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### Like Atomic Bomb

It was Kurt who said the blast was like that of an atomic bomb.

"A large flame swept over half of the town," he said, "and you could feel its heat a half mile away. There was a loud roar with it."

Kurt said about 25 large gasoline storage tanks, operated by a half-dozen oil companies, were in the immediate vicinity of the blaze, but that only three appeared to have caught fire within the first four hours.

A number of residences and warehouses were across the street from the scene, he said, but added that the wind was blowing the flames away from them.

### TANKER SCUTTLED

SEATTLE, May 13 — (AP) — The United States Navy today announced both sections of the 10,000-ton tanker Fort Sumter, which broke in two 720 miles south of Attu Island Saturday, have been scuttled. There were no casualties.



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### Co-Operatio

Closer co-operation between Presbytery and Presbyterial would be established if brief accounts of presbyterial work were presented to Presbytery, it was decided in discussion. Mrs. Williams stated that she thought every presbyterial should have a representative go to Presbytery to tell them of the presbyterial's work.

"I think you will find that the men like to know what you have been doing," she said.

Discussion also centred on how to make the department of home helpers more effective. Mrs. Williams suggested that home helpers could be a vital influence for good if they did not give a cent.

"We need the money but we need women more than we need money," she said. "We need earnest, Christian women."

## Chinese Staff Chief to Quit

NANKING, May 13 — (AP) — Gen. Ho Ying-Chin, with a blistering criticism of the Communists who long have tried to have him ousted, announced today he would resign by June 1 as chief-of-staff and commander-in-chief of the Chinese Government Army.

Gen. Ho, 56, said he was stepping out to permit "younger blood" to take over, and his successor already had been selected but could not yet be identified.

Gen. Ho was war minister from 1930 to 1944 and has been chief-of-staff for the last eight years.

### Red Hand Seen

There had been rumors that Communists insisted on his removal from the scene entirely.

He denied rumors that he would be a delegate to the United Nations Assembly in New York next September but said that he might visit the United States later as head of a Chinese military mission.

The Communists, he said, were trying to make him the "scape-goat" for the civil conflict.

As evidence of peaceful intent, Gen. Ho said the Government already had demobilized 191,000 men and 3,700 officers under the army unification program while the Communists were "expanding their forces instead of deactivating them."

### Train Hit From Air

Only today, he said, he had received a report that two unidentified planes had attacked a train north of Mukden and killed more than 100 persons. He expressed belief the planes were piloted by Japanese under Communist orders.

Fleming's ordeal would mean he had fasted 51 full days since the March date.

### Refuses Orange Juice

The only nourishment which passes Fleming's lips is orange juice which he uses to rinse his mouth and which his friends say he refuses to allow. Home Office representatives in London reported, however, that lately he has begun to swallow some of the juice. He is described as weak but cheerful.

Harry Diamond, Socialist Republican member for Falls in Northern Ireland's Parliament, said he would bring before that body tomorrow "factual evidence of the sufferings of political prisoners" in Belfast prison—especially the case of Fleming.

McCaughy died early in the 23rd day of his fast. He had not swallowed any liquid for 17 days. An inquest in Dublin Saturday decided he died of heart failure and inanition due to lack of food and liquid and added a rider that conditions in Mayborough prison where he was serving a life term were "not as suitable as they should be."

During cross-examination at the inquest, the prison medical officer, a Dr. Duane, said he "would not keep his dog" in the conditions

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