

Market Basket

CHINESE IDOLS ARE BROKEN BY TROOPS

SHANGHAI, March 5—(U.P.)—Gods before whom millions of Chinese have kowtowed and idols which have had the reverent worship of generations are being ruthlessly torn from their temple altars in many sections of the province of Kuangsi, South China, according to reports received here.

The destruction of the idols is being carried on by provincial troops at the order of Li Tsung-yin, new military governor. With the exception of a favored few, the ancient gods

have met with a violent end in all of the large centres of Kuangsi. Some of the idols were thrown into creeks and rivers, others were decapitated, and still others were stripped of their robes, and left out in the streets to shift for themselves.

In some of the smaller towns, however, the gods were more kindly treated. Hearing of the orders for their destruction, their devotees hastily hid them in mountain caves.

The temples which housed the now-deposed lords of the upper and lower regions are being used for other purposes. Most of them have been converted into market places, and in one town a temple which formerly

RAID ON TORTURE CHAMBER REVEALS CHINESE BANDITS

SHANGHAI, March 5—(U.P.)—That kidnaping is one of the best paying professions in China is being evidenced at the international Mixed Court here where a gang of twelve men and women are on trial on a series of abduction charges.

More than \$50,000 in cash and a well-stocked miniature arsenal were seized by police of the International and French Settlements in a series of raids conducted on the headquarters of the gang, and evidence has already been given by one of the most recent victims of this particular band of outlaws that he paid over to them \$200,000 in cash in order to obtain his release after he had been abducted.

In one of the houses maintained by the kidnapers, the police found \$31,000 in cash, a number of pistols and a quantity of ammunition, leg irons, chains, and various appliances for administering torture.

The widespread operations of the kidnaping gangs in China are made possible largely because of the terror which they inspire. Only a minority of the abductions which occur are ever reported to the police. In most cases, the families of the victims know that the outlaws will show no hesitancy in carrying out their threats of torture and death, and the ransom mon-

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RADIO PROBE IS BEING CONDUCTED

WASHINGTON, March 5—(U.P.)—Radio broadcasting may be revolutionized as a result of investigations and experiments now under way by the Army, according to Maj. Gen. C. McK. Saltzman, chief of the Signal Office.

There is going to be quite a change in the radio world in the next year or so in the use of short-waves," Saltzman said, "and our people have done some very interesting work along that line, in improvising some of the material now on hand. We have gotten some very interesting results."

After short waves are better developed, Saltzman predicted that there would be more room in the air for additional stations to operate "with a minimum of interference, which they can not do now in using long waves."

Saltzman told of the receipt here of a message transmitted from Fort William McKinley, Philippine Islands, on a 250-watt "home-made" set.

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