

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

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

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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 waging 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 Mihailovich 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

Democrats Report On Contributions

Individual contributions to the Democratic state and county campaign funds were announced today in a report to County Clerk A. Jack Tilson.

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 totalling \$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 \$76,524.

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. Norie Baker.

Seek to Close 'Smoking' Dump

Owner Arrested For Third Time

"Ceiling zero" smog which

blankets Raymond St. frequently

endangers traffic, will be

wiped out if State Police recom-

mendations 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 elimi-

nated.

The latest move arose following

the third arrest of Walter H.

Listz, 62, owner of the dump, yester-

day. He was hauled before

Judge Paul C. Wetter in Beech

Grove Magistrate's Court, and

granted a continuance to Dec. 6.

Owner 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 Lawndale 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 to

testify 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.

AFL Favors Changes Based on Wagner Act

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 23 (UP)

The AFL indicated today that the

only acceptable replacement for

the Taft-Hartley act would be

legislation based on the Wagner

Labor Relations Act and supporting

laws.

THREE Enforced settlement of

jurisdictional strikes and for-

bidden secondary boycotts called

to win jurisdictional strikes.

FOUR A requirement that unions

as well as management bar

gain in good faith.

FIVE Elimination of the Taft-

Hartley ban on political spending

by unions.

SIX Elimination of the re-

quirement that union leaders sign

non-Communist affidavits if they

wish to use National Labor Rela-

tions Board machinery.

Mr. Morse called the non-Com-

munist requirement of the pres-

ent law "an insult to patriotic

labor leaders."

CIO President Philip Murray's

three speeches before the conven-

tion yesterday blasting left-wing

union leaders was interpreted by

anti-Communist members as the

signal for an internal house-

cleaning of large and small left-

ist CIO unions.

Oregon Senator Warns CIO on Labor Act Repeal

PORLTND, Ore., Nov. 23 (UPI)—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.

Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers, and George Baldanzi, executive vice president of the Textile Workers Union, were leading the drive to dump Mr. Fitzgerald, who also is president of the United Electrical Workers.

Moreover, Mr. Murray was unwilling to go as far as Reuther in urging the left wing to get in line with CIO policy or get out of the CIO. He did demand that the leftist faction get in line with CIO policy but he stopped short of delivering the ultimatum.

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 bar gain in good faith.

FIVE Elimination of the Taft-Hartley act after the cheering delegates unanimously re-elected the 75-year-old chieftain to his 25th term in office.

Also returned to office were Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and the 13 incumbent vice presidents. The convention delegates selected St. Paul as the site of the 68th national gathering.

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 Kasoff, 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.

Quix Norfolk Men

Police are investigating one other break-in and a holdup last night and are questioning two men, over 65 whom inflation has reduced to the extremes of poverty often after 40 years of work.

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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 to day.

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'Connor, 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 Scamlin, 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 industries 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