

CHINESE ATTACK IN HONAN, HUPEH

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, April 14.—(AP)—Chinese troops attacking in a general counter-offensive in southwest Honan and northern Hupeh provinces have frustrated enemy threats to Shensi province and to Chungking itself, and have placed the big strategic highway toward Sianyang under direct assault, the high command announced tonight.

Advancing in Hupeh southward from the area of Laohokow, captured former U. S. air base city, the Chinese won a 24-hour battle for dominating heights 7-12 miles from Sianyang, which is on the Han river, 30 miles southeast of Laohokow. Other enemy strong-points were assaulted both in Honan and Hupeh, and "a large number" of Japanese were killed, the high command said.

The Japanese, in a new while, launched a new attack in the area west of Hengyang in Hunan province, far to the south of the new counter-offensive. Three enemy columns struck out from their parading stronghold guarding the west flank of their Indo-China corridor, possibly paving the way for a drive on the advanced U. S. 14th air force base at Chikiang in western Hunan.

One of these columns, for which reinforcements had been moved up, was hurled back, and the two others were engaged in a severe battle 18 miles west of Paoching, the Chinese.

City Briefs

SUPPER

A buffet supper will be served Sunday night at the Fifth and Orange USO club by the Navy Mothers' club. Mrs. W. B. Daniels is in charge of the committee on arrangements. Other members of the committee are Mrs. J. H. Orrell, Mrs. Clyde Leonard, Mrs. J. W. Reaves and Mrs. Oliver T. Carter.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Valentine announce the birth of a son at Marion Sprunt annex, April 10.

REPORTS

Major James C. Pennington, 210 Princess street, reported to the municipal airport at Nashville, Tenn., April 8 for an overseas assignment. He is a senior service pilot of the Ferrying division of the Air Transport command. For many years he was manager of the Blueenthal Field and the Pennington Flying school.

VISITING BEACH

A. E. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Holcombe and son, Gene, of Hazelhurst, Miss., and Mrs. Maurice Jordan of Hamlet, are the guests of Mrs. R. C. Muse at Wrightsville Beach.

WOOL RECEIVED

The Red Cross Production room has received a new shipment of olive drab wool for "V" neck sweaters and socks, also wool for Navy sweaters. It was said yesterday. Knitters are urgently needed and all interested are asked to apply at the room.

WEATHER

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WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—Weather bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m. in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

Station	High	Low	Prec.
Asheville	52	35	0.00
Atlanta	68	59	0.00
Boston	81	64	0.00
Chicago	42	39	0.09
Cleveland	46	42	0.01
Denver	24	19	0.54
Detroit	49	42	0.00
Fort Worth	79	70	0.00
Galveston	50	72	0.00
Kansas City	36	48	0.00
Los Angeles	74	53	0.00
Louisville	68	61	0.46
Miami	79	74	0.00
Mobile	83	63	0.00
New Orleans	85	65	0.00
New York	82	64	0.16
Norfolk	87	64	0.00
Portland, Me.	75	51	0.00
Richmond	90	64	0.03
St. Louis	52	51	1.09
San Francisco	68	50	0.00
Savannah	82	64	0.00
Washington	84	62	0.16
Wilmington	78	66	0.06

City Pauses During Roosevelt Services

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lence and prayer were observed. The flag in front of Camp Davis post headquarters will remain at half mast for 30 days, in keeping with an order affecting all Federal buildings. General Orders of the War Department were read. Meditation and prayer services were held at the Temple of Israel by Rabbi Mordecai Thurman at 4 p. m. yesterday.

The Southside Baptist church also held services yesterday. Services at the First Christian church will be conducted at 11 a. m. today. Following the memorial service for the late President, a special prayer will be offered by the Rev. James Lawson for President Harry S. Truman.

All retail stores in Chadbourne closed during the hour of the funeral at the request of Mayor Norman Peal.

The town of Carolina Beach also joined in the observance between 4 and 5 p. m. yesterday, when all stores at the resort closed.

Memorial services at Grace Methodist church will be conducted at 10 a. m., the hour of burial services, the Rev. J. F. Herbert announced. Edward Blakeslee will make the memorial address.

A moment of silent prayer will be observed at the regular 11 a. m. service this morning at Fifth Avenue Methodist church.

Services honoring the memory of the late President will be conducted at 8 p. m. today at the First Baptist church by the Rev. Sankey Lee Blanton.

Murphy, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, held Mass at 8:30 a. m. yesterday, when those attending were asked to pray for President Truman.

The Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance of Wilmington and vicinity, in a call session at 11:30 a. m. Friday, issued the following statement in the death of the late President:

"The sudden and unexpected passing of our beloved President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is a tremendous shock and an irreparable loss to this generation.

"President Roosevelt typified humanity at its best. Measured in terms of his magnificent spirit, by his Christian idealism and humanitarian deeds, by his genuine devotion to the principles of right and righteousness, by his world vision and passion for universal brotherhood, and by his unabated efforts for the welfare of all peoples, President Roosevelt takes his place among the immortal great of all ages."

Special services also will be conducted at the St. Luke A. M. E. Zion church at 11 a. m. today, with music by the Senior choir.

McCoy Charged With Murder Of Negress

Sam McCoy, Negro, of 821 Bladen street, was arrested by police last night and charged with the fatal shooting of Mildren Williams, 1116 Queen street.

It was alleged that McCoy shot the Negress in the right shoulder at Ninth and Bladen streets about 6 p. m. yesterday. She was taken to James Walker Memorial hospital by police and pronounced dead on arrival, according to police reports.

NAZI EXECUTED

NEW YORK, April 14.—(AP)—The American broadcasting station in Europe, quoting a Soviet broadcast, said tonight that Viennese patrols had executed Baldur von Schirach, Hitler youth leader and Gauleiter of Austria. The Columbia Broadcasting System's listening station recorded the broadcast.

REDS PENETRATE GERMANS' LINES

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stead of the Germans' only escape port, Pillau, and surrounding waters were a graveyard of German shipping.

The Soviet communique announced that American-built Soviet torpedo planes and bombers of the Baltic fleet air arm sank one destroyer, nine patrol warships, two trawlers, a 10,000 ton tanker and 18 transports totalling 92,000 tons on Thursday and Friday. German ship losses for the month in the Pillau area run close to 200,000 tons, it was estimated.

The fighting for Berlin is still in the preparatory stage, Von Hammer said, but "it can be safely assumed that the Soviet command, if only in view of American competition on the Elbe," will shortly give the signal for a general offensive against Berlin. He said the present attack front extended from Kuestrin to the Frankfurt area.

The attacks, each reported made

in the strength of a regiment (3,000 to 5,000 men) with strong tank and plane support, presumably were carried out by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's powerful First White Russian Army which has been massing on the Oder for weeks.

Earlier German broadcasts said the Soviets were clearing assault lanes through German minefields on a 60-mile front in the opening phase of a large-scale offensive against Berlin.

While the Soviet command remained tight-lipped as it does in the first phases of any operation, the Germans said the Russians were striking forward around Forst, 52 miles southeast of Berlin.

At the same time, Moscow dispatches said, other Soviet forces have driven to the approaches of Linz in a break-out across Austria covering two-thirds of the way to Bavaria and possibly putting Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army spearheads within 75 miles of Adolf Hitler's last sanctuary at Berchtesgaden.

In a parallel advance farther

south Tolbukhin's forces were driving across northern Yugoslavia for the Italian frontier. The entire German southern front incorporating the main defenses of the widely discussed "natural redoubt" appeared to have come unstrung with the fall of Vienna.

A German communique reported that the Soviets also were attacking powerfully in the Muerz-zuschlag sector 53 miles southwest of Vienna and 38 miles north of Graz in a mounting drive toward the latter industrial center.

Far to the north, the last German pockets along the eastern Baltic also were tottering under Soviet blow, a Berlin broadcast revealed in reporting deep breaches in the Wehrmacht's lines east of Danzig and west of Koenigsberg on the Samland peninsula.

Moscow dispatches reported meanwhile that the Red Army had found Vienna relatively little damaged thanks to the speed with which the city was enveloped and mopped up. Austrian socialists, communists and members of other parties which had been suppressed under Nazi rule poured out

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JOINS STAFF

MORGANTON, April 14.—(AP)—Dr. John R. Saunders, who recently resigned as superintendent of the State Hospital here, will join the staff of the Westbrook Sanatorium at Richmond, Va., he announced today. Dr. Saunders will take up his new duties at Richmond May 1, the date he asked to be relieved of the superintendency of the local institution.

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