

Stay-And-Fight Declaration Of Gen. Collins Places New Color On Situation In Korea

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The U.N. defense of Korea has taken on a different complexion with the declaration by General J. Lawton Collins, U. S. army chief of staff, that America "will certainly stay and fight."

This statement was given added punch by the simultaneous launching of a U.N. attack south of Seoul with good initial results. A.P. war correspondent Stan Swinton reported frontline morale soared as weary fighting men realized—at least locally—that the allies had seized the initiative in that sector.

These developments came at a time when there was a widespread impression that things weren't looking too good for the U. N. operations in Korea. With the Chinese pouring an avalanche of men down against the quarter million U. N. troops there was much speculation whether the latter would be driven into the sea by sheer force of numbers.

As a matter of fact, I don't believe we should dismiss that possibility yet. However, we have the assurance of the U. N. military authorities that a total Chinese-Red Korean victory not only isn't inevitable but that we may inflict such losses on the enemy that he will have to back down.

Foe Would Pay Heavily

And how could this be brought about? Well, it might be achieved if the U. N. army should retreat to the southern tip of the peninsula and there establish a defensive barrier about the important port of Pusan. There would be no way in which the Reds could flank such a line.

A Communist frontal assault with massed troops would come up against firepower from land, air and sea which would be devastating. Whether it would be a trap fatal to the Red offensive naturally remains to be demonstrated. However, we certainly shouldn't dismiss the certainty of the U. N. army giving a good account of itself.

But why shouldn't we pull out of Korea altogether immediately? President Truman has said the defense of Korea is a symbol of the whole struggle against Communist aggression. Moreover, the very life of the United Nations may be bound up in this struggle.

Japan Would Be Parialed

And there are other angles to be considered. The Korean peninsula, in the hands of hostile forces, would be a great threat to Japan. Back at the time when Korea was controlled by the Russians, Nippon used to complain that it was a "dagger pointed at her heart."

Wars were fought for control of this strategic position. Furthermore, the defense of Korea is an object lesson which is likely to remind Red China that she can't stage invasions of other countries with impunity. The point is, of course, that Peiping is cred-

ited with having designs on other Asiatic nations which she wishes to bring into the Communist fold. One of these is French Indochina, and Chinese troops are reported to be massed on the frontier of that country, which already is torn with Red revolution.

But perhaps the most important aspect of the Korean defense lies in the fact that it is being done in support of the ideals of the United Nations.

Certainly there is grave doubt whether the peace organization could survive if, having drawn the sword in defense, it was forced to abandon Korea to the Reds.

Writer Accuses Gen. MacArthur Of Korean Blunder

NEW YORK — (AP)—War correspondent Homer Bigart, writing in this week's Look magazine, expressed the opinion that General Douglas MacArthur was responsible for "unsound deployment of the United Nations forces and a momentous blunder" in Korea.

Bigart said this nation no longer can afford to "string along" with MacArthur. A New York Herald Tribune writer, returned to the United States last week after working in Korea and Tokyo since last July 1.

He wrote in the Look article that MacArthur must be criticized upon one decision, which "helped insure the success of the enemy's strategy."

That decision, the article said, was the order launching the last ill-fated U.N. offensive. Bigart wrote: "It is a great tragedy that a man who served his country so nobly should be hounded and disparaged in the final hours of his career."

Pre-Medical Student Faces Murder Charge

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. — (AP)—Joseph Corbett Jr., 22, good looking physics and pre-medical student from Seattle, was arraigned Saturday on a charge he murdered a young air force sergeant.

Corbett, who registered at the University of California for the fall term as a medical student, was charged with the fatal shooting of Sgt. Allen Lee Reed, 20, of Ligonier Ind.

Reed was killed by two bullets in the head and his body was dumped at a roadside near here, last Dec. 22. He apparently had been robbed.

He had been shot to death in an automobile which, smeared with blood, was found abandoned a couple of hours later. The car had



CUB POW-WOW — One of the largest adult cubber training sessions ever held in the district was staged Saturday afternoon at Riverside school. Den mothers in conference, seated from left to right, are Mrs. R. E. Klumph, Canyonville; Mrs. Lee Horton,

Sutherland; Mrs. H. M. Stevens, Roseburg; Mrs. Bud Meredith, Roseburg; Mrs. C. E. Grooms, Canyonville; and George Niday, Roseburg. Standing, from left to right, are Glen Hunter, R. J. Reade, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mortensen, all of Roseburg.

Reapportioning Bill Prepared For Legislature

SALEM — (AP)—A Young Republican bill, expected to draw support from farm and labor groups, has been prepared to reapportion the legislature.

A Freeman Holmer, state Young Republican federation chairman, said he had not decided whether to put it into the House or Senate.

The bill would give Multnomah county 17 representatives, compared with the 13 it now has. The same county would get seven senators, while it now has 6-13.

Other counties with more than one representative would be: Lane 5, Marion 4, Clackamas 3; and Washington, Linn, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath and Umatilla, 2 each.

Districts sharing one representative would be Coos-Curry, Jefferson-Cook, Sherman-Gilliam-Morrow-Wheeler, Grant-Harney-Lake, and Union-Wallowa.

Clackamas, Marion and Lane counties would have two senators each.

Districts sharing one senator would be: Clatsop-Columbia, Tillamook-Lincoln, Josephine-Curry, Hood River-Wasco-Sherman-Gilliam-Morrow-Wheeler, Jefferson-Deschutes-Cook-Lake, Grant-Harney-Malheur, and Wallowa-Union-Baker.

The last time the legislature reapportioned itself was in 1910, although the constitution calls for reapportionment after every federal census, or every 10 years.

been stolen, and police said Corbett was last seen driving it.

Sheriff Walter B. Sellmer said the Seattle youth was arrested Thursday in Beverly Hills, driving another stolen automobile, and carrying a revolver.

Railroads Ask Another Hike In Freight Rates

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The railroad industry has formally asked the Interstate Commerce commission for a new general six percent increase in freight rates.

The hike, if granted, would be the ninth such increase since World War II. The boosters have thus far raised the rail freight rates by about 57 percent over the 1946 levels.

All of the major railroads across the country joined in the petition to the ICC. They argued a further rise is made necessary by continuing increases in operating costs.

Damaged Food Dumped In Sea At Air Force Base

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The army says a quantity of food was dumped last May off the port of Whittier, Alaska, because it was "unfit for human consumption."

Senator Dworshak (R-Idaho) today made public a letter of explanation from Maj. Gen. Miles Reber.

Some of the cases washed back on the Whittier beach with the tide and Mrs. J. F. Bruins of Boise, who asked the senator to investigate, said "civilians feasted on boned chicken, turkey, ham, lobster and blackberry jam."

Mrs. Bruins asked Dworshak to find out if this was a waste of taxpayers' money.

Reber said in his reply that the food appeared damaged when it arrived at Davis air base.

Cereals and cereal products, he said, were rancid, caked and damaged, while canned foods were found unfit because of broken containers and contamination from seepage around caps and covers.

"The decision to destroy the food in the light of protection to the health of the troops and their dependents, as well as in the interest of the American taxpayer."

NEW JUDGE NAMED

SALEM — (AP)—Rex Hartley, Jefferson farmer, has been appointed Marion county judge by Governor McKay. He succeeds Ray Glatt, Woodburn, who resigned Saturday because of ill health.

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Louise P. Weber Claimed By Death

PORTLAND — (AP)—Mrs. Louise Palmer Weber, 72, acid-tongued, self-appointed watchdog at public meetings for more than a quarter-century, died Tuesday.

For three years she had been forced by a stroke to spend her waking hours in a wheel chair. But before that she was a central figure for a score of years in city council meetings. Earlier she made her views known at the state house, traveling frequently to Salem, especially in the 1920's, to tell legislators, committees and various officials what should be done.

For years she was a leading figure in Democratic party affairs. During the regime of Mayor Joseph K. Carson, city council meetings rarely failed to bring an exchange of words between her and the mayor. She sat in a front row aisle seat, as if by right, and it was common to observe the mayor, red-faced and gavel-banging, attempting to restore order after one of her biting remarks put the chamber in an uproar.

Three daughters survive.

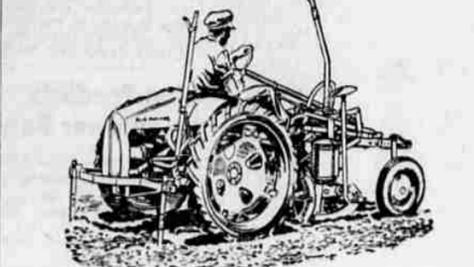
New President Named For Boston University

BOSTON — (AP)—The Rev. Dr. Harold C. Case, Pasadena, Calif., Methodist minister, has been named president of Boston University from among 100 recommended for the position.

He succeeds Dr. Daniel W. Marsh who retires Feb. 1. Dr. Marsh held the presidency for a quarter of a century. He will remain at the University in an advisory capacity as chancellor.

Dr. Case is chairman of the Pasadena Ministerial union. He is a trustee of Whittier college, Whittier, Calif., and Sam Houston university, Austin, Texas.

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