

REDS, S. KOREANS OPEN BATTLE

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins



A. DeMOTT, navy recruiter here and aviation electronics chief petty officer, is pictured as he dispatches information over the radio at the naval reserve station in Umpqua park.

In order to communicate with Red Cross disaster headquarters in San Francisco during the record flood we had the last of October, DeMott found it necessary to use this station. Since about seven or eight feet of swirling water covered the only road leading to it, he found it necessary to climb Mt. Nebo and hike along its precipitous slopes to the neighborhood of the fairgrounds, at four o'clock in the morning. This he did, with a crew of three men and with the aid of a couple of flashlights. . . . When a sailor has to slog it out in mud and mountains, it makes for some fancy language.

Chief DeMott, with the navy 12 years, came here in September, 1949, from San Diego, via Portland. A flyer with Patrol Wing 10 in the Philippines when World War II began, he saw plenty of action. He flew 82 missions in the battle of Java, Macassar straits and other engagements. Coming home on leave, he straggled in 1943 with a torpedoe squadron, flying 43 engagements in the Guadalcanal, Munda, Bougainville and Rabaul campaigns. Married, he has a daughter age 16 months.

Veteran With Roseburg Heart Interest Succeeds Ike As Rose Fete Grand Marshal

A thrice-wounded Korean combat veteran, who stated he has a "letter sweetheart" in Roseburg, will rule as grand marshal of the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena, Calif., New Year's Day.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Senator George, able Democrat from Georgia, an influential member of the senate foreign relations committee, tells a reporter in Washington this morning he thinks congress will want to know before a single American soldier west of Europe nations propose to do about helping themselves.

He then adds: "And we will want to know just how much we are expected to contribute to this defense force."

I have great respect for Senator George and for his opinions. And in many ways I agree with what he says. I imagine there are millions of Americans who feel the same way about it.

We recognize instinctively that in Europe we must walk into the same kind of trap we walked into in Korea.

That would be fatal.

But there is something else we want to know:

Are we and the badly crippled British going to have to fight communism alone OR IS IT GOING TO BE POSSIBLE TO GET THE COMPETENT GERMAN OVER ON OUR SIDE?

That's the nub of the whole situation in Europe.

Here is something we can't shrug off:

If we are to win a long and

LENIENCY PAYS OFF

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — Police magistrate John F. Florucci didn't pass out his usual Christmas gifts in court this year.

In former years, he understandably heard the cries of those who had too much yule alcoholic spirit and sent them home without punishment. But not a single person was arrested in downtown Pittsburgh for drunkenness this year.

Orgy Of Burglaries Hits Miami Over Weekend

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — Busy Miami burglars took an estimated \$4,000 in cash, Christmas presents, food, clothing and other valuables in more than a score of holiday weekend robberies.

Largest robbery reported was at the home of Lee Robert Smith. Smith told officers thieves escaped with 40 unopened Christmas presents, 18 suits, 40 shirts, 50 ties, liquor and \$55 in cash. Investigators placed Smith's loss at about \$2,228.

Seizure Of Philippines Reds' Aim, Chennault Says

MANILA — (AP) — Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, World War II commander of the U. S. 14th air force, says the Philippines are in immediate danger of being engulfed by the Communists.

Enroute to Formosa where he heads the China Air Transport line, Chennault told reporters he is convinced the Philippines are included in the Red timetable of invasion.

The Weather

Partly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday.

Highest temp. for any Dec. — 70

Lowest temp. for any Dec. — 5

Highest temp. yesterday — 45

Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. — 42

Precip. last 24 hours — trace

Precip. from Dec. 1 — 4.11

Excess from Dec. 1 — .28

Precip. from Sept. 1 — 23.8

Sunset today, 4:43 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:46 a.m.

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Auto Blow Kills Roseburg Resident

Tragedy Hits Yule Reunion At Bremerton

Wm. Van Blaricom Victim; Driver Faces Drunkenness Charge

BREMERTON — (AP) — A Christmas reunion ended in tragedy here last night for members of a Roseburg, Ore., family.

An automobile struck and killed William Van Blaricom, 54, a plywood firm employee at Roseburg. The car hit him as he walked along a sidewalk with his wife, daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren. It crushed him against the navy yard fence.

The Van Blaricoms had come from Roseburg for the holiday reunion with their daughter, Mrs. John S. Williams, and her family. The latter family moved here from Roseburg after Williams was called back into the navy. The happy family group had just left the navy yard after dining and attending a movie on Williams' ship.

Police booked Gilbert Leo Mottern, 27, of Bremerton as the driver of the car. Ted Phillips, head of the police traffic department, said Mottern's car failed to make a turn at a street intersection outside the Charleston gate of the navy yard and ran onto the sidewalk. Mottern was arrested at the scene and booked on charges of drunken driving and reckless driving and investigation of possible negligent homicide.

3-Day Holiday Toll Of Lives Reaches 676

The nation continued staggering death toll of 676 today from violent accidents over the three-day Christmas holiday.

Traffic fatalities soared to above 500, the highest since the all-time record of 555 in 1936. Mishaps on the highways — many ice-coated and others made slippery by freshly falling snow — killed 523 persons. That was more than 100 above the 1949 Christmas holiday toll.

Accidents from miscellaneous causes — fires, drownings, falls, etc. — took an additional 153 lives. The grim total, one of the largest for any three day holiday period, covered the 78 hours from 6 p. m. Friday to last midnight. Last year's total for the Christmas holiday was 580, including 167 in a variety of accidents.

The traffic toll was far above the national safety council's estimate of 440, which was the highest it ever had predicted for the extended Christmas holiday. It more than doubled the number killed in motor accidents over a similar period Dec. 8 to 11. In that period, an Associated Press survey showed 245 traffic fatalities, equivalent to 75 a day.

The council figures show 28,020 traffic deaths in the first 10 months this year, equivalent to 92 a day for the 304 days. They however, included delayed deaths — not a spot survey. The holiday toll averaged approximately 156 a day.

California, Texas, New York and Illinois led the nation in accidental deaths. There were 1,626 auto mishaps in Los Angeles alone, with a death toll of 11 and 900 injured. Police arrested 362 drunken drivers.

There were tragedies from other accidents. Six elderly men perished last night in a fire in a four-story hotel near the downtown district of Buffalo, N. Y. In Paris, Tex., four small children drowned when an old boat hit a sandbar and sank in the Red river. The children had gone to the river on a Christmas afternoon outing.

National Prayer Slated

Church Leaders Request Invocation, Not Revelry, For Launching New Year

By The Associated Press

A call for mass prayer on the eve of a new half century spread today across a troubled United States.

With the nation caught in the tightening coils of world conflict, hundreds of thousands of Americans planned to begin the New Year with an invocation rather than revelry. To them, Dec. 31, 1950, will be a day of prayer.

The National Council of Churches of Christ of America, representing more than 31,000,000 members in 29 orthodox and Protestant denominations, said that its call for the special prayer day has brought nationwide response.

"At the same time," said the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, council president, "spontaneous movements for daily prayer are developing in all parts of the country and reflect a recognition of the need of mankind for God's guidance."

Sherrill Monday telegraphed his appreciation to President Truman for endorsing the Dec. 31 day of prayer in his Christmas eve message.

From the offices of great religious organizations and from the pulpits of village churches came word that they would join in the day's plea for divine help in an hour of crisis.

Leaders of the Methodist, American Baptist, Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal and International Convention of the Disciples of Christ have added their own call for evening communion services — and at watchnight gatherings lasting until the dawn of 1951.

The appeal touched all faiths. In Port Wayne, Ind., the Associated Church council is sponsoring a 24-hour prayer vigil, beginning near sunset New Year's eve, and lasting until dawn. Local churches will chime their bells each hour.

Members of the Jewish faith have been invited to participate.

Dr. Reuben E. Nelson, general secretary of the American Baptist convention, said that daily fellowship prayer has become a tradition with his denomination "in hours of world tension."

He urged Baptists to continue daily prayers "throughout the present world emergency."

About 9,000,000 Methodists in 40,000 churches were called upon by Bishop J. Ralph McGee, president of the Methodist church council of bishops, to join in the special year-end prayer day.

He also urged daily prayer for the leaders of the U. S. and the United Nations "that God will give them wisdom and courage to seek and do his will."

Bishop Sherrill urged churches to use the following prayer: "Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, guide, we beseech Thee, the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness."

EXAMINER ON DUTY

A driver's license examiner will be on duty in Roseburg Thursday and Friday, Dec. 28 and 29, at the city hall, between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Historic Slab Stolen From Westminster

Stone Of Scone, Symbolic Of British-Scot Unity, Vanishes Christmas Day

By The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Border roadblocks divided England and Scotland today as Scotland Yard and police pressed a nationwide search for Britain's priceless stone of Scone — stolen from Westminster abbey Christmas day.

Working on the theory that extreme Scottish Nationalists were behind the theft of the flat, rectangular stone on which British and Scottish kings have been crowned since the days of the Celts, police in England's northern counties searched automobiles heading north.

The historic royal symbol was sneaked out of the dusty old abbey in the darkness of early morning. The thieves broke a large splinter off one leg of the ancient wooden coronation throne, itself a priceless national possession, when they dragged the 336-pound slab from its shelf under the seat.

Police surmised the thieves attended a Christmas eve service in the abbey, concealed themselves in a side chapel, then removed the stone. So skillful was their getaway that detectives and police were without a clue after an intensive day's hunt.

Brought to the abbey by Edward I in 1296 from the little Perthshire, Scotland, parish of Scone (Pronounced Scoon), the stone represented the 17th century union between the crowns of England and Scotland.

Self-Rule Phase Hinted

Whether or not the exploit was the work of Nationalist Scots, it served to dramatize their demands for more self-rule — demands long aired in Scotland and in the Houses of Parliament.

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The sandstone slab, which measures 26½ by 16½ by 11 inches, with a large rectangular roughly outlined on the top.

The historic relic had left the abbey only once in the 654 years since it was first brought there. In 1657 it was taken to Westminster hall for the installation of Oliver Cromwell as lord protector.

Both Scots and Celts sat directly on the stone's cold surface to receive their crowns. But English kings have been spared this chilly ordeal. They sit on it symbolically with the throne's wooden seat interposing.

Peace Or Survival Hope Of Millions During Christmas Observance Under War Clouds

By The Associated Press

Christians throughout a war-torn world observed Christmas Monday with a fervent hope for peace — or at least survival — in the year to come.

The Red clouds swirling out of ravaged Korea cast their shadows over Yuletide celebrations in freedom-loving lands the world over.

The worried solemnity of this year's celebration of the birth of Christ was reflected in religious services, in the messages of church and state leaders and in gatherings about the family hearth.

In many homes the customary rejoicing was muted by the knowledge that sons, husbands or fathers — fallen before the advancing Communist host in Korea — would never return.

For others, however, there was a measure of cheer in the announcement that more than 100,000 men fighting with the U. S. Forces had been brought out successfully Christmas eve from a Red trap in northeast Korea.

President Truman voiced the general feeling in a brief statement from his home in Independence, Mo., where he celebrated the holiday quietly with his family.

"This saving of our men in this isolated beachhead is the best Christmas message I ever had," the President said.

The general spirit of solemnity was mirrored in the annual Christmas message of King George VI, broadcasting to Britons all over the world.

CONGRESSMAN INDICTED

Rep. Walter E. Brehm (R-Ohio), 58, Indicted In Washington, D.C. by a Federal Grand Jury on Seven Charges of Illegally Getting Money From Two of His Office Employees for Use in His Successful Campaign for Re-election.

Brehm, from Logan, Ohio, has been a member of the House since 1942. (AP Wirephoto).

Baptist Missionaries Arrested By Chinese Reds

HONG KONG — (AP) — The Yapt newspaper Wah Kiu Yat Po reported today from Wuchow, Kwangsi province, that four Baptist mission clergymen were arrested there Dec. 18 on charges of illegal possession of arms and "collaboration with Nationalist secret agents."

The latter charge is the most serious that can be made today in Red China.

Another dispatch reported the arrest last week of an American Catholic priest who had been at the Kong Moon Foo mission 29 years. He was charged with kicking and beating Chinese workers and deducting part of their wages. He was identified by his Chinese name, Ya Wen Dao.

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Deer Creek Meet Set On High School Problem

Deer Creek school district 6 will hold an open meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m. to discuss the problem of educating its high school students.

Districts which have been sending their high school students to Roseburg on a tuition basis have been notified by the latter school district that they must either contribute with Roseburg district or provide means of their own for educating their high school students after June 1952.

Blairton Explosion Blots Out Three Lives

HOPE, Ark. — (AP) — A two-seated airplane exploded and crashed in a field near here today, carrying at least three persons to death.

The victims were tentatively identified as Fred Jones Jr., Max Allen and Eddie Johnson, all of Oklahoma city. They were enroute from Oklahoma city to Miami, Fla., when the crash occurred.



NEW COMMANDER—Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, above, paratrooper general in World War II, has taken over as commander of the Eighth army in Korea. He succeeds Lt. Gen. Walton W. Walker, killed last Saturday in a jeep accident.

Fire Razes Home With \$5,000 Loss

The one-story brick residence, occupied by Vernon Bristow on the Riffe Range road, was gutted by fire Saturday night. The fire started from a short in the electric wiring, reported fire Chief William Mills.

Damage to the house, owned by Dr. H. B. Scofield, was estimated at about \$5,000. In addition, furniture in the structure was totally destroyed. A log truck, parked beside the house, was saved. Both the furniture and truck were property of Bristow.

Three pieces of fire fighting equipment from the Roseburg Fire department were called at 7:55 p. m. Saturday, according to Chief of Helen McCowen at 740 Ivan street. No damage occurred.

Northern U.S. In Icy Clutch

By The Associated Press

Snow piled up across the northern half of the nation today and some eastern points shivered in the coldest weather of the season.

Subzero cold hit several localities along the northern tier of states while chilly readings were taken as far south as Texas.

Snow was south New York City three years to the day after a record 25.8 inch fall tied the metropolitan area in knots. The weather bureau estimated the fall might measure four inches by the time it stopped.

Chicago awakened to knee-deep drifts and found more snow falling. Falls ranged from four to seven inches in other areas of a snow belt that spread from Montana and the Dakotas to the eastern seaboard.

Upstate New York had the coldest weather of the season, with a reading of 22 degrees below zero at Newton Falls in the northern part of the state. Caribou, Me., a perennial cold spot, had 11 below, the lowest this season.

Other overnight low temperatures included 24 below at Bismarck, N. D.; 19 below at Duluth, Minn.; 28 below at International Falls, Minn.; and five below at Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

Jacksonville, Fla., had 37 above, while Miami, Fla., reported 56. It was 30 during last night at Amarillo, Tex., and 32 at El Paso, Tex.

Other parts of the country enjoyed fair weather. A reading of 76 at Phoenix, Ariz., yesterday tied the previous high marks on Christmas day in 1919 and 1933.

Robot Cigaret User Introduced

CLEVELAND — (AP) — An instrument that continuously smokes cigarettes, an electronic "brain" and a machine designed to determine the "flyability" of airplanes went on display here today.

They were among 154 exhibits at the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The machine with the cigaret habit is being shown by the American Tobacco Co. It puffs four cigarettes alternately to help investigate the properties of tobacco smoke.

The "Brain," a product of Remington Rand, Inc., is designed to perform vast mathematical problems at rapid speed and carry out other intricate operations.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. is showing the airplane machine. Engineers said it can determine whether a plane is capable of flying before it leaves the drawing boards.

Among the many journalists expected for the convention are four representatives of the Tass, the official news agency of the Soviet Union.

Enemy Also Probing Line Of 8th Army

Chinese Leader Warns U.S. Force To Quit Korea, U.S. To Leave Formosa

TOKYO — (AP) — South Korean and Chinese Communist troops tangled in a fierce battle tonight just south of the 38th parallel and 23 air miles northeast of Seoul, the endangered South Korean capital.

Seoul itself was being rapidly emptied by citizens fleeing the gathering storm of combat.

The clash between Reds and Korean troops was fought in the Korangpo area, 10 miles east of Koesong, transportation center on the route from Pyongyang to Seoul.

Republic of Korea (ROK) force headquarters described the action as "fierce." It also announced that Red patrols were sparing with United Nations forces all along the ROK-held section of the front lines.

The U. S. Eighth army, guarding the western end of the U. N. defense positions, also reported Communist patrols edging south of the parallel. The communists were attempting to determine UN positions.

Tense UN forces continued to await a full scale attack by the enemy forces.

While allied defenders regrouped for battle, new threats came from Red China's top command for all foreign troops to get out of the country entirely.

Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway succeeded Lt. Gen. Walton W. Walker, who was killed Saturday in a jeep accident.

Ridgway, a paratrooper general in World War II, took over command as the Eighth army in new positions along the border to South Korea was awaiting an imminent Communist offensive.

The 10th corps' evacuation was completed Sunday from Hungnam, 130 miles deep in North Korea, and most of the troops already were in the old southeast Korea beachhead around Pusan and Pohang ports.

Get Out, Chinese Order

The Red military leader, Chu Teh, warned U. N. troops to get out of Korea, the United States to pull its military forces out of Formosa, and demanded a seat for Red China in the United Nations.

Chu, in a Peiping broadcast, did not say what Red China would do if the non-Communist nations supporting the republic of Korea refused to leave.

But the Chinese and Red Korean masses swarming all along the parallel 38 border to South Korea made his language clear.

General MacArthur said a Communist offensive was expected momentarily. The U. N. commander said the Chinese and Korean Reds had massed troops, supplies and artillery along the new front; they awaited only the signal to strike in force.

And MacArthur said earlier the Chinese have committed more than 1,000,000 veteran troops to the Korean campaign.

Evacuation Completed

United troops completed Sunday the evacuation of their last stronghold in North Korea, at the port Hungnam.

The U. N. navy evacuated 195,000 American-South Korean, British and Puerto Rican troops and nearly 100,000 non-Communist North Korean civilians.

MacArthur said the U. S. 10th corps comprising five divisions had been redeployed by sea from the Hungnam beachhead to a juncture with the U. S. Eighth army in Korea.

He did not explain his use of the word "juncture."

But Maj. Gen. Edward M. Almond, 10th corps commander, said earlier the 10th corps was moving into the old Pusan-Pohang beachhead in southeast Korea.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Price of beer has risen, Nobody hears lament; But talk is rough When milk goes up, If only half a cent.