

## What Civil War Does To a People--A Story Of Atrocities in China

### Both Sides Hurl Charges of Torture And Cruelty by Opposing Armies

BY WILLIAM R. NEWTON, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer  
TAIWAN, China, Sept. 17.—This is what civil war does to the people: The boy was an attendant at a bath-house here in the besieged Talyuan. One day he made a slighting reference to the soldiers who guard the city from Communist attack.

He was arrested. A "public trial" was advertised and everyone urged to attend. They dragged him through the streets to the place of his trial. A "people's court" quickly voted the sentence of death. And of a tree. Then they slowly rock before the eyes of thousands he was slowly beaten to death.

The old man was a Chinese Christian. He had been living in Communist territory. The Communists drove him out. He was attempting to make his way to Weisien, a city in Shantung province held by Nationalist troops but surrounded by Communist forces.

On his way he was captured. He was accused of being a Communist because he was coming from Communist territory. He was buried alive.

### Officials Deplore Them

These two instances happened in Nationalist government territory. Government officials deplore them. They say they are the result of even worse tortures inflicted upon Nationalists who are caught by Communists.

Each side accuses the other of even more violent atrocities. Sometimes the stories are true and sometimes they are not. But the people on both sides believe them and the flame of hate soars high.

I asked Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, governor of Shensi province, why he permitted the young man to be beaten to death here in his city of Talyuan.

"That was a wrong thing," he said. "It was done by the people themselves, not by the authorities. If a government official had anything to do with it, I will see that he is punished. I cannot punish the people for it. It is their reaction to what is done to their relatives by the Communists in Communist areas.

"In one village when the Communists capture a man they tell him they are going to make him 'ride the airplane.' They put him on top of a big pile of tables with a rope from his neck to the limb

in a village captured by the Communists four months ago. They believe he has been killed.

With few exceptions, military leaders on both sides treat prisoners fairly well, by Chinese standards. Usually, captured soldiers are "indoctrinated" and pressed into armed service by their captors. Sometimes they are sent home.

But as civil war drags on, deeds of violence among the people themselves become more and more frequent.



**SPEED GIANT OF THE AIR**—Boeing Aircraft's radical X-47 made its debut at Seattle, Wash., recently, giving the army its first jet bomber. About the size of a B-29, it has six jet engines—one on each wing tip—two on each inboard section—which are uniquely underslung on the swept back wing. The new plane may have a speed to exceed that on the present day jet fighters.

## Hope for Late Frost To Help Halt Price Rises

### Food Costs Depend on Fate of Corn—Farmers Still Face Hectic Fight to Save Crops

BY EARL RICHERT, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The thing for the American public to do now is pray for a late frost in the corn belt, says Fred E. Berquist, economist for the joint congressional committee on the economic report.

Seemingly, about everything possible has happened to damage this year's corn crop. But one of the biggest hurdles still remains—frost.

Corn is the nation's biggest grain crop and anything that happens to it vitally affects food prices, as has been demonstrated in recent weeks. Mr. Berquist and other government economists point out that food prices had leveled off after reports on flood damage to the corn crop began coming in last June.

Prices have spurted with each succeeding bad report and they'll get another big boost if a killing frost should strike most of the corn belt in September or even the first week of October, say the economists.

As things stand now, considering the law of averages prospects aren't good for avoiding serious damage from frost.

The corn crop is late. If a killing frost occurs on the average date throughout the corn belt approximately 25 per cent of the already

per cent of the Illinois crop would be damaged by a killing frost on the average date.

Average frost dates vary by localities within states, particularly between northern and southern sections. Generally speaking, a killing frost strikes most of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois during the second week in October.

In northern Indiana, for example, a killing frost is expected about Oct. 10 and southern Indiana about Oct. 17.

The department said that if a killing frost should occur a week earlier than average, about 40 per cent of all corn in the 12 corn belt states would still be immature. On the other hand, if frost comes one week later than average, only about 15 per cent of the corn in the area would be subject to frost damage.

So far, says the department, there has been the variation in yield prospects, stage of development and prospective quality as experts now.

For example, while August heat and drought was knocking another seven bushels per acre off Iowa yield prospects, good growing weather was adding an estimated six bushels per acre to the Ohio crop and three

bushels per acre to the Indiana crop. All the rest of the corn produced by the 12 states suffered additional per cent of the Ohio crop and 10 crop damage from August weather.

## Warren Central Enrollment Up

### Township Schools Also Overflowing

Enrollment at Warren Central high school has reached a new high this year, C. E. Eash, principal, announced today.

There are 918 enrolled for the fall term, with 908 of these in the senior high school.

Warren township grade schools are overflowing, with 240 enrolled at Cumberland, 194 at Lowell, 276 at Pleasant Run, 245 at Shadeland and 217 at Township House, making a total of 1172 grade school students in the township.

Additions to Township House and Lowell grade schools are planned later this year to take care of extra students.

The Warren Owl, newspaper of Warren Central high school received an international first place award for the year 46-47 in the critical service sponsored by Quill and Scroll society.

The Warren Central P.T.A. will sponsor dancing classes starting Sept. 30 and ending Nov. 24.

Mrs. P. E. Wright and Mrs. E. S. Duccio, in charge of plans for classes, said the P.T.A. hopes to have 150 enrolled in these classes. The class will be taught by Elaine Poston, head of the ballet department of Arthur Jordan conservatory.

Several new teachers have been added to the faculty of Warren Central for the coming school year.

Harold Freeland, 4170 Guilford ave., will teach English and geography; Russell Gladden, 131 S. Emerson ave., will teach history and geography; Cecil Havens, Clayton, will assist Paul Hamilton in the instrumental music department; Miss Lorraine Hicks, 30 N. Irvington ave., one supply officer, and one armored infantry, cavalry or field artillery officer. Enlisted reservists are needed to fill vacancies as stenographer, clerk, cook, two tank drivers, tank mechanics and ordinance mechanics. Reservists who are interested should contact their unit instructor not later than Sept. 23.

**A QUESTION OF TRADITION**

Eleven of 12 deans at Harvard

University never went to Harvard. However, no president of the university has ever come from outside Massachusetts.

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### In the Service

## Aviation Cadets Sought From 20-26 Age Group

Raising the age limit from 18 to 20 years has made available several vacancies in the Aviation Cadet Training class which is to start at Randolph field, Tex., Oct. 15.

New applicants, between 20 and 26 years, who are accepted will be able to enter the October class. Those applying later must wait until March, 1948.

Applications and information are available at any U. S. army recruiting station or air base.

The U. S. navy will resume its N. R. O. T. C. college program with nationwide examinations to be given Dec. 13. The deadline for submitting applications for the examination is Nov. 10.

Selected candidates for the four-year program will begin the fall term, 1948, at one of the 52 colleges where N. R. O. T. C. units are established. The navy will pay for tuition, books and other college fees and provide \$50 a month living allowance. Candidates will be assigned to the college or university of their choice, subject to quota and scroll society.

The navy department has also announced the extension of the deadline for the appointment of 160 enlisted men to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Men who are between 17 and 21 years, enrolled in the Naval reserve should file their applications via their commanding officers to the Bureau of Personnel prior to Nov. 1. The age limit will be waived for those men who have more than one year's service.

Indianapolis Army reservists are being sought for duty with the Second Armored division in an amphibious exercise to be held during October and November at Camp Hood, Tex.

Vacancies in this training operation are for one intelligence officer, one supply officer, and one armored infantry, cavalry or field artillery officer. Enlisted reservists are needed to fill vacancies as stenographer, clerk, cook, two tank drivers, tank mechanics and ordinance mechanics. Reservists who are interested should contact their unit instructor not later than Sept. 23.

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**Men Exceed Girls In Alaska, But There's a Catch**

By JACK VAN COEVERING

JUNEAU, Alaska, Sept. 17.—In Alaska men far outnumber women.

But, lovelorn lasses from the states. Before you pack up and head for Juneau, there are a few things you should know.

Living conditions are not always pleasant up here. Many a girl is lonely despite the excess of men.

Towns in southeastern Alaska are built between mountains and sea. They are fog-riden and rain-drenched. Winters are long.

There is a surplus of bar rooms—but few places to go where young folks can meet.

And prices of almost everything average 25 per cent or more than those in the states.

**SAYS Mrs. BONNIE JO GRONROOS**, of Juneau, Red Cross executive secretary here: "We want and need in this country, people who will settle down, build homes, and raise families."

But especially for girls from the East she has a word of caution:

"Girls from the North and Northwest have a better chance of making good in Alaska. Those with a Scandinavian background, from 22 to 25 years of age, have the best."

Eligible men in southeast Alaskan coastal towns include fishermen, engineers, gold miners, government employees, pilots, mechanics and office help.

Girls with marriage in mind should not expect to find mates among professional men, for most of those bring their wives with them.

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**SIRUB BURNS READILY**

A common shrub in Wyoming is greasewood, a low plant used by sheepherders and campers on the plains as a quick-burning fuel.

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WASHINGTON

—James F. Forrestal, Secretary of Defense, has announced the creation of an Alaska Defense Command.

The oath was administered by Chief Justice W. W. H. Willis in the office where he served as secretary of state.

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