

China Reds Push Nearer Shanghai

Pour Across Yangtze, Bracket Nanking

By CHANG KUO-SIN

NANKING, Apr. 22 (UP)—A flood tide of Communist soldiers swept across the Yangtze into the heart of Nationalist China against crumbling resistance today, bracketing imperiled Nanking and appearing within 40 miles of Shanghai.

Key Nationalist strongholds in the lower Yangtze valley fell to the Communist onslaught along with scores of villages and hamlets. Firmly planted on the south bank of the river, Communist forces described by their radio as 300,000 strong were fanning out rapidly.

Military quarters feared the whole Nanking-Shanghai sector would be sliced into isolated pockets within a day or two, making it easy prey for a quick Communist mop-up.

The U. S. embassy advised all 300 Americans still in Nanking to get out at once, if they could. The warning was partially checked by the mass sweep of the Communists across the river east of Nanking, cutting the railway to Shanghai along with the trunk highways.

17 British Sloop Dead Buried at Sea

SHANGHAI, Apr. 22 (UP)—The shell-battered British sloop Amethyst buried 17 of its dead at sea today and crept another four miles up the Yangtze River toward Nanking under a rain of Communist artillery fire.

The exact position of the 1430-ton sloop was not announced, but it was believed near the point where the Grand Canal joins the Yangtze between Chinkiang and Kiangyin—in the midst of the Communist offensive across the Yangtze.

3 Teen-Agers Held On Girl's Charges

Accused of Attack Near Her Home

Three teen-age youths were being held as vagrants today after a young North Side girl accused two of them of raping her near her home.

The trio, whose ages are 19, 18 and 17, will appear this afternoon in Municipal Court 4 to answer the vagrancy charges.

The alleged victim, who is 18, said she accepted a ride with the boys at 2 a. m. today at Illinois and Market Sts. She told police she was acquainted with the 19-year-old youth and that they had offered to drive her home.

She said when they drove up in front of her home the 19-year-old boy held her and attacked her. She said she screamed and they drove into a nearby alley where she said the 17-year-old boy attacked her. After that she said she managed to escape and ran home.

Police arrested the three youths at their South Side homes early this morning.

Times Story Tells Waitress Her Eagle Eye Aided FBI

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leaving until the shooting began on the Circle.

Mrs. Hall and her husband, Lawrence, have one child, a 6-year-old daughter, Lois. Mr. Hall is a service repairman for National Cash Register Co., 422 N. Meridian St.

Other witnesses had hardly more than kaleidoscopic glimpses of the action that flashed about crowded Monument Circle as guns boomed through the spring evening.

Sees Man Pointing Gun

Walter S. Stone, 35, of 1904 W. 57th St., didn't know what was happening when a man came running toward his automobile as he drove around the southeast segment of the Circle past the Circle Theater.

"I hardly noticed him at first," he said. "People were scattering everywhere while the guns went off."

"First thing I knew, this guy (Johnson) was out in the middle of the street pointing his gun at me."

"Fortunately, I had my door locked on the right side. I ducked down, practically on the floor. He hit at my door window, then ran around back of my car."

"When I was sure he was gone I got out onto the street and lay down beside the car. Two shots hit the back of my car, both fired by the FBI, I guess."

Shooting Into Crowd

"I sure was hoping that guy would run out of lead. He (Johnson) was shooting directly into the crowd."

Fred Chenault, 15, of 2402 S. California St., and his three youthful companions were directly in the line of fire as they stood at the foot of Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

"That Johnson ran right in front of me and past," Fred said. "A student at Manual High School, he was on his way to the Indiana Theater with Warren and Dan Wechsler, 109 Kansas St., and Fred White, 411 Kansas St."

"Then those FBI men came running right after him and yelled 'Get out of the way' real funny," Fred said. "We saw one of them reach right in the cab Johnson jumped into and shoot at him."

"About that time we all jumped into the empty basin below the fountain," Fred White turned his ankle a little when he jumped. Those FBI men just kept going and jumped into other cabs to chase Johnson.

"We hung around the Circle for about 10 minutes after everything quieted down, looking for slugs," Fred said, "but we didn't find any, so we went to the show."

"I sure was scared to death when we first heard the shooting. I thought it was firecrackers going off. Then we all thought they were shooting at us. If there'd been water in that basin, I'd have jumped in anyway."

Runs Between 2 Girls

As Johnson rounded the corner into Market St. going east, he ran right between two young women and twirled them around as he shouted "Hold that cab."

Miss Mary Lou Brandenburg, 21, of 140 E. 28th St., and Mrs. Maxine Tudor, 29, of 3837 E. 13th St., were walking toward the Circle to see what the excitement

Nurse Unfussed By Bandit Episode

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agents wanted more than any one criminal in the nation didn't excite the white-clad Miss Welsh.

Both she and Dr. Parker said they weren't worried about the bandit's gun.

"All no time was he threatening, not did he give any indication of using his gun," Dr. Parker told police. His chief concern seemed to be to get medical attention.

"I saw the gun in his pocket, but it didn't worry me," the nurse

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