

# Mid-Air Crash Destroys Red Jets

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### House Committee Approves 18½ Draft, 26-Month Service

#### No Objection Raised To Bill, Vinson Says

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The house armed services committee today approved lowering the draft age to 18 years and six months, and lengthening of the service term to 26 months.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) said the action was final and was taken "without objection."

The committee in closed session is considering section by section a revised version of the bill introduced by Vinson for cutting the draft age below the present 19-year limit, extending the period of service, and setting up a universal military training program for the future.

The house bill differs in several respects from the one which the Senate passed Friday.

Vinson has predicted speedy committee approval, with the hope of getting the bill before the House Wednesday and obtaining passage before Easter.

There was threat of a delay, however, in a Republican proposal to tie on an amendment requiring congressional approval for assigning U. S. divisions to the North Atlantic pact army. This proposal, by Rep. Amden (R-Ill.) had the backing of the house Republican policy committee.

As it stands, the house bill provides for drafting youths at 18½ years, extending military service from the present 21 months to 26, and placing universal military training under supervision of a five-civilian commission.

Both measures call for a 4,000,000-man ceiling on the armed forces. The senate bill provided no termination date for the program. Vinson proposes an end to the draft provisions July 1, 1954 unless extended by new legislation.

Passage of the house bill would call for a conference between committees from the two chambers to iron out the differences in the two measures.

Deaf Ear Turned To RFC Pressure

KEY WEST, Fla. — (AP) — President Truman turned a deaf ear today to pressure for the dismissal of the White House stenographer whose expensive mink coat figures in a senate investigation into Reconstruction Finance corporation loans.

The presidential quarters at this naval submarine station continued to withhold comment on the senate inquiry as Mr. Truman turned to a first hand account of the tangled legislative picture.

He placed a long-distance call for 11 a. m. (EST). That was for his regular Monday morning "quarterback" conference with Vice President Barkley, Speaker Rayburn, Senate Majority Leader McFarland and House Majority Leader McCormack.

The President is anxious to reverse a senate vote limiting the armed forces to 4,000,000 men and a committee resolution asserting Congress should give advance approval to the sending of additional forces to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Atlantic defense command beyond the four divisions already promised.

Meanwhile, the White House made it clear over the weekend, on two separate occasions, that dismissal of Mrs. Lauretta Young has not been under consideration.

ALLEN SERVICES SET  
PORTLAND — (AP) — Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Dr. William Fitch Allen, 75, head of the department of anatomy of the State Medical school since 1916. He died yesterday.

The widow and a son, who lives in Los Angeles, survive.



QUITTING — Britain's Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, 70, (top), resigned his post because of ill health it was announced by Prime Minister Clement Attlee. Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison (bottom), was appointed foreign secretary to succeed Bevin. (AP Wire-photo)

#### Tito Vows Bitter Resistance Fight

BELGRADE — (AP) — Premier Marshal Tito told 1,000 war veterans yesterday this country is ready to again "saturate" its soil with blood to repel Russian-inspired aggression.

"Every foot of our land is saturated with blood, but if it is again with blood and it will remain ours," he told the veterans rally.

Taking note of growing fears that Russia may provoke an attack on his anti-Communist government, Tito said:

"We are always ready to defend ourselves from anyone who wishes to deprive us of freedom and independence—we will saturate it again with blood and it will remain ours," he told the veterans rally.

Taking note of growing fears that Russia may provoke an attack on his anti-Communist government, Tito said:

"That's why I am here," Tito explained with a grin. "It's different in the eastern countries. If Stalin sneezes, that is considered a contribution to the science of Marxism-Leninism."

#### Hussein Ala Confirmed As Premier Of Iran

TEHRAN, Iran — (AP) — Iran's parliament today approved 69-27 the confirmation of a new premier—anti-Communist Hussein Ala. The appointment was made yesterday by Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

There was no indication yet of when the new premier would name his cabinet.

Western diplomats viewed Ala as a good choice to resist Russian pressure on this oil-rich country. A former foreign minister, he has been a national hero since his vigorous stand against the Soviets before the United Nations during the 1946 squabble over Iran's Azerbaijan province.

#### Government Takes Over Tin Imports

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government today made itself the sole importer and seller of tin to end what a senate committee has called price "gouging" by foreign sellers.

The National Production authority also ordered all American users of pig tin under allocation control as of May 1, but made a temporary increase in tin usage possible starting next month to provide for the packing of perishable crops.

The actions do not alter NPA's "essentiality of use" order, under which tin is prohibited in such items as costume jewelry, ash trays, buttons and buckles.

#### RFC Takes Control

The production agency designated the Reconstruction Finance corporation as the only importer of tin, thus placing the metal in the same government monopoly position as rubber.

The action was urged a week ago by a senate armed services sub-committee, which concluded that competition between the government and private buyers had helped push up the price by 150 percent since the Korean invasion.

The government last week temporarily halted its stockpile buying, also in hope of driving down the prices charged by British, Dutch, Bolivian and other sellers.

Manufacturers of tin plate and terne plate are permitted temporarily to boost their use of pig tin in the second quarter to 95 percent of the average consumption in the first half of last year.

The seasonal increase will permit the packing of perishable foods which start coming to market in May. Some curtailment in the use of tin cans for "luxury" items—such as lemonade or beer—may be imposed later to insure sufficient cans for the spring and summer food pack.

Jess Larson, the general services administrator, announced last week that the government was suspending new purchases for the stockpile. He also said government purchases for industrial use would be held to a minimum. Larson indicated both policies would continue until the price of tin reaches a "reasonable" level.

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#### Truman Signs Huge Naval Appropriation

KEY WEST, Fla. — (AP) — President Truman has signed a naval construction bill which calls for expenditure of an estimated \$2,250,000,000 — the most since World War II.

Signing of the bill, which passed Congress without a dissenting vote, was announced yesterday by Presidential Secretary Joseph Short.

While funds must be provided in other legislation, the authorization bill calls for building a 57,000 ton aircraft carrier, an atomic powered submarine, 173 new ships and the remodeling of 291 ships already available.

The huge new carrier will be 12,000 tons heavier than the navy's largest existing carriers. It generally takes the place of a 65,000 ton carrier junked while its hull was being laid.

While the new carrier is being planned with the same idea in mind—being able to handle planes large enough to carry atomic bombs to a potential enemy—the navy said it will be of even more modern design. Its estimated cost is \$235,000,000 and is expected to require three and one-half years to build.

No details on construction progress on the atomic powered submarine provided for in the bill were given. Among the other ships in the program, the emphasis will be on anti-submarine vessels and minesweepers.

A ban against sale or transfer of any United States warships without prior approval by Congress is included in the bill.

#### St. Patrick's Day Dance On Friday

To augment the church building fund, St. Joseph's Altar society is sponsoring a St. Patrick's day dance Friday at the armory.

Hal Hoyt and his Country club orchestra will play, and his group will be aided by a top drummer from Portland, it was announced.

Mrs. James Kilkenny is general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Herb Weisgerber, publicity; Mrs. Meda Foltz, tickets, and Mrs. E. Foster, decorations.

The St. Patrick's day dance is an annual affair sponsored by the church. The building fund has been increased by encouraging amounts on previous benefit programs, and it is hoped by the church membership they may be able to go ahead with their building plans soon, it was announced.

#### First War Dead Enroute To U.S.

YOKOHAMA, Japan — (AP) — America's first war dead from the battlefields of Korea are enroute home.

In 50 coffins aboard the transport General G. M. Randall they left this Japanese port under the somber clouds of a gray Sunday afternoon.

There were soldiers and sailors, marines and men of the air force. The coffin of Maj. Gen. Bryant E. Moore was beside that of a private. They were of various races and creeds, of all ranks, and from widely-scattered battlefields.

"Taps" sounded mournfully as the transport pulled away. An army band softly played "Nearer My God To Thee." Against the distant booming of a 21-gun salute from a navy frigate there was the sharp rattle of a rifle salute.

Defenders of Freedom  
Overhead, allied jet fighters formed an aerial cross.

#### 38 Taken Off Sinking Ship

HONOLULU — (AP) — Thirty-eight passengers, including one baby, were taken off the stricken American freighter, Andrea F. Luckenbach, early today.

The 8,000 ton ship ran aground three miles off the Hawaiian island of Kauai last night. It was reported in a sinking condition.

Names of the passengers were not announced.

Still aboard were 35 to 40 crew members.

The coast guard here said two of its boats were standing by to take off all but a skeleton crew. Ship Said Doomed

A coast guard plane hovered overhead, setting off flares to light the rescue scene.

A skeleton crew was to try to take the freighter to Port Nawiliwili on Kauai, about nine miles away.

A coast guard spokesman said there was little hope of saving the ship. He said:

"She is listing badly and shipping water very rapidly in her holds and engine room. She will need all the luck in the world to make it, but with the boats now alongside, the danger to life and limb is slim."

The Andrea F. Luckenbach is a cargo ship of the C3 type. First fragmentary reports had not mentioned her passengers.

Struck A Reef  
The freighter struck a reef after leaving Honolulu yesterday afternoon. The ship was in charge of the first mate, Capt. C. Holtman was left in Honolulu when he became ill.

The passengers were taken off by the coast guard auxiliary boat Mokihana. A patrol boat was standing by.

Earlier it was reported the freighter Dalton Victory had been diverted and was expected to reach the ship by 3 a. m.

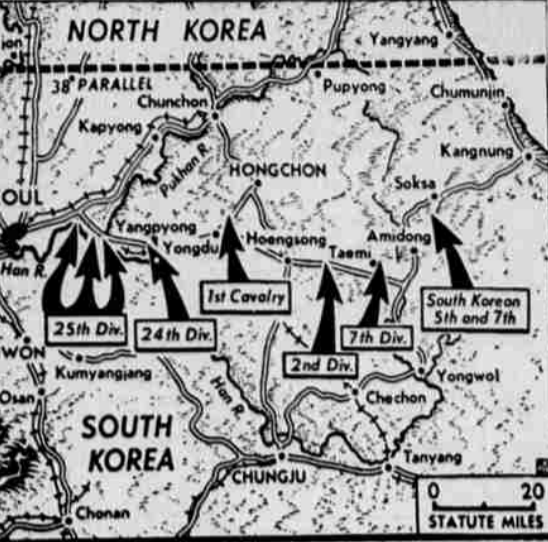
The freighter was carrying undetermined cargo from San Francisco to Yokohama. She was under charter to the Pacific Far East lines.

#### Casey Testifies At RFC Hearing

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Joseph E. Casey, former Congress member, testified today he invested \$20,000 in a company which bought five surplus government tankers and later sold the stock for about \$270,000.

Casey, now practicing law in Washington, was asked about the ship deal by senators looking into alleged use of influence on government agencies. He is a former Democratic house member from Massachusetts.

The senators had developed earlier that Casey had been associated with Joseph Rosenbaum in practice before the Maritime commission and had received \$15,800 in fees from Rosenbaum.



U.N. TROOPS PUSH AHEAD—Arrows from boxes indicate where American and South Korean troops are grinding slowly ahead in Korea. Their advance overcame Red counter-attacks. Today's report showed troops pressing on Hongchong, key hub base of the Reds. (AP Wirephoto Map)

#### Ridgway Sees U.N. Victory If War Ended At Parallel 38

CENTRAL FRONT, Korea — (AP) — Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway today asserted "it would be a tremendous victory for the United Nations" if the Korean war ended at the 38th parallel.

The U. S. Eighth army commander added, however, that he knew of no plan to end the war on the old boundary between North and South Korea.

Ridgway said he could see in the future only "positive action from beginning to end" for the U. N. forces.

"The things for which we are fighting here are of such overwhelming potential importance," he said, "I can't conceive of any member of our fighting forces here feeling that there lies ahead any field of indefinite or indeterminate action."

The ground commander's declaration that there is no "field of indefinite or indeterminate action" stood out in contrast to General MacArthur's comment five days ago that the Korean war was nearing a stalemate.

In a news conference at Suwon, MacArthur said: "The battle lines cannot fall in time to reach a point of theoretical stalemate."

Ridgway appeared trying to put over a dynamic, positive fighting purpose for United Nations troops in Korea.

Wanted To Furnish Cause  
He seemed clearly wanting to convince his troops they were fighting for more than a stalemate.

Ridgway stressed repeatedly his conviction that Communist China's failure to drive United Nations forces into the sea was a "monumental failure."

He estimated the Chinese capability to launch a counteroffensive was materially less now than before the Eighth army's jumpoff on its current major northward smash last Wednesday.

Ridgway told a news conference the ratio of Communist casualties to allied in the U. N.'s renewed offensive was "well over 60 to one."

"If Communist China failed to drive us into the sea that would be a defeat for her of incalculable importance," Ridgway said.

The allied ground, sea and air forces have let a lot of air out of the inflated balloon of the Chinese military establishments.

"Meanwhile, in the degree to which we deflate her military reputation we influence the thinking of millions and millions of people in Asia. Eventually it must react on the political actions of their government. This would be of tremendous importance."

#### Solon Disputes Argued Aid Delay

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Knowland (R-Calif.) disputed today a contention by Senator Connally (D-Tex.) that congressional snafu-bling is postponing U. S. reinforcements for the Western Europe defense army.

Connally told a weekend news conference that some lawmakers are trying to "hamstring and delay" the sending of troops to Europe.

#### U.S. Flyers Damage Four Red Planes

Red Resistance Fades On East Central Front Before 3-Pronged Drive

By OLEN CLEMENTS  
TOKYO — (AP) — A spectacular explosion of two colliding Russian-made jet planes stole the Korean war spotlight today as ground action slowed behind retreating Communists.

The MIGs were trying to make a tight turn while chasing an American F-80 Thunderjet. They couldn't cut it fine enough, collided and exploded.

"Best damn show I've ever been on," said Lt. Arthur Walton of Bethesda, Md., one of the pilots in a flight of four F-80s attacked by 38 speedy Red planes.

The four F-80s reported they damaged four other MIG-15s in a 10-minute dogfight. That brought the bag of damaged MIGs to seven for the biggest two days of jet fighting over northwest Korea in this war.

A total of 61 MIGs in flights of 10 to 20 each—engaged U. S. F-80s and F-86s in four dogfights Sunday and today.

Allies Advance  
On the ground, Red resistance collapsed on the east central front and faded sharply before a three-pronged allied spearhead along the west-central sector of the allies' advancing 70-mile line.

United Nations tank columns rolled to within five miles of Hongchong on the west-central front. Hongchong is a great Communist troop starting area and once was reported to be Chinese general headquarters.

U. N. forces met little resistance as they probed within sight of the big Red supply center. Only the day before, Reds before Hongchong fought stiff rear-guard action, indicating they would make a last-ditch stand.

British, Canadian and Australian troops were within five miles of Hongchong on the south. They were 22 miles south of the 38th parallel.

A U. S. First cavalry division tank force stabbed three miles forward Monday to within five miles of the Red center on the south-west.

U. S. First division marines, approaching Hongchong from the southeast, were reported six miles away.

North Korean resistance collapsed on the east-central front. Allied troops moved in quickly behind the fleeing Reds and seized mile-high Mount Taemi without firing a shot.

Heavy Red Losses  
Seizure of the commanding peak straightened out the east-central front. It was dented five miles last week by a ferocious Korean Red counterattack.

Front line officers said there was no danger of further bucking of the line in that sector.

The Chinese Nationalist defense ministry reported from Taipei that heavy losses have forced the Chinese Communists to order more than 200,000 more troops to Korea, including a whole new army.

The Taipei statement said the Reds decided to send 150,000 men of their second field army, dispatched 30,000 "irregulars" and had another 30,000 waiting to go.

The Chinese Second field army is commanded by one-eyed Gen. Liu Po-Cheng, Communist tactician who conquered most of central and south China in the Chinese civil war.

#### In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
Political note:  
Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, who comes pretty close to being a statesman, has been seriously ill for a long time. A year and a half ago, he underwent an operation for removal of a portion of a lung. Last summer he was operated on to remove tumors from his spinal column.

He is being called upon to resign "so that Michigan can have the same representation in the senate as other states."

Is that the REAL reason?  
I wonder. This is the present situation:  
Michigan has a Democratic governor, with power to appoint to fill vacancies. If Senator Vandenberg should resign immediately a Democrat would undoubtedly be appointed to fill out his unexpired term.

Meanwhile, Republicans have introduced in the Michigan legislature (Continued on page four)

Levity Fact Rant  
By L. F. Reizenstein  
The influenza in civil life, the influenza in the RFC, both alike are filled with grief.  
That produce no worry to H.S.T.;  
When trouble thrusts its ugly nose  
Into Harry's face, away he goes,  
Sometimes with a staggering "beef,"  
And enjoys a romp at the Florida Keys.

#### The Weather

Cloudy with rain today and tonight. Showers Tuesday with occasional periods of clear weather in the afternoon. Continued mild night temperatures.

#### WHEAT BARGE SINKS

THE DALLES — (AP) — The loss of a barge-load of wheat in the Columbia river was reported here over the weekend.

#### Roseburg Basketball Team Honored Tonight

Roseburg's sub-district basketball champions will be honored by a father and son banquet sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce tonight at the Junior high school starting at 6:30 p.m.

#### Civil Defense Deputies To Meet Tuesday Night

A meeting of all deputy directors, or their representatives, Roseburg Civil Defense, will be held in the city hall council chambers at 7:45 p. m. Tuesday. This will be the group's second meeting.

#### PAPAL ANNIVERSARY

VATICAN CITY — (AP) — Pope Pius XII attended a solemn mass of Thanksgiving celebrated in the Sixtine chapel today in honor of the 12th anniversary of his coronation.

#### SCHOOL EXPANSION PLAN APPROVED AT COOS BAY

COOS BAY — (AP) — A \$1,888,000 school expansion program for the next four years is in prospect for the Coos Bay area.

#### Spokane Lumber Firms Join In Wage Appeal

SPOKANE — (AP) — Nine Spokane area lumber firms have agreed to join with the lumber and sawmill workers (AFL) in petitioning the Wage Stabilization board for a 7½ cent an hour wage increase.

#### CHURCH DESTROYED

COTTAGE GROVE — (AP) — Fire destroyed the 40-year-old Church of God here yesterday before Sunday service began.

#### NORWAY JOINS

OSLO, Norway — (AP) — Norway's Parliament (Storting) today approved this country's joining the North Atlantic pact army commanded by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.