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China Quells Yunan's Rebel Units

CHUNGKING, Oct. 4 (AP)—Chinese nationalist troops Thursday put down an "accidental" uprising by a war lord's forces in Kunming, in which three Americans were wounded by stray bullets and others were isolated for hours in a crossfire of machinegun and rifle fire.

Kunming, center of a redeployment area for Americans homebound from the China theater, was reported getting back to normal, but the Americans still enforced a precautionary curfew on their own forces.

Follows Governor Ousting

The fighting started after Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek Wednesday ousted Yunnan's governor, Lung Yun, and it apparently was due—in part, at least—to a kink in the deposed war lord's communications. Anyway latest reports from Kunming said Lung (the Dragon) had been informed in advance of Chiang's decision and had reluctantly agreed to hand over his post to Gen. Lu Han.

The reluctant dragon's notification to his troops of this decision, however, somehow failed to reach two regiments and they resisted central government forces occupying the city.

U. S. Troops Isolated

At the height of the fighting, American troops were isolated in two hotels near the city's west gate, under strict nonintervention orders, and Kunming's foreign population—including other Americans—huddled behind barred doors and barricades as machineguns chattered in the streets.

Thursday Maj. Gen. H. S. Aurand, who assumed command of all United States forces in the area, announced complete cessation of the fighting. He said there was no report of any loss of American lives and described the injuries of the three wounded Americans as slight. Their names were not disclosed.

Nevertheless the 8 p. m. to 6

a. m. curfew Aurand had ordered for Americans was not relaxed. During the fighting even American MPs were forbidden to enter the city or travel its streets.

Aurand commands service units in the area.

Travelers arriving here from Kunming said there had been about 40 casualties among central government troops but the casualty figure for Lung Yun's two regiments was undetermined.

What became of the Dragon himself still was not clear. Presumably he still was in Kunming. After some confusion, the face-saving post which Generalissimo Chiang offered him when he dismissed him was identified here today as "head of the military councilors." However, nobody seems to know just what this is. It may be merely a title.