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### Like Atomic Bomb

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

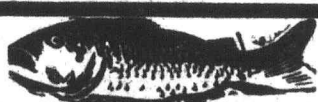
"A large flame swept over half  
of the town," he said, "and you  
could feel its heat a half mile  
away. There was a loud roar  
with it."

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 an-  
nounced 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-oper between  
Presbytery and Presbyterian 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. Wil-  
liams 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, Chris-  
tian women."

## Chinese Staff Chief to Quit

NANKING, May 13 — (AP) —  
Gen. Ho Ying-Chin, with a blister-  
ing 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 step-  
ping out to permit "younger blood"  
to take over, and his successor al-  
ready 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 re-  
moval from the scene entirely.

He denied rumors that he would  
be a delegate to the United Na-  
tions 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 al-  
ready 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 re-  
ceived a report that two unidenti-  
fied 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 his friends say  
he refuses to swallow. 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 Re-  
publican 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 swal-  
lowed any liquid for 17 days. An in-  
quest 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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