

CHINESE CHECK JAPANESE PUSH

Thousands Of Invader's Forces Slain In Fighting Before Kinwa

CHUNGKING, May 28.—(AP)—A great battle is raging for the Chekiang provincial capital of Kinwa, but the Japanese invaders, although reinforced and attacking repeatedly, have been repulsed with thousands killed, the Chinese high command announced tonight.

The Chinese acknowledged that their own losses were heavy and reported local Japanese gains toward Kinwa, prime objective of the Japanese army's big drive through the coastal province which might serve as a jumping off place for attacks against Japan, but they stated flatly that the city still was in Chinese hands tonight. This contradicted a Japanese claim that it had fallen this morning.

The high command specifically listed 3,200 Japanese killed in four engagements in the vicinity of Kinwa, and in addition told of many other battles in which the invaders' losses were listed simply as "heavy" or "considerable."

The main Japanese attempt on Kinwa apparently was made from the east. After failing Tuesday, the Japanese brought up 10,000 reinforcements for a second attack which lasted all day yesterday, ending in a Japanese repulse.

The Chinese charged that the Japanese used poison gas in the Chekiang drive, but said it had only small effect because the Chinese had been prepared.

REALTORS BACK RENT CONTROL

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because of improvements in the property must first be approved by the local rent area director.

"At the very beginning I want to admit that this law is unfair in some instances. It cannot operate without causing hardship for some," said Jeffrey.

Jeffrey explained that the intent of the law was to roll rents here back to those prevailing on April 1, 1941, and any upward revisions from those rents would have to be on an individual basis and would have to be justified by capital improvements on the dwelling or increased services rendered to the tenants.

"In addition to that, the maintenance and services now rendered the tenants must not be reduced without a reduction in the legal rent," he said.

In the case of dwellings built since April 1, 1941, a legal rent rate will be established by the rent area director, Jeffrey said.

This will be based on the legal rent of similar dwellings, with some adjustment upward allowed if the cost of construction of the new unit is larger than cost of building the comparable dwellings.

Prevent Evictions
The regulations also prevent the eviction of tenants except for non-payment of rent, the official pointed out. It is also illegal for a landlord to accept more rent, even should his tenant offer it to him.

Adjustments will be made in the case of beach or other seasonal dwellings, the realtors were told.

In case a landlord refuses to lower his rent to the legal fair rent set for the property, the tenant may recover three times the amount of overcharge or \$30, whichever figure is the higher. Other penalties are provided for non-compliance.

Registration of landlords will begin as soon as forms arrive, said Jeffrey. Meantime, the real estate men decided to stamp rent receipts with a statement setting forth that the amount of rent is being accepted subject to revision in case any adjustments are ordered by the area rent director.

Jeffrey asked tenants to make a thorough inquiry before filling protests with his office, since hearings will not be held until registration is completed.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the board adopted the following resolutions:

"Be It Resolved, that the Wilmington Real Estate Board heartily endorse the appointment of Mr. George W. Jeffrey as Director of the local O.P.A. office in charge of rents for the following reasons:

1. "We feel that Mr. Jeffrey is the most suitable person for this high office, due to the fact that since the National Emergency, he has been closely connected in the matter of rentals and the rental situation in general as it appears between landlord and tenant, having been chairman of the Fair Rents Committee during its most critical stages, and further that he appreciates entirely the views and

Recreational Equipment For Soldiers Is Bought

The Camp and Hospital Service council of Camp Davis and New River met this week and authorized purchase of recreational equipment for soldiers and marines. The meeting was held in the Red Cross administration building at Camp Davis.

It was reported that two combination radio-phonographs had been bought by the council, one to be installed in the station hospital at Davis and the other in the station hospital at New River. Purchases totaling several hundred dollars have been authorized by the unit since its inception a few weeks ago.

National headquarters of the Red Cross started the ball rolling by contributing \$250 to the council's fund, and this and other money obtained by the council is being used to furnish recreational facilities in service hospitals and for general camp use.

Hiram W. Person, field director of the Red Cross at Camp Davis, told representatives at the meeting this week that the Red Cross workshop is in a position to manufacture certain items of equipment that the council might seem desirable, thus saving money.

BRAZILIAN BOMBER SINKS SUBMARINE

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but is repelling aggression, this source said, and thus is not committing an act of war.

Her desire to take an active hand was spurred, it was said, by nightly tirades broadcast against Brazil by the Axis radio in an effort to stir discord among the Latin American nations.

The first official statement that Brazilian planes had entered the submarine warfare came today from the Brazilian ambassador to Uruguay, Joao Baptista Lusardo, as he stopped in Porto Alegre on the way to his post from Rio de Janeiro.

"I think," he said, "that Brazil really has been at war since we broke relations with the Axis Jan. 28."

"The nation's armed forces are proudly responding, blow for blow, against totalitarian aggression. In North Brazil planes sank an Axis submarine. (This was understood to have been Saturday.) Near Fernando de Noronha (Brazilian island off the northeast coast) last Sunday our planes fought a violent combat with enemy submarines, which were put to flight."

This was the first time that an American nation not at war with the Axis had participated in the fighting.

position of both parties.

"The Real Estate Board extends to Mr. Jeffrey its hearty cooperation in all matters to the end that the law may be administered to the letter.

"Be It Further Resolved, that the services of this Board be at the disposal of Mr. Jeffrey and his office to the end that Wilmington may be outstanding in its cooperation towards the O. P. A. and the Federal Government."

"Be it resolved, that the Wilmington Real Estate Board heartily endorse the appointment of Mr. George Rountree, Jr. as rent attorney for the Wilmington Defense Rental Area for the following reasons:

"We feel that Mr. Rountree's work as an attorney and as chairman of the Fair Rent Committee has shown his impartiality and his ability and that in the position of Rent Attorney he will be most helpful in handling the manifold problems which will confront landlords and tenants alike.

"The Real Estate Board extends to Mr. Rountree its hearty cooperation in all matters pertaining to the compliance with the law."

"Be It Resolved, that each individual member of the Wilmington Real Estate Board offer the services of its good offices for the purpose of registering tenants and landlords in accordance with the law.

"Be It Further Resolved, that the members of the Wilmington Real Estate Board request and urge the cooperation of both landlord and tenant to the end that as little confusion as possible be created.

"Be It Further Resolved, that a general sense of harmony and cooperation be displayed in all matters pertaining to the Rent Control Laws."

JOHNNIE M'COY HELD IN DEATH

Negro Blamed For Fatal Shooting Of Young Negro Here Wednesday

Coroner's jury held Thursday that Eliza Corbett, young negro, who died almost instantly of a pistol wound in the left chest Wednesday night at the Blue Moon Inn, came to her death from a gunshot wound at the hands of Johnnie McCoy, proprietor of the establishment.

McCoy, who left the cafe and beer parlor immediately after the shooting at 10 o'clock, was arrested at 1:30 Thursday morning.

McCoy did not deny shooting the woman, who was discovered near death on the sidewalk near the inn, at 520 Swann St., and told the arresting officers that she had cursed him.

Members of the coroner's jury hearing the case were F. D. Weaver, E. S. Capps, S. F. Garrison, W. C. Mansons, W. A. Davis and R. A. Willis.

Witnesses of the slaying told investigating officers that the Corbett woman was shot by McCoy following a brief argument.

One of McCoy's employees said there was some disorder in the booth in which the Corbett woman was sitting with a man and when McCoy asked the woman to leave the building she began cursing him. The employee said McCoy was standing in the door of the cafe when the shooting occurred and that Eliza Corbett was a few steps from the door, where she fell when shot.

City Briefs

COURT POSTPONED

Because many Wilmington Boy Scouts will be engaged in defense work next Monday night, the regular Court of Honor scheduled for that time has been postponed to Monday, June 8, Scout Executive David Liles announced today. All applications for advancement must be filed at the Scout office by 5 p. m. on June 5.

LIBRARY CLOSURE

The Wilmington public library will be closed Saturday in observance of Memorial day, it was announced yesterday.

ATTENDS FUNERAL

E. F. Bryant and family left last night by automobile for Pulaski, Tenn., to attend the funeral of his father, John Bryant. Mr. Bryant was making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Erskin Sharp, of Pulaski.

HURRY-UP CLASS

Additional students are wanted for a "hurry-up class" in Red Cross first aid which commences completing the standard 20-hour Red Cross course in two weeks. The class will meet in the afternoons at some central location. Interested persons should contact either Miss Patricia Wilcox at 22513 or Mrs. Emsey Laney at Red Cross headquarters.

TIRE STOLEN

D. B. Wainwright of Lake Village reported to police yesterday that a new tire had been stolen from the rear compartment of his automobile Wednesday night.

NEW AWNINGS

Bell-Williams has been awarded a \$895 contract to furnish 85 awnings and frames for the U. S. customhouse here, Assistant Custodian Charles Walker said yesterday.

HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

While walking along Front street Wednesday, Rodney Mintz, of Summer Hill, sustained a fracture of the left leg and a possible fracture of the pelvis when struck by an automobile. Police said the car was driven by Miss Katherine Orrell who took Mintz to the James Walker Memorial hospital.

MISSING POCKETBOOK

Mrs. S. D. Bordeaux, of 233 Brookwood, reported to police early Thursday night that she had lost her pocketbook, containing \$200 and other valuables, in a theater between 5 and 6 o'clock that evening.

N. C. POSTMASTERS OPEN CONVENTION

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not asking for deferment of any postal employee, and many of the young men have been called to active service for that reason. Plans will be worked, he said, out to alleviate the situation as soon as possible.

Mr. O'Connell explained that the department is allowed to work all regular employees overtime to take care of the situation. They may be worked overtime at the regular rate of pay or compensated by having time off at the discretion of the postmaster.

Edward Scheidt, agent in charge of Federal Bureau of Investigation, Charlotte, explained to the

postmasters how they could be helpful not only by bringing information to the FBI but by subduing unfounded rumors which are more harmful than actual sabotage sometimes.

Among the prominent speakers to be heard this morning will be Mrs. Amelia Copenhaver, Bristol, Tenn., president of the Tennessee chapter of the National Association of Postmasters, and member of the National Legislative committee; J. W. Johnson, Wash-

ington, superintendent of Third Division Railway Mail service; and George W. Jeffrey, area rent director and former assistant state director of civilian defense.

The election of officers will take place at the afternoon meeting.

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