

# Chinese Civil War Raging in Northern Areas

## 15,000 Casualties Sustained by Government Forces Fighting Reds

Chungking, Oct. 29 (AP)—Reports of heavy fighting between Chinese communist and central government troops in north China pictured today a nation locked in civil war, real though not officially declared. Warfare is growing in intensity in Shan-tung, Shansi and Suikuang provinces, said dispatches received in Chungking.

The Chinese press attributed to Gen. Yen Hsi-Shan, governor of Shansi, now visiting Chungking, a statement that government forces suffered 15,000 casualties and communist losses "also were heavy" in fighting centered around Changchih, strategic town in southeastern Shansi which Yen conceded the Reds captured.

**Scorched Earth Policy**  
Independent reports said that wherever the communists were retreating along railways they were destroying tracks and blowing up bridges.

This explained the slow movement of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's troops which are proceeding along the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Peking railroads to replace United States marines in the Peiping-Tientsin area.

Insistent reports that the Russians were supplying the communists with captured Japanese war material continued to circulate in Chungking but no one in authority would allow himself to be quoted.

**Battles in 11 Provinces**  
Other reports told of bitter fighting in 11 provinces, mostly in North China but including central parts of the nation and Kwangtung province, on the southeast coast.

The New China Daily News, communist publication, estimated 800,000 central government troops were battling the Reds. Neutral observers said they believed this figure was exaggerated, but all quarters conceded the fighting was serious.

"We cannot consider the situation represents a civil war until Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek openly proclaims it to be so and calls the communists rebels," said an official communist spokesman.

**Only Way Out Is Battle**  
Sources favoring Chiang's government said they believed the only way to unify the nation was to eliminate the communists, which they said they

said they thought Chiang could do with an all-out, well-executed campaign in from three to six months.

These sources said they believed Chiang would start a smashing campaign against the communists were he not apprehensive over the reaction from other nations, particularly the United States, and the possibility that Russia might support the Reds.

Several Chungking sources said they believed that there was no real chance of putting the current deadlocked unity discussions between the communists and Chiang's government on the road to peaceful settlement.

## \$3,200 in Cash Found on Corpse

Rockport, Ind., Oct. 29 (AP)—Police disclosed today that they had found \$3,200 in cash, most of it in \$1 bills, with the body of a young woman who was found buried beside a middle-aged man in a clover field.

State police at Indianapolis announced the discovery of the hoard while authorities here tramped through a farmer's clover field in the search for clues to the double slaying.

The two big bundles of bills were found tucked into the dead woman's brassiere. There were 2,700 \$1 bills and a single \$500 bill, police said.

Both victims were unidentified. They apparently were killed and then driven into the clover field on the banks of the Ohio river. There the slayer buried them in a shallow grave. The grave was discovered by the owner of the farm, John Spaetti, when he went out to inspect the field yesterday.

## Southeast Storm Warnings Hoisted

San Francisco, Oct. 29 (AP)—The U.S. weather bureau at 7 a.m. today ordered small craft storm signals changed to warning of a southeast storm for the next 24 hours. Warnings were ordered hoisted from Point Conception to Point Blanco. Wind velocities of 40 to 60 miles an hour are expected.

Rainfall was general yesterday afternoon and night throughout California and Western Oregon and Washington. The weather bureau also reported.

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## Java Truce Halts Bloody Battle At Soerabaja

By Ralph Morton

Batavia, Java, Oct. 29 (AP)—Indonesian nationalists using armored cars and light tanks killed an estimated 25 members of the British Indian force at Soerabaja before President Soekarno of the "Indonesian republic" reportedly arranged a truce today at the big naval base.

A British officer made the casualty estimate but did not include pockets surrounded by the natives. The officer said that many women and children in internment camps in the area had been killed by the natives.

**Jap Munitions Used**  
The fighting at Soerabaja was the bloodiest of the allied occupation of the island of Java. Military equipment which the natives had taken from the Japanese included at least 20 armored vehicles, and machine guns and mortars, the officer said, adding that the hard-pressed British had used even their "cooks and coppers" in the fighting.

Before the truce a couple of companies of Rajputana rifles fought desperately from the Darno hospital and the British consulate. A company of British engineers at the Darno barracks and Darno station, where the bitterest fighting took place, radioed: "Running out of ammunition. Unless you send help we'll be overrun."

**Jail Under Fire**  
One British company detailed eight men to protect a jail where there were 35 Dutch women and children. The company commander reported that he heard several shots at the jail followed by screams and said he feared the building had been overrun and the internees killed.

Asked how many natives the British had taken prisoner, Maj. J. R. H. Orr of Poona, India, said: "We had quite a few, but I think we just took their pants off and let them go." Later he said that seven natives were being held.

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## Single A Bomb Wipes Out City

Washington, Oct. 29 (AP)—A government consultant testified today that a single atomic bomb raid in the Los Angeles area could wipe out the high aircraft industry now centered there.

Dr. George P. Baker, consultant for the war department on planning a post-war aircraft program, appeared before the surplus property subcommittee of the senate military affairs committee. He presented a map of the California area which he said showed that six well placed atomic bombs "would eliminate all the important plants."

Baker urged immediate congressional action to assure post-war dispersal of aircraft production facilities and a continuing program to keep military aircraft facilities available for any emergency.

The interdepartment committee recommended that wartime airplane plants in the following places be included in the peacetime aeronautics reserve:

Fort Worth, Tex.; Tulsa, Okla.; and Dallas, Tex.

Dr. Baker said the general plan would be for aircraft producers to continue manufacture of commercial aircraft on east and west coasts and shift production of military aircraft to inland facilities.

Senator Magnuson (D., Wash.) questioned this saying it would be almost as easy to hit a plant with expected new weapons on the interior as along a coast. He referred to plants of Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Wichita and in Georgia.

## Senate Badly Split Over Military Training Plan

Washington, Oct. 29 (AP)—A demand for prompt action in establishing a universal military training program for peacetime faces a military committee as sharply divided as the senate over the issue.

Senator Gurney (R., S. D.), said he will ask for hearings on a measure he introduced last January. It parallels President Truman's proposal to tag every physically able young man for a year's war training.

Acting Chairman Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.), forecast, however, that the committee will be in no hurry to plunge into a subject on which so many senators haven't made up their minds.

An Associated Press poll showed that of 84 senators queried, 25 favor some kind

## Atrocity Tales Occupy Trial Of Yamashita

Manila, Oct. 29 (AP)—Three witnesses testified at the opening of Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's war crimes trial today that they saw his troops bayonet and shoot to death 40 civilians in Red Cross headquarters during the battle of Manila last February.

Most of the victims were women and children. One was a 10-day old baby.

A fourth witness, Juan P. Juan, a Filipino educator whose wife, two daughters, a daughter-in-law and seven grandchildren died in the slaughter, said that a Japanese captain three months earlier and told him that the Japanese intended to kill all white persons in the Orient.

**59 Charges Added**  
Yamashita, the erstwhile "Tiger of Malaya" who once was regarded as Japan's best field general, sat unsmiling as the witnesses told of atrocities unparalleled even in the Nazi horror camps of Germany.

Fifty-nine additional charges were added at the opening of the trial to the 84 war crimes originally lodged against him.

The 123 counts hold Yamashita responsible, as supreme Japanese commander in the Philippines in 1944 and 1945, for the deaths of 57,000 Americans, Filipinos and others through torture, execution, starvation and neglect.

**Confers With Counsel**  
Yamashita conferred frequently with his interpreter and his counsel as the trial progressed. He wore his full general's uniform with four rows of ribbons across his left chest.

The trial got under way in the jam-packed former ballroom of the United States high commissioner's residence after the five-man military tribunal dismissed a defense motion contending that the proceedings violated the American constitution.

**Tells of Massacre**  
Pretty Patrocinio Abad, 26-year-old Filipino actress, was the first witness summoned to tell of the massacre at Red Cross headquarters.

Between sobs, she testified that Japanese enlisted navy men bayoneted her nine times and her 10-month-old daughter three times. The infant died within four hours.

She said she saw more than 50 other civilians who had sought refuge in the Red Cross building bayoneted and shot within one hour on that day—Feb. 10.

Miss Abad, who was wounded in the arms, leg, abdomen and back, still had a fractured arm in a sling.

## Attlee Plans To Visit Truman

London, Oct. 29 (AP)—Reports reached here today that Prime Minister Attlee may go to Washington early next month to discuss personally with President Truman the atomic bomb and other pressing international problems.

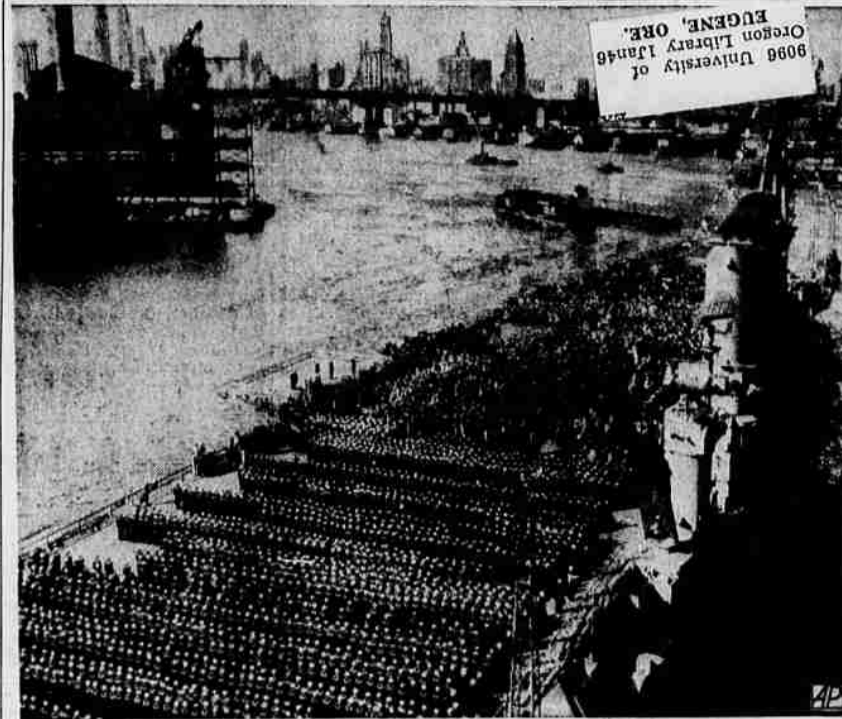
Political correspondents attributed the reports to Washington sources. Attlee's official residence at No. 10 Downing street declined to confirm or deny them.

Members of commons were curious about who would participate in the atomic bomb talks hinted at by Mr. Truman in his Navy day speech.

Pressure was rising in commons for Attlee to make a full statement on the atomic bomb and the prospects of Anglo-American conferences on its control.

The British press generally voiced approval of President Truman's Navy day speech, but wanted to know more about his plans for control of atomic energy.

Forty senators said they hadn't yet made up their minds.



Carrier Roosevelt Commissioned (AP)—Navy officers and men formed this mass on the deck of the huge aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt, as it was commissioned in ceremonies at which President Truman spoke. New York City's sky-line may be seen in background of this view taken from Brooklyn navy yard.

## Roosevelt \$200 Bond Features Victory Drive

Mostly a matter of getting order out of a chaos of pamphlets, circulars, forms and what else was the job of opening Victory Loan headquarters Monday morning in the rooms at the rear of the Lee Ohmart real estate offices in the 400 block on Court street. Once again Lawrence Fisher will act as office manager for the campaign, handle the computations as the campaign progresses and have general charge of the office end of the campaign.

## Tax Cut Bill Near Passage

Washington, Oct. 29 (AP)—The \$5,920,000,000 first peacetime tax-cutting bill was headed toward final passage today, amid new demands for a slash in federal expenditures and for a balanced budget.

The size of the tax reduction—almost \$1,000,000,000 above the limit set by the administration—caused some members of the house budget-balancing bloc to balk, but they acknowledged the bill will pass despite their opposition.

Chairman Cannon (D. Mo.) of the appropriations committee led the opposition, urging that tax paring now would contribute to inflation and deficit government spending. He told reporters it is "absurd" to cut taxes while asking the nation to subscribe to \$11,000,000,000 in victory bonds. He called for economy in federal expenditures, to bring them in line with revenues—and a balanced budget.

On the other hand, Rep. Knutson of Minnesota, senior republican on the tax-initiating house ways and means committee, hailed the tax reduction as a boon to business enterprise. Future reductions, he said, "will depend on full production and elimination of wasteful spending by the administration."

## British Dock Strike Still On

London, Oct. 29 (AP)—Most of Great Britain's 43,000 dock workers remained on strike today demanding government intervention despite a grave warning that bread may be rationed this winter unless they return to work at once.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, minister of education, said in a speech that the strike would result in bread rationing if it is prolonged. Bread was one of the few food items not rationed during the war.

The five weeks strike is the most paralyzing since 1926. About 3,000 dock workers returned to work at Bristol, Avonmouth and Portishead this morning but 30,000 remained on strike in London and Liverpool. Several thousand more troops were put to work unloading ships at Liverpool, London, Hull and Belfast. Approximately 6,000 soldiers are working on food ships in the great London dock area.

Tom Powell, leader of the London strike committee, scorned Miss Wilkinson's warning as "the outburst of an hysterical woman."

**Belton Again Governor**  
President of the Senate Howard C. Belton began a two weeks' stretch today as acting governor. Governor Earl Snell left yesterday for California, where he will confer with Governor Earl Warren.

## Japs Silent on Truman's Talk

Tokyo, Oct. 29 (AP)—Unofficial Japan took hope today from President Truman's enunciation of foreign policy that Nippon eventually might regain a place in the economic and political society of nations, but not one government official would comment.

Marquis Koichi Kido, one of the emperor's closest advisers, spent the entire morning in conference with Hirohito after reading Truman's speech in Japanese newspapers. Kido's aides said they did not know whether the speech was discussed.

The Mikado, described as a diligent student of Japanese newspapers, presumably had read Truman's address, which was printed at length.

The newspaper Yomiuri Hoshi, meantime, reported that Hirohito's annual income was approximately \$1,000,000 from stocks and extensive land holdings and that the imperial household's annual budget was approximately \$1,666,666. In its unprecedented, page one discussion of imperial finances, Yomiuri said nearly one-fifth of the budget came from public funds over which the diet had no control and the remainder from investments.

Aides said Premier Kijuro Shidehara and Foreign Minister Shigeru Yoshida both read Truman's speech, but made no comment.

Unofficial Japanese statements emphasized the hope that Japan "will regain an honorable position in world society when we demonstrate our peace loving intent."

## British Establish Atomic Use Office

London, Oct. 29 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee told commons today that the labor government would establish a research and experimental office to handle "all aspects of the use of atomic energy."

In response to a question, Attlee said "The British government are fully informed as to German research into the atomic bomb."

Capt. A. R. Blackburn, labor, observed that "real effective research" would involve costs of \$120,000,000 to \$160,000,000 and Attlee tersely replied: "I am fully advised on these matters."

## GI's Caught Sitting On Hirohito's Throne

Tokyo, Oct. 29 (AP)—Sadataka Miyasaka, chief of the Japanese diet police, said today he had caught prankish American servicemen photographing each other sitting on Emperor Hirohito's thrones in the house of peers. Miyasaka said he surprised a sailor on one of the imperial thrones. The sailor got down, the police chief said, when he asked him "Are you the emperor?"

Soldiers and sailors reached the formal throne in the house of peers chamber by climbing down a cloth ladder from the balcony.

**Grants Pass Offers Apology**  
Medford, Oct. 29 (AP)—Students of Grant Pass high school have publicly apologized for vandalism by unknown persons who daubed paint on the Medford high school building before the football game between the two schools.

## Strikes of Bay City Machinists And Akron Rubber Workers Increase Ranks of Idle Labor

### Westinghouse and Camden Workers Return to Jobs—Film Workers to Return Wednesday—Steel and Electrical Industries Face Strike Vote

(By the Associated Press)  
Settlement of two major strikes today offset somewhat new walkouts in Akron, O., and San Francisco. These changes in the national strike picture placed the total number of persons not working because of labor trouble at 345,000, compared with 228,000 a week ago and about 235,000 over the week-end.

The number out would have been scaled closer to last week's levels had not leaders of the Hollywood motion picture strike delayed from today until Wednesday the return of about 7000 persons to studios.

A stoppage at the Westinghouse Air Brake company and its subsidiary, Union Switch and Signal company, Pittsburgh, ended and 11,500 persons affected resume work. Directly involved in the walkout were 2,500 CIO electrical workers whose leader said a meeting had been sought with the company to settle a grievance over wage scales. The stoppage began Wednesday.

Another 6500 workers in Camden, N. J., on strike for nearly two weeks returned to work.

**Akron Rubber Strike**  
In Akron, O., an unauthorized walkout of 400 maintenance and power employees of the Firestone Tire & Rubber company halted production and kept 15,000 other workers off the job.

Thirteen thousand AFL and CIO machinists struck in 179 San Francisco and east bay plants after demands for more pay were unsuccessful. Ultimately the walkout may affect from 40,000 to 80,000 workers.

Likewise strike vote petitions to the national labor relations board were being prepared by representatives of more than 800,000 workers in the steel and electrical industries. And the AFL Commercial Telegraphers union planned a five hour work stoppage in the Western Union company Friday. Union spokesmen said 52,000 of Western Union's 60,000 operators would join the demonstration.

**Wages Principal Issue**  
Issues, as in the principal other strikes, revolved about wages. The telegrapher's union, demanding a 28½ percent increase, planned its demonstration in protest of an NLRB award of an average 4-cent an hour boost.

The San Francisco machinists, like the United Automobile Workers, demanded a 30 percent hourly wage increase. In the Akron difficulty, characterized as unauthorized by union officials, a spokesman for a group of pickets at the Firestone plant said the men "were after more money." He asserted the men were not on strike but had merely "quit work." The union scheduled a morning meeting to attempt a solution.

**Steel Vote Filled**  
The CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers reported it planned to seek strike votes affecting 170,000 persons in 54 General Electric corporation plants, and 30,000 in electrical manufacturing plants of General Motors.

Issue likewise was a wage increase, this time for \$2 a day. A similar demand has been made by the union in the Westinghouse Electrical Manufacturing company establishments.

Another strike vote petition filed today by CIO President Phil Murray, also over a \$2 a day increase, on behalf of 600,000 workers in 766 steel, aluminum, and iron ore plants.

Washington, Oct. 29 (AP)—President Truman hammered away again with congressional leaders today in an effort to break the deadlocks on two of his principal reconversion measures—"Full employment" and liberalization of jobless pay.

Capitol Hill democratic leaders, leaving the White House, reported to newsmen:

The president emphasized he is "very anxious" to get the "jobs-for-all" bill quickly.

He "still wants" the bill to expand unemployment benefits which has been gathering dust for weeks on a house committee shelf.

Speaker Rayburn, Rep. McCormack (D. Mass.) and Senators Barkley (D. Ky.) and McKellar (D. Tenn.) said the president.

Simultaneously at the capitol, Mr. Truman's reconversion director, John W. Snyder, appeared before the house expenditures in an effort to pry out the jobs bill. He said it is needed to insure "stable prosperity."

Snyder was called to the White House for an important conference in the midst of his testimony. After receiving a telephone call, he told the committee it was necessary for him to go to the White House immediately. He did not say what the business was, but it was understood he participated in a discussion of labor-management problems.

## The Weather (Released by the United States Weather Bureau)

Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Intermittent light rain tonight, breaking up into occasional rain showers Tuesday. Little change in temperature with lowest tonight, 45. Max. yesterday, 51. Min. today, 44. Mean temperature yesterday, 49, which was 10 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 1:30 a.m. today, .22. Total precipitation for the month, 1.17, which is 1.52 inches below normal. Willamett river height, 3.6 ft.