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TAX BILL JOB STARTS Congress To Get Excess Profits Levy Program From Committee Split

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Democrats and Republicans on the house ways and means committee questioned each others' motives as they knuckled down today to the brass tacks job of writing a corporation tax bill.

Atom Spy Aides Of Gold Guilty Of Conspiracy

NEW YORK—(AP)—A chemical engineer and his woman business associate were convicted here of conspiring to hinder a federal investigation of the engineer's relations with confessed atom spy Harry Gold.

Roseburg Rivals City In Illinois In Lawmakers

Pekin, Ill., is taking in too much territory in its boasts. In a dispatch published by the Peoria (Ill.) Journal, a Pekin correspondent wrote that "this city of 23,000 persons today can boast of being the only city of its size in the nation which is the home town of a United States senator, a United States representative, a state senator and a state representative."

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Puerto Rican Radicals Held In Death Plot

NEW YORK—(AP)—Two Puerto Rican radical leaders, suspected of being chief plotters in the attempt to assassinate President Truman, were held in separate New York jails today under heavy guard.

Air-Ground Radio System For Civil Defense Planned

Plans will soon become working operations in an air-ground radio organization in Douglas county for use in civil defense and as a permanent law enforcement device, reported Brigadier General J. T. Pierce, civil defense coordinator.

Charge Involves Wives

The charge against Gandia and LeBron is that they conspired with the two wives—Mrs. Rosa Collazo, 42, and Mrs. Carmen Torresola, 22—against the safety of the president.

Passage Of Statehood Bills Expected By Cordon

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator G. G. Cordon (R-Ore.) said today he hopes the Democratic party next week will "redeem its promise of statehood" for Alaska and Hawaii.

Circuit Court Jurors Recalled For Nov. 27

Jurors assigned to circuit court duty were reminded today by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly that the court will resume sessions Monday, Nov. 27, and not Dec. 4 as previously reported in the News-Review.

Youth 16, Kills Older Brother After Quarrel

CLEVELAND, Miss.—(AP)—A series of bitter arguments led to the slaying of a 17-year-old boy by his younger brother.

Youth Accused Of Theft

A 17-year-old Oakland youth was released from the county jail on his own recognizance Wednesday after being charged with breaking and entering a dwelling with intent to steal.

The Weather

Mostly cloudy with intermittent rain today, tonight and Saturday.

Long Island Railway Train Crash Under Investigation; Death Toll 77, Injured 332



TWISTED STEEL—Firemen and rescue workers lift away sheets of sheared steel in effort to reach the interior of telescoped cars in the wreckage of two Long Island railroad trains which crashed Wednesday night in Kew Gardens section of Queens county on the main line from New York to Jamaica. Trains were crowded with Thanksgiving eve commuters. At least 77 were known dead and 332 injured, many seriously. (AP Wirephoto.)

NEW YORK—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey said today that preliminary evidence indicates "a human failure" was the cause of the Thanksgiving eve Long Island railroad wreck which took 77 lives and injured 332 other persons.

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100,000 U.N. Troops Hurlled Into Assault

War's End By Christmas, Commander's Intention; Peace Rumors Smashed

TOKYO—(AP)—United Nations forces attacked today on all wintry fronts in a powerful bid to end the Korean war by Christmas. They advanced as much as eight miles.

The attack began in bitter cold. Like a pair of ice tongs, it was aimed at squeezing the Reds from two widely separated sides. It cracked unconfirmed peace rumors.

One hundred thousand men were arrayed in the U. N. surprise offensive on the long-quiet northwest front, 45 to 60 miles south of the Manchurian border.

General MacArthur went to the front to direct the kick-off. Then boldly he flew over Red territory and along the Yalu river border en route to Tokyo. He announced everything was going "according to schedule."

The U. N. commander said "New Red armies" had joined the estimated 100,000 Chinese and North Korean troops in the mountains of the northwest. But front line dispatches said they put up little fight along the 90 mile northwest front—or none at all.

MacArthur reported "stubborn" but falling resistance. Presumably he referred to the snow-mantled northwest front, the right arm of the giant pincers.

The supreme commander said U. N. losses in the first day of the massive offensive were "extraordinarily light."

The roar of warplanes—flying cover for the advancing troops and blasting Red strongholds—drowned out talk of a negotiated peace which had blossomed Thursday. The planes left two key Red cities in flames.

Before leaving the front MacArthur told his field general: "Tell the boys when they reach the Yalu they are going home. I want to make good on my statement that they are going to eat Christmas dinner at home."

He did not elaborate. (It seemed doubtful that many American troops could be moved back to the U. S. by Christmas even if they started now.)

Advancing troops found 30 war-torn American prisoners, newly released by Chinese Reds. All but three were litter cases. They were members of the U. S. Eighth cavalry regiment, ambushed by the Chinese early in November. These were in addition to 27 released by the Chinese Wednesday.

In a special communique announcing the start of the western offensive, MacArthur said: "If successful this should for all practical purposes end the war, restore peace and unity to Korea, and permit the complete assumption by the Korean people and nation of full sovereignty and international equality."

"It is that for which we fight." The offensive came on the heels of a flood of peace rumors. Diplomatic authorities in Washington said the assault might help chances for a peaceful settlement.

Holiday Death Toll Sets Record

The nation counted a record breaking number of accidental deaths over the Thanksgiving holiday.

A crash on the Long Island railroad Thanksgiving eve, killing 77 persons, was the main factor in boosting the toll to a new high for the holiday.

A survey showed a death toll of 189, surpassing last year's record high of 181. It also was far ahead of the 114 accidental deaths in 1948; 128 in 1947 and 84 in 1946.

Traffic accidents this year took the lives of 83 persons—as compared to a record 123 on Thanksgiving day last year. But the collision of two jammed trains on Long Island brought up the toll. In addition, there were 28 other fatalities listed under miscellaneous causes—shootings, fires, drownings and other causes.

The nation's traffic deaths for the first nine months this year totaled 24,580, or 90 every 24 hours. These figures included deaths occurring as long as months after the accidents in which the victims were injured.

Death Follows Fire

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—One man died and two firefighters were injured in a \$1,000,000 blaze at Pacific Clay Products Co. Thursday.

Meredith Hall Hawk, 42, company engineer, suffered a fatal heart attack after helping salvage plant property. Battalion Chief Charles N. Hamlin and fireman Hugo Wild were overcome by heat.

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