

Chiang's Aids Flee South Hainan With Chinese Reds at Their Heels

Churchill Warns Labor Party He Will Ask Confidence Vote

All top Nationalist commanders on Hainan Island were evacuated by ship this morning from the southern part of Yulin with the Communists close at their heels, Chinese reports said today.

These reports said Communist guerrillas from the hills reached the outskirts of Yulin as the Nationalist island command under Gen. Hsueh Yueh put out to sea.

The Communists "said their troops have taken control over the entire northern third of the island, including the capital of Hoihow, and are meeting no resistance wherever they move."

According to the Chinese reports, the Nationalist air force abandoned its last remaining airfield at Sanya, outside Yulin, Sunday afternoon.

The decision to abandon Hainan apparently was made by Gen. Hsueh Yueh after he failed to receive reinforcements requested from Formosa.

Chiang Makes Denial

At his Formosa headquarters, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek took the unusual step of authorizing his office to state that he had not ordered the evacuation of Hainan and did not contemplate it.

However, it was understood that Nationalist commanders have recognized the realities of the situation and have decided to concentrate their last remaining resources on the protection of Formosa.

The fall of Hainan, if the Chinese reports are true, has deprived the West of its last Asiatic source of iron ore for Japan's steel mills.

It has placed Manila within medium bombing range of the Communists, wrecked the Nationalist blockade of Southern China and exposed the Indo-Chinese coast to Communist infiltration.

Great Britain

WASTON—CHURCHILL, announced in Commons today that his Conservative opposition would force on the Labor government Wednesday two votes of confidence based on the 1950-51 budget.

The votes conceivably could overthrow the government, which has a bare, unworkable majority in Commons. But it has survived other votes of confidence since the Feb. 23 election.

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and would start within "a matter of two or three years."

"We cannot escape it," Lt. Gen. Sir Gordon Bennett, commander of the Australian Third Corps, said yesterday.

Japan

The Japan Travel Bureau estimates there will be 23,589 visitors to Japan in 1950 who will spend \$11,555,125—equivalent to almost one-half of the country's annual prewar peak tourist years in 1937 and 1938.

Nobu Matsumura, chief of the foreign tourist section of the Japan Travel Bureau, told the United Press that Japan played host to more than 40,000 visitors a year in 1937 and 1938 with a revenue of over 100 million yen—equivalent at that time to about \$25 million. Of that number, 10,000 were Americans, he explained.

West Germany

CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER met with his top aids today to discuss a dispute with his Allied overseers over which his month-old government threatens to resign.

They seek an answer to the

Ally veto of the west German tax law.

The bill, which cut Germany's high income taxes, was passed three weeks ago by the Bundestag (parliament).

It was vetoed by the Allies on grounds it would swell Germany's deficit and increase the country's need for foreign aid, mainly Marshall Plan funds.

East Germany

EIGHT German industrialists were accused of economic sabotage today in what Western authorities called another of Eastern Europe's Communist purge trials.

The defendants are accused of trying to smuggle assets of the German Continental Gas Co. to Western Germany after the Russians ordered the plant nationalized in 1946. Western news agencies were permitted to cover the trial.

Austria

THE REV. FRANZ JACHYM, a Roman Catholic priest, went into seclusion today after walking off the altar of St. Stephens Cathedral in a dramatic last-second refusal to accept the office of bishop.

The priest's only explanation, delivered as he stood dressed in the ceremonial robes about to take the oath, was that he was not "worthy."

Church officials said it was the first time in modern church history such an incident had occurred. It stunned thousands of persons who had gathered to watch the high church ceremony.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

EVENTS TODAY

Indiana Association of Photographers—Through Tuesday, Lincoln.

Indianapolis Home Show—Through Apr. 30, Fairgrounds.

Scientific Club—Noon, Antlers.

Adah Club—At 7:30 p. m., Indiana National Bank branch, 321 W. Washington.

Indianapolis Chapter, American Jewish Women—Today to unload food-stuffs tied up on 81 ships by a Communist-fomented wildcat strike of 1300 stevedores.

Meanwhile, the harried Labor government sent 1000 soldiers and sailors into the paralyzed London waterfront today to unload food-stuffs tied up on 81 ships by a Communist-fomented wildcat strike of 1300 stevedores.

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Executive Club—Noon luncheon, Washington.

Insurance Women—Dinner, Washington.

Lutheran Service Club—Noon luncheon, Lincoln.

Forty-Niner's Club—Noon luncheon, Washington.

Wrestler Club—Noon luncheon, Lincoln.

North Side Kiwanis Club—Dinner, Marrot.

200 Families Flee Minnesota Flood

CROOKSTON, Minn., Apr. 24 (UP)—Ice-laden floodwaters poured through a broken dam today and bore down on this city, already reeling under the worst flood in its history.

About 200 families fled before the crest surging down the Red Lake River, and the Red Cross mobilized volunteer rescue crews to meet the new emergency.

More than 13,000 persons suffered in floods that surged over the table-like lowlands of the Red River of the north and its tributaries.

The Red Cross in Southern Manitoba, drove 30 residents of Emerson from their homes and put at least half a dozen other towns on 24-hour guard.

Rip Open Dam

Huge ice cakes on Red Lake River ripped a 120-foot-wide hole in a power dam 30 miles northeast of here last night, unleashing what river observers described as "a 10-foot head of water, clogged with ice."

The new gush of water was expected to send the river level up sharply here, where almost one-half of the city's homes already were flooded or surrounded by water.

However, Red Cross Disaster Chairman Bray Merrill said authorities were hopeful the new crest would not exceed the 24-foot level reached yesterday.

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