

CHINA'S STRIKING POWER SURPRISES SAYS MACKENZIE

Japs Continue Malaya Gains But Spread Lines Too Thin—No Vital Action.

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The Japanese continue to clamp tighter the pincers with which they are striving to clutch the key defensive base of Singapore and the rich Dutch East Indies.

The heavy Jap offensive down the Malayan peninsula towards Singapore has forced a further withdrawal of the British and apparently the abandonment of Kuala Lumpur, known as the crude rubber capital of the world. The Nipponese also have made three fresh landings on the Dutch island of Celebes and claim capture of the Dutch oil island of Tarakan off Borneo.

This means that the Japanese have acquired fresh bases much closer to their quarry. The increase of the air-threat to the allies in these gains is particularly serious. And, of course, the corollary must be the loss of valuable defensive bases to the allies. However, nothing approaching a decisive action has yet taken place.

One of the most promising developments in the battle of the Pacific from the allied standpoint is the remarkable striking power and morale being displayed by the Chinese in fresh offensives against the Japanese in several strategic sectors of the long front. The outstanding example of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's new-born initiative thus far has been the disastrous defeat administered to the invaders at the important city of Changsha, Hunan province. This really great triumph is reported today to have cost the Japs 45,000 casualties already, and the mopping-up is continuing.

Such a grand exhibition by the Chinese, after five terrible years of standing off the far better equipped war-machine of the Mikado, certainly couldn't be anticipated. That makes it the more pleasing to see them

demonstrate that the rising sun has got to climb a lot higher in the sky before its rays carry light and warmth to all the spots where the Japs need them. The Nipponese have spread themselves far too thin for safety in their efforts to make a conquest of such a huge slice of the world.

Because of the unexpectedness of General Chiang's strength, this column is getting inquiries as to the why and wherefore. There is a combination of reasons which can be summed up thus:

1. Chinese morale naturally has received a tremendous lift through the acquisition of great new allies. That perhaps is the outstanding cause of the Chinese man's buoyant spirit, for there must have been many times during the long struggle against the invaders when he felt that he was the forgotten man.

2. As already indicated, the Japs are spreading themselves too thin and likely have been compelled to withdraw men and material from the Chinese front to meet the demands of the hurry-up job they have undertaken against the Anglo-American-Dutch combine. Thus we must attribute part of the apparent increase in Chinese strength to a weakening of the Nipponese in that theater.

3. But that doesn't give the whole story, for actually the Chinese are stronger, as they have been receiving war supplies in increasing quantities from the United States. These shipments have included badly needed fighting planes and bombers and, more to the point, a considerable contingent of American military pilots and mechanics have enlisted in General Chiang's army and have bolstered the Chinese air force greatly. Then too the Burma road, China's lifeline, has been improved by American engineers, and new trucks have been put to work, thereby increasing the flow of supplies.

LIVESTOCK

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—(P)—(USDA)—Cattle, salable 3750, total 4100; calves salable and total 125; market uneven; best fed steers fully steady, medium grades slow and weak; common fully steady with last Monday; instances stronger but part of late advance discounted; bulls around 25-30 above last Monday; vealers steady; good fed steers \$12.25@13.00, top \$13.25; common dairy type steers down to \$8.50; few common-medium heifers \$8.00@10.50; canner and cutter cows \$5.50@6.50; shells down to



PRACTICE—Maybe James Barnes is awkward now, dressing doll for a Philadelphia junior high school home nursing course—but will be finishing course in June.

\$11.85, sorted 10 per cent; ewes absent, quoted \$5.50@6.00. Chicago, Jan. 12.—(P)—(USDA)—Salable hogs: Generally steady to 10 lower than Friday's average; bulk 150-240 lbs. \$11.25-60; top \$11.85; apart; most 240-300 lbs. \$11.00-35; good and choice 140-180 lb. underweights \$11.15-50; good 260-300 lb. sows largely \$9.90@10.40; lighter weights up to \$10.55.

Salable Cattle: Supply strictly beef cattle largest in years; few stock cattle here; general market 25-40 lower on steers, cows and heifers; strictly choice steers and yearlings steady to 25 lower; common and medium grades scarce but 25 down; only scattered fed steers sold at \$12.00@13.50; early top choice mixed yearlings \$14.40; next highest price \$14.25 with choice 1382 lb. steers \$13.35 and comparable 1275 lb. offerings \$13.65; most heifers \$11.00@12.75.

Salable sheep: Bidding mostly 35-50 lower or \$12.25 down on fast lambs held at \$12.40 and above; few fat sheep steady with good to choice kinds \$6.00-50; better kinds held higher.

Portland Produce

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—(P)—Butter—Prints: A grade, 40c in parchment wrappers, 41c in cartons; B grade, 39c in parchment wrappers, 40c in cartons.

Butter—First quality, maximum of 5 per cent acidity, delivered in Portland, 39 1/2-40c lb.; premium quality, (maximum of 25 of 1 per cent acidity), 40 1/2-41c lb.; valley routes and country points, 2c less than first, or 38c lb.; second quality at Portland, 2c under first, or 37 1/2-38c.

Eggs—Prices to producers: A large, 32c; B large, 31c; A medium, 30c; B medium, 29c; C small, 28c; B small, 24c; do. resale to retailers, 4c higher for cases, cartons 5c higher.

Dressed turkeys—Selling prices: hens, 28c; toms, 27-28c lb. Buying prices: toms, 24-25c lb.; hens, 25c lb. Ontario—Yakima, \$1.40-1.45; Oregon, \$1.35-2.00 per 50-lb. sack.

Potatoes—White locals, \$2.25 central; Deschutes gems, \$2.75 central; Klamath \$2.85 central.

Country meats—Selling prices to retailers: country killed hogs, best swalers, 129 to 148 lbs., 18 1/2c lb.; swalers, fancy, 21-21 1/2c lb.; light thin, 14-18c; heavy, 15-18c lb.; canner cows, 13-14c; good cutter cows, 14-15c; bulls, 15-16c lb.; lambs, 20-21c lb.; ewes, 6-11c.

Wool—1941 clip, Oregon Ranch, nominal, \$2-35c lb.; crossbreds, 34-37c lb.

Hay—Selling price on tracks: Alfalfa, No. 1, \$21.00 ton; oat-vetch, \$14.00 ton; valley prices: Willamette clover, \$12.00 ton, valley prices; timothy, eastern Oregon, \$21.50.

Portland Wheat

Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—(P)—Grain: Wheat: Open High Low Close May 1.03 1.03 1.03 1.03 1/2

Cash grain: No. 1 flax \$2.10. Cash wheat (bid): soft white \$1.00; soft white excluding tax \$1.02; white club \$1.03; western red \$1.02. Hard red winter ordinary \$1.55; 10 per cent \$1.03; 11 per cent \$1.11 1/2; 12 per cent \$1.16 1/2. Hard white-hairt ordinary \$1.14; 10 per cent \$1.17 1/2; 11 per cent \$1.23 1/2; 12 per cent \$1.27 1/2.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Jan. 12.—(P)—Grain prices took a sharp rise today on the strength of senate action to lift minimum ceilings applicable to agriculture commodities under the pending price control bill. Wheat: Open High Low Close May 1.03 1.03 1.03 1.03 1/2 July 1.01 1.01 1.01 1.01 1/2 Sept. 1.02 1.02 1.02 1.02 1/2

Wall St. Report

New York, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Recovery seeped into the stock market today centering on steels, rails and specialties.

While many leaders failed to join the procession, gains of fractions to a point or so were posted for favorites after an uneven opening. There were scattered advances of more than 2. Dealings were fairly active at times, although slowly active were frequent.

Today's closing prices for 34 selected stocks follow: Al. Chem. & Dye 141 Am. Can 61 1/2 A. T. & T. 127 1/2 Chrysler 27 1/2 Atch. T. & S. F. 30 1/2 Bendix Avia. 37 1/2 Beth. Steel 64 1/2 Caterpillar Tract. 40 1/2 Curtis Wright 47 1/2 Douglas Airt. 66 1/2 DuPont 134 1/2 Gen. Elec. 27 1/2 Gen. Foods 39 Gen. Mot. 32 1/2 Int. Harvest 46 1/2 Johns-Man. 57 1/2 Kennecott 35 1/2 Monty Ward 27 1/2 No. Am. Av'n 23 1/2 North Amer. 10 Pennay (J. C.) 7 Penna. R. R. 22 Phillips Pet 38 1/2 Radio 2 1/2 Sola. Pac. 12 1/2 Std. Brands 20 1/2 St. Oil Cal. 20 1/2 St. Oil N. J. 38 1/2 Trans. Amer. unquoted Union Carb. 69 1/2 Unit. Altrairt 33 1/2 United Aircraft unquoted U. S. Steel 54

Annual production of razors in United States factories includes 10,450,000 safety razors, 747,500 dry-shavers, 75,000 straight-edge and others, according to census bureau figures.

LAW QUIRK BALKS IMMEDIATE RITES OF SECT LEADER

Jehovah Witnesses' Head Dies Last Wednesday, Kept Secret Three Days.

San Diego, Calif., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Lying on his deathbed, Joseph Franklin Rutherford, 72, world leader of Jehovah's Witnesses, voiced a last wish.

He asked disciples to bury him at dawn of the day after death in a Hillside crypt at Beth-Sarim, the estate he built here for the biblical King David's return to earth.

Rutherford died at the estate last Thursday in a passing kept secret until Saturday. But today Rutherford's body was still unburied, his last wish thwarted by a county law forbidding burial on the estate because it is not a legally zoned cemetery.

Followers of the Jehovah's Witnesses' movement obtained a hearing date Jan. 24 to present their burial permit petition before the county health commission. Preparations went ahead, meantime, on an apparently elaborate memorial to be erected at the estate.

Rutherford, who once termed "organized Christianity" an "unholy alliance against the common people," had been ill here for two months. Dr. George Roy Stevenson, who signed the death certificate, said Rutherford had known for 18 months of the malignant condition that eventually brought his death. Chief of a movement that spread to 36

countries, Rutherford claimed 2,000,000 followers to whom he prophesied a millennium. Dignified and severe, the former Missouri lawyer made thousands of addresses to gatherings of witnesses and in later years over the radio. He campaigned for William Jennings Bryan in 1896, but sometime later abandoned political affairs.

During recent years Jehovah's Witnesses have been involved in incidents attracting national attention, such as that of a 1940 contest before the U. S. supreme court of a case of two Pennsylvania children who opposed a requirement they salute the American flag in school.

SPECIAL TALK TO ELKS SCHEDULED

Exalted Ruler Ernest L. Scott, of the local lodge of Elks announces that L. C. Oberlies of Tacoma will give a special talk to the Elks in the Elks Temple Thursday night, January 15th. Mr. Oberlies is considered a very outstanding speaker and his subject for his talk Thursday

DEFENSE COUNCIL IN NEW QUARTERS

The Jackson County Council of Defense today opened central headquarters at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

All civilian defense activities under the council will henceforth be centered at this new office and persons having business with the council were asked to call or telephone there. The telephone numbers are 4808 and 2295. Heretofore the various divisions of the council have been more or less scattered, with no central headquarters.

The National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C., cited as the largest marble building in the world, took less than four years to build and cost about \$15,000,000.

Advertisement for CONGER Funeral Parlors. Includes text: 'A Fitting TRIBUTE...', 'Relief At Last For Your Cough', 'CREOMULSION for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis'. Features an image of a globe and a portrait of a man.

Large advertisement for the MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE. Features a large illustration of Uncle Sam and a young boy. Text includes: 'WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO!', 'The MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE Carriers have volunteered to Sell and Deliver Defense Savings Stamps to Your Home!', 'Most Americans have asked themselves what they can do to help the National Defense Program. There is one thing that everyone can do... BUY A SHARE IN AMERICA!', 'HERE IS THE PLAN... IT'S SIMPLE—', 'HELP YOUR CARRIER BOY HELP UNCLE SAM!', 'ORDER DEFENSE SAVINGS STAMPS DELIVERED TO YOU WEEKLY'. Includes a coupon for ordering stamps.