

Chinese Factions Clash In Battles Near Mukden

CHUNGKING, March 25 (AP)—"Pitched battles" between central government and communist troops near Mukden were described here today as the government and communists were reported on the verge of agreeing to send truce-inspection teams into Manchuria.

Dispatches from Mukden said that four regiments of communist reinforcements under Gen. Lin Piao had hotly contested government entry into Fushun, important coal center 30 miles east of Mukden.

The communist forces now are withdrawing to the north-east under the pressure of gov-

ernment forces, which are continuing to advance, the report declared.

Ho Ping Pao, Chinese army newspaper, reported the occupation of Fushun and said another central government column driving up the Dairen-Mukden railroad from the south had occupied the rail center of Liaoyang, 30 miles south of Mukden. Liaoyang is approximately halfway between Mukden and the great steel center of Anshan, where the column was reported yesterday.

Spark Needed

The Fushun battle report was the first indication of any serious clash between the two forces in the area, where observers have feared that such an engagement might provide the spark needed to rekindle the smoldering Civil war.

Meanwhile, the communist New China Daily News published a Manchurian dispatch saying that Gen. Chow Fochung, commander of the pro-communist third route army of anti-Japanese allied forces, had demanded recognition of his troops by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

In a telegram to Chiang, Chow likewise demanded permission for entrance of Harbin, the dispatch said.

Abolition of the government secret service and severe punishment of the assassins of Li Chao-Ling, chairman of the Sino-Russian Friendship association, who was recently slain at Harbin, also was demanded.

Group Seeks Air Terminal

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25 (AP)—Arguments seeking a Pacific northwest terminal for trans-Pacific airways to the Hawaiian islands were briefed and en route today to Washington and Oregon congressional members for presentation to President Truman.

Officials of Seattle, Portland and Tacoma chamber of commerce prepared the briefs here yesterday in a meeting with Mayor Earl Riley.

Mayor Riley said the petition answered statements by an examiner of the civil aeronautics board in not recommending approval of an airline link between the region and the islands. Riley declared the examiner's report that the northwest did not have sufficient business to support the airline was groundless.

He asserted there are more than 5,000,000 people in the region which routes proposed by Northwest Airlines and the Mason Navigation company would serve. Any decision by the CAB respecting the plan would leave the region without a terminal on the Pacific Airways network, although the two states are on the "natural and actual great circle trans-Pacific route," he said.

Hearings On Wool Shipments Slated

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25 (AP)—Hearings on rail rates for western wool shipments to eastern processors will be held here Tuesday and Wednesday by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Frank S. Clay, secretary of the Portland Traffic association, announced he would seek lower rail rates from inland grower points to Portland to facilitate marine shipment of wool via the Panama canal to the Atlantic coast. John H. Carkin, chief of railroad transportation for the Oregon Utilities commission, is expected to submit testimony.

It is one of a series of hearings in different cities.

Pioneer Community

John Zarosinski has returned to his home with an honorable navy discharge.

Jackie Hurlbut of Ashland spent the past weekend visiting the R. B. Hurlbut family and with her father, Elmer Hurlbut. Joe Hieder has sold his home in this community and has moved to Ellingson's mill. The new owners are the Hax Lepleys of Klamath Falls.

Alvin Sattley, former resident, has just been discharged from the navy and has been visiting here from his home in Chillicothe.

Mrs. J. P. Kerns has just returned from Hillside hospital where she has been a patient the past 10 days. She is reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Everhart and Mr. and Mrs. Scyge have just returned from an eight-weeks extended tour of California. They report a wonderful trip and nice weather. Mr. and Mrs. Scyge are Portland residents and have gone on home. Mr. and Mrs. Everhart have received word that their son, Lt. John Everhart, has re-enlisted with the air corps. He was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of the Germans.

Mrs. Emma Cole and Mrs. Angus Newton were callers at the T. G. Clemmens ranch recently.

Spring farming operations are getting underway in the vicinity. Reuben Talbot and Eddie Bushong have returned from a trip to Fort Lewis, Wash., where Bushong received his discharge from the armed forces. Both young men are home now ready to take up farm duties.

EIGHT ECHOS
KENSEY, Mont., March 25 (AP)—If you call for "H. Watts" at the Watts' residence, you'll get eight answers.

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Tree Solves Housing Shortage



Solving her own housing shortage, a small white dog, address unknown, found shelter in the hollow of a tree in Detroit, Mich. There she gave birth to three offspring and defied removal by residents in the area who brought her food daily. John Gilbert (above), humane society worker, found the dog had routed a skunk from the tree before setting up housekeeping.

—AP wirephoto.

Shouts Of 'Banzai' Greet Hirohito On Personal Tour

By TOM LAMBERT

TOKYO, March 25 (AP)—Crowds shouting "Banzai" greeted Emperor Hirohito today on his third "meet the people" tour within a month.

He visited a hospital, a silk mill, an industrial plant and a prefectural government office.

The tour, which took Hirohito about 40 miles from Tokyo, preceded smoothly except when a minor official bowed low too close to the emperor's limousine and was smacked in the head by an opening door.

Hirohito's chauffeur and other court attendants quickly rendered first aid and the man recovered sufficiently to show the emperor a reclaimed land project, wheat and potatoes are grown on this former Japanese airfield which still is littered at the edges with ruined planes.

Hirohito traveled by imperial train from Tokyo to Maebashi, where he entered his Mercedes Benz limousine with its imperial golden chrysanthemum. A jeopful of American military police

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Snell Pushes McNary Dam

SALEM, March 25 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell said today that construction of the McNary dam, on the Columbia river near Umatilla, was threatened months ago, and that he is working hard to have the government build it as soon as possible.

The governor said he has been in constant touch with Senators Guy Cordon and Wayne Morse, the army engineers, chambers of commerce, and State Engineer Charles E. Stricklin.

The governor said that as far back as last October he wrote Stricklin that the dam should be the first one to be built, and that all supporters of it should get behind the move to build it.

B-29's To Fly Over Magnetic North Pole

EDMONTON, Alta., March 25 (AP)—In a flight to test new equipment, three B-29's based here will leave shortly to fly over the magnetic north pole. It has been learned here.

The ships will be equipped with loran, a development of radar, and a new navigation device.

The new device puts out radio beams in all directions and it is claimed that through these beams navigators can tell their precise latitude and longitude anywhere in the world.

GETS 12 YEARS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25 (AP)—Melvin H. Logan, 25, today faces a 12 year penitentiary term after sentencing by Judge James R. Bain on three charges involving taxi robberies.

Navy Will Conduct Training Exercises

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—The navy has so many new personnel that normal peacetime elementary training exercises will be conducted in the West Atlantic toward the end of April.

The navy's announcement yesterday of the exercises did not mention the probable size of the task force, which will be commanded by Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, commander of the 8th fleet.

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