

# 'Victory' at Suchow Leads Chinese to Hope For American Support

## Suspicion Grows That State Department Has Stacked Cards Against Chiang Kai-shek

By CLYDE FARNSWORTH, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer  
SHANGHAI, Nov. 23—The Nationalist government's "breath-taking" victory on the Suchow front in defense of Nanking has upset some official American calculations as to the government's strength and endurance.

Also, it has nourished some Nationalist hopes of American support.

At the same time, every day that passes without an American commitment strengthens the Chinese suspicion that the cards may be stacked against Chiang Kai-shek in Washington, particularly in the State Department. The Nationalists like to think that the Suchow victory showed in the face of the darkest forecasts that they're still capable of defending themselves. Also, that helping Chiang even belatedly may be regarded in Washington as a better gamble than the long-shot chance of winning the Chinese Reds from Communism.

They hope that American strategic self-interest may yet dictate a decision in their favor. They suspect but are not yet prepared to believe that the U. S. as a whole would risk Communization of China because Chiang and his followers fail to measure up to the State Department's idea of what a Chinese government ought to do and be.

**Shift Attention**  
The Nationalists also have been disheartened by the recent exchange of messages between President Truman and Chiang. Inasmuch as neither party was disposed to publish Mr. Truman's preliminary reply to the Generalissimo's appeal, it was generally presumed to be noncommittal. Attention now is shifted to the Truman-Marshall review of the international situation.

Since Mr. Truman's election, some highest Chinese officials have been speculating on whether the President would continue what's generally supposed by Chinese to have been his complete dependence upon Secretary of State George C. Marshall for advice on China. They like to think Mr. Truman might now be inclined to assume more leadership in policymaking.

The Shanghai English-language newspaper, China Press, said in a long Sunday editorial that "one misconception gaining ground dangerously here is that the U. S. is willing to junk aid to Nanking and is ready to come to terms with the Communists in some temporary arrangement."

**'No Case on Record'**  
The newspaper urged a "categorical statement" of support from President Truman, and added:

"There's no case on record yet—save perhaps in Yugoslavia when Mihailovitch was sacrificed to Tito—where the United States has turned its back on the recognized government and extended a welcoming hand to the Communist regime."

The possibility of eleventh-hour favor from President Truman has

caused the Chinese officials and editors to soft-pedal the note of resentment against American policy.

There has been, however, one long and angry exception—the editorial in China's largest newspaper, the Shanghai Sinwenpao, which the U. S. Consulate General calls "Kuomintang-supervised."

The newspaper "demanded" a clarification of Washington's China policy and charged that instead of receiving emergency aid and moral support, the Chinese people "found American diplomatic authorities issuing repeated warnings to their Nationalists to evacuate, and the Army advisory group distributing exaggerated war reports unfavorable to the government."

The editorial said this had "profoundly disturbed" all foreigners in China and Chinese as well, adding to the difficulties of the government. "In such actions we are certainly at a loss to understand the attitude of our American friends," it continued. "When the battle of Suchow was at its most critical stage and when the security of the Chinese government was hanging by a thread, the American advisory group and American news agencies were daily putting out news of the collapse of the Chinese government and news of the evacuation of American nationals."

**Democrats Report On Contributions**  
Individual contributions to the Democratic state and county campaign funds were announced today in a report to County Clerk A. J. Tison.

The financial report showed that only eight members of the party contributed as much as \$1000 each to the state committee. However, Congressman-Elect Andrew Jacobs contributed two checks totaling \$3000 to the Marion County Democratic Central Committee.

The state central committee report submitted by Frank E. McKinney, treasurer, showed receipts for the period May 16 to Nov. 8 totaled \$181,665.82. Disbursements amounted to \$176,524.

In contrast to the lowest contribution in the Republican campaign of 52 cents, the smallest donation to the Democratic fund was \$1.

# This Turkey Goes Under Carving Knife Early



At Joliet, Ill., the Baker family carved a Thanksgiving turkey four days early. "Christmas shopping takes longer for 16 kids," explained Mrs. Nora Baker.

# Seek to Close 'Smoking' Dump

## Owner Arrested For Third Time

"Ceiling zero" smog which blankets Raymond St. frequently and endangers traffic, will be wiped out if State Police recommendations are carried out.

Lt. David Laughlin said today State Police will recommend in court that the private dump, smoking up the area in the 2400 block of Kentucky Ave., be eliminated.

The latest move arose following the third arrest of Walter H. Listz, 62, owner of the dump, yesterday. He was hailed before Judge Paul C. Wetter in Beech Grove Magistrate's Court and granted a continuance to Dec. 6.

**Officer Testifies**

State Police officer Ray Thompson told the court a heavy smog blanketed Raymond St., causing officers to block the street from State Route 67 to Tibbs Ave.

He said it was the same type of smoke-fog that caused a two-car accident Sunday injuring Mrs. J. K. Gowens, 947 High St., and Mary Elizabeth Goll, 1842 Lawrence Ave.

He related that more than 12 cars were wrecked a year ago from the same type smoke blanket from the same dump.

Meanwhile, it was learned that residents of Happy Hollow, a nearby community, planned to send at least 75 persons to the trial with signed petitions testifying against Listz and the operator of the dump, Frances Mikel, 30, of 2310 Miller St.

**Scalded in Restaurant**

William Epp, 24, of 1534 E. Market St., night manager at the Rainbow Grill, was scalded when a steam pressure cooker blew up at the restaurant last night. He was treated by General Hospital ambulance doctors.

# In Indianapolis

## EVENTS TOMORROW

Lecture, Contemporary American Literature, 8 p. m., IU Extension, 122 E. Michigan St.  
Lecture, Masterworks of English Literature—11 p. m., IU Extension, 122 E. Michigan St.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

William Leslie Ramsey, 28, of 880 N. Highland; Rosa Romine, 26, of 774 E. Woodluff Place.  
George Ford, 35, of 411 English; Margaret Egan, 40, of 482 S. Collier.  
Robert H. Van Brunt, 26, of 415 E. 32d; Dorothy Ann Vermillion, 27, of 348 N. Beville.  
Carl Norman Baker, 22, of 1830 Rembrandt; Lavin Mildred Loftus, 18, of 1846 Grant.  
Vernon W. Leason, 23, of 928 N. Oxford; Lee Harmon, 20, of 928 N. Oxford.  
Earl E. Stowers, 24, of 234 N. Richard; Annabelle Hubbell, 20, of 2897 Rudin.  
Doris O. Jent, 18, of 2341 N. Harding; Patricia Lepp, 19, of 266 Alley.  
Rosa Lee Sims, 17, of Reelville; Lewis E. Evans, 17, of 908 N. Indiana.  
Doris Karch, 19, of 322 N. Graham; William Henry Bull, 27, of 3714 College.  
Margaret Louise Dinkelaker, 23, of Carmel.  
John Augustus Swallow, 21, of 105 N. Arsenal; Dolores Marie Lamoureux, 20, of 1413 Marlowe.  
Ian Edward MacDougall, 21, of 8751 Sunset Lane; Rose Elizabeth Robas, 19, of 35 N. Randolph.  
Leo Kowan, 22, of 228 Blake; Alama Stubbs, 21, of 228 Blake.  
Joseph R. Gritt, 21, of 2038 Central; Elizabeth M. Brothers, 20, of 824 N. Rural.  
Samuel R. Young, 45, of 1253 Roach; Ariens B. Jones, 36, of 1353 Roach.  
Gaylord M. Culp, 23, of 1404 N. New Jersey; Suzanne Campbell Smith, 26, of 412 E. 17th.  
Robert Lee Forlund, 26, of 4035 Grace; Mildred Lenora Van Arsdale, 21, of 4801 E. Hill Crest.  
Marvin Graves, 26, of 705 E. 9th; Kathryn Swickard, 25, of 705 E. 9th.  
Johnny E. Berry, 27, of 109 W. St. Clair; Catherine M. Beatty, 25, of 109 W. St. Clair.  
Willis Clayberger, 33, of Akron, O.; Mary Catherine Moore, 26, of 838 W. Pearl.  
Archie Floyd, 19, of 1020 Villa; Jacqueline Holapple, 18, of 2704 E. Hanna.  
Bernard Schapiro, 40, of 843 N. Meridian; Elsie N. Weare, 33, of Toledo, O.  
Mildred L. Grimm, 25, of 2190 E. 34th; Susannah Moles, 20, of 621 N. Gladstone; Charlie Busse, 25, of 2122 Highland; Mary Freeman, 26, of 1188 E. 17th.

## DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Joseph R. v. Beanie Mae Parker; Goldie vs. Wayne Herndon; Ruby vs. Carl Kennedy; Dorothy J. vs. Alton K. White; Thomas M. v. Florence M. Parry; Elmer F. vs. Helen B. Poonet; Doris vs. Robert Bowman; Barbara E. vs. James V. Porter; Mary Katherine vs. Fred Lee Jones; Beulah B. vs. Elton E. Rosenbaum; Betty Frances vs. John Philip Fyrmale; Velma L. vs. Doane M. Ewer; Gertrude vs. Andrew Clark; Ethel vs. Leslie Russell; Carl J. vs. Marcel Maxine Watkins; Martha E. vs. James H. Beady; Alice vs. Arthur Ralston; Jessie vs. Russell Smith; Harold N. vs. Marilyn J. Baugh; Richard P. vs. Martha L. Jarry; Florence R. vs. Allen G. Jackson; Mabel P. vs. Clyde Bartlett.

## BIRTHS

**Boys**  
At Methodist—Harold, Waneta Hummel; James, Dorothy Carrigan.  
At General—Thaddeus, Mattie Howard; Claude, Ruth Mack.  
At St. Vincent's—Max, Mary Lou Harrell.  
At Coleman—John, Helen Kirsh.  
**Girls**  
At Methodist—Kenneth, Helen Griggs; Russell, Lillie Wilkins; Russell, Josephine York; Frank, Phyllis Becker.  
At St. Vincent's—Noel, Ois Sublett; Stanley, Jane Johnson; Eugene, Beryl Smith; Gene, Betty Piers.  
At St. Francis—Homer, Minnie Webb; George, Bernice Heland; James, Jessie Izenberg; William, Marie Cook.  
At Coleman—Howard, Bernice Williams; James, Dora Dixon; Howard, Doris D-vine; Ralph, Doris Levin.  
At General—Clarence, Evelyn Smith; James, Anna Louise Dillon.

# Oregon Senator Warns CIO on Labor Act Repeal

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 23 (UP)—A Republican Senator who opposed the Taft-Hartley law called today for repeal of the act and enactment of legislation "fair to both labor and management."

Sen. Wayne L. Morse of Oregon, in a speech prepared for delivery before the CIO convention, said "simple repeal" of the Taft-Hartley law is not enough, because the earlier Wagner Act also is in need of revision. Mr. Morse did not vote for the Taft-Hartley law.

**Scope of Proposals**  
Mr. Morse said the public was demanding a law that would prevent abuses by both labor and management. His proposals included:

ONE. Return of closed shop contracts.

TWO. Abolition of "mandatory injunctions directed exclusively against labor."

THREE. Enforced settlement of jurisdictional strikes and forbidding secondary boycotts called to win jurisdictional strikes.

FOUR. A requirement that unions as well as management bargain in good faith.

FIVE. Elimination of the Taft-Hartley ban on political spending by unions.

SIX. Elimination of the requirement that union leaders sign non-Communist affidavits if they wish to use National Labor Relations Board machinery.

Mr. Morse called the non-Communist requirement of the present law "an insult to patriotic labor leaders."

CIO President Philip Murray's three speeches before the convention yesterday blasting left-wing union leaders was interpreted by anti-Communist members as the signal for an internal house-cleaning of large and small leftist CIO unions.

# Live Chickens Stolen From Store

## Market Robbed 2d Time in 2 Days

Thieves who did their Thanksgiving shopping early carried away more than 200 pounds of live poultry from the City Poultry & Fish Co., 2055 Boulevard Pl., early today.

It was the second time in 48 hours that the poultry market had been burglarized. Police discovered the break-in at 12:30 a. m. when they noticed an overhead door was broken open.

Morris Kasseff, 1331 Union St., owner, made a rapid inventory and reported 200 pounds of live chickens and eight dozen eggs missing. He said \$17 was taken Sunday night when burglars broke in the poultry house.

**Quiz Norfolk Men**

Police are investigating one other break-in and a holdup last night and are questioning two Norfolk, Va., men who were found in possession of a quantity of burglary tools early today.

Checking a parked car near the Camel Oil Products Co., 2005 Madison Ave. at 2 a. m., police found two men in the car.

Also in the car they found a 12-gauge shotgun, a sledge hammer, crow bar, two chisels, a screwdriver, a pair of pliers, three flashlights, 30 packages of cigarettes and two sets of license plates, one from Pennsylvania and one from Maryland.

**Held for Court**

The two men were charged with vagrancy and scheduled to appear in Municipal Court 3 today.

Meanwhile, officers were questioning them as they investigated a burglary at Pat's Market, 1301 Bates St., last night. The door had been forced open and 69 cartons of cigarettes, valued at \$1.61 each, stolen.

Two men held up Thomas J. O'Conner, clerk in a liquor store at 1043 N. Illinois St., at 10 p. m. and took \$23. Both men had guns, the clerk told police.

# Army Nurse Quota For Indiana 100

Indiana's quota will be 100 nurses in a nationwide Army nurse procurement program during the next seven months, Miss E. Nancy Scramlin, executive secretary of the Indiana State Nurses Association, said today.

Nurses are being obtained on a voluntary basis to give adequate nursing care to the new inductees of the armed forces. Registered professional nurses between the ages of 21 to 45 are eligible to apply for a commission in the Army Nurse Corps Reserve. Applicants must agree to serve at least one year.

Indiana's procurement quota is as follows: 40 nurses immediately, 50 by Dec. 31, 70 by March 31, and 100 by June 30, 1949.

**MARINES SINCE 1775**

The U. S. Marine Corps was founded Nov. 10, 1775, in Philadelphia. Its first commandant was Maj. Samuel Nicholas.

# A Tragedy of Inflation—Sky-High Prices, Rents Cripple French Economy

## Hundreds of Thousands Face Starvation On Pitifully Small Post-War Incomes

By ROSETTE HARGROVE, NEA Staff Correspondent  
PARIS, Nov. 23—A million and a quarter French people are listed on the country's official registers today as "les économiquement faibles"—the economically weak. They are the men and women over 65 whom inflation has reduced to the extremes of poverty, often after 40 years of work.

Two world wars, plus inflation, have placed the little people of France in this position. By exercising a major French virtue, thriftiness, millions of them used to be able to fulfill their dream of retirement to a small house, a small plot of land, and a moderate income.

Inflation has turned the dream into an economic nightmare. To be classed as "economically weak" means an annual income of no more than \$200 per person, or \$330 per couple.

**Slow Starvation**

This is the new "liberalized" figure which is expected to increase the list of economically weak to more than 2 million, all of whom are entitled to 1200 francs a month (about \$4) in government assistance.

There are hundreds of thousands of old people in France who own the homes in which they live but who face slow starvation on pitifully small incomes. Reluctantly, they are obliged to sell prized pieces of furniture and jewelry.

A life annuity was a formula much in favor with the French before inflation. A person of independent means who after World War I derived an income of 15,000 francs a year (once the equivalent of \$3000 but now barely \$50) could live very comfortably.

Today, a couple spends that much in a month just to keep body and soul together.

**Food Costs Soar**

The cost of food in France 20 years ago was admittedly low. In 1918, a 10-franc note bought 50 pounds of bread. Ten years ago it would still buy six pounds, while today it buys little over one-half pound.

Workers fare better, although their wages keep getting behind prices. If they have children, however, they benefit by family allowances. Three or four children under 14 means \$40 to \$60 a month extra.

Under the state system, workers get free medical care and unemployment benefits. They also get two to four weeks vacation with pay and are insured a modest pension. Finally, their rent is incredibly low.

The farmer is the biggest winner, and he represents nearly half of the 40 million Frenchmen.

He now eats meat every day whereas before once or twice a week was the maximum, which is said to be part of the reason meat is so expensive to city dwellers. No government has yet dared tax the farmer.

"Economically weak" aged people are not the only big sufferers.

The position of the middle classes, as well as professionals such as doctors, dentists and engineers, becomes less and less enviable as more industry is nationalized and social insurance schemes are extended.

# GOP Campaign Fund Report Filed

## \$319,960 Spent; Cost Of Printing Highest

Financial reports on campaign expenditures since May of this year were filed yesterday by the state and county Republican Central Committees, County Clerk A. Jack Tison announced. Expenses of \$319,960.29 were reported by James W. Costin, State Committee treasurer. The largest single item was \$66,857.23 for printing. Publicity was next with an expenditure of \$41,184.67. Radio advertising, the report said, cost \$37,234.13, and the state convention cost \$14,424.81.

Contributions to the state GOP fund amounted to \$237,478.44 and a cash balance on hand as of May 4 was \$97,343.51. This left an unspent balance of \$44,861.66. Mr. Costin's report showed.

The County Committees, through its treasurer, C. S. Ober, reported receipts of \$93,707.54 and expenditures of \$92,041.03.

**Gives \$5000**

Individual contributions to the state and county funds ranged from 52 cents to \$5000.

Largest single contributor noted in the GOP statement of campaign fund receipts was E. M. Morris of South Bend who gave \$5000.

It was noted in the report that contributions made a sharp decline during the middle of October. Contributions during this period ranged from \$1 to slightly more than \$5.

**Hays Contributes**

One contribution to the state fund was for \$1000 from Will H. Hays, former movie star now residing in New York. Eli Lilly was credited with a \$2000 contribution.

F. T. Holliday, Indianapolis, gave the largest single contribution to the county fund. He sent a check for \$1200. Another donor to the county fund was Gov. Gates. He gave \$500.

**Absent Minded Thief Leaves Toupee Behind**

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (UP)—Actress Allyn McLerie, of the musical comedy "Where's Charley," told police yesterday that an absent minded thief stole an heirloom brooch, clothes and a pearl ring from her apartment. However, the thief left behind his black toupee and a bottle of glue.

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