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Chinese Nationals Send Landing Force Ashore; Commies Repulsed

Taipei, Formosa, Mar. 28.—(UP)—The Chinese nationalists said today they have smashed the first major communist invasion of strategic Hainan island and landed a raiding force of their own on the Chinese mainland.

Nationalist regulars returned to the China coast this afternoon for the second time since they fled to Formosa and Hainan islands three months ago, it was announced.

500 Reds Killed Supported by naval gunfire, they went ashore at Nanhwei, 25 miles southeast of Shanghai, killed at least 500 communist troops and cleaned out junk concentrations in the Hangchow bay area, a communique said.

The nationalists did not report on the strength of the force and did not say whether it pulled out after completing its mission or went inland.

The action today came about 12 hours after a landing on Hainan by 4,000 Red troops, the nationalists said.

The Reds were annihilated in a 17-hour battle, the nationalists reported. One report said not one invader survived.

Crushing Defeat Nationalists' reports said it was the first major communist landing on the island and ended in a crushing communist defeat.

Private reports from Hainan today said fighting has ceased and the island is back to normal.

The nationalists who landed at Nanhwei met stubborn resistance on the part of the communist garrison, which tried to cling to the beaches and the harbor, the communique said.

The report did not say how long the fighting lasted, but it said the entire communist garrison was wiped out.

The communist landing on Hainan tested nationalist preparedness there to the full.

Planes, Ships Used Shore batteries, warships and planes were said to have joined ground troops in destroying Communist Gen. Lin Piao's 11th division of the 40th Red army. The fighting raged from dawn until 10:30 p. m. in the Linkow area west of Hoihow.

Hundreds of invasion junks were sunk. A nationalist Central News agency dispatch said 1,500 bodies were counted in the water alone.

Hainan is the southernmost of the last two main nationalist strongholds. It lies off the southeast tip of the Chinese mainland and serves as a base for air attacks on all south China and naval raids along the mainland coast. It is exceeded in importance only by Formosa, to the northeast.

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To Circulate Petitions The group drafted recall petitions that will be circulated through the city beginning today, Koozer said.

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Ashland Mayor, Councilman Targets Of Recall Movement

Ashland, Mar. 28.—A selected group of about 30 Ashland citizens met last night in the ballroom of the Lithia hotel to set in motion a recall movement against Mayor Thomas Williams and Councilman Elmer Sheldon.

Those who attended reported today.

At a meeting from which the press was excluded, the group elected Harry Morris chairman, and Henry Enders secretary-treasurer of the recall committee.

Local Athletic Star To Receive Bill Stern Award Medford high school today was to receive the Bill Stern award for its stellar athlete, Jack Morris.

Presentation of the plaque, on which Morris' name will be inscribed, was to be made during a special program at 4:15 p. m. on radio station KMED by Bud Hennessey, station sports and news editor.

Medford high school is one of 50 schools in the United States at which the award is made on the basis of its athletic record. The athlete is chosen by school officials on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and all-round sports ability.

Morris has starred in football, basketball and track.

Scheduled to participate in the presentation ceremonies were Morris, School Principal Lester Harris, Athletic Director Lee Ragsdale and Sports Editor Hank Green of The Mail Tribune.

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SAIGON RIOT—Truck load of police block street in Saigon, French Indo-China, to stop Communist anti-American rioting that ended the goodwill mission of two U. S. destroyers. The riots left three persons dead, injured 60, caused widespread damage and resulted in the arrest of 15. French soldiers patrolled a 45-mile stretch of the Mekong River as the American destroyers Richard B. Anderson and Stickle headed for the open sea on schedule, their four-day mission spoiled by Communist agitators.

Atlantic Pact Chiefs Okay Defense Plan

The Hague, Netherlands, Mar. 28.—(UP)—Chiefs of staff of the 12 Atlantic pact countries today approved a master plan for their common defense.

A formal statement said they had assigned zones of responsibility to meet any possible attack.

The plan will be submitted to the defense ministers meeting here April 1. It was adopted unanimously, the statement said.

"This plan is based on the agreed strategic concept of the North Atlantic pact countries," it said. "It emphasizes the responsibilities assumed by each nation to participate, with the maximum forces it can provide, in assuring the continued security of the territories covered by the North Atlantic organization."

The chiefs of staff met here under the chairmanship of Gen. Omar N. Bradley of the United States. They met not only to approve the defense plan, but also for what informed sources said was a comprehensive study of Russian war potential.

Allocation unmentioned The communique issued after the session did not mention the allocation of land, sea and air responsibility among the members. Informed sources said the general division was:

United States—Strategic bombing and a supply mission role as the "arsenal of the Atlantic."

The United States, Britain, France and Holland—responsibility for naval superiority.

Britain and France—Anti-aircraft and radar screens for western Europe; fighter planes and medium range tactical bombing in support of ground forces and to harass communication lines of an aggressor.

France and other continental participation—provision of ground forces needed immediately to resist attack pending full mobilization by partners across the sea.

Speedy Target Drones Being Constructured Austin, Tex., Mar. 28.—(UP)—Target drones of apparently fantastic speed are being created by University of Texas scientists for sky scrambles with new guided missiles, it was revealed today.

The work, a terse, carefully-ordered university announcement said, is being done at the school's defense research laboratory.

The university announcement carefully omitted mention of design of the target drones, and a spokesman said it was released with full knowledge that it probably would give rise to speculation linking drones with recurring stories about "saucers."

The announcement did not make clear whether any drone has been perfected and put into actual use.

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Veteran Envoy, 4 Members Of Staff In Canada Mishap

Ramsayville, Ont., Mar. 28.—U. S. Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt, a veteran of the American foreign service, and four members of his embassy staff were killed today when an engine on their air force plane "blew up" shortly after taking off from Rockcliffe airport at Ottawa.

The plane, a twin-engine C-47 transport, crashed in flames in a snow-covered field three miles south of this farming community.

Master Sgt. Gynne A. Long, crew chief of the aircraft, parachuted to safety.

Plane Noses Over He told Russell Scharfe, a farmer and the first person at the scene:

"The port engine blew up." The pilot, Capt. Thomas Archibald, tried for an emergency landing in a field on the farm of Arthur Gould, but the plane nosed over into a ditch and burst into flames.

All on board were killed except Long. Volunteer firemen hurried to the scene but they were equipped with only hand extinguishers and were unable to douse the flames.

The bodies of the victims were placed on sleds and removed to ambulances. They were taken to Ottawa where an examination of dental work will be made to identify them.

Suffered Sprained Knee Sgt. Long was taken to the RCAF hospital in Ottawa but said he suffered only a sprained knee when he landed.

In addition to Steinhardt, the victims were Alan Harrington, son of Julian Harrington, U. S. minister to Canada; Lt. Col. W. F. Trueblood, an exchange officer attached to the U. S. embassy; Capt. Thomas Archibald, assistant air attaché at the embassy, and Lt. Mark Belanger, also an exchange officer.

Witnesses said the plane left the airport in a routine takeoff but was unable to maintain altitude.

GOP Voters Have Slim Lead Over Democrats The balance of potential voting power between the two major political parties in the county is still tipped slightly in favor of the republicans, according to the latest count made by the county clerk's office.

As of March 25, there was a gap of 1,861 separating republican and democratic registrations with 12,383 republicans and 10,522 democrats on the official voting books.

Last December, when another count was made, the democrats had 1,887 fewer voters than the republicans. At that time the registration figures stood at 12,215 republicans and 10,328 democrats.

The deadline for primary to vote in the May 19 registration election is April 18, and Gov. Douglas McKay this week issued a statement urging every resident of legal age to register before that date so that voting may be a proper reflection of the state's popular opinion.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD Warrington, Eng., Mar. 28.—(UP)—Princess Margaret smokes. She settled the hotly debated question today when she took a cigarette from her bag at an official luncheon here and smoked it. She used an ornamental gold-banded cigarette holder.

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"Nobody's going to lose anything," Bohr said. "Everybody's confused about the whole thing. I let the folks have the money because I just didn't have the heart to turn them down."

Court Candidate To Speak Here Twice Walter L. Tooze, presiding judge of the Multnomah county circuit court, will speak at tomorrow noon's meeting of the Medford Kiwanis club, and at the Wednesday evening meeting of the Medford Lions club. His topic at both meetings will be "Constitutional Government."

Judge Tooze is a candidate for the state supreme court position being vacated this year by Justice J. O. Bailey.

Clearing Weather Spurs Search For 4 Portland Fliers

Redmond, Ore., Mar. 28.—(UP) Clearing weather predicted for today raised hopes of finding four flying Portland residents believed to have gone down in north-central Oregon.

At least six volunteer search pilots, directed by Search-Coordinator Al Mocabee, Klamath Falls, will try to get to Ollalie lake and Clackamas river country, then west to Estacada.

Mocabee said an attempt to move search operations to The Dalles Monday failed because of bad weather. Only two light planes took off from here yesterday, screening the Paulina mountain area.

An air force B-17 traced Blakkolb's probable route to Portland but clouds obscured the ground in some sections.

Plans to fly a special snow-traversing vehicle to northern Oregon were abandoned when the air force's C-82 flying boxcar was forced to return to McChord field, Wash., for maintenance.

Aboard the Beechcraft biplane were Pilot Lee Blakkolb, his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lundstrom. The craft took off from Lakeview Tuesday noon after refueling.

Blakkolb was familiar with the area of today's search and once said he would try to land near one of the government's cabins which are stocked with emergency rations.

Ground parties will search as far south as Government Camp, high in the Cascades south of Mt. Hood, Mocabee said.

Medford Firms File Incorporation Papers Salem, Ore., Mar. 28.—(UP)—Articles of incorporation were filed here today by the Medford Millwork company, of Medford, Ore. Capitalization was listed at \$100,000.

Signing the articles were V. J. Namitz, Charles C. Leibbrand and Horace M. Doolen.

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Atlantic Council, Big 3 Ministers To Meet In May

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Foreign ministers of all 12 Atlantic pact powers will be invited to the council meeting—the first important policy session yet held by that group.

Simultaneously, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Secretary Robert Schuman will confer privately on a global re-examination of the cold war.

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