

Gen. Sun, China's 'Yank' Leader Readies Troops for Invasion

By ARTHUR M. GOUL
Nationalist Training Grounds, Fengshan, Formosa, April 13 (AP)—This is Gen. Sun Li-jen's return match with the communists, and he's giving it everything he learned at the Virginia Military Institute.
He was first in Manchuria. He laid into them the way he was taught in the U.S., getting there fastest with the mostest, and was poised to chase them across the Sungari river divide. But other counsels prevailed and he was recalled. Then the tide turned.
Today he is chief of ground forces in charge of training. His job is to whip recruits into shape for a new showdown—a communist invasion of Formosa, or, perhaps, an eventual nationalist return to the mainland.

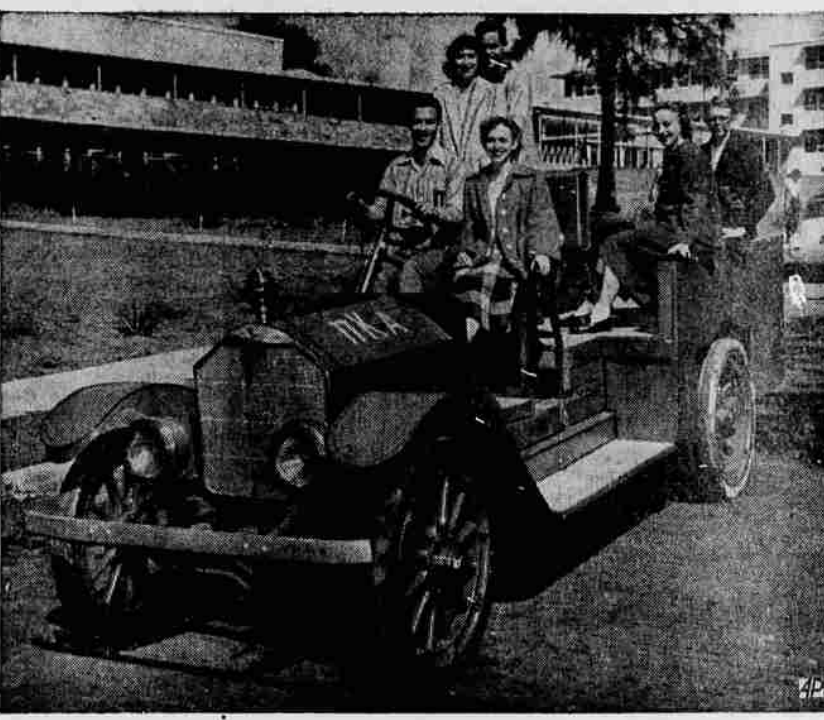
Gen. Sun, known best for his Burma victories, has the Manchurian score to settle with the Reds. And he is putting his men through paces rigorous enough to get the nod from any American general.
The infantry crawls for miles on hands and knees through rice paddies or wades shoulder deep in stagnant canals. The bullets from planes and naval boats, as they move in on an "enemy" force landing on the beaches, are the real thing.
The 200-foot geysers flung up by land mines come too close for any GI's comfort. When mishaps occur, nobody is surprised.

A duel with hand grenades is one way the general toughens up his men. A soldier lobs the grenade at another soldier about 50 feet away, and the other must wait for it to hit the ground before he dives behind a mud breastwork. He has about two seconds to spare. He doesn't always make it.
Sun Li-jen is China's "American general," the only top commander trained thoroughly in the United States in American techniques of war. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1927 and speaks English fluently.
In 1944, as head of the celebrated, American-trained and equipped Chinese new first army, he drove the Japanese from northern Burma. It was the first time Chinese troops used American logistics and battle techniques. He became a na-

tional hero and was awarded the Order of Commander of the British Empire and the U. S. Legion of Merit.
In the struggle against the Chinese communists Gen. Sun drove his new first army up southern Manchuria, flinging the Reds back to their northern base of Harbin. In 1947 it was no secret that Sun wanted to push on to Harbin and crush the heart out of the communist armies.
Another school of thought was that the armies were spread out too thin as it was. Sun was called back and placed in charge of training.
Right or wrong, one theory left over from those critical days is that had Sun's aggressive tactics been followed out the war might have taken a different course.

Nobody Loves the Sparrow —Even After 100 Years

By JOE WING
(AP Newsfeatures Writer)
A smart, bustling immigrant with ways obnoxious to old-line Americans landed on these shores just a hundred years ago. Now, here's the surprise ending to the story:
The immigrant is still noisy, still a pest, and even an economic menace. A whole century in the melting pot has softened only a few of the manners of the English sparrows.
Familiar to more Americans perhaps than any other bird, the English sparrow is no more English than European.
Even in its homelands, it has a dubious reputation.
Not realizing or not caring about that, Americans newly arrived from the old country often made attempts in the last century to introduce Old World species.
They wanted familiar birds about them and, in some instances, they wanted certain birds propagated to combat insects.
Eight sparrows reached the Brooklyn Institute in 1850 but did not thrive.
The following year a larger lot landed at New York and soon started multiplying. During the next 30 years, there were 19 additional importations. By 1913 the sparrows had spread all over this country, much of Canada and Mexico and invaded San Diego, last city to be reached.
"Few if any other birds have displayed in this country an adaptability and a determination to survive equaled by the English sparrow," comments a department of agriculture expert.
The score against the English sparrow is threefold:
First, it eats much grain. Experts figure that adult birds' food habits are only 20 percent beneficial, to man, and 55 percent harmful. The fact that nestlings reverse this with a score of 59 percent beneficial and 29 percent harmful does not fully offset the damage.
Second, it drives out native birds such as bluebirds, purple martins, robins, wrens and swallows.
Third, it spreads barnyard diseases.
This record is in considerable contrast to that of another immigrant bird, the starling. Although the starling bullies native birds and makes a nuisance of itself by flocking in cities, its food habits have been found mostly beneficial.
The English sparrow has received credit for controlling the dropworm which used to damage shade trees in cities. There are still outbreaks of this pest however, and there may have been faulty observation concerning the sparrow's effects on it.
This brash and noisy bird is a smart bird, too, in its own interests. Tested in an experimental maze, it shows it can



'Dated' Fire Truck—This 1916 model fire truck is used by members of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity to haul their "dates" around campus of Florida Southern college, Lakeland.

White Bed Awaits Chinese Boy Who Is Sleeping in Streets

San Pedro, Calif., April 13 (AP)—A white bed in a little house today awaited a Chinese orphan boy who is sleeping in the streets. But it may take an act of congress before his foster-parents can tuck him in.
Army Sgt. Robert Curtis and his wife, Irene, want to adopt the twinkling-eyed 11-year-old who greeted them with baskets of flowers when they met him in Shanghai. Immigration rules, consular regulations and plain red tape blocked their way.
"We've been trying to cut through it for more than a year," Curtis said. "The boy just lives for the day he can come to America."

They made another appeal today in a letter to Rep. Cecil King. Immigration authorities said a special law in congress probably was all that could solve their problem.
The little boy, whose only name is Bill, was just a toddler when he turned up on the Hong Kong waterfront smiling shyly at American sailors. Nobody knew his parents, or where they were.
Sailors on the cruiser St. Paul gave him a ride to Shanghai, where Curtis, serving with the 701st military police met him.
"When I came to join my husband," Mrs. Curtis recalled, "Bill met me, too, and shyly offered me some flowers."
When the MP company shipped out to Japan, orders were to leave Bill behind. Somehow—Curtis says he can't imagine—Bill showed up at their new camp.
"We knew we were going home soon and we thought we'd like to take Bill along," Curtis said. "My wife must have made a hundred trips to Kobe to try to arrange it."
Curtis' fellow soldiers chipped in \$5 apiece to pay Bill's passage. Consular authorities said they'd okay the trip if they could guarantee to get Bill into school. When the guarantee came through, on the last day, the consulate said "no."
"Now they tell us we can't complete the adoption by proxy," Curtis said. "That means we have to get Bill here first. We can't get him in under the quota. That's only 109 a year. It would take 200 years. Meanwhile, the Curtis' cher-

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Filmland Goldfish Bowl Distorts Account of Ford

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON
Hollywood, April 13 (AP)—Glenn Ford doesn't mind living in a goldfish bowl (after all, the pay's good) but he's beginning to think nobody ever bothers to look inside.
Either that, or his bowl's made of super-distorted glass, he said today. Because all those gossip tid-bits going the rounds now are "all wet."
And the bobby-soxers' delight would like to take this occasion to deny—for the hundredth time—that he and Eleanor Powell are getting ready to call it quits.
Somebody just got another cockeyed squint in the Ford goldfish bowl.
"Ellie and I went to dinner with Ann Sheridan and her manager," Glenn said. "Next day a columnist came out with: 'Glenn Ford and Ann Sheridan dining together.'"
"Then the calls started. I explained Ellie was there all day. 'So what happens?' The next day half a dozen stories come out about how our marriage is on the rocks. Even after they check the facts they get it hay-wire."
"He's been with Americans so long he can't speak Chinese," Curtis remarked. "I don't know if he ever could."
For Friday fare, serve a casserole of creamed seafood and a tangy salad of greens, grapefruit and orange sections, and French dressing. Have plenty of hot rolls and butter and end with a substantial dessert.

POTATOES	Local Netted Gems	10 lbs.	49c
GRAPEFRUIT	Large Florida	3 for	35c
ORANGES	Large 150 Size		59c
LEMONS	Large 360 Size		35c
CARROTS	Graden Fresh	3 bun.	25c
CABBAGE	Fresh Firm Heads		8c

BLADE OR ARM CUT		
Beef Roast lb.		59c
WELL TRIMMED		
T Bone Steaks lb.		86c
SHORT RIBS		
Beef lb.		29c
SWIFT'S ORIOLE		
Bacon lb.		45c
RED SNAPPER lb.		35c
KRISPY CRACKERS		
1 lb. box		25c
TEA BAGS		
Folgers 16's pkg.		15c
DRIED PRUNES		
Italian 2 lb. pkg.		25c
CORNED BEEF		
Fray Bentes 12 oz. can		39c
PEACHES		
Star Dee No. 2 1/2 can		19c
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