

Manchu Capital Captured By Chinese Communists

By The Associated Press
An official Chinese communist broadcast from Yenan, party headquarters, today reported the capture of Changchun, capital of civil war-torn Manchuria. The broadcast was recorded by The Associated Press in San Francisco.

The broadcast, in the form of a New China News agency (communist) urgent dispatch from Changchun, reported:

"The city of Changchun has been completely cleared of Japanese and puppet troops and bandits (this presumably referred to Chinese government troops), after communist-led popular forces—the democratic joint army—entered the city to establish peace and order.

Normal Order
"Democratic municipal government has been established and the city had returned to normal order."

The dispatch, dated last (Thursday) night, continued: "The city was plunged into confusion by looting and outrages by puppet troops, bandits and remnants of Japanese troops after evacuation of the Soviet troops."

"The Russians completed their withdrawal Sunday night. The communists began their attack on the city two hours earlier, Associated Press Correspondent

New Group Seeks Jobs For Veterans

PORTLAND, April 19 (AP)—Jobs for veterans is the object of a new committee here headed by former Mayor Joseph K. Carson and representing 21 organizations.

The group plans to canvass every industry and find out (1) what jobs are available, (2) how many can be created, (3) reasons—if any—why veterans cannot be hired.

Hugh Rossen, Governor Snell's representative at yesterday's organization meeting, declared every city should set up a similar program.

Bean Eyed For Maritime Job

PORTLAND, April 19 (AP)—Lew Wallace, Oregon's democratic national committeeman, has recommended Ormond R. Bean, republican and former state utilities commissioner, for appointment to the U. S. maritime commission.

Wallace filed his recommendation with the democratic national committee. A republican must be named to the vacancy on the five-man commission.

Bean, former city commissioner here, came back recently after serving for the state department as director of transportation in Egypt, also for the ODT in Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

From Hospital—Sid Herbert, veteran city patrolman, has returned to his home from Hillside hospital where he has been confined for the past several days.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Tom Masterson radioed from Changchun at the time.

"Local popular forces entered the city and by April 18 at 7 p. m., local time, had cleared the city of puppet troops under the notorious Chiang Peng-fel and armed bands of bandits and Japanese."

There was no record of the fate of Masterson and four other American correspondents, nor of Maj. Robert B. Rigg, Chicago, and S/Sgt. Jack Pond, Portland, Ore., his aide. The Americans went to Changchun a week ago to be present for the Russian withdrawal.

They found 4000 Chinese government troops, augmented by about an equal number of home guards, prepared to take over the city. Surrounding Changchun were an estimated 40,000 communist troops, who quickly seized three airfields and gradually compressed the defenders into a small plaza in the center of the city.

Last Word
The last word from Masterson, a short dispatch from Changchun dated Wednesday, said the communists had seized the city's only railway station and the Yamato hotel, where Rigg and Pond were quartered. There has been no word of the fate of Rigg—assistant U. S. military attaché—or Pond since.

The correspondents were quartered in the Changchun mayor's house, but dispatches did not report whether it was in the portion of the city under attack with artillery, tanks and rockets. Today's communist broadcast, which faded out, gave no hint as to the fate of any of the Americans.

Suit Filed In Land Dispute

A lawsuit to determine what price the state highway commission shall pay for 1281 square feet of land needed for the right-of-way of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway was filed by the commission with the circuit clerk here.

The strip is in the small triangle formed by the intersections of S. 8th, E. Main and Radcliffe, where a service station is now located. Named in the suit as defendants are Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. William Badorek, Elbert Stiles, the General Petroleum corporation and the City of Klamath Falls.

The Weavers own the land, the suit maintains, but the Badoreks, Stiles and the oil company have some claim to it and the city holds a lien on the property by reason of paving done on adjacent streets.

J. M. Devers, counsel for the highway commission, has been unable to reach an agreement with the owners of the land on a purchase price, the suit says, and the highway commission is asking that a jury set a reasonable price.

U. S. Recognizes Tito Government

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—The United States has agreed to full diplomatic recognition of the Tito government of Yugoslavia, the state department announced today.

The announcement was made after assurances had been received from Yugoslavia that it accepts existing treaties between the two countries.

The department released two letters from Secretary Byrnes which were delivered to the Yugoslav charge d'affaires here April 18. The second expressed American willingness to accept as Yugoslav ambassador to this country Sava N. Kosanovic, Tito's minister of information at Belgrade.

The United States ambassador will be Richard C. Patterson Jr., formerly envoy to the previously Yugoslav government of King Peter and more recently a political representative in Belgrade.

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