

## Chinese Murder 5,000 Formosans, Editor Says

SHANGHAI, March 30.—(P)—An American editor newly returned from Formosa reported today that Chinese authorities killed at least 5,000 persons in putting down by terrorism and trickery a rebellion of the oppressed populace of that big island province.

The editor, John W. Powell, son of the late famed J. B. Powell, made his report in his "China Weekly Review." (So far as is known, Powell is the only American correspondent who has succeeded in visiting and returning from Formosa since the uprising began Feb. 28.)

Chinese government troops, sent from the mainland to quell the riots, perpetrated "some of the most unimaginable atrocities," Powell said in an article headed "Blood Bath in Taiwan" (Formosa).

After 50 years under Japan, Formosa was restored to China after the Japanese surrendered in September, 1945.

Powell said that the outbreaks culminated a year and a half of rampant Chinese misrule in which the Formosans were squeezed and oppressed far worse than by the Japanese.

He wrote that Gen. Chen Yi, Chinese governor of the island, had virtually suppressed the rebellion with a reign of terror probably unequalled in the history of the Kuomintang government of China.

Powell Account  
He gave this chronological account of the disorders:

Police, trying to enforce new economic regulations which virtually abolished private trade and violated the laws of China proper, began a series of extremely severe searches and seizures.

The last straw fell Feb. 27 when police in Taipei (Taihoku) killed a 40-year-old woman peddler who was protesting confiscation of her tray of cigarettes. (Tobacco is a

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## Conservation Program Lagging In New Hanover

While each of the other 99 counties in North Carolina is participating in an organized soil conservation program, a program which has proved itself to be a forward step for the American farmer, New Hanover farmers are being denied the advantages.

It has been excluded, not because the Federal government has ignored the farmers of this county, but simply because of a lack of interest in the program here.

The Soil Conservation Service is a bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture. In North Carolina the program was put into effect by State Legislature in 1937 and has since expanded to cover every county in North Carolina except New Hanover and 15 counties located West of the Blue

Ridge Mountains. Those 15 counties, however, carry on the same type program under the Tennessee Valley Authority, leaving New Hanover the only county without an organized approach to the soil conservation problem.

A five-man board of supervisors is named in each district—two of which are appointed by the State Soil Conservation committee and three of which are elected by the people in the district. The board controls and administers the affairs of the soil conservation program in the district. The term of office is staggered in order that a new member may be elected each year.

Trained engineers are sent into the district by the government, to give the farmer technical advice and aid in prevention and halt of soil erosion, maintaining soil fertility, woodland improvements, and the like.

The citizens of this county pay for the service even though it has not been set up here. The trained men who are sent into other areas of the state are paid out of Federal taxes. New Hanover pays its share of those taxes.

J. Frank Doggett, extension soil conservationist from the State College Station in Raleigh, said that the SCS works only through and with the farmers in organized districts.

Those districts are set up when the farmers or land owners of a county indicate that they are interested in and want the service.

The SCS goes into an area to give technical assistance and advice to the farmer, and it only goes when the farmer asks for it, Doggett said. New Hanover farmers and agricultural leaders have not shown sufficient interest in the service for it to be established here.

"The SCS in no way interferes with or duplicates the work of the extension service carried on by county agents and home demonstration agents," Doggett declared.

In explaining his statement, he said that the Extension service is primarily an educational agency in that they hold demonstrations on new projects and methods in an attempt to get rural residents interested in the new practices; while the Soil Conservation Service offers technical advice and technical assistance in carrying out the projects and practices.

The SCS works with farmers already interested in soil conservation.

After the soil and woodland problems of a county are surveyed, plans drawn up, and improvements carried out, the agricultural aspect of the county may be changed, Doggett said. It sometimes opens up new fields for other projects, other crops, other programs that could not be successfully carried out before, he added.

Though every state in the union now has passed Soil Conservation District Acts, the North Carolina Legislature was the first to adopt the measure and put it into effect. New Hanover county to date has failed to adopt it.

## TRAFFIC COLLISION REPORTED ON BRIDGE

An automobile allegedly driven by J. M. White was involved in an accident on the Northeast river bridge last night when it rammed into the rear end of a truck being driven by Frances Wood, sheriff's officers reported.

No one was seriously hurt in the accident, the report said. However, officers said that White charged Wood with parking the truck on the bridge, and Wood charged White with reckless driving.

Eugene McDonald, Michigan State College freshman wrestler State U.S.A., won the 1946 Oklahoma high school championship in the 121-pound class.

## WAR HERO CALLED ARMY DESERTER

### Attorney To Ask For Review Of Case; Man Served Gallantly Overseas

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 30.—(P)—A soldier who, tiring of routine garrison duties at West Point, left the Army, reenlisted in the paratroopers under an assumed name and became a World War II hero in France, has been declared a deserter by the Army, his attorney said today.

The attorney, Anthony F. Caffrey, reported that James Minker, 23, of Syracuse, was found guilty by a court martial of desertion from May 5, 1942, to July 23, 1946, and was sentenced to two years at hard labor and given a dishonorable discharge.

The attorney said he would ask the War department to review the case so he can present all the facts.

During the years Minker was accused of being a deserter, according to Caffrey he actually was in Europe, under the name of James H. Rowley, serving with the paratroopers and later was a prisoner of war. He received a Presidential unit citation, two battle stars, the good conduct medal and under the assumed name, was honorably discharged from the Army on his return to this country, the attorney added.

Minker was turned over to military authorities last month after pleading guilty in Onondaga county court on the charge of illegal possession of firearms. Sentencing was delayed pending Army action on Minker's status.

Mrs. Etta Minker, his mother, gave this account of Jimmy's action:

Assigned to guard duty at the West Point Military academy, he asked to be transferred to the paratroopers. His request was turned down in May, 1942, so he came back to Syracuse and enlisted in the Army under the name of James H. Rowley.

He trained with the paratroopers, and on Dec. 28, 1943, he was sent overseas. On D-Day, six hours before H-hour, he was in France.

He saw 36 hours of fighting be-

fore he was captured by the Germans, but within a few hours he escaped and was back in the fighting.

A few days later he was recaptured and was a prisoner of the Germans for 11 months, finally escaping and joining the Russian army. Eventually, he joined up with the United States forces and was sent home to receive an honorable discharge Nov. 26, 1945.

"Jimmy told me," Mrs. Minker said, "that he would rather receive a death sentence than a dishonorable discharge."

## MARSHALL TAKES DAY OFF; SEES RUSSIAN BALLET AT MOSCOW

MOSCOW, March 30.—(P)—Secretary of State Marshall went to the ballet at noon today, which is something one can do in Moscow Sundays.

Seeking relaxation from the last week's conferences, Marshall saw and heard the Nutcracker by Tchaikovsky. He was accompanied by John Foster Dulles, a member of the American delegation, saw Harold E. Stassen, visiting candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1948.

The party sent flowers for the leading ballerina to the stage.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin of Britain arranged a ride around town in the limousine assigned him. This is Bevin's favorite form of getting away from it all.

France's foreign minister, George Bidault, worshipped at the Catholic church of St. Louis of the French.

## REBEL PLANES ATTACK ASUNCION, Paraguay, March 30

(U.P.)—Rebel planes from Concepcion made two attacks on the Campo Grande military barracks outside Asuncion in the past 24 hours and government sources said that three civilians were killed in the second attack early today.

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### Germans Protest

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The meetings were called by Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian commissioner for racial and religious persecutions.

Addressing approximately 1,000 persons here, Auerbach called the bombing of his Nuremberg office Wednesday only one of many signs that Nazism had not been stamped out. He recently charged that there was a resurgence of

### TO BACK TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, March 30.—(P)—A conference of Americans for Democratic Action leaders voted today to back President Truman's \$400,000,000 Greco-Turkish relief program, but urged immediate strengthening of the United Nations so it can deal with similar situations in the future.

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474 ft. 10" Cast Iron Pipe, Class No. 100
12,962 ft. 6" Cast Iron Pipe, Class No. 150
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All materials shall be in accordance with applicable A.W.W.A. and/or City of Wilmington Standards.

Delivery date shall be specified in proposal. Proposals should be submitted to Gilbert F. Morton, Purchasing Agent, and marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal For Furnishing Materials." No special bid blank will be required and vendor may bid on any or all items.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Dated this 24th day of March, 1947.

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