

JAPANESE WAR ON HOSPITALS

Tsingtao, China, July 20. — (P) — About 100 Chinese patients and 75 employees of the China Inland Mission hospital at Kailfeng were reported Thursday to have been ejected by police in last week's anti-British campaign at the Japanese-dominated capital of Honan province.

Accounts of the week's events were brought to Tsingtao by British missionaries and Chinese co-workers. All British residents of Kailfeng were reported driven out in the campaign carried on by the local Chinese regime, apparently with the sanction of the Japanese army. An ultimatum demanding their departure expired Wednesday.

All British mission compounds were isolated last week. Food supplies were blocked and entrance even of scavenger coolies was denied.

At the week's end the Anglican Mission hospital was emptied of patients, nurses and doctors. The patients most needing attention were taken into the American Southern Baptist mission despite a warning to its Chinese employees against caring for them.

Americans in the Baptist, Free Methodist and Catholic missions were not threatened, it was said, but their Chinese colleagues were constantly menaced.

Members of the American community appealed to Japanese military authorities on behalf of patients in the Inland Mission hospital and were told the Japanese knew nothing of the anti-British campaign.

The Kailfeng refugees said the Chinese police at first were inclined to be lenient in the isolation of the British compounds but after they had been threatened with death they enforced the blockade strictly.

JAPS START BAN ON BRITISH EMPLOYEES

Shanghai, July 20. — (P) — Japanese in north China have started a campaign to eliminate all remaining British employees of the Peiping-Mukden and the Tientsin-Pukow railways, it was reported Thursday by Chinese at Tientsin.

MONEY PLIGHT FALS TO WORRY CHINESE

Chungking, July 20. — (P) — The Chinese finance ministry says the present depreciation of its currency in foreign exchange need not disturb the basic Chinese economy.

After all-day conferences Wednesday among Dr. H. H. Kung, premier and finance minister, and other Chinese officials, the ministry issued a statement to explain the present monetary complications in China.

The most immediate of these is the slump of the Chinese dollar, which dipped Thursday to 9½ cents in United States currency in Shanghai exchange.

The finance ministry blamed Japanese issuance of large amounts of "military yen" and Japanese acquisition of Chinese money by seizure of collection of customs and other revenues in occupied areas.

Thetis Dead Escaped Torture, Test Indicates

Scientist Reveals Findings After Being Sealed in Steel Chamber for 14½ Hours as a 'Human Guinea Pig.'

London, July 20. — (P) — Professor J. B. S. Haldane, who sealed himself in a steel chamber of 14½ hours as a human guinea pig, said Thursday his experiments indicated that victims of the submarine Thetis disaster drifted into death without severe pain.

The story of the noted scientist's test was given to a special tribunal investigating the tragedy.

Suffered No Pain, Belief. (The Thetis was lost June 1 in a practice dive in Liverpool bay. Of the 103 men aboard, only four escaped. Of the 99 dead, three were known to have lost their lives in attempts to leave the vessel with artificial lungs.)

Haldane declared of his research: "I believe the men suffered absolutely no severe pain. They may have had headaches. The sensation of panting which you get is very definitely unpleasant but it is not the intolerable feeling of bursting of lungs which you get if you are, for example, buried alive or if you are breathing through very serious resistance. No one can say it is pleasant but it could not be called torture."

A group of relatives of submarine victims, dressed in deep mourning, were among the spectators when Haldane gave his hypothesis of the last hours of the doomed.

There was a long hush when the professor said they would have a sensation something akin to the feeling after strenuous physical exertion. The men gradually would feel less and less, he said. Haldane's experiments attempted to reproduce conditions in the Thetis the morning after she failed to rise from her test dive.

The scientist spent 14½ hours in an airtight steel cylinder having a window from which his reactions were observed by Captain H. P. K. Oram, one of the four Thetis survivors.

Tries Out Davis Lung. The cylinder was about six and a half feet in diameter and six feet high and resembled the escape chamber from which Captain Oram and the other survivors escaped from the submarine with Davis lung apparatus.

Haldane attempted to use a Davis lung upon being freed from the test cylinder.

"For a minute or two I breathed quite calmly and happily," he said. "Then I was seized with vomiting. I do not say that I had to take the apparatus off but I did take it off...."

"I think it an extremely plausible hypothesis that the men attempting to escape from the Thetis had such symptoms as these."

"I think it is possible that one of the men who were drowned (attempting to escape) may have vomited and torn off his mouthpiece for that reason."

"My suggestion would be that the correct course if men are attempting to escape with the Davis ap-

PALESTINE PLAN WINS SUPPORT

London, July 20. — (P) — The house of commons late Thursday night approved by a vote of 188 to 119 the British government's policy regarding Palestine, which would gradually eliminate Jewish immigration and set up an independent Arab-controlled state in the Holy Land.

This endorsement of the Neville Chamberlain cabinet's Palestine program did not represent a majority as big as those the government is accustomed to receive from the present parliament. The government's margin of 69 was comparatively small.

Culminates Debate.

It culminated a heated debate during which Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald defended the Palestine policy, as set forth in a white paper, announced the cabinet's determination to stick by it and warned opposition questioners that any reversal of these plans would "destroy any prospect of peace" in the Holy Land.

The program, he claimed, is the only one "capable of producing peace." He denied Zionist and parliamentary accusations that the British government has broken its pledges to Jews and the solemn promise of the 1917 Balfour declaration.

Reveals Smuggling Data.

MacDonald disclosed for the first time official figures on the smuggling of Jewish refugees into Palestine which was used as justification last week for announcement of a six-month ban on all Jewish immigration to the Holy Land.

He said British patrols off the Palestinian coast and in the country itself seized 3,907 "illegal immigrants" since May—a period of about two and a half months. Approximately 2,000 additional illegal immigrants, the colonial secretary continued, are estimated to have entered and stayed in Palestine without police or military detection.

RUMANIA CURBS EMIGRATION.

Bucharest, July 20. — (P) — The Rumanian army general staff announced Thursday that all male citizens leaving the country must have its written permission to obtain passports.

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