

NIPPONS SHATTER MAIN DEFENSE OF CHINESE FORCES

Three Big Battles Raging After Japanese Air Raids —Major Offensive Under Way On Shanghai Front.

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SHANGHAI, Sept. 23.—(UP)—Japan unleashed more of the might of her military machine against China today and at dawn three big battles were in progress following Japanese air raids of major intensity at scattered points on a line some 2,000 miles long.

Japanese forces estimated at about 100,000 appeared to have broken the main Chinese defense lines north of the Yellow river.

Major offensive
A major land offensive was under way on the Shanghai front. Japanese aerial and naval activity was continued in the south.

Developments everywhere were increasingly grave as the general war, which started outside Peiping the night of July 7, entered its 79th day. The United States, Britain and France joined in repeated protests against Japanese aerial attacks on the Chinese central capital in Nanking, 165 miles west of this city, and even Germany, with which Japan has especially friendly relations, indicated that she does not approve of the unrestricted nature of the Japanese offensive.

Nanking Bombed
Chief developments of the past 24 hours included:

A fleet of 50 or more Japanese naval planes twice bombed Nanking but did comparatively little damage. The United States ambassador and most of his staff returned to Nanking proper after spending 24 hours on American gunboats.

Criticism of the United States for its policy of impartial neutrality was increasing.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—(AP)—The United States and other leading signatories, employing as a medium the nine-power treaty guaranteeing China's territorial integrity, have begun exchanging information on their activities with respect to the Sino-Japanese conflict.

This was disclosed authoritatively today while the state department awaited a reply from Tokyo to its sharp note of protest challenging Japan's right to bomb large Chinese cities indiscriminately.

Views have been exchanged the last few days by nations most concerned over the far east's undeclared war, but there has been no indication any intends formally to invoke the treaty.

Presumably, such a step would involve a call for a conference of signatories to consider what joint action might be taken in the hostilities.

7 CCC ENROLLEES IN FOREST SERVICE

Promotion of seven enrollees of the Civilian Conservation Corps to positions as semi-skilled workers in the organization of the Rogue River National forest was announced today by Forest Supervisor Karl L. Janouch to take effect October 1.

The men are Roy Woods, Robert L. Dowell, Russell Brown, and Payne Straw at Camp Applegate, and Harry Beckwith at Camp South Fork.

The men have passed the age limit for enrollees and are being honorably discharged from the corps. Through the training they have received while enrolled, they have become proficient in such work as carpentry, masonry, and road construction, and will now be employed in these trades.

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Where Convicts and Guard Met Death



In the main yard of Folsom, Calif., prison, just outside the door of Capt. W. J. Ryan, seven prisoners fought Warden Clarence A. Larkin and prison guards in a desperate attempt to escape. This picture, taken shortly after the 15-minute riot, shows the door to the office (left), the old cell block (center) and tower 13 (right) from where guards fired into the battling group, killing a convict.

Surrender in Denhardt Slaying



On the eve of his second trial on charges of murdering his fiancée, Brigadier General Henry H. Denhardt was shot to death at Shelbyville, Ky. Immediately after the shooting Mrs. Taylor's three brothers, left to right, Jack, Dr. E. S., and Roy Garr, surrendered to authorities, and were held incommunicado.

OFF-YEAR CONVENTION HAS STRONG SUPPORT REPUBLICAN LEADERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—(AP)—A powerful movement for an off-year Republican convention developed today at a meeting of the party's national executive committee.

The move, led by Harrison E. Spangler, Iowa member of the committee, gained support of several foremost members, including Walter S. Hallahan of West Virginia, R. B. Creager of Texas, Daniel E. Pomeroy of New Jersey and others.

At the same time opposition developed from Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, floor leader for Governor Landon at the last national convention.

Spangler entered the meeting prepared to fight for the interim meeting. He said the proposal by former President Hoover to hold such a convention had "met with an extraordinary response."

Asserting the demand for such a gathering came not only from party leaders but from the rank and file, Spangler described it as "a real grassroots movement" which he said

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ELKS VANGUARD IN MEDFORD FOR STATE CONCLAVE

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association which starts tomorrow morning and will operate full blast until late Sunday night.

Initiation Feature
Featuring the program tomorrow will be the huge initiation ceremonies of candidates from all parts of Oregon to be held in the local temple at 8 p. m. Over a dozen Medford men will receive their degree and many more are expected to be initiated.

Planagan To Speak
Opening address of the business session will be given by J. W. Planagan of Marshfield, president of the Oregon State Elks association.

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Reunited With Kidnaped Son



Mrs. Anna Marie O'Brien is shown in Los Angeles, as she was reunited with her 2½-year-old son, Jackie, who was allegedly kidnaped from his Denver, Colo., home last July. Mrs. Mary Lou Rupe, who was found with the child in a rooming house, was arraigned on a charge of flight from Denver to escape prosecution.

The Grange

Gold Hill Grange met in regular session Sept. 16 with 30 members present. Committee reports were good. Lecture hour consisted of group

singing and two talks on highway safety by H. J. Reed of Gold Hill, a welcome visitor, William Greenleaf. Through kindness of the Ladino cheese people of Eagle Point, crackers, cheese and punch were served following the grange session. Mr. and Mrs. William Greenleaf and Miss Sybil Walker served.

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