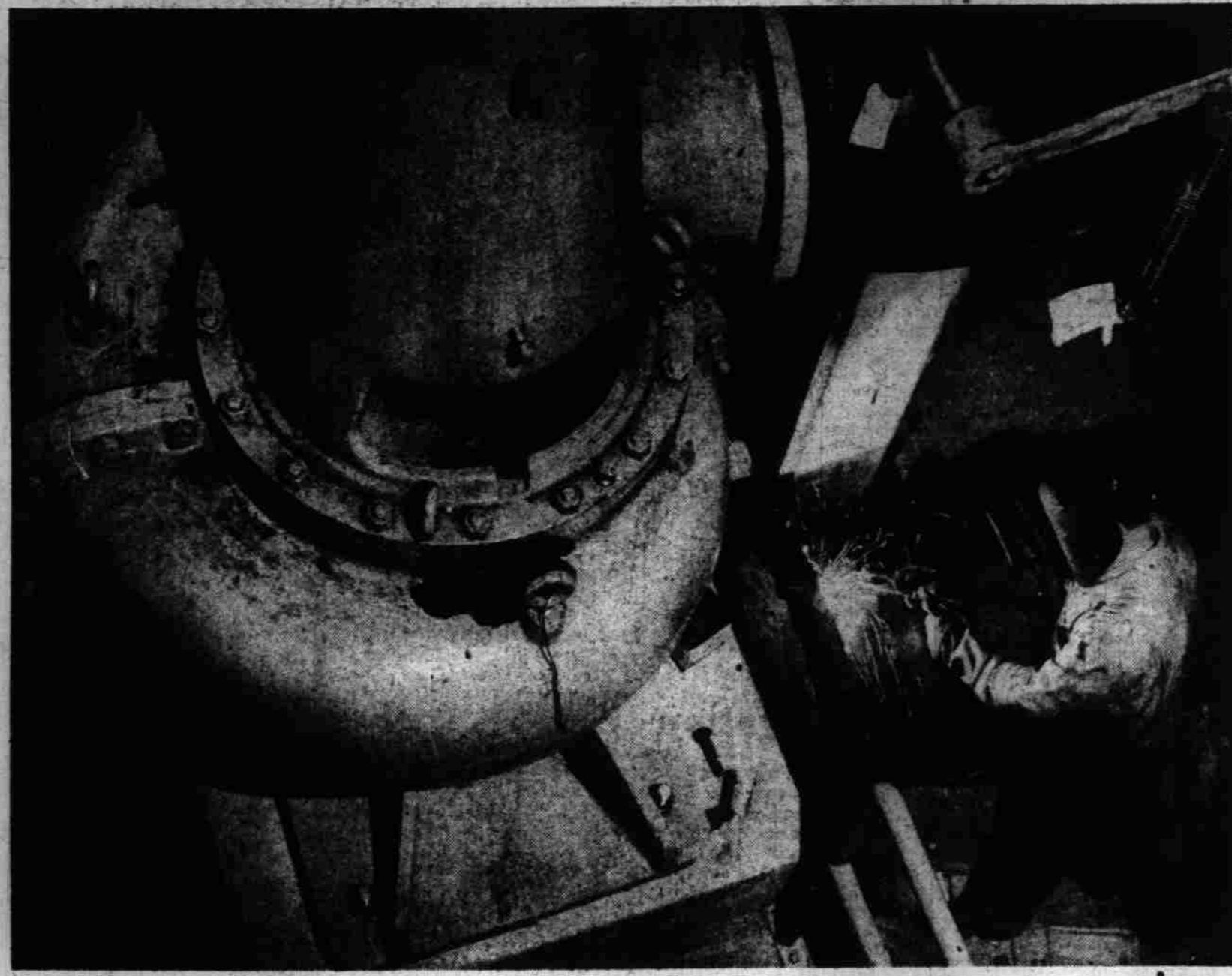


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Chiang Planes Slammed Island Lost to Reds

By SPENCER MOOSA TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—Nationalist bombers flying out in six waves from Formosa bases attacked Red Chinese troops and installations on the island of Yikiangshan Friday night and early Saturday, the Defense Ministry said. The Reds seized the island this week.

The warplanes also directed bombs at Communist shipping around Yikiangshan, near the Tachen Islands 200 miles north of Formosa, and small craft in nearby Toumen Island Bay.

Sink Red Ship The ministry claimed the Nationalist bombers hit an 8,500-ton ship and sank two smaller craft after daylight.

Nationalist sources indicated the Chiang Kai-Shek government would defend their outpost garrison on the Tachens despite Washington reports that an evacuation might be attempted with U. S. air and fleet aid.

No Evacuation Plan "So far we have no plan to evacuate any of our island outposts," said a Defense Ministry spokesman after the Nationalists admitted the invading Reds had wiped out the last resistance on Yikiangshan. "All of them will be defended at all costs." (Additional details on page 2, sec. 1)

Downed Airmen Saved in Pacific

HONOLULU (AP)—The Navy said Friday night the transport Fred C. Ainsworth rescued all seven survivors of a twin engine Navy amphibian forced down Wednesday night in the Central Pacific. The transport radioed that it had picked up the men at 6:50 p. m. 11:50 p. m., PST the Hawaiian Sea Frontier said. Only a few hours before the rescue, the seven airmen had transferred from their life raft to a 33-foot lifeboat dropped by an Air Force plane. No further

details were available immediately. The lifeboat was about 665 miles northwest of Kwajalein, destination of the plane which developed engine trouble while flying from Johnston Island. The survivors reported by a walkie-talkie dropped to them that there were no casualties but some fever had developed. The Ainsworth will bring the men on to Pearl Harbor, the Navy said, and should arrive late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

Financial Aid For Trip Plan Of Red Cross

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Chinese Communists Friday invited the relatives of 17 imprisoned Americans to visit their kinsmen in Red prisons. The Red invitation, announced in Peiping and the United Nations in New York, was extended to relatives of 17 Americans captured during the Korean War, including 11 U. S. airmen recently sentenced to long prison terms as spies. The State Department indicated Friday—without definitely saying so—that the U. S. government will not stand in the way of any Americans who want to visit their relatives.

No Encouragement A department spokesman said, however, the government could not encourage the visits. He denounced the Reds for thrusting a "harrowing dilemma" upon American families, who apparently must decide for themselves whether to risk the long trip behind the Iron Curtain. In Congress there were cries of outrage at the Reds for not releasing the Americans forthwith. The Red invitation, which also was announced by the United Nations in New York, was extended to relatives of 17 Americans captured during the Korean War, including 11 U. S. airmen recently sentenced to long prison terms as spies.

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They gave up after 80 hours of being barricaded in an isolated cellblock during which the power of the state was practically snuffed out by the threats to kill the guards.

At the time of their surrender, the quartet turned over two guns, several knives and a supply of ammunition.

Their capitulation was complete. They released the guards and six inmates who had been held in the stronghold against their will. All were unharmed.

The civic committee spokesman, Erwin D. Canham, editor of The Christian Science Monitor, declared unequivocally that "No bargain or deal" was made to effect the surrender. (Additional details on page 3, sec. 2.)

The tenness of the situation was graphically summed up by Canham as he described the exact moment of the disarming.

"Until the precise moment when they pulled their guns from their dungaree pockets, slipped out the clips or bullets, and tossed them on the table before us, we did not know whether the men would choose tragedy or hope."

"We had talked, back and forth, for some six hours to try and bring them to choose hope."

The guard hostages were reluctant to discuss their experience. Their spokesman, Warren L. Harrington, said "We're tired and that is all."

Bent on Freedom The convicts are Theodore "Teddy" Green, bank robber and jail breaker; Walter Balben, robber-gunnman; rapist Joseph Flaherty and cop slayer Fritz Swenson. All are serving long terms and were immediately returned to their cells.

That the original intent was to smash their way to freedom was apparent. Their weapons, mysteriously smuggled into the 150-year-old prison, along with a makeshift ladder, were evidence that freedom was their goal.

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By Charles F. Sprague

CHICAGO, Jan. 19. — Our railway labor hearing took a recess yesterday because railroad representatives had to go to Washington for the day. This gave me an opportunity to get out to the Edgewater Beach hotel where the Newspaper Advertising Executives are holding their annual convention. I missed the luncheon meeting Monday when Senator Knowland was the speaker. He used the occasion to reiterate his views on American policy in the Orient, declaring that the mission of UN Secretary General Hammarskjold to Peiping was "not a success" and there was no use pretending it was (though Ambassador Lodge reported after his talk with the returned UN official). Knowland fears that the United States will "appease" Red China in order to get release of the eleven airmen, and denounces any "Far Eastern Munich" which would admit Red China to the UN.

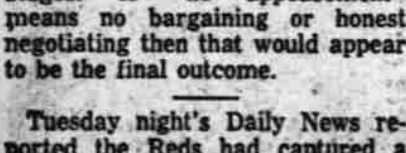
From the few comments I heard Tuesday from men at the convention, Knowland didn't enlist much sympathetic response, though my sampling of opinion was very limited. There is little or no enthusiasm among Americans to embark on military action in the Orient. The danger lies in becoming so involved by slow (or fast) stages. If "no appeasement" means no bargaining or honest negotiating then that would appear to be the final outcome.

Tuesday night's Daily News reported the Reds had captured a small island near the China coast from the small force of Nationalists which held it. That is not significant, for Secretary Dulles is quoted as saying that the Tachen Islands near the one seized, are not essential to the defense of Formosa to which our government is committed. However alongside this story is an article by a French correspondent recently admitted to Peiping. It starts:

"The Chinese are determined to liberate Formosa. They never cease saying so. Their militant declarations are splashed across every billboard, every government (Continued on editorial page, 4.)"

GOP SLATES KNIGHT PORTLAND (AP)—Gov. Goodwin Knight of California will be principal speaker at the Republican Lincoln Day banquet in Portland the night of Feb. 11.

ANIMAL CRACKERS BY WARREN GOODRICH



"Radcliffe, you're a first-class rat and I love you for being so."

Rain Blamed For Rash of City Crashes

Rain-swept streets contributed to a rash of accidents in Salem Friday evening that caused severe injuries to an aged pedestrian and twice as many vehicles smash into parked railroad box cars.

John Plank, 88, of 403 N. 20th St., was taken to Salem General Hospital by Willamette ambulance after being struck by a car at Court and Waverly streets about 7 p. m. City police listed the driver of the vehicle as Keith Dwayne Myers, 29, of Dallas. Hospital attendants reported the elderly man's condition to be "fair" and said he had possible fractures of the ribs and right hip and numerous abrasions.

Two Men Hurt Two men suffered lacerations about 8 p. m. when a late model panel truck smashed into the end of a string of box cars at State and Front streets. The truck, owned by Hi-Lite Drive-In, 608 S. 12th St., was driven by James Paul Woodroffe, 683 Riverview Dr., and also was occupied by Dean Clyde Lowery, 3825 Welty Ave., officers reported. Both were taken to Salem General Hospital for treatment and later released.

Police said the panel truck was going north on Front when it hit the end box car with such force that the coupling was driven almost to the truck's dash board. The truck was extensively damaged on the front end.

Hunt for Victim At about 9 p. m., police were called to another accident involving a freight car, that at Chemeketa and Front streets—but driver of the auto could not be located. Officers said an old-model Buick sideswiped a standing box car, with extensive damage resulting to the auto.

Driver of the Buick apparently left the scene after the accident and officers said members of a nearby switching crew reported they had seen a man running east on Chemeketa with blood streaming down his face. Fears were expressed that the driver may have suffered a severe head injury and a search was launched in the area.

Skids Onto Lawn Fourth accident of the evening occurred at 14th and D streets as one vehicle plumed onto a lawn at North Salem High School after a collision with another car. Officers said a 1950 Ford pickup driven by Helen Elizabeth Marr, 2820 Englewood Ave., ended up on the lawn after an accident involving a vehicle driven by Walter David Soccolofsky, 1310 Market St. Police reported no injuries and moderate damage to the vehicles.

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Thornton, Office Target of Two-Pronged Attack

By HECTOR L. FOX Associated Press Writer An accusation and an explanation centering on the attorney general's office left a tussle glowing Friday as the Oregon Legislature closed out its second week.

On the heels of an announcement by Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican, that he would sponsor legislation to make the attorney general's job appointive by the governor instead of elective, Sen. Warren McMinnis, Tillamook, also a Republican, accused Democrat Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton of a breach in his constitutional duties.

McMinnis, in a letter to Thornton, said the attorney general had represented a client in a case against the State Industrial Accident Commission at Tillamook after he took public office.

Two weeks ago, Thornton ruled such private practice is unconstitutional by telling Sen. Harry George Jr., Portland, that he couldn't handle similar cases.

Thornton struck back both at McMinnis and Gill. The Attorney General said he had believed that it was legal to handle the case cited by McMinnis, but had found later that he was mistaken.

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Airman's Kin Doubts Ability To Make Trip

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Mrs. Donald V. Dehle, his sister, received the latest word from him this week. He wrote in a letter that his bed was made up of one-inch boards nailed together to make a cot 6 feet long and 30 inches wide. He inquired about current boxing champions, about plans he had in mind for a house some day but "mostly he talked about how he would like to get home to his wife," Mrs. Dehle said.

She forwarded the letter to the Air Force for study.

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