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Korea's Terrain, Absence Of Large Concentrations Make Use of A-Bomb Inadvisable

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The armed forces, for purely military reasons, take a dim view of suggestions that use of the atomic bomb might end the Korean war quickly.

Military officials question whether the A-bomb could produce results in Korea—where there are few good targets for a mass destruction weapon—sufficient to justify dipping into the U.S. atomic arsenal, which is necessarily limited in size.

The Korean fighting is essentially a battle between ground armies, although with air support, and, in the case of our side, with naval support.

The A-bomb could conceivably be used against ground forces.

But to make profitable such use of a weapon so expensive in terms of material, production man-hours and money would require that there be thousands or tens of thousands of troops concentrated in an area a mile or less in radius.

Such concentrations of North Korean troops do not exist. At the front, they are deployed along a straggling line. There are no ports where masses of their men and equipment might pile up. At some points there are rail or highway junctions, but North Korean troops flow through these points rather than congest in large numbers.

Even if it were decided to use atomic bombs against enemy forces deployed at the battle zone, the terrain would pose a stiff problem.

The front—like almost all of Korea—is mountainous country, with ridges and valleys cutting across the landscape. The effect of an atomic bomb is drastically reduced by such terrain, as was demonstrated by the wartime at-

acks on Japan, because the ridges shield areas from the blast.

The use of A-bombs against strategic targets—the centers of war production—is deemed equally impractical, simply because there are almost no targets of strategic importance in Communist North Korea.

Should some bombs be withdrawn from the arsenal and used anyway?

That raises the questions of how many bombs are available. There never has been any announcement, only indications and unofficial guesses.

One of these came from Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who was director of the Los Alamos, N. M., laboratory when the first bombs were made. He told a congressional committee in 1946 that in peacetime 200 bombs could be completed in "maybe a little over a year." By intensive effort, he thought, the United States could "accumulate 1,000 bombs" in two years.

Perhaps the figure is somewhere between these two estimates. But whether the United States has 200 or 1,000 bombs, they must be husbanded for a possible day of dire need should a World War III come.

Back In The Service



NEW POLICE CAR — Police Chief Calvin Baird, on left, is shown receiving from Roy Allen salesman of Rose Motor Co., the city's new Plymouth car. The purchase was made by the city council on a bid basis recently. The new car is a replacement. (Staff photo.)

Second Unit Of Marines Going To Pacific Coast

WASHINGTON, July 26 — (AP) — The Marine corps announced Tuesday that part of the second marine division is being moved from Camp Lejeune, N. C., to the Pacific coast.

Marine headquarters said the second division troops will go to camp Pendleton, Calif. The first marine division recently sailed from there for the Korean War theater.

The number of marines being moved from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast was not given. An official announced only that they are "certain ground elements of the fleet marine force, Atlantic."

The full second division includes five battalions compared with the three-battalion strength of the peacetime first division.

The air force announced simultaneously today that it is calling "very limited number of air reserve units."

An air force official declined to specify either the number or types of units included in the call. He said the call is now "in process" of going out.

The air force said there is "no intention" of calling units of the air national guard.

The army also issued a call Tuesday for reserve officers of company grade to volunteer for service in 16 categories.

The army said that its greatest current need is for lieutenants and captains in the medical and dental corps, the engineers and the infantry.

It is also seeking experienced reserve officers in the following branches: chaplains corps, ordnance, signals, finance, chemical warfare, armored force, field and coast artillery, the army nurse and women's medical specialist corps.

The army statement said that current age-in-grade and physical requirements must be met by those who volunteer.

FORD ASSETS UPPED

BOSTON, (AP)—Ford Motor company's annual report filed with the Massachusetts Tax commissioner showed total assets Dec. 31, 1949, of \$1,343,349,000 compared with \$1,119,240,000 a year earlier—an increase of \$224,109,000 in a year.

Return From North — Mrs. Rodney Knott of Winchester and her daughter, Mrs. Sidney Domenico of Roseburg have returned to their homes, following a visit in Portland and Vancouver, Wash.



By Virginia S. Martin

All these lovely rose petals going to waste. Why don't we make the pretty "rose beads" we used to make years ago? Remember them? Dull black beads strung on black silk with a gold bead alternating.

As I remember we ran the petals through the food chopper until they shade a pulpy mass. It takes a lot of rose petals for a string—seems to me is a dishpan full. Sprinkle with salt and stir well. Then shape by taking a bit on one palm and rolling it with the other until nice and smooth and round. They shrink some in drying so make larger than you want the finished bead.

Spread out on paper to dry for a little. Then before too dry push a big needle through to make the hole. They may be strung on very fine wire to finish drying.

They are not black unless you put copperas in, but I do not recall how much you use. A very little. You might ask the drugstore when you buy it. When beads are dry, moisten the palm of the hand with olive oil and roll the beads around in your hands to give a finish. Repeat several times. Dry very thoroughly.

I remember so well how fragrant my beads were. We put perfume on the cotton in the little box in which we kept them. I wore them for years and can't imagine what ever happened to them. Odd, isn't it, how something reminds us of a forgotten thing, and we wonder "well whatever became of it?"

My granny had potpourri jars, too, and I remember the fragrance of them when the cover was lifted. Layers of rose petals, a little sprinkling of salt between, orris powder, various spices, perhaps oil of lavender... suit your own taste. It will be lovely if left closed a while to blend.

Speaking of orris powder: Did you sprinkle orris powder in your long hair and then brush it out? That was one of the things my mother taught me to do.

Then there are pomanders: apples, stuck full of cloves, really full, and hung to dry. And did you ever put a "scented geranium" leaf in your cookie jar? Or crystalline rose petals, violets, and what not?

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Pre-School Clinic Is Scheduled For Roseburg District

A pre-school clinic will be held at Riverside school for all children entering the first grade in school district 4, Roseburg, including St. Joseph's school and Roseburg Junior academy, announced Superintendent Paul S. Elliott.

The dates are announced as follows: Aug. 4, all boys whose names begin with A to H; Aug. 15, all boys whose names begin with I to Z; Aug. 16, all girls whose names begin with A to H, and Aug. 17, all girls whose names begin with I to Z.

A final day, Aug. 18, is designated for children unable to come on the other days. The clinic will be held from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

Medical examination clinic will be held at the junior high school building for all school district 4, Roseburg, students, who will enter the seventh grade in the junior high next fall.

The time for boys will be from 8 a.m. to 10 noon on Aug. 28 for seventh grade boys whose names begin with A to H. On Aug. 29, boys will be taken whose names begin I to Z.

Seventh grade girls whose names begin with A to H will be taken from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, on Aug. 29, and on Aug. 30 girls will be taken whose names begin with I to Z from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Medical Staff For New Hospital Organized

The Douglas Community hospital medical staff was organized at a meeting of local physicians with Manager J. W. McAlvin Monday night.

Dr. J. M. Boyle was elected president; Dr. B. R. Shoemaker, vice-president, and Dr. A. N. Johnson, secretary.

A committee was named to formulate the medical society by-laws; and another was named to work with the hospital administrator in the selection of technical items.

Birth Announcements

BIRTHS AT BOOHER MATERNITY HOME, DRAIN.

COLE — To Mr. and Mrs. Clark Cole, Drain, July 7, a son, Ronald Alan, weight five pounds fourteen ounces.

HENDERSON — To Mr. and Mrs. Webster Henderson, Drain, July 18, a daughter, Donna May, weight ten pounds six ounces.

COOPER — To Mr. and Mrs. Alvir Cooper, Drain, July 18, a son, Larry Lee, weight ten pounds eleven ounces.

STOCKPILE 1/2 FILLED

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The munitions board has told Congress that a little over half of the nation's proposed \$4,000,000,000 strategic and critical materials stockpile is on hand or on order.

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Ex-Convict Shot Trying Portland Tavern Holdup

PORTLAND, July 26 — (AP) — An alert tavern owner foiled an attempted hold-up with three gunshots early Tuesday.

All three bullets struck Ray James Richardson, 25, who was released from the state penitentiary July 6. He was hospitalized in serious condition.

The tavern owner, Thomas E. Buzenny, said Richardson drew a pistol and attempted a hold-up. Buzenny told police he had been suspicious of the man's actions, and—out of sight of Richardson—had grabbed a gun of his own.

When the would-be hold-up man stuck his gun across the counter, Buzenny said he raised his own gun and fired. The shots struck Richardson in the chest, groin and arm.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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POLITICIANS AT THE PEACE TABLE." He added: "Isn't it getting about time to change politicians?"

For days, along with everybody else, I've been thinking about war and why we have to go to war and COMMUNISM and the fact that if Communism isn't headed off human liberty will be dead. I hadn't been giving a thought to politics.

But I'll be darned if my friends remark didn't sound to me like good common sense.

This one is from New York:

The sugar-buying rush has quieted down here it was announced by City Markets Commissioner Anthony Maciarelli. The commissioner credits the decline to PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S APPEAL NOT TO HOARD AND TO HIS DEPARTMENT'S URGING HOUSEWIVES TO BUY SUGAR ONLY FOR THEIR NORMAL NEEDS."

That guy, I'm afraid, is too trusting to be allowed loose. One of these days some slick talker is going to sell him the Brooklyn bridge.

Also in New York leading distillers report HYSTERICAL BUYING OF LIQUOR. The clamor, they say, is chiefly for bonded bourbons and straight whiskeys and tracks back to fear of liquor rationing or complete curtailment of distilling. It would never do to get caught

Leopold's Return To Belgian Throne Perilous Victory

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

King Leopold of the Belgians has won his long fight for return from exile to his throne, but it is a doubtful and perhaps even dangerous victory.

Public passions have run high in this dispute which had divided the Belgians numerically into two almost even camps. The advisory referendum held last March showed over 57.69 percent of the voters wanted his return.

Still Leopold insisted on claiming this as a favorable mandate, and last Thursday parliament voted to restore him to his throne. But that vote was in effect a further warning for it came from one party—the Christian Socialists—and represented just over half the total membership of 287. The vote was 128 in his favor, all the rest of the members having walked out without voting.

The current political situation in Belgium would be bad at any time. It's doubly bad now that Europe is in the midst of the cold-war crisis.

Belgium lies in the cockpit of western Europe. It is a sentinel on the invasion highway over which aggressors through the centuries have marched their legions from the east.

Thus Belgium is a key position in the defenses of the Atlantic pact

with a war on our hands and no whiskey to fight it with.

This is from Hamburg, Germany: "War-fearing food hoarders have created an acute shortage of non-perishable foodstuffs in this great city... Hamburg's worst shortage is sugar... retailers report that no sugar is to be had in the whole city."

Human nature, you see, is human nature—the world over.

This note comes from southern California: Among the articles most in demand in sports stores lately have been canteens and canvas waterbags.

Guess why. Maybe this one is too subtle, and needs explanation. The southern Californians are supposed to be storing WATER in these receptacles. The waterworks, you know, is always one of the first targets of enemy bombers.

As I said yesterday, I'm darned if I'm going to spend my time squawking up food and cigars and liquor and all the rest of the stuff people seem to want so frantically in these days when the war drums are throbbing again.

Suppose I got my basement stuffed like a Thanksgiving turkey and just then an enemy bomber came over and wiped everything out. All the hoarding I'd been doing would have been a plain waste of time.

I hate waste—especially of time.

nations. Anything which weakens Belgium as a Bulwark is a threat to the security of the western Bloc of powers.

Unpopularity Explained Leopold's unpopularity with many of his people arises from two causes. The main grievance lies in his surrender of the Belgian armies to the invading Germans after only 18 days of fighting in 1940. That uncovered the Allied left flank and resulted in disaster. The King also refused to accept the advice of his ministers to go into exile with them and continue the resistance to Hitler.

The other thing held against him was his marriage after the death of his wife, the beautiful Queen Astrid, in an automobile accident in Switzerland. Leopold married a commoner, Mile. Baels, daughter of a former cabinet minister, and gave her the title of Princess although she never has held the rank of Queen. Astrid was greatly beloved by the people and they disapproved of the king's second marriage.

Just what course Leopold will pursue now is a matter of much speculation. The general belief in Belgian political quarters is that he may turn his powers over to his son, crown Prince Baudouin. By such a move he would extricate himself from what, to say the least, is a highly uncomfortable position.

Should Leopold insist on continuing to exercise the prerogatives of kingship he might create a situation which ultimately would even threaten the monarchical form of government in Belgium.

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