

RAINS PARALYZE JAPANESE DRIVE

PEIPING, Wednesday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—The Japanese advance on all North China fronts is being effectively held up by determined Chinese resistance.

For three successive days the Japanese army headquarters has announced no decisive change in the war fronts north and south of Peiping.

A force of 12,000 Japanese, straddling the Peiping-Hankow Railroad in the vicinity of Lianghsiang, twenty miles southwest of here, has been trying for a week to halt a strategic Chinese flanking movement in the western hills.

Invasers Bugged Down
The Japanese are facing superior strength and their effort to relieve the pressure on their flank is seemingly meeting with but meagre success.

The weather, undoubtedly, is playing a major role in holding up the Japanese drive. Torrential rains that turned all roads into rivers and the fields are stretches of mud.

There are some 200,000 Chinese troops in Southern Hopeh Province, divided almost equally into two columns. One is based on Paotingfu, southwest of Peiping; the other is athwart the railroad running south from Tientsin to Pukow in Eastern Hopeh.

130,000 Japanese in Army
During the enforced period of waiting for the rainy season to end, Japan has been concentrating thousands of additional troops in North China, both from Manchoukuo and the homeland.

Some 15,000 arrived at Tientsin over last week-end, bringing the expeditionary force commanded by Gen. Kiyoshi Katsuki to considerably more than 100,000 men.

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MAYOR INVITED TO BALLARD FETE



Ballard is planning its greatest celebration for September 17 and 18, when its first annual Fishermen's Festival will be held. Everyone in Ballard will participate and the community invites the rest of Seattle to join in the fun as the fishing fleet celebrates the end of its season.

SHANGHAI AFIRE UNDER SHELLING

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to-hand fighting. Time and again waves of Japanese attackers, bayonets gleaming, charged the Chinese lines. Finally the defenders fell back.

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Heavy fighting swept the Whangpoo's banks from the northern edge of the city to Woosung. Chinese admitted heavy losses in the Changwahpang and Paoshan Sectors, near Woosung, from heavy Japanese naval shelling and aerial bombardment.

The Chinese were withdrawing slowly to prepared second line positions.

American Girl Wars on Japan As Propagandist



AGNES SMEDLEY Leads young reds to battlefront.

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Dispatches to native newspapers reported today that Agnes Smedley, Denver, Colo., Communist writer, was recruiting an army of young men and women to fight Japan by waging a propaganda campaign in the front-line trenches.

The reports from Fushin, headquarters of Gen. Mao Tse-tung's army of 100,000 Chinese Communists in North Shensi Province, said Miss Smedley had left on foot with a group of thirty young men and women for the North China battle front. They were said to be gathering recruits along the route.

Japanese planes ranged over the western sections of Shanghai, blasting at the Chinese communications with Nanking and other interior bases. In the Shanghai-Nanking area, Chinese were estimated to have concentrated a quarter of a million troops. Opposed to these, Japan was believed to have 100,000 men already landed or waiting to land from transport ships in the Yangtze.

Japanese planes dropped eight bombs on Chinese positions near the British defense lines on the northwestern edge of the International Settlement. The British were forced to withdraw temporarily out of danger. Their post was adjoints that of the American Marines.

With the renewed threat to foreign residents, Admiral Yarnell inspected defense lines manned by some 1,000 American Marines.

The admiral said the American troops were ready for any emergency and were "doing fine work."

T. V. Soong, former minister of finance and chairman of the Chinese war loan committee, announced \$30,000,000 of China's first \$150,000,000 war loan had been subscribed.

Fate of Harrises in Shanghai Worries Many Friends Here

Seattle friends were concerned today for the safety in Shanghai of the widow and three children of Norman C. Harris, Shanghai business man reported to have leaped to his death Monday from the liner President Hoover. The Harris family spent several summers here and at Hood Canal in recent years.

Harris, a director of the British-American Tobacco Company, committed suicide because of financial reverses resulting from the Chinese-Japanese war, the Associated Press said. Soon after Harris' death, the President Hoover, carrying refugees from Shanghai to Kobe, Japan, was bombed and one crew member was killed.

\$100,000 RAISED HERE FOR CHINA

Donated by Seattle Chinese residents and American sympathizers, \$100,000 has been dispatched from this city to the Chinese government for use in its fight with Japan, the Chinese consulate here announced today.

The consulate said the drive is being continued by solicitors working among the city's 2,000 Chinese residents. The Chinese Patriotic League is leading the drive.

W. F. Priestley, secretary of the China Club of Seattle, said a number of Americans sympathetic to the Chinese nation had donated voluntarily to the fund.

'Little Tokyo' Splits Over Orient Crisis

LOS ANGELES, Wednesday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—It's the Nisei against the Issei in the internal conflict now developing in Los Angeles' "Little Tokyo," largest Japanese community in the United States, as an outgrowth of the Chinese-Japanese hostilities.

The Nisei, or American-born Japanese, are for remaining out of the Far Eastern picture completely. The Issei, those born in Japan, are for giving every possible aid to the Japanese army and government.

Regardless of this difference between the two generations, "Little Tokyo" after a ten-day campaign, has raised \$25,000 and outfitted 12,000 gift bags, containing cigarettes and candy for the Emperor's legions.

Shanghai Night Clubs Changed Into Hospitals

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Men in white replaced spangled cabaret girls in all of Shanghai's Chinese-owned night spots today.

Every such cabaret was ordered converted into a hospital. This followed angry threats from indignant patriots to blow up pleasure resorts which, in the midst of terrible suffering, have been going full blast each night.

Lieut. McKinney Is Selected for School

First Lieut. Waldo E. McKinney, Battery B, 14th Field Artillery, Washington National Guard, Seattle, has been selected to attend the Field Artillery School in Fort Sill, Okla., Brig. Gen. Maurice Thompson, The Adjutant General of Washington, announced today.

He will be at the school from September 9 to December 11.

Mrs. McGrew Divorced
SPOKANE, Wednesday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Jessie A. McGrew won a divorce in Superior Court Tuesday from Carl Richie McGrew, Tacoma life insurance man, after she testified he had become interested in another woman.

MARTIN PLEDGES AID TO SCHOOLS

OLYMPIA, Wednesday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—County school superintendents received the assurance of Governor Martin today they had his full cooperation for county and district equalization of school costs, and that the full 25 cents a day for each pupil would be forthcoming from the state for education.

The chief executive promised the districts \$100,000 a month for equalization—\$2,000,000 during the biennium—and said there was no doubt about county equalization funds being available from the automobile excise tax, reducing amounts poorer counties will have to pay for school expenses.

\$3,000,000 Appropriated
The Legislature appropriated \$3,000,000 for the fund, \$1,000,000 for the benefit of counties and \$2,000,000 for benefit districts.

Governor Martin said the counties, with few exceptions, had applied for help, amounting to \$1,750,000 for the first year. He said he would not have the authority, even if the state had the funds, to go to that extent.

The governor said the equalization plans of the state would not be easy to carry out and he hoped there would be nothing to defeat the program.

State School Superintendent Stanley F. Atwood informed the governor, he said, that the state so far this school year had contributed only 23.7 cents a day for each pupil, but the chief executive said he felt safe, after scanning receipts under the revenue laws, in promising that the entire 25 cents allowance would be forthcoming.

Higher Pay Favored
As examples of the difficulties the administration faced, the governor directed attention to the fact the Legislature appropriated from the general fund for the biennium \$67,000,000 while the total revenues for that entire period are estimated at only \$60,000,000.

The governor said the state favored higher salaries for teachers, and that although the present retirement program was not perfect it was a step in the right direction.

Roper Predicts End to Ban On American Ships

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Secretary Roper, saying "tension has been relieved" in the Shanghai area, had predicted today American merchant vessels would be "given access to Chinese waters."

Discussing Navy orders to American merchant vessels to stay out of the war-torn Shanghai area, Roper said the orders had been issued withdrawing American passenger and cargo vessels from Chinese waters. He added that after the bombing of the liner President Hoover the Navy had stated "that merchant vessels should not enter Chinese waters under the conditions then existing."

Roper declined to say when American ships might be permitted to go freely into China waters again. It was expected, however, it would be soon.

English Press Demands Early Japanese Reply

LONDON, Wednesday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—A demand Japan speed up her reply to the British protest on the machine-gunning of Sir Hugh Montgomery Knatchbull-Hugessen was made editorially today by The London Daily Express.

Sir Hugh, British ambassador to China, was seriously wounded Thursday when a Japanese airman strafed his automobile on the road from Nanking to Shanghai.

Under the heading "Please!" the newspaper contrasted the haste with which China apologized to the United States for the bombing of the liner President Hoover off Shanghai two days ago and added: "We want an official reply to the protest about Japanese planes shooting our ambassador, and the present Japanese delays aggravate that insult."

Family's Furniture Seized by Mother

The Harry K. Powers family was living with friends today after Mrs. Emma Powers, Harry Powers' mother, obtained a search warrant and removed furniture from the Harry Powers home at 4424 28th Place W. last night.

Friends of the family said Mrs. Harry Powers was forced to move with her 10-day-old baby one day after she had returned from confinement at Swedish Hospital.

Justice Guy B. Knott said he issued the search warrant as routine court procedure after Mrs. Powers swore that some of her belongings were being used by the Harry Powers family. Powers is a Municipal Railway employe.

LINDY HOAXER SEEKING PARDON

TRENTON, N. J., Wednesday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—John Hughes Curtis, Norfolk, Va., boatbuilder who paid a \$1,000 fine as a hoaxer in the Lindbergh case, wants a complete pardon from the State of New Jersey so "he can stand vindicated before the public."

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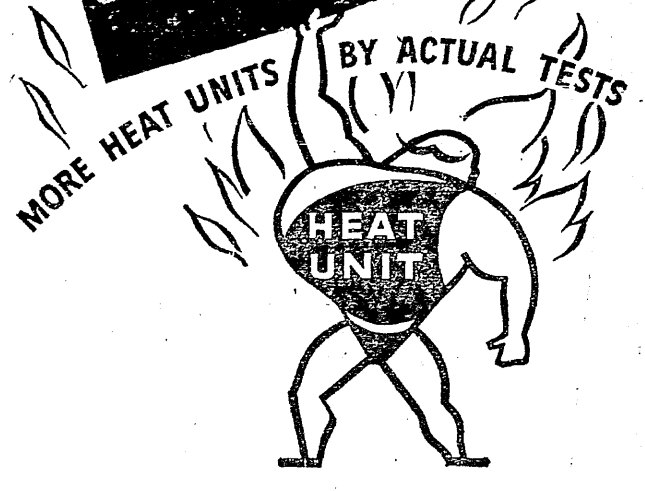
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