

People of Southeast Asia Doubt Chinese Red Invasion Near

HONG KONG (AP)—The governments and the peoples of Southeast Asia, possible targets for Communism's next blows, for the most part do not think the Chinese Reds will invade them soon. But all are worried. Some are scared.

The greatest danger points are Indochina and Burma. In Indochina the French and Nationalist Viet Nam forces are fighting Communist-led Vietnamese rebels. In Burma the newly independent Union government is fighting various insurgent bands which the Reds are trying to unite.

These two nations are on China's southern border where the Chinese Communists have massed a reported 290,000 troops during the past 18 months.

The Chinese Reds already are sending supplies to the Indochina Communists and have military advisers working with Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh's army.

Burma's situation is aggravated by the presence on its border of Chinese Nationalist guerrillas, all remnants of Chiang Kai-Shek's defeated armies.

Peiping and Moscow claim the United States is supplying the guerrillas, but no facts have been found showing how or from where. The United States has denied the charge.

It is feared the Chinese Reds might use the presence of these forces as an excuse to hammer into Southeast Asia over the old Burma Road.

The Associated Press asked its Southeast Asia staff to sum up feelings and conditions in each nation. The reports:

INDOCHINA
No one seems to lose any sleep over a Red invasion. This is partly optimism and partly fatalism. If the Chinese strike in force many feel defeat is inevitable, so why worry?

Loyalties are uncertain. If the Reds come... there would be a rush for the bandwagon.

The Viet Names, Cambodians, Laotians and Chinese of Indochina wonder why there is so much talk about invasion of their country when it would be so easy to attack elsewhere and avoid stiff opposition from U. S.-supplied Viet Names and French. They ask, "why not Burma?"

BURMA
Responsible opinion is that the Chinese Reds could overrun the country in a matter of days if they came down the Burma road. The Burmese are frightened but they also are sick of war and trying to adhere to strict neutrality. Burma is going to great lengths not to provoke the Chinese Reds.

THAILAND
If the Chinese invasion actually comes, Thai military leaders opine it will come from across Burma, rather than Indochina.

There is no great fear. Thailand would fight the Reds, because the Thais have an innate dislike for the Chinese and follow type of Buddhism that is a great bulwark against Communism.

MALAYA
The British are fighting a Communist revolt while keeping tin mines and rubber plantations at work earning the Empire's biggest pocket of dollars. If invasion comes in the north, Malaya's Red jungle fighters and their sympathizers would be a destructive fifth column.

That's one reason why Britain has sent an army-trained high commissioner, Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, to direct a vigorous campaign against the terrorists.

There seems to be a feeling that Britain can hold Malaya even if Indochina, Thailand and Burma should go Communist but the local Chinese and Malay populations are not so sure. They remember the Japanese.

There are about 40,000 Empire troops—Britons, Gurkhas, Fijians, Africans—now in Malaya compared with 80,000 when the Japanese invaded. But the long terror war has made the present forces sharp fighters. They are augmented by some 60,000 Malaya police who are also jungle-trained.

INDONESIA
Indonesia could try to steer clear of war, but the place of aggression would be important. If Thailand or Burma, both independent states which Indonesia regards as sister nations, were attacked by Peiping, Indonesia would tend toward the anti-Communist camp. It would be different if the colonial French in Indo-

Pen Warden Thanks Cons With Banquet

WALLA WALLA (AP)—State Prison Warden John Cranor said "thanks" Friday night to more than 1,000 surprised inmates for exemplary conduct.

The event was the first honor banquet in the prison's history with ham and eggs, ice cream and pie and entertainment for the guests. After congratulating the inmates for their good behavior, the warden added:

"And there were no tunnels dug during 1951."

He explained he had made a personal examination of the year's rule infraction reports. He was astounded to discover only 292 men had been issued red tags during the 12 months.

"Of this number, half were inconsequential," he said. "Of the balance only about 50 per cent could be considered serious rule infractions."

Inspired by the conduct record, the warden made arrangements for the special banquet last week. It will become an annual event.

Even the men who received the red tags—handed out for each rule infraction, whether minor or serious—attended.

"Maybe they will let their consciences be their guides and push the food away," the warden said. But none of them did.

Mother Has 19 Children

HOLYOKE, Mass. (AP)—A 35-year-old housewife gave birth this week to her 19th child since marriage in 1930—and said she'd like still more.

Mrs. Joseph McClain of Hampden Pond named the latest addition Leonard and said:

"I'm delighted to have such a big family and I'd like more children. My health, however, won't permit it for awhile."

McClain, 47, a truck driver, married his wife when she was 13. The family lives in a two-story camp, eats 86 loaves of bread a week and 60 pounds of potatoes. They go to church in two shifts.

Fifteen of the 19 children—the oldest 21—are living.

Morse Contends Demo Senators Oppose Truman

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Morse (R-Ore.) said Saturday there are not ten Democrats in the Senate who think President Truman should run for reelection.

"When you get to the point that a president in power can't have even the support of the majority of Democratic Senators, you better get busy and have a change," Morse said in a television interview.

Sen. Moody (D-Mich.), appearing on the same program, said a change now would be dangerous. Morse, a supporter of Gen. Eisenhower for the GOP nomination, said this would not be the case with the General in the White House.

Plane Loses Bout With Lawnmower

AUGUSTA, Me. (AP)—A light plane collided with a lawnmower Saturday and got the worst of it. The ski-shod plane was taxiing toward a state airport hangar when one of the skis caught on a snow-covered lawn mower.

The plane flipped over, breaking the landing gear. Pilot Vincent Kirshner, 32, was not hurt.

The Swiss Guards, official bodyguards of the Pope, were founded in 1505.

Barbers Need A Tree Trunk

SAIGON (AP)—Enterprising Vietnamese who make their living cutting hair and shaving beards have solved their housing problem. They simply appropriate tree trunks along some of the main thoroughfares in this "Paris of the East."

They set up shop every morning by attaching a mirror to a tree and laying out their clippers, razors and creams on a little box. A rickety chair provides a seat for passing customers and a bucket of water supplies all the moisture needed.

Northern Italy's most disastrous floods of the century have already cost more than 100 lives and an estimated half billion dollars.

French-Born Home Owner To Move From Southwood

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A French-born businessman put his \$17,000 home—the most expensive in Southwood—up for sale Saturday because "I don't want to live with a bunch of bigots."

It was the latest development in the controversy which began when this golf course-bordered residential district last week voted 174 to 28 against a Chinese family as neighbors.

Carthage, Mo. Mayor Held on Morals Charge

CARTHAGE, Mo. (AP)—The mayor of Carthage and two other men were arrested Friday night and Saturday on morals charges involving teen-agers in Carthage and nearby Joplin.

Morris Shaffer, 48, operator of a beauty shop here, was taken into custody. A few hours later Mayor H. Tiffin Teters, 39, was arrested. Max Potters, 31, an employee of a Joplin powder manufacturing company was apprehended Saturday.

The arrest of Potter was the second in connection with a morals investigation in the Joplin High School. Eleven students have been suspended.

Dr. Guy I. Meredith, 56, committed suicide in his Joplin office Monday after he had been arrested and released under bond on eight charges of molesting minors.

Potter had been sought several days on five charges of molesting minors.

Eliza Johnson, assistant prosecuting attorney of Jasper County, said Shaffer and Teters were arrested after three Carthage boys, who not attend school, were questioned by authorities.

Teters had denied the charge. Teters, a Republican, and the father of three children, is serving his 4-year term as mayor of this city of about 12,000.

Reds Charge 'Massacre' on Koje Island

(Story also on page one)
MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The Korean armistice talks were tied into fresh knots Saturday by a Communist charge that the Allies had "barbarously" massacred civilian prisoners on Koje Island Monday.

Lodging a "serious protest" Saturday, Communist negotiators served notice they would have plenty more to say about the Red-led riot in which 75 Korean prisoners and one U. S. soldier guard were killed.

"Our side reserves the right to pursue further into this intolerable, sanguinary incident," said Col. Tsai Cheng-Wen, Chinese Communist staff officer at the prisoner exchange session.

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KOJE ISLAND, Korea (AP)—The commander of U. S. troops who quelled Monday's Communist riot at this prison camp declared Saturday his men fired only as a last resort at the attacking mob which screamed "Kill the Americans."

When the riot ended, 75 Korean civilian internees and one U. S. soldier lay dead or mortally wounded. Another 139 Koreans and 39 U. S. soldier guards were wounded and 40 other soldiers suffered minor injuries.

The loggers hope to get a 10-day postponement on the limitation while they clear snow from the old part of the road, now abandoned.

ARREST MADE
Herbert Gaden Harrison of 1394 Park Ave. was arrested by Marion County sheriff's deputies on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He is held in the county jail in lieu of \$350 bail.

Jailer Charged With Torture - Fined \$100

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—A husky former jailer, accused of the "dark ages" torture of his prisoners, was convicted in federal district court here Saturday on three of 14 counts, and then went free with payment of a \$100 fine.

Judge George Bell Timmerman, who said he did not regard the case as "nearly so serious as it has been publicized," sentenced Reuben L. Irby to six months or a fine of \$100. Irby, 37-year-old former Sumter County jailer, paid the fine. The three counts involved the beating of Negro women with leather straps.

Irby, who now is a Marietta, Ga., aircraft worker, was indicted on 16 counts alleging violation of civil rights of prisoners—men and women, white and Negro. Judge Timmerman ordered a directed verdict of acquittal on two charges—that Irby had sexual relations with a prisoner and beat a mental patient.

Jail Term Possible
A sentence of a year in jail and a fine of \$1,000 was possible on each count. Judge Timmerman expressed doubt of Irby's guilt, but said that was a "matter for the jury." He told Irby that "while you were jailer at Sumter, you had the reputation of maintaining about the best jail in the state. To my mind that was incompatible or irreconcilable with some of the testimony heard in this case."

The judge said that Irby might have been "a little bit rough at times."

Sealed Verdict
The jury, out more than nine hours, Friday night returned a sealed verdict which was opened Saturday.

Eight of the prosecution witnesses were Negro women who said Irby flogged them with broad leather straps and forced other prisoners to pour hot liniment on their wounds.

The prosecution, terming the case as "something out of the dark ages," charged that he also had hung one man upside down and beat another until he was unconscious.

Irby testified he had abused none of the prisoners.

Battle Crowns New Jet Ace

SEOUL (AP)—Swift U. S. Sabres Saturday destroyed one MIG-15 and damaged two more in an air battle over Northwest Korea that produced a new jet ace.

Credit for the kill went to Maj. William T. Whisner, Shreveport, La., who was an ace in World War—and now finds himself an ace in the Korean War with five and one-half MIGs.

Whisner's plane flashed in and shot down a MIG that was about to knock out another Sabre in a swirling dog fight between 35 U. S. and 40 Communist jets.

Stock Market Bridges Over Weak Period

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market bridged over a period of extreme weakness this week and closed Saturday with a recovery movement gaining strength.

Just as early selling spree this week seemed to come out of nowhere, the forward push based on sustained buying also had a spontaneous look about it.

Actually the market was down on the week—off \$1.40 as measured by the Associated Press average of 60 stocks—but the gain in Saturday's two-hour session was 80 cents at \$98.40, the second straight advance after three consecutive declines.

The market in gaining 80 cents at \$98.40 had a \$1 advance in both the industrial and rail groups with a 20-cent rise in utilities.

Volume was 530,000 shares as compared with last week's extremely low 390,000 shares. There were 859 individual issues traded of which 495 advanced and 143 declined with 5 new highs and 6 new lows.

Silverton GI On Korea Front

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA—Sgt. Wilbur G. Sutton of 507 Madison St., Silverton, Ore., is now serving with the 25th Infantry Division on the snow-blanketed front in Korea.

The division, a veteran unit of the Korean War, is spending its second winter in the rugged terrain of the peninsula.

Sergeant Sutton, a veteran of World War II, will serve as a squad leader in the 27th Regiment. He wears the European Theater of Operations Ribbon with two campaign stars and the Victory Ribbon.

Grain Market Moves Higher

CHICAGO (AP)—Most grains moved higher in the short session on the board of trade Saturday. However, corn lagged behind the general market and March soy-

beans lost their early gains in the closing minutes.

Wheat had a firm tone right from the start with buying based largely on continuance of dry weather in the western areas of the Great Plains which are most in need of moisture. Oats attracted speculative buying and rye shot up sharply on limited demand.

Wheat closed 1/4-1/2 higher, corn 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, oats 1/4 higher, rye 1/2 to 3/4 higher, soybeans 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher and lard 10 cents lower to 5 cents a hundred pounds higher.

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