

# Chinese Civil War

## Nationalists Claim Decisive Victory In Three-Day Battle Near Peiping

SHANGHAI, Jan. 14 (UP)—Nationalist forces today claimed a major victory in a three-day battle southwest of Peiping has crippled the main Communist forces in Hopei province.

## 13 Killed in New Battles in Palestine

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14 (UP)—Violence blazed from north to south in Palestine today in a sudden new surge of savage Arab-Jewish clashes.

At least 13 persons were killed and many wounded in the three chief cities. In the south was fought one of the biggest battles since the United Nations voted to partition Palestine.

As the bomb blasts of terrorist dynamite squads echoed in fearful Jerusalem tonight, British authorities started discussions on full troop withdrawal.

Six Jews and one British policeman were killed when Arabs bombed a Jewish bus terminal in Haifa. Four Arabs and one Jew were killed in a fight in the no-man's land between Jewish Tel Aviv and Arab Jaffa. One Jew was shot dead in a main street in Jerusalem.

## HIGHWAY BATTLE

Jews and Arabs fought a pitched battle on the Hebron highway south of Jerusalem for six hours when Arabs attacked four Jewish settlements—Ein Zurim, Masot Tzadak, Kefar Eimon and Revadim.

Arabs admitted heavy casualties due partly to mines laid about the edges of the villages. British authorities said they could not make a check until tomorrow.

The Jewish Haganah organization put out reports which would make this fight the most serious in point of casualties since partition, but British authorities said they were exaggerated.

Later, Haganah scaled down its casualties to two dead, four seriously injured. Reports from the French Hospital at Bethlehem said 19 Arab dead had been brought there.

The official casualty toll since December 1 was now 650 killed and 1850 wounded—a total of 2500. Unofficial reports put the total killed at 802.

## MUFFY'S HOME

Tonight Jewish terrorists blew up the sumptuous, unoccupied home of Haj Amin el Husseini, exiled Arab Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, and two other Arab homes in the Sheikh Jarrah suburb in North Jerusalem.

Jews and Arabs fought a battle with automatic weapons, mortars, hand grenades and bottles of flaming gasoline under the 400-year-old city walls.

For two hours British troops exchanged fire with Arabs across the Syrian border as they screened members of Haganah, Jewish underground organization, who were repairing the Tel El Kadi water pumping station. The station was blown up in last Friday's Arab invasion.

Britain officially opened discussions on withdrawal of troops from Palestine when Jonathan Tennen, chief of the British Middle East offices in Cairo, conferred with High Commissioner General Sir Alan Cunningham here.

## Britain Will Still Send Arms to Arab States

LONDON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Britain will continue to fulfill her contracts to sell arms and military equipment to certain Arab states, despite their threat to march against Palestine after the British mandate ends, a foreign office spokesman said today.

Three factors govern the supplying of British arms to Iraq, Egypt and Trans-Jordan in particular, and to other mideastern countries in general, the spokesman said:

1—In the cases of the countries named, equipment is sold under specific clauses in friendship treaties with Britain.

2—In each case orders for military material "were carefully scrutinized" before being carried out. Orders were not approved if it was clear the arms were to be used in or against Palestine, the spokesman said.

3—Britain maintains the right to suspend fulfillment of her arms contracts if any of the states violate the United Nations Charter.

The spokesman refused to comment on reported Jewish assertions that at least \$25,000,000 worth of military material had been sold to Iraq, Egypt and Trans-Jordan since the war.

## Britain Tells U. N. Mandate to End May 15

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 14 (AP)—Britain told the United Nations Palestine Partition Commission today that she would terminate her mandate in the Holy Land by May 15 or earlier.

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# First Industrial Repairs Due To Leave Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 14 (AP)—The first shipload of reparations machinery is scheduled to leave Japan Friday for China—the initial break in a deadlock which caused much friction among the nations that defeated Nippon.

The Chinese ship Hal Kang will sail from Yokosuka for Shanghai with some 600 machine tools and other equipment. It is a portion of items earmarked for China under the advance transfer allocation program.

The advance program makes available 30 per cent of surplus war and heavy industries equipment to China, the Philippines, Netherlands and the United Kingdom (Malaya-Burma), the countries which suffered the most damage in the Pacific war.

percentage of them Americans, have made their way to Hankow in boats, jeeps and on foot during the past two weeks.

An American missionary said Chinese Communists have become "increasingly hostile toward Americans during the past months. As a rule, they leave medical missionaries alone, but a purely religious missionary no longer is safe," he said.

## 20 May Be Freed in Jap War Trials

TOKYO, Jan. 14 (AP)—The prosecution was reported recommending today the dismissal of war crimes charges against all 20 of the major Japanese cases still awaiting trial. The staff also was trying to trim the evidence against Hideki Tojo and his 24 co-defendants, hoping to finish by March the trial which began June 3, 1946.

Both moves presumably are aimed at reducing trial expenses. It is estimated unofficially the cost to date is between \$6,500,000 and \$7,000,000.

If the U. S. Department of Army agrees to dismissal of charges against the 20 that would end prosecution on an international scale here. The 20 are the only so-called Class A defendants remaining.

They include wealthy leaders, prominent jingoists and five Ministers of Tojo's wartime Cabinet—Shinsuke Kishi, Commerce; Lieutenant General Kisaburo Ando, Home; Michio Iwamura, Justice; Kazuo Aoki, Greater East Asia, and Vice Admiral Ken Terashima, Communications and Railways.

Chief Prosecutor Joseph B. Keenan declined to confirm or deny that he had recommended dismissal of some 200 missionaries, a large

# U. N. and Kashmir

## Pakistan Wants to Debate on All Communal Strife; India Is Opposed

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP) Pakistan insisted today that the United Nations take up the whole broad question of the Indian subcontinent, where communal strife and bloodshed have claimed thousands of lives since partition last August 15.

The new dominions set forth their positions as delegations huddled in hotel rooms here preparing for the start of Security Council debate tomorrow at Lake Success.

India brought the case to the council by charging Pakistan was aiding the invaders of the princely state of Kashmir and held that discussions must be limited to that point alone.

Both dominions marshaled large delegations. Sir Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan Foreign Minister, arrived from Karachi in midafternoon with a dozen aides. M. A. H. Ispahani, Pakistan Ambassador to Washington and No. 2 man in the delegation, carried on preliminary consultations here.

For India, Gopalswami Syyangar, Minister Without Portfolio, completed work on a 30-page speech introducing the case to the council.

The fast started by Mohandas K. Gandhi, Hindu spiritual leader, appeared as a factor in the case. Ayyangar said India is apprehensive over the situation should the aged Gandhi die.

"I fear a terrible wave of violence and bloodspilling would sweep all India," he declared.

However, a Pakistan spokesman said Gandhi's case would have no effect on the Moslems.

Khan held one trump card in reserve. Should the council uphold the Indian demand for limiting the scope of debate, he could file charges against India covering the other aspects and open the way for their airing.

The British sent Philip Noel-Baker, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, here for the debate, and London's position will carry heavy weight. The two dominions have yet to decide whether they wish to remain in the British Commonwealth, and Britain's moves in the council discussions may prove to be a major factor in the eventual decisions.

And the stand of the United States, along with that of Russia, is keenly awaited.

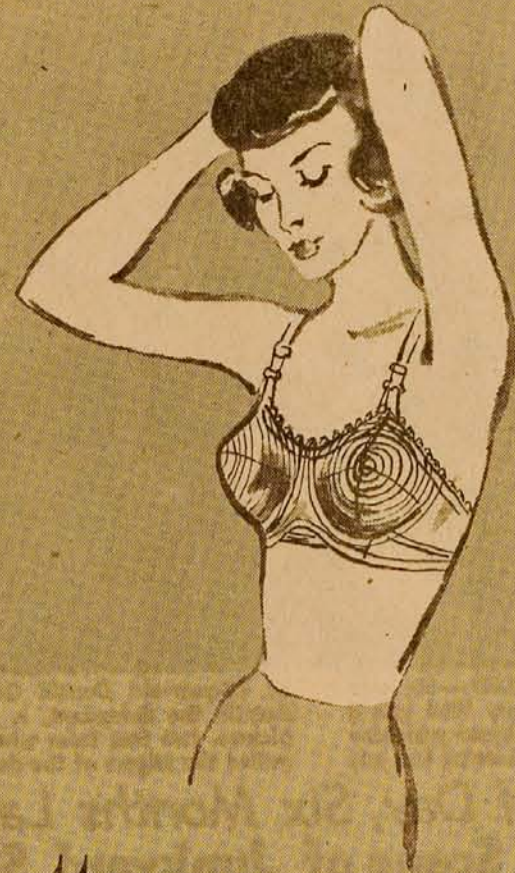
**Korean Rally Greet U. N. Commissioners**

SEOUL, Jan. 14 (UP)—Korea greeted the United Nations Commission today with a huge rally in Seoul Stadium attended by an estimated 75,000 spectators, mostly right wing youth groups.

Main speaker was K. P. S. Menon of India, chairman of the commission, who made a strong plea for Korean unity.

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