

Mao Recovered From Illness, Again at Helm

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The mystery man of the Far East has recovered from what ever ailment he had and once more is firmly in control of the Chinese communist government. It is not the first time in his career that Mao Tse-tung has staged a comeback.

His return to action means considerable to Americans and to citizens of all other nations that have troops fighting in Korea. What little hope there was that the Chinese might overthrow the communist regime in the immediate future has disappeared. Mao is a tough man. He not only talks a tough fight but he carries his talk into action. He is probably one of the few men in the top echelon of international communism who would not be afraid to tell off Stalin if the necessity arose.

Health Bad
About four months ago Mao disappeared so far as the outside world was concerned. He was not present at party functions, he issued no statements and his picture did not appear in the communist press.

News leaked through the underground that he was seriously ill—he has a heart condition and a tendency toward tuberculosis. Mao wrecked his health holding the Chinese communist party together in the days when the red army had to flee 6,000 miles across 18 mountain ranges and 24 rivers before Chiang Kai-shek's troops. That was the famous "long march," the low tide in the fortunes of both Mao and the Chinese communist party.

His disappearance last winter started reports that he was dead. It coincided with a severe outbreak of guerrilla activity against the Chinese communist regime and there were some hopes in the western world that Mao's absence might mean that the Peking regime was coming apart at the seams. But the other day all those hopes vanished.

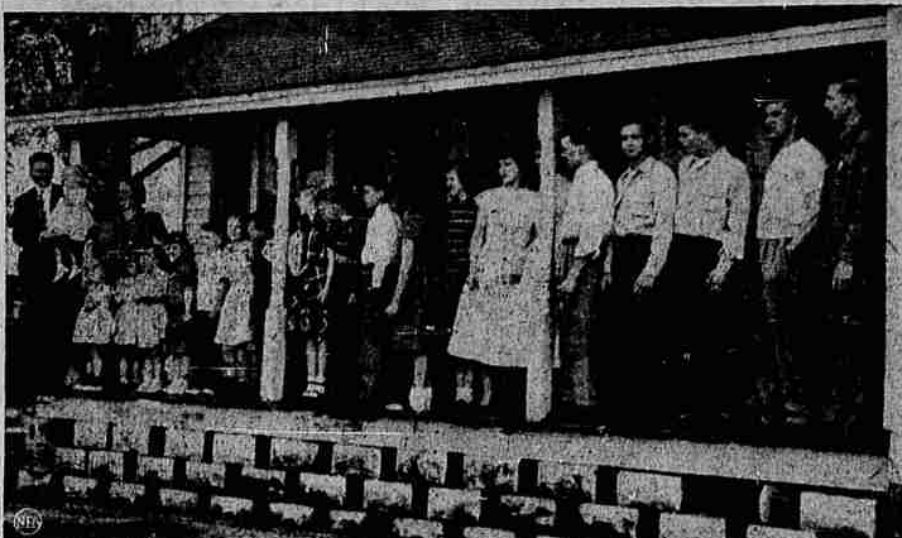
Reviews Parade
Mao appeared to review a communist parade. The red press made quite a thing of it. The Peking radio related the story of how thousands of marchers and spectators were struck by only one thing—what a fine figure of a man Mao Tse-tung was as he stood on the reviewing stand. Almost in one voice, the people said to one another: "How well Chairman Mao looks today!" That was the communists' way of telling the outside world that the boss was back on the job.

Mao is a strange blend of poet and man of action. He can write delicate nature verses about wild geese winging across the horizon, and then he can put aside his pen and take up the sword. Since his recovery from illness, mass executions have been taking place in the big Chinese cities. One of the big purges of history apparently is under way as the communists attempt to stamp out all sparks of resistance.

Tougher Policy Due
Mao's return to active duty probably means a tougher policy toward the Korean war. The Chinese reds have lost heavily in casualties—the standard rate was 10,000 a day last week end—but Mao can see men die without flinching an eyelash. When his three children were unable to keep up with the column on the "long march" he handed them over to some villagers and forgot about them.

He is a first-class hater, he has oriental patience and he believes fanatically in what he is fighting for. His return to action is worth a couple of divisions to the Chinese communist cause.

Microfilm is now used by many cities for vital public records.



FATHER IS CHAMP—Gerrit Koolenga, left, of Zeeland, Mich., shows off the 21 reasons why he was chosen as Champion U. S. Father of 1951 by the National Father's Day Committee, New York. The little Koolengas—10 boys and 11 girls—range in age from two to 25 years. Mrs. Koolenga is at her husband's left as the big brood lines up for photographers on their front porch.

Redmond Events Of Interest Noted

Redmond, May 21 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. John Chapuzia have announced the birth of a son. The infant was born Friday morning at the Medical-Dental hospital.

Elmer McDaniel was a Thursday night dinner guest at the H. H. Musick home. "Stairway to the Stars" was the theme of the Junior-senior prom held Friday night at the Moose hall. The F.F.A. orchestra from Corvallis furnished the music. Miss Naide Fuqua, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Browning and Mr. and Mrs. Idris Davies received the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. William Short and son returned to their home in Eugene Wednesday after having visited Short's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Short.

Daffodil Blue Birds will present a program for their sponsors, the Women of the Moose, Wednesday, May 23. The group met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. A. J. Faulstich with Mrs. M. E. Larive in charge of the meeting.

Mrs. Nina Elliott was elected regent by Deschutes chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Jack Hartley. Mrs. G. A. Edwards was named vice-regent; Mrs. Claire Anderson, recording secretary; Mrs. Nell Irvin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. R. Roberts, treasurer; Mrs. Frank McDonald, registrar, and Mrs. Bert Ware, chaplain and historian. The chapter has made plans to visit Champoege park for its June meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Christiansen and son, Arthur, went to Portland Friday to attend the graduation exercises at Emanuel hospital. Miss Julia Christiansen is a member of the graduating class.

Mrs. Albert Magnuson left Thursday night to join her husband who is stationed at Camp Cook, Calif. Mrs. Magnuson was dentist-assistant at Dr. McKrill's dentist office.

Mrs. W. R. Orlebeke and daughter, Claire were Bend shoppers Friday afternoon.

Miss Marguerite Merchant spent the week end in Portland. Mrs. Edith Smith and Mrs. Gladys Steers were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Helm.

SPECIAL DAY OBSERVED

Prineville, May 21—Ten members of Battery B, 722nd regiment, of Redmond, headed by Corporals Ken Hepner and James Riggs were here Saturday to spearhead a local celebration of Armed Forces day. The men displayed at a chief business street intersection a 90-millimeter field gun.

Troopship, Tanker Collide in Fog; No One Injured

Seattle, May 21 (UP)—A troopship carrying 5,000 soldiers limped toward Seattle today after colliding with an oil tanker during a heavy fog. Nobody was injured in the collision.

The USS Private Sadao Mune-mori was putting to sea, carrying the troops to the Far East, when it rammed the Union Oil tanker St. Clair in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The collision ripped holes in the hulls of both vessels.

The outside plates of the 7,604-ton troopship's bow buckled but the inner plates were not damaged and the Mune-mori did not ship water, according to navy public information officer Lt. Robert Kline.

The St. Clair had a gaping hole in the starboard side and the tanker lost 2,800 barrels of her cargo of diesel oil, according to Otto Weidemann, marine representative for Union Oil Co.

Limp to Port

Both ships limped into port without aid. The troopship anchored at Port Angeles, Wash., where coast guard officials made a preliminary check of damage before she proceeded toward Seattle. She was expected to arrive here at 7 a.m.

The St. Clair continued from the crash scene to her destination, Edmonds, Wash., about 10 miles north of here.

The Mune-mori had sailed from Seattle Sunday morning, headed for an undisclosed destination in the Pacific with the load of troops.

Officers said details of the crash would not be disclosed until investigations were completed. They said both vessels were equipped with radar designed to prevent collisions.

The fog was so dense that a PBV seaplane, a helicopter and a small boat were forced to turn back without sighting the ships after the first report of the collision was received.

The collision occurred about 20 miles west of Port Angeles.

CULVER GOING AHEAD

Culver, May 21—J. I. Grant, who heads activities of the Culver chamber of commerce, reports that plans call for the placing of an aggregate surfacing on main streets of the south Jefferson county shipping point. He says that steps are being taken also to develop a tract of property purchased by the city for park purposes.

Water for the park has been obtained from the U. S. bureau of reclamation's north unit irrigation district project, and the development of lawn, shrubbery and tree planting is planned, Grant says.

Old Dust Bowl Hit by Floods

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 21 (UP)—The old dust bowl areas of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas today counted 10 deaths and millions of dollars in property damage from floods.

Sunshine and warm temperatures ended the danger from high water today.

The latest casualty occurred with the death yesterday of eight-year-old Kenneth Wray Presson, who was washed away while wading on a small concrete bridge at McKenzie state park at Lubbock, Tex.

No overall estimate of property damage was available but municipal officials at Wichita, Kan., said the loss in that city alone would total more than \$2,000,000.

Rivers that left their banks following last week's deluge of rain measuring more than 10 inches in some areas of the southwest were receding at most points, as flood crests moved downstream to wider and deeper channels.

However, numerous highways, especially in Oklahoma, remained closed by high water or bridge washouts.

The town of Olney, Tex., where a tornado Friday killed two persons and injured 200, continued a cleanup that was expected to last a week.

There are some 5,000 known natural caves in America.

Oil Arbitration Rejected by Iran

Tehran, Iran, May 21 (UP)—Iran stood firm today against submitting nationalization of its oil wells to arbitration despite British protests.

The government reiterated its stand in a letter to the "former Anglo-Iranian Oil company" yesterday asking it to designate an official to discuss Iran's take-over of the company's installations.

The letter rejected the company's protest against cancellation of its long-term oil concession. It contended Iran had a sovereign right to nationalize the country's oil wells.

Even though the concession specified that any dispute should be settled by arbitration, the letter said, this does not apply to parliament's nationalization action. There is no international authority competent to judge the issue, it said.

May Go to Hague

The letter indicated that the British government's request of Saturday for negotiation of the nationalization dispute also will be rejected.

The British note said Britain could not accept unilateral cancellation of the oil concession and offered to send a mission to Tehran to discuss a new agreement.

The note also said Britain might take the case to the world court at the Hague, but Iran's letter to the oil company implied that it would not recognize the court's jurisdiction.

The Iranian letter to the Anglo-Iranian company said the government is prepared to discuss the company's "legitimate" claims for compensation.

Prineville to Use New School Gym

Prineville, May 21—First use of the new Crook county high school gymnasium, now being completed, will occur Sunday evening, May 27, when the baccalaureate sermon for the class of 1951 will be delivered by Rev. Father Thomas McTigue, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church here.

Rev. James A. Howard, pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver the invocation and benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Laurence A. Burdette, pastor of the Prineville Community church.

Commencement exercises will be held in the new gymnasium on Friday evening, June 1, when the address will be delivered by Dr. Harry K. Newburn, president of the University of Oregon. Rev. Peter Humble, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran church, will deliver the invocation on commencement night.

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Wilbur Shaw: "It's hard to describe this new Chrysler without going off the deep end ... it has it in every department."

"In fact, I think so much of this car, I've selected it as Pace Car of the 1951 Indianapolis 500-mile race!" (Mr. Shaw's comments are reprinted through the courtesy of Popular Science Magazine.)

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THREE (COMMIE) JEERS FOR NEW RED BOSS—Titoism rears its head in French Communist Party circles and the result is Reds jeering Reds on a Paris sidewalk. Darius Le Corre, left, head of the new "Independent Communist Party" in France, gets a Bronx cheer from members of the regular, Russian-dominated French Communist Party. Le Corre had just told newspapermen that his new party will stress preservation of workers' rights, their closer unity and the building of a Communist organization free of the Soviet grip. (NEA-Acme photo by Photographer Max Winter.)