ey more than doubtful. The only thing they were willing to consider was economic co-operation in Africa.

WEALTHY FRENCH MADE AN EVIL CHOICE

The remark that only the left parties would not admit that Germany is now the "first continental power" sums up the whole trend of opinion of the French bourgeoisie of those days which coined the cynical slogan "Rather Hitler than Blum."

Goering made October 3 his own Munich day. After Francois Poncet he received the Czech Minister to Berlin, Vojtech Mastny. Their talk concentrated on closer relations between Germany and Czechoslovakia which Goering rudely called Tschechei (Czechia), already in his mind anticipating the intended future lopping off of Slovakia.

They discussed the position of

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