

CHIANG SHIPS SHELL CHINA

TAIPEI (Formosa), April 29. — (AP) — Navy headquarters said today that Nationalist warships bombarded the Red China mainland Thursday, lobbing more than 100 shells into an area where the Reds were suspected of a military buildup for an attack on the Matsus.

Fires were reported started in docks and artillery positions of Huangchi peninsula within four miles of the closest Nationalist-held island in the Matsu group. A considerable number of artillery positions were destroyed, the Navy said.

PLANES ATTACK.

On Wednesday, Nationalist defense ministry sources said two Communist ships loaded with supplies had slipped into the port of Huangchi the day before and that the Communists had completed a rush job on two new roads into the peninsula. Nationalist planes attacked Communist shipping in the same area Wednesday.

The number and type of the Nationalist warships were not given, but they were directed by a captain. (They could have been either fast hit-and-run gunboats or destroyers.)

This was the first mainland attack by warships reported by the Nationalists this year.

TROOPS CHEERED.

Navy headquarters said Nationalist troops on the Matsu Islands, 120 miles northwest of Formosa, received news of the victory with jubilation.

On Thursday, the day of the reported shelling. V. Adm. Alfred M. Pride, commander of the United States Seventh Fleet, paid a seven hour visit to the Matsus.

The Navy communique said all the attacking warships got back safely to their base.