

# Leadership During War Hit By General In Book

NEW YORK (UPI) — The man who headed the Allied forces in the China Theater of Operations during the second half of World War II says the Truman administration was largely to blame for the loss of China to the Communists.

In a book sharply critical of United States leadership during World War II and in its immediate aftermath, Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer assaults the Truman administration's reluctance to give Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek solid support in the postwar showdown with the Communists.

"The Chinese government," Wedemeyer wrote in his book today, "if assisted in establishing the internal peace that only military strength can guarantee, would eventually have been able to progress toward the modern democratic state which had seemed to be in sight in 1937 before the Japanese aggression."

Wedemeyer, now retired, replaced Gen. Joseph (Vinegar) Joe Stilwell as commander of the China Theater in 1944, and later served

as a special ambassador to China. While crediting Truman with many astute decisions, Wedemeyer deplores what he calls a tragic and misguided effort by the Truman administration, through Gen. George C. Marshall, to force Chiang into coalition rule of postwar China with the Communists. He pictures Chiang as a victim of uncontrollable circumstances, who did his best to overcome the "weakness and oppressive character of the nationalist government and its decreasing popular support."

Wedemeyer also expresses the opinion that Truman never should have authorized the use of the atomic bomb against Japan because of the knowledge that the war was almost over.

In a scorching volume, which leaves few leaders of the Allied powers untouched by his criticism, Wedemeyer calls World War II "the war nobody won," and includes these critical appraisals:

—Winston Churchill: Lacked the wisdom and statecraft of his predecessors who had made England the world's greatest power. Churchill could "never reconcile his own concepts of grand strategy with sound military decisions . . . acting on intuition and impulse without regard for implications or consequences . . . he waged war more like an Indian chieftain from the Arizona Territory . . . he pursued policies which hastened Britain's decline to her present status of a second rate power."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt: Primarily responsible for "the fact that Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor had been deliberately provoked . . . and the subsequent loss of the Philippines, where the American garrison was regarded as expendable by an administration bent on getting us into the European war by the back door."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower: "Even some of the men most loyal to Eisenhower nevertheless felt that Ike was leaning over too far in favoring the British. Although I was skeptical at the time, I feared my friends were right when Eisenhower began to weaken his support of the cross-channel operation invasion of France in 1943."

—Adolph Hitler: A madman who "interfered with military operations . . . to a castastrophe degree."

—Joseph Stalin: A ruthless seeker of world domination who "made continuing mistakes on his own. The biggest mistake the Russians made after World War II was in not exploiting the good will they enjoyed in our country. They should have continued to deceive us by a show of false friendliness."

# Pupils Enter Art Contest

MONTAGUE — Pupils from all schools in Scott Valley entered an art contest during National Art Week. The contest was under the leadership of Mrs. L. L. Lukes, president of the Fort Jones Woman's Club and artist.

Jerry Jenkins, president of the Siskiyou Artists Association, was judge for the contest. Awards were made at the Woman's Clubhouse on November 11. Winners are as follows:

Scott Valley Schools: Kenneth Marshall, first grade; Greenview: David Morgan, second grade; Etna elementary: Marsha Reynolds, third grade; Fort Jones: Lynette Hayden, fourth grade; Callahan: Terry Seavers, fifth grade; Fort Jones; and Sharon Woodley, sixth grade; Callahan.

Etna High School: Bill Lewis, R. Voight, Carol Maplesden, and Ardee Dudley.

Special mention went to Joan Luce Akana, Mary Ann Barington, G. A. Reynolds. Honorable mention: Norman Marvin and Claude Cassidy.

Following the regular afternoon business meeting, Mrs. Lukes introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Jan Cozzallo, whose topic was "Creative Art in Everything."

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Pansy Davidson and Mrs. Jewel Smith, which were served from tables beautifully decorated with fall chrysanthemums by Mrs. Alpha Hayes. The Woman's Club extended its hospitality to the public for the evening and refreshments were served from 7 to 9 p.m.

# Rancher Still Holding Out

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — John Prather, balky pioneer rancher, celebrated his 84th birthday anniversary Friday on the 15 acres the government gave up trying to oust him from.

Last year the government decided to let him keep the plot, where his stone house stands, on the edge of the McGregor missile range in southern New Mexico. Uncle Sam got the rest of Prather's big cattle spread in order to enlarge the range, but Prather wouldn't budge from his home. He flourished his 30-30 and held off U.S. marshals, generals, what have you.

As he observed his birthday, John sported, "They think they'll get my land after I'm gone. But I'll fool 'em. I'll live to plant flowers on their graves."

# FIGHTIN' WORDS

SALEM, N.H. (AP) — Anyone who dares to congratulate George Gell on his good fortune on winning three turkeys in a lottery may expect to get knocked on the noggin with a drumstick. George operates a market and has more than 500 birds in stock.



**JON M. MEADOR**, Klamath Falls, was selected to attend the technical training course for radio and radar technicians at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, following his recent completion of Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Airman Meador, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Meador, 4325 Summers Lane, is a graduate of Klamath Union High School.

# Shovel Saves Worker's Life

LEESBURG, Fla. (AP) — John Skinner was alive Saturday because a falling shovel landed on a conveyor belt and carried an alarm to fellow workmen.

Skinner was buried for more than two hours Friday in a pit after he went into the 60-foot pit to see why sand wasn't feeding onto the conveyor belt. He tried to dislodge the obstruction with a shovel, but dropped the implement and it landed on the top. Workmen realized something was amiss and began a search for the 49-year-old ironhead.

They found a hand protruding from the sand and finally the top of Skinner's head. They scratched away the sand so Skinner could breathe until help arrived.

He said he didn't have time to think, "but I sure prayed a lot." Skinner suffered a broken leg, cuts and bruises.

# Return Set By Prisoner

MACLENNY, Fla. (AP) — Sheriff Ed Yarbrough discovered Friday that one of his prisoners was missing from County Jail. But he left a note saying: "I am sorry I had to leave. I promise you faithfully I will return in about three weeks. I have gone to get some money so I can bail out."

The prisoner, Robert H. Lansdown, 32, Jacksonville, was arrested in August with burglary tools in his possession. Lansdown saved through two bars and let himself out a window to the ground by a blanket. The sheriff said the prisoner must have dropped a string from the window and someone tied a saw blade to it.

**GROUNDS FOR NEUTRALITY** — BATON ROUGE, La. (UPI) — Anthony Blithe was strictly neutral in Saturday's Tulane-Louisiana State football game. His wife has a brother on each team.

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# Services Set For AP Editor

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (AP) — Funeral services will be held Sunday for Paul R. Mickelson, 59, general news editor of The Associated Press for 14 years. Mickelson, who became ill Thursday, died Friday in New Rochelle Hospital. Death was attributed to a ruptured blood vessel resulting from hardening of the arteries.

Services have been scheduled for 3 p.m. at Christ Church, Pelhamdale Ave. and Shore Road, Pelham Manor.

Among survivors are his widow, Zerelda, and three children, Carol, Judith and Michael. Other survivors include a brother, Walter, publisher of New Ulm, Minn.; and three sisters, Mrs. Edward W. Nystrom and Mrs. Martin Grindhem, both of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Lynne Brown of Flagstaff, Ariz.

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# Merrill Parents, Patrons Hear Committee Reports

MERRILL — Several committee chairmen made reports at the first business meeting of the year of the Merrill Parent and Patron Association. The meeting, conducted by Mrs. Harry Orem, president, was held Tuesday, November 18, at the Merrill Grade School.

# Students Eye College Needs

DUNSMUIR — Juniors and seniors at Dunsmuir High School spent Monday morning discussing college entrance requirements and values of selecting your college carefully. They were counseled by representatives of six colleges and universities.

Ken Young, director of curriculum for Siskiyou County, arranged for the participation of these institutions of higher education in this orientation program.

Business and secretarial colleges were represented by George R. Boardman of Armstrong College; state colleges by Wallin J. Carlson of Chico State; technical schools by Frank Stanko of Oregon Technical Institute; junior colleges by Harry Beck of the Siskiyou University; and private universities by Augustine P. Donoghue of University of San Francisco.

This was the first of a series of meetings this week in Siskiyou County high schools.

a successful Gay Nineties Revue had been held in September. As a second money making project, PPA members will once again sell candy. Pound cans of candy are now available.

Mrs. Duncan Fair, membership chairman, announced that the PPA had 185 registered members. Rooms receiving awards for acquiring the most new members were as follows: First prize, third grade, Mrs. Janis Katton, teacher; second prize, seventh grade, Don Crawford, teacher; third prize, Mrs. Marvin Retherath, fourth grade.

The following room mothers were announced by Mrs. James Lamppkins: Mrs. Don Battiff, Mrs. Robert Woods, Mrs. Bill Sellers, Mrs. Murel Long, Mrs. Robert Graves, Mrs. Lawrence Geraghty, Mrs. Glenn Hunnicutt, Mrs. Leon Andriou and Mrs. Lester Moore.

Mrs. Dale West said that 20 students attended the Shakespearean Festival in Ashland last August. Also reported was good attendance by children in the Merrill area at the summer swimming lesson programs held in Malin.

The Merrill PPA will again sponsor a savings stamp program at the grade school this year. Mrs. Hedrick and Mrs. Lamppkins will assist with this project.

A polio clinic for children requiring third shots only will be held at the grade school on Tuesday, November 25, at 1:30 a.m. Assisting during the clinic will be Mrs. Bob Woods, Mrs. Glenn Hunnicutt and Mrs. Harry Orem. It was announced that there will be penicillin-free shots.

The seventh grade won the room court prize. Refreshments were



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