

## Spanish Bishop Tells How Japs Looted His Mission at Changteh

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CHANGTEH (By courier and telegraph to Chungking) Dec. 23 (Delayed).—This once peaceful city of some 100,000 persons today is just a mass of twisted and shattered wreckage to which the stench of death still clings.

Piles of ashes mark the places where the Japanese burned their dead and freshly-turned graves commemorated the nameless Chinese soldiers who fell during the 20-day battle for the city—the most frightful struggle of the entire Chinese-Japanese war.

Only now—10 days after the battle—are the people who fled before the invaders returning to the ruins of their homes.

Here 3,000 Chinese under Maj. Gen. Cheng Wan were reduced to some 30 before they were forced to abandon the city to the Japanese, and here Chinese armies executed a masterful offensive across the Yuan River to deliver the city from the invaders.

Lodged in Spanish Mission. I arrived here yesterday afternoon with a Chinese-conducted party of war correspondents and military attaches. We traveled by steam launch, junk and sampan up the Shing Sze River from Changteh to Kiyang for three days, then by mule, pony, sedan-chair and foot for four more before arriving here.

Our party is being lodged at a Spanish Roman Catholic mission, near Changteh's east gate. Buildings on

Herrero, 38, who has spent the last 34 years in China. He with six other Spanish Nationals, members of the mission, were the only civilian foreigners to remain here during the battle for Changteh.

The treatment of the missionaries at the hands of the Japanese caused him to notify the Spanish consul at Shanghai that all Spanish members of the mission were "extremely insulted" and that the mission had been looted of money and property worth more than 400,000 Chinese dollars.

Urges Strong Protest. The bishop in his message to the consul said "fortunately no one was killed," but urged that a strong protest be made to the Japanese government and that compensation be demanded.

The bishop gave our party the first eye-witness accounts of the battle as well as of the treatment of the mission by the Japanese.

He said the mission was advised by the Chinese to evacuate on November 20, but that all possibility of escape by boat—the only feasible means—had vanished.

Bishop Herrero said he hung out a Spanish flag and waited for the worst. Chinese townspeople, mostly women and children who had been unable to get away, sought refuge in the mission building.

The bishop said the Japanese approached Changteh in a wide-swinging encirclement and as their fighting neared the city, the "world was shaken like a bell" with planes roaring in the sky, and artillery and machine guns "going all around us, it seemed."

He related that the Chinese troops in bitter hand-to-hand street fighting finally were forced to retreat along the river bank in front of the mission to a Confucian temple just outside the east gate. Buildings on

all sides of the mission were blasted by the gunfire.

Took \$30,000 in Money. The Japanese, he said, at first after ascertaining that the mission was in the hands of neutral Spaniards did nothing more than "borrow" such things as cooking oil, salt and cooking vessels. Several days later he said he visited a mission building where the Japanese had taken shelter.

One soldier searched him taking a fountain pen and money he had, and then slapped him when he was about removing a sash the soldier had taken a fancy to.

After that he declared the Japanese looted the main building of the mission. Searching an underground room they dug up a heavy wooden chest and chopped it open and took two watches, nine ounces of gold, \$20,000 in money, a gold crucifix and a diamond ceremonial ring.

Three Spanish sisters, together with three Chinese sisters, and other women, used the chapel as a refuge and the bishop was struck over the head with a wooden staff when he resisted attempts of the invaders to "arrest" the women. One of the nuns suffered a bad scalp wound when a Japanese soldier struck her over the head with the flat side of his sword. The bishop said that in all he was struck on four different occasions.

Bishop Herrero quoted Japanese soldiers as saying they used four divisions in their unsuccessful attempt to hold the city. He said that while Japanese casualties were high he believed the Chinese losses were much greater.

Storage in Paraguay Studied. Paraguay has created a commission to study a project for construction of grain elevators and refrigerating plants to store agricultural products of the country.

## Brewster Lauds Hull And Hoover Accord On Foreign Policies

By the Associated Press.

Applauding Secretary of State Cordell Hull for his "efforts to stop partisan politics at the water's edge," Republican Senator Brewster of Maine predicted yesterday that the coming presidential campaign "will be fought out on domestic issues."

Commenting on reported efforts to write identical foreign policy planks into the platforms of both major parties, Senator Brewster told an interviewer:

"The close identities of the views of Mr. Hull and former President Herbert Hoover offer a basis for settlement of basic differences on international relations which plague patriotic leaders of both parties. 'If I were asked to write a Christmas message, it would be a message of hope for the future because I am imbued with belief that foreign policy issues which have brought strife and controversy for many years are beginning to clarify.'"

Senator Brewster, one of five Senators who recently toured the Allied battlefronts, said the postwar declaration Secretary Hull brought back from Moscow was in line with Mr. Hoover's recommendations.

"Carry it a step further and you find that Mr. Hull and Mr. Hoover share the belief that there can be realistic collaboration in the future in which forthright Americanism was a part," Senator Brewster said.

"There exists only one real solid difference between so-called inter-

nationalists and so-called isolationists.

The latter fear the British—the whole American urge towards isolationism is fear of British domination of commerce and diplomacy. "What Mr. Hull and Mr. Hoover propose is a forceful American participation in the decisions that will be made in the future—that strong men represent the United States in world councils."

Senator Brewster said an American system of air transport around the world, guarantee of access to petroleum resources of the Persian Gulf, an American communications system girding the globe and collaboration with the British on merchant marine transportation are essential for world peace, progress and prosperity.

## St. Louis Family Has Twelve in Services

By the Associated Press.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Van Couter expect to add a 12th star to the service flag in the front window.

James, a married son, said today he has enlisted in the Marines and expected to be called next month. Three daughters are in the WAC, six other sons are in the Navy, one in the Army and one in the Merchant Marine.

## Two Burned to Death In Minneapolis Blaze

By the Associated Press.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 25.—Two elderly men were burned to death, and three others suffered serious burns when fire destroyed an apartment house here early today.

The victims were James Novak and William Marquardt, each 68 years old.

## 'Welcome to Britain,' New Army Movie, Pleases G. I. Joes

By EDWARD MORGAN, Foreign Correspondent of The Star and Chicago Daily News.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Two thousand G. I.s have just served as guinea pigs for audience reaction to a special new film which is soon to be shown to all American soldiers arriving in Britain, so that they will know what to expect and how to act, in the hope that their stay will be made much happier, for every body concerned.

The G. I.s loved it, and it's hard to quarrel with their judgment. Called "Welcome to Britain," the picture was financed by the British Treasury, and made by the Minister of Information—in collaboration with the Office of War Information. It was presented as a gift by the British War Office to the United States Army.

Technically, it is one of those "orientation" films, but actually it is 60 minutes of first-class entertainment which dramatically and emphatically gets its points across. It avoids the sugar-coating which any soldier dislikes, and it avoids preaching, which any soldier hates.

Burgess Meredith Starred. Capt. Burgess Meredith, the homely Cleveland boy who made good both on Broadway and Hollywood, is largely responsible for the film's success. On the screen he is a private who shows his brother G. I.s how not to win friends and influence people. He demonstrates how important it is for the soldier to remember that food is rationed when he is invited to a meal in a

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British home and to be careful how he butters his bread, because he may be paying one slice with what is supposed to last a whole family a week.

Capt. Meredith's homeliness is the credible, comfortable kind which admirably adapts him to government issue uniform, and makes the soldier who is seeing him say automatically, "That guy's just like me." The picture skips nothing. It deals adroitly with the color question and the British view about it, and the fact that it is generally broader than ours. With masterful understatement, it highlights the "painted perils of Piccadilly," as the London press sometimes calls the streetwalkers of West End.

Praised by London Press. "There has been a lot of joking about that. Just be sure that the joke is not on you," Capt. Meredith says.

Capt. Meredith and Office of War Information Screen-Writer Sam Spevak produced most of the script. One of the British film industry's top men, Anthony Asquith, directed. London's newspapers praised the picture and the Mirror said that it should not be restricted just to Yanks, but should also be shown to the British public to let them see some of their own peculiarities as their brothers in arms see them. It should be said right here that unless Allied propaganda planners call a halt to pictures like this, there is very great danger that Britons and Americans are going to wake up after this war with a certain warm understanding of each other. (Copyright, 1943, Chicago Daily News, Inc.)

## Sweden Rations Bricks

Sweden has a shortage of bricks and is rationing them to builders.

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## Miss Alma A. Knoblock To Be Buried Tomorrow

Miss Alma A. Knoblock, 80, died of a heart attack in her home at Cabin John, Md., Thursday. She was the sister of Miss Fanny Knoblock, Cabin John. Two nephews also survive.

Bahai funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. tomorrow at the funeral home of W. Reuben Humphrey, Bethesda, with burial in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Washington. Miss Knoblock was born in Germany and formerly lived here. For the last 15 years she had made her home in Cabin John.

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- Black Coat with silver fox collar. Size 35½.
- 3 Coats with tuxedo and cuffs of beaver-dyed cone. Blue—14, 16; Green—16.
- 4 Tuxedo Front Coats. Red with ocelot, size 12; green with dyed squirrel, size 12; black with squirrel, size 38; brown with squirrel, size 36.
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