

Stalin Sees Allied Defeat In Korea



ASKS TROOPS — Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall (above) asks Congress for six divisions for European defense as he testifies before joint meeting of the Senate foreign relations and armed service committees in Washington. (AP Wirephoto)

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Aggressor Label On Reds Rapped

By THOMAS P. WHITNEY
MOSCOW — (AP) — Prime Minister Stalin said last night that war is not inevitable — "at least for the present" — but charged the United States with turning the United Nations into a tool of aggression.
In his first major foreign policy statement in two years the 71-year-old Soviet leader predicted the Korean war would end in defeat of American forces, unless Washington and London accept peace terms laid down by Communist China.
He denounced the United Nations resolution labelling Communist China an aggressor as "disgraceful" and predicted "The U.N.'s downfall. He declared:
"The United Nations organization is therefore taking the inglorious road of the League of Nations. In this way it is burying its moral prestige and dooming itself to disintegration."
Stalin charged that the U.N. was not proportionally representative of world populations and had become "not as much a world organization as an organization for acting on behalf of the requirements of the American aggressors."
He said American GIs fought brilliantly and effectively in defeating Germany and Japan, but that they were losing on Korean battlefields because they had no faith in their cause.
Announces Through Interview
Stalin used the Communist newspaper Pravda as the vehicle for his pronouncements adopting the familiar pattern of questions and answers in a newspaper interview.
The broadcast from the Kremlin was in direct reply to a recent House of Commons statement by British Prime Minister Attlee to the effect that after the end of World War II the Soviet Union did not disarm. Stalin castigated the statement as "a slander against the Soviet Union."
Stalin charged that the socialist government of Britain was not in favor of peace "but of unleashing a new aggressive world war" in concert with the United States.
Western observers wondered at the timing of the major policy statement which comes one day after the British House of Commons gave final approval to a \$1,160,000,000 rearmament plan.
They noted also the Stalin statement was released in advance of a four-power deputies meeting in Paris to arrange a conference of foreign ministers of the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain and France in an effort to end east-west tensions.
Western diplomats are studying the text of the Stalin interview carefully to find any divergence from previous Soviet policy. So far they have found none.
The Soviet prime minister's last major announcement on foreign affairs came in a question and answer interview with Kinsbury Smith of the International News Service early in 1949. A hint thrown out in that interview and seized upon by American diplomats, resulted in a meeting of the council of foreign ministers and an end of the Berlin blockade.
Peiping and Tientsin are gasoline-dry. Moore reported. "Only top priority military trucks and the diplomatic corps get gas. In both cities there are stray charcoal taxis and buses but men harassed with ropes, ponies, donkeys and oxen, do all the haulage."
He said the shortage of motor fuel raised for the Chinese "an urgent practical question of supply. Without gas, communications will fail and neither ammunition nor food can reach the Korean front line with regularity."

Labor's Support Sought

Wage Formula Plan Stalled; Crisis Nearing

Union Boycott Hurts Economic Mobilization Effort; Unrest Warned

By MAX HALL
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Government leaders groped today for ways and means of bringing labor leaders back into the wage control program from which they walked in a rage.
Industry leaders accused the labor leaders of hurting national unity and seeking a brand-new round of wage increases.
The labor leaders accused the government of serving big business and ignoring the "plain people," and they predicted "serious unrest in industry."
The government's economic mobilization effort was in something very like a crisis.

William MacLean Dies Of Gunshot

William Royal MacLean, 45, owner and operator of the Drew store and post office, died of a self-inflicted gun wound Friday evening, Deputy Sheriff W. I. Worrall reports.
The deputy said MacLean shot himself in the head with a .380 automatic pistol after returning to his home from a buying trip to Medford late Friday afternoon. His wife immediately sent word to Tiller to phone for a doctor and the deputy sheriff.
Worrall said MacLean died shortly after he and Dr. R. L. Falk of Canyonville arrived at the MacLean home.
Mr. and Mrs. MacLean came to Drew from Pasadena, Calif., and have operated the Drew store since their arrival in 1945. He is survived by his widow, Lucille Norine, and four children.
The body has been removed to Ganz mortuary at Myrtle Creek. Funeral services will be announced.

TWIRLS BATON

Norma Hill Takes Honors In Benefit Amateur Show

By LEROY INMAN
A pretty little girl in a majorette costume and twirling a lighted baton won the acclaim of the audience at the Roseburg Active club's polo benefit amateur show Friday night in the Junior high gymnasium.
She was seven-year-old Norma Hill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill of 641 Short street, Roseburg, and a second grader at Rose school.
Norma was awarded a large loving cup as the grand prize.
Winner in her own age group of children under 12 years, she won out in the finals over a total of 26 contestants. She showed excellent form in her dance and baton twirling, and her act was especially effective with her lighted baton when all stage lights were turned off.
The competition was keen in each age group, and local folks conceded that this was one of the best amateur programs the Active club has presented in a total of six performances.

Chamber Address Set By Andrews



H. J. Andrews, regional forester of the U. S. Forest Service, will address the Roseburg chamber of commerce forum luncheon at 12:15 Monday noon at the Hotel Umpqua. His subject will be "Access Roads."
Tom Fargeter, acting chairman of the forum committee, announces that the need for access roads into the federal timber is indicated by the ratio of cut between privately owned and federally owned timber lands. It is with a recognition of local need for access roads that the forum committee has asked Andrews to discuss this problem in hope that some solution may be found, Fargeter said.
Andrews will also meet with timber operators at a 6:30 dinner Monday evening for the purpose of learning the operators' problems and seeking means of adjustment between the operators and the administration of national forests.

State Solons Make Strides On Big Issues

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM — (AP) — Oregon's legislature, in its sixth week, dug deeply into its big problems the past week, completing action on the fireworks ban, killing the amusement tax and grange gambling bills, and making real progress on legislative reapportionment.
While almost all legislators will tell you that memorials don't mean a thing, the Senate spent hours debating the question of whether the United Nations should be expanded into a limited world government.

Johnston Deliberates

Eric Johnston, the economic stabilizer, sat and stared at a piece of paper on his desk. It was the wage formula adopted 6-3 by the Wage Stabilization board Thursday night, a formula that would limit group wage and salary increases to 10 percent between Jan. 15, 1950, and next July 1.
This would allow auto workers to get a scheduled "cost of living" wage raise March 1, but not thereafter. It would not permit any raises for most workers in steel, coal, aluminum, cotton textiles, and cotton garments. On the other hand, the great majority of American workers have not received 10 percent since the start of 1950, and government officials said about half of them have not had any raise at all.
But Johnston's signature was a needed before the formula could take effect.
This was the formula that caused the withdrawal of the union members, Emil Rieve, Elmer E. Walker and Harry C. Bates. (Bates was out of town and another man walked out on his behalf.)

Fire Destroys Singleton Cabin

A cabin owned by George Singleton was destroyed by fire of unknown origin early Friday morning, Deputy Sheriff A. A. Eckhardt reports.
According to the deputy, there is some evidence indicating the fire was started by "unnatural circumstances." He declined to list specifically the evidence, pending further investigation.
The cabin was located on the South Umpqua river near the forks.
The fire is believed to have started sometime between 1 and 2 a. m. Friday, Eckhardt said. He reported the blaze apparently began on a porch on the north end of the house.
Singleton said the electrical power was shut off at the time and the fire could not have started from faulty wiring. He also said the frame cabin was tightly locked up at the time.
The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Applause Decided Winners

Jacque Matthews and Ralph Fray both 15, of Roseburg placed first in the 12 and 13-year-old age group, playing electric guitars. Roland Wagner, 16, Roseburg pianist, was first in the next age group of 14 to 16 year olds, and Marvin Wilson, Roseburg vocalist, took top honors in the adult and over group.
The winners were selected on a basis of audience applause, recorded on an applause meter. First and second places were selected in each group. Second place winners won \$5 bills, and first place winners were awarded small loving cups.
Taking second and pushing Norma close in the first group were Pat and Carol Lee Davidson, 7 and 8, respectively, doing a soft shoe tap. They were grand winners in last fall's show. Others in the group were Ray Steinberger, Tamara Tauscher, Bonnie Sue Holcomb, and Nancy Smith and Stanley Spencer, duet. All are of Roseburg.

Kennerly Cited For Bank Theft In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Byron Kennerly, 42, of Roseburg, Ore., was in jail under 10,000 bond today on a charge of bank robbery.
The FBI arrested Kennerly Thursday. He is accused of robbing a branch of the Security First National bank of \$800 that same day. Officers recovered the money.

R. B. Hood, head of the FBI office here, said Kennerly claimed he served as an officer in the U. S. air corps and the RAF in World War II, has been employed as a mechanic for an airline, and that his father once was chief of police at Roseburg.
Kennerly was arraigned before the U. S. commissioner yesterday. He was ordered to appear for preliminary hearing on March 2.

Lumber Walkout Warning Sounded

PORTLAND — (AP) — The Pacific Northwest's 65,000 AFL lumber workers may go on strike next week for higher wages.
That was the warning sounded here last night by Kenneth Davis, executive secretary of the northwestern council of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union.
"There is a very strong possibility of a strike. I am awfully afraid things will blow sky high next week," Davis said at the break-up of a two-day union strategy meeting.
Out of this conference came two points, Davis said:
1. Members authorized the northwestern council representing workers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, to call a strike if wage demands are not met.
2. The union leaders decided to stick by their demands for pay boosts ranging from 30 to 40 cents an hour about a 20 percent increase.
Davis said the union heads scored the proposed federal ceiling of 10 percent on wage increases.

Amusement Tax Killed

The proposed 10 percent tax on admissions to places of amusement was killed yesterday by the House. Only its author, Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland, voted for it.
The Grange bill, tabled by the senate alcoholic traffic committee, would revoke licenses of taverns which have pinball games, slot machines or punch boards.
The senate's biggest surprise was the unanimous vote of the house reapportionment committee to recommend reapportioning the legislature the way the constitution says it should be — according to population. That hasn't been done for 41 years.
The same committee also will recommend a proposed constitutional amendment so that the legislature wouldn't have to be apportioned according to population. This one would go to the people. If they didn't like it, then the bill to do it on a population basis would remain in effect.
A 22-8 senate vote killed a resolution for an interim committee to recommend changes in congressional district boundaries.
First Test of Strength
The first test of strength in the biennial fight between commercial

Industry Hits Walkout

Last night the industry members, Henry B. Arthur, J. Ward Keener, and Reuben Robertson Jr., issued a statement that said: "The urgent need for national unity is not well served through the device of 'crisis by walkout.' The Wage Stabilization board cannot function if, as the union leaders seem to desire, it exists only to rubber-stamp hunting licenses for a higher, more inflationary, sixth round of wage increases."
Earlier the united labor policy committee, which represents the AFL CIO, and FAIL brotherhoods, made a long and bitter attack on only on the wage formula as "unfair and unworkable," but on the price control and manpower programs and the personal leadership of Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson.
Johnston, as he studied the wage formula, had the power to sign or not to sign, or to change the formula and then sign. He was expected to ponder the matter for a few days before acting. Meantime, in order to stay on the job, he cancelled a speech he was to have made tonight in Portland, Ore.

Motive In Wool Strike Disputed

BOSTON — (AP) — The strike of 70,000 CIO wool and worsted mill workers over a 51-cent an hour pay boost was spiced today with an argument over the price freeze question.
A union official said the American Woolen company "asked for the strike so they could have a talking point with Washington to relax the price freeze."
That argument was advanced yesterday by James J. Ellis, business agent of the Massachusetts Joint board of the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO).
Robert Montgomery, counsel for the American Woolen company, replied "The company did not want the strike and we told the union we didn't want it."
He said the strike "is not a way of bringing pressure to bear on the price freeze situation."
Union chiefs said the strike, which started yesterday and affected about half of all the woolen and worsted workers in the nation, was "universally effective."

City Of Drain To Hold Blackout Tuesday Night

The city of Drain will hold a 10-minute practice blackout Tuesday, Feb. 10, starting at 8:30 p. m., the Drain Enterprise reports.
Drain's Civilian Defense Director H. A. Blyth said that a plane carrying Brig. Gen. J. I. Pierce, county civil defense chief, will fly over the city before and during the blackout.
Blyth said that all lights possible in the city be turned on about 8:10 p. m. to fully illuminate the city. Pictures will be taken from the plane prior to the blackout and again during the blackout for comparison.

Judgment Made Against U.M.W.

RICHMOND, Va. — (AP) — A Richmond construction firm won a \$275,437 judgment against the United Mine Workers and two of its affiliates early today on a charge that the unions intimidated workers on a Kentucky project, causing a work stoppage and loss of the building contract.
A circuit court jury, after deliberating eight hours, awarded the Laburnum Construction company \$175,437 to compensate for the contract loss and an additional \$100,000 in punitive damages.
The damages were assessed against the UMW, District 50 of the UMW, and the United Construction Workers. Judge Harold W. Snead agreed to withhold entering judgment for two weeks to give union counsel time to make dissenting motions.
February Court Term To Begin; Jury Called
The February term of circuit court is slated to begin Monday with the impaneling of the jury to hear the first case on the docket, State of Oregon vs. William Homer Berry.
This inquest case is the first of seven criminal actions to be tried by District Attorney Robert G. Davis and Deputy District Attorney Dudley Walton. These actions will precede 13 civil cases to be heard this session.

Shortage Of Gas Reported In China

NEW DELHI, India — (AP) — The Hindustan Times said today China's Korean adventure has stripped North China of gasoline and strained its hospital facilities.
A dispatch from Hong Kong, dated "At Sea Off The China Coast," and written by Correspondent Arthur Moore — reported a visit to Peiping and said lack of gasoline is Mao Tze-Tung's major headache.
"Peiping and Tientsin are gasoline-dry," Moore reported. "Only top priority military trucks and the diplomatic corps get gas. In both cities there are stray charcoal taxis and buses but men harassed with ropes, ponies, donkeys and oxen, do all the haulage."
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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
From Tokyo this morning: "Allied big guns today broke the back of the massive red manpower drive that was aimed to crack the central Korea front. . . the U. S. 8th army said 10,593 casualties were inflicted on the communists Wednesday in all Korea. . . this raised to nearly 100,000 the rets' losses in killed, wounded and captured since January 25."
Any way, here's hoping.
If we can kill enough communists in Korea, we may be able to gain face enough to make a deal with old Mao to get out of Korea without losing face.
That would be something.
Cynical thought:
We went into Korea (supposedly) to defend the South Koreans against aggression. After eight months of war, South Korea is about as completely destroyed as it is possible to get and the plight of her people is about as pitiful as can be imagined.
That's war for you.
Suppose you lived in Western Europe. Suppose you were looking to

Lurid Crime Tale Revealed As Hoax

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — A lurid story of two gun-toting men driving around with the body of a slain girl blew up as a hoax, detectives report.
The girl who told the story and set off a wide police search is held on an intoxication charge.
Det. Sgt. E. R. Hargett of Suburban San Pedro quoted the girl: "I got this idea and when I started telling the story I couldn't stop."
The girl, found beside a highway early yesterday, gave her name as Rebecca Adams, 28, of Amarillo, Tex.
Detectives said she first told this story: She and a friend, Marjorie Williams, 24, Galveston, Tex., had been traveling with two heavily armed men for several weeks. Thursday night "Miss Williams" and one man got into a row. He shot her to death. The man put her body on the floor of the car, covered it with a blanket, and kept driving. Miss Adams escaped when they stopped at a service station.
Texas police were unable to find any trace of a Rebecca Adams in Amarillo or "Miss Williams" in Galveston.
Sgt. Hargett said a check of FBI fingerprint records showed that Miss Adams really is Caroline Lee Courtney of Marshall, Tex. He said Courtney of other cities reported she had told a similar tale at Beaumont and Jefferson, Tex., Shreveport, La., and Terre Haute, Ind.

Cretan Romeo Sentenced To Two-Year Jail Term

CANEA, Crete — (AP) — Crete's modern Romeo, Costa Kephalyannis, was convicted by a five-man court today of carrying arms without a permit and sentenced to two years in jail.
The fiery Costa had been accused of forming an armed band to kidnap his Juliet, 19-year-old Tassoula Petracogeorgi, daughter of a liberal member of parliament. The couple's families have been feuding for years.
Conviction on the charge of leading an armed band would have carried the death penalty.
Costa seized Tassoula on a Herakleion street last August and carried her away to storied Mount Ida. They were married at a lonely monastery and spent a honeymoon in mountain caves.
Inspection Of Weapons Planned By President
WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman set today aside for a personal inspection of the army's weapons — those with which it fights now and other new ones it may use in the future.
He left the capital this morning for the Aberdeen, Md., proving ground, the army's 75,000-acre ordnance development and test center.
There the army had arrayed an arsenal of weapons including new experimental types as well as the ones already being used to pound Communist forces in Korea. Firing demonstrations and laboratory exhibits were prepared for the commander-in-chief.

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CLARK ARRIVES

TOKYO — (AP) — Gen. Mark Clark, chief of the army field forces, arrived by plane today and conferred with chief of staff sections of General MacArthur's command headquarters.
Clark plans to visit Korea and talk there with Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Eighth army commander.

Two Persons Arraigned On Charges Of Assault

Three persons alleged to have been involved in a knife and whiskey bottle fight Thursday night at Sawyer rapids were arraigned in district court Friday.
Breccie Owens Moody, 39, an Oakland plasterer, and Benjamin Otis Lobdell, 44, a Sutherland logger, were placed on \$1,000 bail for assault, armed with a dangerous weapon, reports District Judge A. J. Geddes. The third party, Alice Smith, 52, a Sutherland housewife, was sentenced to serve 30 days in the Douglas County jail and fined \$75 for vagrancy, said Geddes.
According to the report received from Deputy Sheriffs Verne Pouncey and Cecil Bever, the arresting officers, Lobdell allegedly attacked both the woman and Moody with a whiskey bottle. Moody, in turn, stabbed Lobdell repeatedly with a pocket knife, said the officers.

The Weather

Cloudy with rain this afternoon and tonight. Sunday partly cloudy with scattered showers.
Highest temp. for any Feb. . . . 73
Lowest temp. for any Feb. . . . 39
Highest temp. yesterday . . . 55
Lowest temp. last 24 hours . . . 34
Precip. last 24 hours . . . 0
Precip. from Sept. 1 . . . 2.69
Precip. from Sept. 1 . . . 35.09
Excess from Jan. 1 83
Sunset today, 5:47 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:07 a. m.

GOP Leaders Split On Troops-To-Europe Issue; Await Dewey, Hoover Testimony

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senate Republican leaders appeared on the verge of a three-way split today over the troops-to-Europe issue.
At the same time, the combined foreign relations and armed services committees awaited answers to their invitations to former President Hoover and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York to testify when they resume hearings on the issue next week.
Dewey, the 1948 Republican presidential nominee, has urged the raising of an army of 100 divisions and all-out help to Western Europe to rearm. Hoover has said the United States should not send another man or dollar until Europe erects a "sure dam" against communism.
Millikin Opposes Limit
In the meantime other differences of opinion appeared among senate leaders already divided over the question of whether Congress shall limit the number of American troops to send to the North Atlantic defense setup headed by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.
"Even if they double their forces, what have you got?" Wherry demanded. "How would it compare with what Russia has?"
Lawmakers said the chiefs of staff of the army, navy and air force, scheduled to testify Monday before the committees, probably will be asked to state a statement by Premier Stalin that Russia has demobilized and that a third world war is not inevitable "at this time."
Chances Said Better
General Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, told the committees yesterday that the transfer of four additional American divisions to Europe would "immeasurably improve" the chances of the two already in Germany to survive a Russian attack.
Earlier, Acheson said that the source of the security threat to Western Europe and the United States "is the powerful military force assembled by the Soviet Union and its satellites, combined with the hostile intentions which the Soviet Union has demonstrated toward the entire non-Soviet world and the willingness it has recently shown to risk general war."

Army Sgt. Melvin Brant Killed In Korea Fighting

Army Sgt. Melvin L. Brant, son of Olive A. Hill, route 2, box 301E, Roseburg, has been killed in action in Korea, according to an official department of defense report of Korean army casualties.
Brant previously had been reported as missing in action, the report stated.

Red Assault On East Flank Fails Purpose

Counterattack, Shell Fire Blunt Thrust; ROK Forces Withdraw

TOKYO — (AP) — Elements of three North Korean divisions today dented the allied east flank in central Korea but failed to turn it.
Accurate artillery fire and counterattacks blunted the force of the enemy punch, shifted eastward from bloodily repulsed onslaughts at Chipyong and Wonju.
The smash at the east flank near the transport hub of Checheon, a mountain gateway to South Korea, was the only serious enemy effort. The Reds massed 15,000 or more men in the area but a late field report said only spearheads had been committed.
Eastward on the coast, South Korean troops made a deep pull-back from the 38th parallel to a new defense line but under no enemy pressure.
Westward for 70 miles to Seoul, there was scattered, small-scale fighting.
Around Wonju and Chipyong, where Chinese Reds suffered 22,128 casualties in four days but failed to break through, allied patrols ranged one to more than two miles north without finding Reds.
The cheved-up Chinese 41st corps had pulled back the remnants of four divisions for regrouping. But there were signs that upwards of 150,000 Chinese Reds still might try to smash the allied center and imperil 100,000 United Nations troops around Seoul.
Three separate battles flared Friday night and Saturday around Checheon, 14 miles southeast of Wonju. Accurate U. N. artillery quickly broke up a Red attack at 11:40 Friday night six miles north-east of Checheon.
At about the same hour, a Red regiment assaulted South Korean units 15 miles northeast of the town. By 2 a. m. Saturday, the attack subsided.
The third action was initiated nine miles northeast of Checheon by South Koreans against a south-bound North Korean column.
Reporting from the central front, AP Correspondent John Randolph said:
"While the North Koreans penetrated the line, it was in no sense a breakthrough. Rather the allied forces rolled with the punch."
"The enemy north of Checheon was believed to be the Fifth North Korean corps. It seemed to be trying to slip into P'yongchang-Yongwol-Tanyang mountain route to the south."
Proof Of Peace Desire Requested
LONDON — (AP) — Western European nations agreed with Joseph Stalin today that war is not yet inevitable but they asked him to prove he means it.
Italian Premier Alcide De Gasperi said Stalin's statement would demonstrate with facts contributing to a true peace.
The Russian prime minister, in a newspaper interview broadcast by Moscow radio last night, charged the United Nations was a total of the United States but added that war was not yet inevitable.
A British foreign office spokesman said:
"We do not regard war as inevitable at all. In our view there is no problem which cannot be solved by peaceful negotiation, given good will. Certainly on our side, such good will always has been, and always will be, forthcoming."

U. S. APOLOGIZES

PRAGUE — (AP) — The United States apologized to Czechoslovakia today because American jet fighters planes inadvertently flew over Prague 10 days ago. The Czech foreign minister protested on Feb. 3 that the planes had done so.
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