Marshall Seeks Truce In Grave Manchurian Crisis

By The Associated Press

General Marshall, recognizing the urgency of the Manchurian fighting, tomorrow will fly direct from Tokyo to Peiping, the Sino-American truce headquarters, to again throw his powerful influence into peace negotiations.

Marshall, President Truman's special envoy to China, canceled an important conference with Chinese Premier T. V. Soong in Shanghai to go direct to the truce headquarters city.

There he will meet the impotent Sino-American committee of three which—with substitutes for all three original members—has not had authority to carry out its assigned mission of affecting a truce between battling Chinese government and communist forces. He effected both military and political truces last January, but neither was put into effect and shortly after he went to Washington for conferences, the situation worsened.

Full Scale War

Marshall's decision to fly to Peiping was made after the No. 2 Chinese communist leader, Gen. Chou En-Lai, called the fighting in Manchuria full scale civil war. Both Marshall and Chou were original members of the committee of three, along with Minister of War Chen Cheng who is ill. Marshall conferred with MacArthur in Tokyo today.

There was a virtual news blackout—unexplained, but presumably caused by poor communications—from Manchuria today.

However, Associated Press Correspondent Spencer Davis radioed from Mukden that the situation in embattled Changchun, the Manchurian capital, was so tense that a neutral plane probably would be sent there to remove five American correspondents—one a woman.

Latest news from Changchun said communists, attacking from three directions, had captured Changchun's three airfields.

Reds Enter City

The official Chinese central news agency, in a Changchun dispatch, reported belatedly today that communist troops had entered the capital city yesterday after one night of continuous attacks. There were no details. The communists were reported to have 30,000 to 40,000 troops around Changchun, the government only 4000.

Associated Press Correspondent Tom Masterson, one of the five American correspondents in the Manchurian capital, yesterday said the communists had been attacking 10 hours when his dispatch was filed. The assault began two hours before the scheduled departure from Changchun of the last Russian occupation troops.

Meantime, the formal entry of the government's new first army into Szepingkai, important railroad junction 90 miles southeast of Changchun, was announced in Mukden by the northeast China command. Communists had held up the first army's advance south of Szepingkai more than 10 days as the government troops, American-trained and equipped, tried to reach Changchun before the Soviet withdrawal.

The army had made its way afoot and by mule cart from Mukden to Szepingkai, a city of 100,000.

Jaycees Elect New Officers

Officers for the 1946-47 fiscal year were elected at the regular Junior chamber of commerce meeting Monday night. In the absence of John Sandmeyer, president, Phil Lee presided at the election meeting and the following were elected: president, Ray Ward; vice presidents, Bill Kunz and Jim Kerns; treasurer, Elton Smith; secretary, Jim Stilwell, and the following board of directors, Dave Hoss, Frank Drew, Don Everitt, George Flitcraft, Cliff Jay, Carl Baker, Ray Garrison and Fred Biehn. These officers will be installed at the first meeting in May.

Dick Miller Jr., was high bidder on a Crossley combination radio-phonograph, auctioned off by the members to raise funds for the state convention of the Jaycees, which will be held in Klamath Falls May 24, 25 and 26.

After the business session and dinner, members were entertained by Dick Maxwell, speaking on local election issues, and Thorf Anderson, entertainer from the Northwestern theatres.

Special convention committees are drafting final plans for the state confab and final plans will be acted on at the next general business meeting to be held in the chamber of commerce offices, Monday, April 22.

Classified Ads Bring Results

Three-Seater Boat Reported Stolen

A green plywood three-seater boat, property of G. Schimberg, 122 S. Riverside, has been reported to the city police as stolen from the river at Main and Conger.

The boat was 12 feet long, equipped with oar locks but no oars and is valued at $100. It was not locked, Schimberg told police.

Boyd Thacker of Centralia, Wash., reports that a pair of light green fender skirts was stolen from his 1941 Buick during the noon hour yesterday while the car was parked at 9th and Walnut.

One black chrome-trimmed fender skirt was reported lost by Elmer Wade from his 1941 Chevrolet this morning.

Permit Okayed For Drive-In

A permit for construction of a drive-in and restaurant at E. Main and 6th at $8500 by Gino Carnini topped the list of building permits for the past week.

Including the permit for the drive-in, building estimates for the week totaled $45,841. A number of the permits are for smaller remodeling jobs, reroofing, and additions to private homes.

Among the permits are five residences, $3000 each, Mills addition by G Klinkhammer; demolish house, 1815 Esplanade, $45, A. E. Roberts; reroofing, Cascade apartmets, 11th and Walnut, $1000, M. E. Doty; repair roof, Esplanade and Main, $346, Paramount Roofing company; remodel store, 129 S. 8th, $1700, Albert Lare; foundation, 1882 Academy, $100, Mrs. Vernon R. Henry; garage and woodshed, 238 Broad, $500, Ervin P. Pool; remodel restaurant, 1355 Esplanade, $200, C. E. Herndon; porch foundation, 403 Pacific Terrace, $150, Ernest C. Simmons; roof repair, Payne alley, $400, E. A. Denham; remodel house and garage, 2029 Sargent, $400, H. L. Brown; porch, 2319 Orchard, $200, Mrs. George Randall; service station, 2006 Oregon, $1200, L. L. Ware, Oregon Avenue garage; remodel, 616 Spring, $5000, Leo N. Huls; and an addition to a house, 715 E. Main, $500, E. D. Trulove.

Legion Post Meets Tuesday

A regular semi-monthly meeting of Klamath Falls Post No. 8 of the American Legion and auxiliary will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. in the Veterans Memorial building, 4th and Klamath. The ladies of the auxiliary are sponsoring a potluck supper preceding the regular business session and have extended an invitation to all members of the post, their ladies and all discharged veterans.

Several important business matters are on the agenda for the Legion, including further discussion of the baseball park issue. All members are urged to be present and bring a guest with them. After the meeting, members will adjourn to the newly opened club facilities operated by the Legion in the former NCO club in the Willard hotel building.

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Jap Tortures Told At Trial

MANILA, April 16 (AP)—The crucifixion of a Filipino and the beheading of 13 others was described today at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Takeshi Kono, who is charged with responsibility for more than 13,000 deaths on Panay island.

The witness was barefoot, tousled Nicolas Capacillo, a farmer. He was one of 45 witnesses called against the squat defendant, commander on Panay from 1943 to 1945.

"Japanese soldiers drove spikes six inches long through the wrists of Buenvenido Azuelo, and then hammered one into his skull," Capacillo said. "Then they beheaded the others. Some of the heads did not come off easily and the soldiers hacked until they fell off."

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