

Superforts Deal Smashing Blows

Rail Center Of North Koreans Shattered By Rain Of Bombs; M'Arthur Lauds GIs' Heroism

(By The Associated Press)

Nearly 50 B-29 Superfortresses smashed at North Korean targets today, opening mass precision bombing against the Communists. At the same time Gen. MacArthur announced that daily the Americans "reduce the enemy's relative superiority in numbers and weapons."

The B-29s plastered a North Korean rail center with 500 tons of bombs in the mightiest single air blow of the war. The mission opened mass bombing by two groups of Superforts rushed from the west coast and manned by crews hardened in world War II. The bombers flew through rain and mist, but all returned safely.

Other Allied planes continued lashing blows at Communist concentrations and at targets behind enemy lines. Yesterday alone Allied airmen reported they destroyed 38 Red tanks and 82 trucks, as well as much other equipment, in 225 combat missions against only token opposition in the air.

On the ground American troops were deployed 13 miles north of Taejon, emergency capital of the battered, United Nations-created South Korean republic. This may be their do-or-die line to prevent an Asiatic Dunkerque. A railroad bridge and other spans across the river, which Korean rains at any moment could swell into a raging torrent, have been destroyed.

MacArthur said the heroic holding action of American forces down the Korean peninsula had provided time for the swift movement of reinforcements. Exhausted Americans are spread out in a thin line along the Kum river, last major barrier before Taejo, facing massed Communist on the north bank, and ominous hills settle over the main battlefield area.

MacArthur's headquarters announced that American casualties to date have been 488, including 42 dead, 190 wounded and 256 missing.

The announcement then added: "American ground units in Korea are fighting one of the most skillful and heroic holding and rear guard actions in history. Their excellent peacetime training is reflected in the combat record they are now compiling. They have been overwhelmingly outnumbered, in some instances more than 20 to 1, and the casualties inflicted on the enemy have been immeasurably greater than those they have sustained."

"They have filled a breach without which the North Korean forces would have, long ere this, completely overrun and destroyed South Korea. This has provided time for the rapid movement of reinforcements forward in exploitation to the fullest extent of the logistical capabilities at hand. Each day we reduce the enemy's relative superiority in numbers and weapons."

Gen. MacArthur announced the appointment of Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, veteran tank fighter of World War II in Europe, as commander of ground forces in Korea. He commanded the famous armored 101st airborne division, part of Patton's swift Third army in Europe.

Excise Tax Slash Bill Sidetracked

WASHINGTON, July 13 —(AP)—The Korean war, with its growing costs, has ditched the \$1,010,000,000 excise tax slashing bill.

On the advice from the White House that "it would not be prudent in the light of developments in Korea" to cut any taxes now, the senate finance committee put the bill aside, postponing action indefinitely.

Many in Congress expect that the treasury department will ask for higher taxes, rather than lower, if the Korean situation does not improve. However, it was said at the Treasury that no decisions on such a request have been made.

Technically, if the situation improves swiftly, the tax cut bill can be taken up later. Few, if any, lawmakers now hold any hope for action this year, however.

It looks as though the excises, many of them imposed in world war II, will stay at least until the Korean war is over.

Second Vote Slated On School District Budget

Residents of Winston-Dillard school District 118 will vote Tuesday, July 18, upon a substitute budget, drafted by the board to replace the special budget voted down recently.

The only change in the budget which is over and above the amount allowed by the county rural school board and outside the six percent limitation, is the elimination of a \$9,000 building fund item, and placing of this amount in the general fund for operation expenses.

If the revised budget carries, the district will be able to conduct a cafeteria, and music and manual training programs.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstem

Drat that weather prediction — For Thursday it promised rain; But instead of precipitation We have copious perspiration, Old Sol's in the 90s once again.

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GUN BATTLE NABS FUGITIVE

Ex-Convict G. Macomber Shot In Groin

Medford Battle Slightly Wounds Officer; Woman Aide Of Prisoner Held

MEDFORD, July 13 —(AP)—A blazing gun battle in a dark alley wounded a state patrolman and put a long-sought ex-convict in a hospital under guard here early today.

The patrolman, Dick Korner, had on a superficial wound and was treated and released from the hospital.

The ex-convict, Gerald Macomber, 27, was reported in non-critical condition with a wound in the groin.

Jailed without charge was Mrs. Wilma Nichols, about 40, into whose home Macomber had crawled when wounded.

The gun battle that brought the hunt to an end was the third in which Macomber had figured since early Saturday.

Police fired at him as he leaped from a stolen Palomino horse at Bates park, five miles south of Lebanon, early Saturday morning and fled into the brush. A massed hunt was made for him then.

Macomber—at that time wanted only for questioning in connection with a series of burglaries and safe-rackings in the Albany area—made good his escape in the timbered Cascade foothills.

Escapes First Volley

At 1:40 a.m. today Medford city patrolmen Jack Hunton and Milo Gust noticed a car parked near the west city limits. They radioed headquarters for information on it, then drove up and talked to a man standing near it. As they talked, the radio reported the car was stolen and was driven by Macomber.

Macomber, hearing the report, showed a pistol in Gust's ribs. Hunton jumped out of the car and Macomber moved off, the two reported. The three exchanged gunfire in the darkness but none took effect and Macomber headed for some vacant lots.

A radio call brought out all available city, county and state police.

Acting on a tip, four policemen went to Mrs. Nichols' home. Her car, red in color, was found in the Albany area, charged with the burglaries on which Macomber was wanted for questioning.

Korner, soon to be wounded, and sheriff's deputy Kenneth King stood at the rear of the house and shortly spotted Macomber coming up the alley. Korner and Macomber exchanged shots and each was hit.

Woman's Lie Fails

Macomber crawled into the house and state police Lieut. Paul Morgan arrived to take charge. He went to the front door, armed with a sub-machine gun as city patrolman Howard Phillips held a light on the door.

In answer to Morgan's demand, Mrs. Nichols opened the door. Morgan said she told him Macomber was not there. He went in anyway and found Macomber standing near the kitchen.

Surviving are a son, William J. Gawler, of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. Joy O'Neil, of Anchorage, Alaska.

Funeral services will be announced upon arrival of relatives. Long and Orr Mortuary will be in charge of arrangements.

O-C REGULATIONS TOLD

D. L. Goldy, At Advisory Board Meet, Says County Timber Cut Balance Best

Members of the advisory board for the Roseburg district of the Bureau of Land Management meeting in the post office building Wednesday heard an explanation of the new O & C right-of-way regulations, given by Daniel L. Goldy, regional administrator for the bureau.

Fall Opening Set For September 14

Members of the Roseburg Retail Trade association voted Wednesday to hold this year's fall opening Thursday, Sept. 14, with Bill Gray, manager of Joe Richards Men's store, named as general chairman.

The group adopted a suggestion made by Lowell Rhoden of Lowell's Dress shop to give "phony money" to persons entering the store, such money to be used in auctions held during the opening. Speaking on public participation functions to stimulate interest in the affair were Jim Turk of the News-Review and Bruce Elliott, manager of the J. C. Penney store.

Elliott was named chairman of a committee to sponsor a square dance contest to be held in conjunction with the opening.

President Ray Sims announced that only RTA members will participate in this year's activities and issued an invitation to all retail firms to subscribe to membership. Automobile dealers were represented at the meeting and invited to participate again this year.

Also attending was Deputy District Attorney James Richmond, who advised the group on the various contests and publicizing campaigns discussed at the meeting.

Ouster Power Voted Eleven U.S. Agencies

House-Passed Bill, Now In Senate, Provides For Firing 'Risky' Employees

WASHINGTON, July 13 —(AP)—A bill giving 11 government agency heads the power to fire outright any employees they consider risky to U. S. security was handed over to the Senate today following top-heavy approval in the House.

By a vote of 327 to 14, the House late yesterday enthusiastically endorsed the proposal. It means that employees deemed to be bad security risks could be booted out without appeal.

About 800,000 federal employees in the agencies are affected.

While some House members raised the cry of "dictatorship," an overwhelming majority shouted approval of giving most government chiefs "absolute discretion to fire civilian employees they consider dangerous to the national security."

The authority would apply to heads of the State, Treasury, Commerce, Justice and Defense departments; the army, navy, air force, Atomic Energy commission, the National Security Resources board and the National Advisory committee for aeronautics.

Their determination of a bad security risk would be "conclusive and final," and the only review of a case would be by the agency head himself or someone designated by him.

The door was left open for extension of the powers to other agency heads by empowering the President to designate such additional agencies he deems necessary.

The House beat down three attempts to provide appeals procedure to protect employees from unjust or arbitrary firing. A roll call vote of 193 to 144 turned down a move to provide for employee appeal to the civil service commission.

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Second Special Tax Vote Slated In Multnomah

PORTLAND, July 13 —(AP)—Multnomah county voters will ballot tomorrow on a five-year continuing 4 1/2 mill special tax needed for multiple services.

It was proposed by the commissioners after voters rejected in May a special levy that was renewed of a tax over the 6 per cent limit.

Nebaska Flood Eases; Disaster Area Declared

OMAHA, Neb., July 12 —(AP)—Flood conditions in Nebraska eased today, with sunny skies forecast after five days of heavy rainfall. However, eastern central Nebraska was declared a disaster area and the Reconstruction Finance corporation in Washington announced the Omaha office would accept loan application for flood damage repairs in that section.

The floods have caused extensive crop and property damage and forced hundreds from their homes.

D. J. Gawler, Long-Time Roseburg Resident, Dies

DELMONT J. Gawler, 733 Micelli street, resident of Roseburg for many years, died this morning at the Roseburg Sanitarium, following a short illness.

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ALL HANDS AND THE COOK turned out at The News-Review plant Wednesday night to unload rolls of newsprint. Organized teamsters refused to deliver across the picket line of striking composing room workers. An independent trucker hauled the 800 pound rolls which were "muscled" into the pressroom by personnel from the advertising sales department and news room while one of the striking workers, armed with a camera, photographed the action.

RETAIN OR ABOLISH?

City Council Asks Public Opinion For Guidance On Question Of Rent Control

Is rent control still essential to the Roseburg area? That question is up to the city council to answer, and the important issue will be on the agenda at next Monday's meeting, July 17.

The proposal that the council take action to lift controls was introduced into the last meeting, but a decision was deferred until adequate publicity could be given the matter, and until the exact wording of the new law affecting the lifting of controls could be determined.

Some of the councilmen at the last meeting expressed themselves as favorable to lifting the restriction. They held the law was a wartime measure and no longer should apply. Mayor Albert G. Flegel said he was definitely opposed to lifting the restriction at this time. He said he believed controls should remain on at least for a while longer.

At a meeting last winter when the proposal was discussed, a considerable number of townspersons were present, and voiced objections to lifting controls. Several landlords were also present and spoke in favor of ending controls, saying they were being discriminated against.

Next Monday's meeting will be open to the public, and persons for or against the issue are invited by the council to express their opinions.

Another matter coming before the council will be the special street naming committee's report, approved by the planning commission and adopted by the council. City Attorney Paul Geddes is to report on the procedure for putting the changes into effect, if the council so decides.

Brain Test For Recruits Too Heavy For 51 Pct.

NEW YORK, July 13 —(AP)—The relatively high intelligence now required of an army recruit has eliminated 51 percent of those who have tried to enlist in this area since the outbreak of fighting in Korea.

Officials at army and air force recruiting headquarters here said yesterday that in the period from July 3 to 10 only 49 percent of the 581 men given mental examinations were able to make a passing score of 90.

The average age group of the applicants was 19-20.

The current mental test was described as "difficult" by an army public relations officer. He predicted it would become easier if the fighting gets tougher.

VAGRANTS JAILED

Judge Ira B. Riddle reported the disposition of the following cases in municipal court today, all involving vagrancy charges:

John Louis Lindhurst, 33; Leo Traynor, 53; William Walter Dunn, 45, all transients.

Following pleas of guilty the men were committed to the city jail for ten days in lieu of payment of \$20 fines.

In the Day's News

Our lost battalion finds its way and FIGHTS ITS WAY home. That is good news.

One reason it is good news is that it means the Korean woods aren't as full of Communies as the dispatches sometimes sound like. A battalion is a small military unit—maybe 400, 500, 600 men (military units vary in size according to conditions.) It was lost "in the midst" of a North Korean division. A division is a relatively big military unit. The news dispatches have been guessing the Korean divisions at somewhere from 8,000 men up.

Putting two and two together, you can see for yourself that when say 500 men are lost "in the midst" of say 8,000 men, and yet make their way home not too badly battered up, the 8,000 men must have been spread out pretty thin.

More good news:

Our air force, smashing the Communies hard around the clock, destroyed 33 enemy tanks, 69 trucks, one locomotive, nine boxcars, two

Detroit River Yields Body Of Bound Woman

WINDSOR, Ont., July 13 —(AP)—A woman's body, bound with wire and weighted with pieces of steel, was taken from the Detroit river yesterday.

Police checked missing persons files in an effort to establish her identity.

Coroner C. V. Mills said the woman, about 30, apparently had died after an illegal operation.

An autopsy indicated she was dead before she was placed in the water, evidently six or seven days ago.

Scores Killed Or Hurt In Saxony Train Wreck

BERLIN, July 13 —(AP)—Twenty persons were killed and more than 50 injured in a train wreck in the uranium mining section of Russian-occupied Saxony last night, the Soviet licensed ADN news agency reported.

The victims were described as workers.

The agency said the crash occurred when a passenger train lunged into a parked freight, between the towns of Zwickau and Ane.

ADN said that many of the injured were in serious condition and that the operator of a signal tower had been arrested and charged with negligence.

Typewriter Muscles Get Workout As News-Review Employees Unload, Store Fresh Supply Of Newsprint

News-Review advertising sales personnel, reporters, and editors have developed many new skills in recent days.

When the composing room crew walked out of the mechanical department June 26, leaving The News-Review without typesetters, makeup men, and ad men, all hands from the "front office" went to work on the job of getting out a newspaper.

Some had never before handled type. Others had learned a few of the fundamentals at school and knew what to do but had little practice doing it. A couple of the reporters, with previous experience on weekly papers, knew enough about linecasting machines to get out a few lines of type.

But the front office crew, still busy also with tasks in the me-

The Weather

Continued fair and warm today. Partly cloudy and cooler Friday.

Highest temp. for any July — 109
Lowest temp. for any July — 76
Highest temp. yesterday — 96
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 57
Precipitation last 24 hours — 0
Precipitation from July 1 — trace
Precipitation from Sept. 1 — 34.15
Deficiency from July 1 — .21
Sunset today 8:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 5:45 a.m.