

REDS HALT RETREAT, SLOW ALLIED DRIVE

Small Scale Bitter Fights Now Raging

Previous 4-Day Battle Cost Chinese 18,000 Men In Two Divisions

By OLEN CLEMENTS
TOKYO (AP)—Communist troops fighting stubbornly from their own hills today slowed the United Nations advance into Red Korea.

Two Chinese divisions were wiped out in a four-day battle on the central front, south of the 38th parallel. The U. S. Eighth army said the Chinese lost 18,000 men killed, wounded or captured.

Smaller, but equally stubborn fights raged across Korea north of 38. Allied troops were held to limited gains. Stiffest action was in the center of the peninsula where U. N. troops tried to seal off all Hwachon reservoir.

South Korean troops were strung along the south bank of the reservoir about four miles east of the damsite. U. S. machine guns on the western end, American infantrymen fighting through strong opposition gained one mile Tuesday in their drive to reach its eastern end.

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Inje Scene Of Horror

A delayed and heavily censored dispatch from AP correspondent Tom Bradshaw said a powerful U. N. task force bogged down Monday northeast of Inje.

"Allied casualties in Inje itself were heavy," Bradshaw reported. Reds poured sporadic fire from the surrounding hills into the town.

"A leveled area of mud huts interspersed with dead Chinese and horses."

The ungodly smell of dead flesh, hung over Inje, "and along the streets of the town lay bodies of Chinese Communists so battered by the passing vehicles that they could hardly be recognized as human beings."

Bradshaw reported the task force had rumbled across the bodies in the night "with a dull crashing of human bones."

Reds lining the hills northeast of the town slowed the tanks to a crawl with a series of road blocks and heavy mortar and automatic weapon fire, and finally halted it.

Other armored units ran into the same trouble as they headed northwest toward Yangju, 10 miles away on the end of Hwachon reservoir.

The Allied counterattack had pushed the Reds back 30 to 40 miles. It virtually wiped out gains the Communists made in two costly spring offensives. The Reds, by Eighth army estimates, paid nearly 150,000 casualties for those temporary gains.

The navy announced that blockading warships have killed or wounded more than 9,200 Reds in their siege of Wonsan, now in its fourth month. Naval guns also were credited with knocking out 79 ammunition and supply dumps, 615 buildings, 345 vehicles and 115 rail cars.

Memorial Day Program Readied

Memorial day will be observed in Roseburg Wednesday with a memorial service at the Veterans hospital grounds. After the service, a parade will be conducted as far as the bridge on the grounds with the various veterans' organizations with the various veterans' organizations.

The Rev. W. A. MacArthur will be the principal speaker in the service which starts at 9:30 a. m.

Navy mothers and Spanish-American war veterans will drop wreaths onto the water in memory of navy dead and the group will then march to the cemetery, where Gold Star mothers will place wreaths at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

Ray Lyns of the Disabled American Veterans is general chairman of the program which is being sponsored by a joint committee of veterans' organizations of Roseburg. "Frosty" Holmes is parade marshal and Mayor Albert G. Fiegel will be master of ceremonies for the program.

In the formal service, Dr. John Haskins of the Veterans hospital will deliver the welcome and the Rev. Raymond Scheerer will give the invocation. The Rev. Father Edmund Hyland will give the benediction.

CYCLIST INJURED

Samuel J. Robeson, 24, motorcycle operator from Coos Bay, was injured Sunday on highway 42 near Camas Valley when he drove into the ditch to avoid hitting a car. Robeson was traveling with a group of cyclists going to Medford. He sustained a broken leg and was taken to Douglas Community hospital, where his condition is reported to be fairly good.

LARCENY CHARGE FANTED

An armed couple, wanted by state police at Roseburg in connection with a grand larceny case, was arrested Saturday night by Leno county Sheriff C. A. Swarts at Eugene.

He stopped David Lee Avis, 23, and his wife, Kathleen, 22, as they drove into Eugene from the south.

FANNY BRIDGE WORSE

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The Iron Curtain may ultimately have a companion in Iran, done in oil.

Death Toll Feared Heavy In British Coal Mine Blast

EASINGTON, England (AP)—A violent explosion entombed 79 miners early today deep in the Easington coal pit. Hours later rescuers recovered eight bodies and brought one injured man to the surface.

Teams of rescuers toiled in non-stop shifts to move tons of rocks and debris shaken loose by the blast 900 feet underground in hopes of rescuing alive the 70 men still trapped.

By early afternoon rescue parties had driven through more than 300 yards of debris. Mining officials said the coal face, where it is believed the majority of men are trapped, was another 700 yards away.

Fresh air was being forced through neighboring seams in hopes it would filter through to the men.

The violent blast blew two men clear of the tumbling debris. One said he was lifted and tossed 60 yards down the tunnel. Another said he was thrown 20 to 30 yards.

"A great cloud of black gas," poured down the shaft, said George Williams, twin brother of 19-year-old Matthew Williams, who was the first brought out alive.

The explosion caught the miners just as the day shift was relieving night workers about a mile and one-quarter from the bottom of the pit boistering shaft.

Cause of the disaster was not known.

High Death Toll Feared

One of the rescue workers told reporters "it is unlikely that any of the miners still in there are alive. It was terribly hot and we got some idea of the force of the explosion."

Crowds of relatives and friends waited anxiously at the north end in a cold wind blowing off the pithead. The Bishop of Durham, Dr. A. T. C. Williams, and a number of other clergymen mingled with the anxious watchers.

The Easington colliery, one of the largest in the Durham county, is 10 miles east of the city of Durham. Part of its workings run under the North sea.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
I've spoken repeatedly in these rambling chronicles of the Spaniards, who were the first white men to see California and the American southwest. They were looking for rich cities to be looted, as Cortez had looted Mexico, and all they found was a raw, beautiful land whose wealth had to be developed by the application of human labor to its natural resources. That didn't interest them.

They really worked hard at the job of finding rich cities to loot. Copacoba, for example, was dispatched from Mexico with a heavily armed expedition to search for them. He traversed hot deserts where his men came near dying of heat and thirst. He displayed courage and determination of the highest order. But he found no cities.

Eventually, he had to return to Mexico and confess failure. But he brought back a rich store of fantastic tales that the Indians had fed to him. Among others (Continued on Page 4)

FARES BOOST ASKED

WASHINGTON (AP)—The south's major railroads—27 of them—have asked the Interstate Commerce commission for a boost of ten percent in their passenger fares.

Their joint petition said an increase in fuel is needed to meet higher operating costs.

Rodeo Parade Plans Readied By Jaycees; Applebox Derby Entries Pouring In Rapidly

High on the Junior chamber of commerce agenda of future activity is the mid-June rodeo parade.

Monday night at the semi-monthly meeting of the group at the Umpqua hotel, Bob Bellows, chairman of the rodeo parade committee, reported that plans for the gala event were ready to be put into action.

He reported that all floats for the parade will be relegated to commercial and non-commercial categories. Every commercial float will be charged an entry fee of \$15. No charge will be made for non-commercial floats.

He announced that a grand prize of \$100 will be given for the first judged "most outstanding." Additional prizes of \$75 are scheduled for the best float in the commercial and non-commercial category and for the best out-of-town float.

Still in the roster vein, the Jaycees voted to sponsor Lou Franco's orchestra for the rodeo dances Friday and Saturday nights, June 22 and 23. Both will be held at Kennedy's Dutch Mill on highway 99.

Derby Entries Plenty

Also on the agenda for the near future is the Applebox Derby. Chairman Bob Bellows reported that entries are coming in thick and fast. He noted that hopes of an official soapbox derby depend mostly on the success of this year's locally sponsored race.

ON Monday at the meeting where the trophy to be awarded the winner and with it came an announcement that a grand prize of \$100 will go to the winning entrant. Additional prizes of \$50 and \$25 are

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Conferees Reach Accord On UMT Program

Committee's Draft Awaits Congress Vote

Induction Age Reduced To 18½ But 19-25 Group Would Be Called First

WASHINGTON (AP)—Advocates of universal military training were confident today the nation eventually will get a UMT program out of a compromise bill agreed upon by a senate-house committee.

The group Monday worked out a draft-UMT measure under which Congress has to vote again on some aspects of UMT before the six-month training program could be set in motion.

The bill also would extend the draft law for four years and lower the induction age from 19 to 18½. The present act expires July 9. The new bill sets up a 5,000,000 manpower ceiling on the armed forces, chairman of the coast guard.

Chairman Russell (D-Ga.) of the senate armed services committee said he was confident Congress will approve the three matters which it must pass on before UMT can begin to operate.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house armed services committee said the machinery for UMT should be all ready by the end of this year.

However, none of the lawmakers expect the President or Defense department to try to put the training program into effect until after the Korean war, which brought on the present emergency call-up, ends.

What Compromise Provides

The compromise requires later congressional approval, not on the training program itself, but on three points connected with the operation of UMT. No youth could be taken for training until Congress approves proposals on:

- 1. A code of conduct. This involves a system of military justice applying to trainees; it would be milder than in the regular armed services.
- 2. Death and disability benefits.
- 3. Recommendations dealing with (Continued on Page 2)



SOUNDS OFF — G. I. Joe has it too, too good, thinks Marine Brig.-Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, who wants to "throw out the Y.M.C.A. Throw out all these girls from the camps. Get rid of the ice cream and candy because the American serviceman has to get down to fighting."

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Starting at 8 p. m., the exercises will see the second largest class in Roseburg Senior high school history—179 students—receive diplomas for the completion of the high school course.

George Erickson, principal of Senior high school, will present the class and Vernon Harpham, chairman of the district 4 school board, will present the diplomas.

Miss Hone Stubbs, who won top scholastic honors in the class, will deliver the valedictory and Gordon Gibbs will give the salutatory.

The professional and recreational will be handled by Wendell Johnson and Clyde Riffe. "Prelude" from "Cycle of Life" will be presented by the advanced girls' chorus. Father Hyland will give the invocation and the Rev. Clark Robb, the benediction. A trumpet quartet will play "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Tahkenitch Bears Escape, Killed

Someone is going to have bear steaks according to Deputy Sheriff Cecil Bever, stationed at Reedsport.

Bever was called this morning to Lake Tahkenitch resort to shoot two "tame" bears, which had escaped from their cages, and refused to return to the cages.

The bears first escaped Monday night, but the resort keeper, Fred B. Judges managed to get them locked up again.

This morning, however, the bears again got out. They attacked Judges when he attempted to coax them back.

The man was not badly hurt, but he had had enough. Fearing the animals might attack someone along the highway, he called Bever to the scene. The deputy chased the animals into the brush and shot them.

The bears, both females, were seven years old. They had been captured when cubs, and were a familiar sight at the resort.

Weds His Grandfather's Widow; Own Grandpa

HAGUE, Sask. (AP)—Carnelius Friese, 36, married his grandfather's widow Monday, thus becoming his own grandpa.

A crowd of more than 700 jammed the Pentecostal church at nearby Grundthal to witness the ceremony.

The bride was Mrs. Sarah Friese, 42, whose husband died a year ago, aged 85.

Mrs. Friese was married to her late husband—her new husband's grandfather—for 14 years and had one son, now 12, who was Cornelius Friese's step-uncle and now becomes his step-son, too.

VA Insurance Chief Resigns With Big Gripe

Public Apathy Over Huge Task Impels Breining To Quit After 31 Years

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harold W. Breining, long-time head of the world's largest insurance operation, quit today with a blast at apathy over "a damn big job."

Breining, director of the multi-billion dollar veterans' insurance program, said he is retiring as a veterans administration's \$11,300-a-year assistant administrator because he is tired.

He said in an interview he has not had a vacation in 12 years, has been under constant pressure and believes "I've done my part and I need a rest."

Breining was 55 last Thursday. He has been directing government life insurance operations for 31 years, all but three of the 34 years that the government has been providing life insurance benefits for servicemen and veterans.

He organized the national service life insurance program at the end of World War II, as well as the veterans' loan program.

Breining said VA has done a "damn big job which nobody appreciates — there is no proper appreciation of its volume and what it means."

Public Attitude Resented

Asked if the lack of appreciation was on the part of the public, the Congress, the veterans or the press, Breining replied:

"I think it's shameful that the general public and everyone else is lacking in appreciation for the hard work put in by the people here.

"They have worked hard and under pressure. I doubt if you could get people outside VA to do it. They are trying to do and are doing a good job.

Breining said a lack of public appreciation is harmful to the veteran because "it keeps people from coming in and taking a job with us."

He said the VA insurance division hired a number of good young men out of the armed forces in 1945 and 1946 but has lost a good percentage of them.

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SENATOR TAFT CRITICAL

If Americans Can Bomb In Korea, Why Not Also In Manchuria? He Asks

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) today criticized Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg's contention that Manchurian bombing attacks would require the doubling of U.S. strategic air power in the Far East.

Vandenberg told senators Monday Gen. Douglas MacArthur's plan to blast Chinese Red bases and troop centers north of the Yalu river would draw into the Korean fighting planes needed elsewhere and leave the nation "naked" against air attacks.

Taft said in an interview he was told recently by Vandenberg himself that as many as 1,000 U. S. planes had been used in attacks on the Chinese Reds in Korea.

"If they can bomb in Korea, I don't see why they can't fly a little further and bomb in Manchuria or why there have to be so many more of them to do the job," Taft said.

The Ohioan said he fears the military men who have opposed MacArthur's proposal to blockade China, bomb Manchuria and use Chinese Nationalist troops are "following the administration line" rather than expressing independent military thinking in the senatorial inquiry.

On the other hand, Senator Sparkman (D-Ala.) said he doesn't think there is any question but that President Truman's dismissal of MacArthur was justified.

"I believe the testimony amply shows that MacArthur could not abide by the decisions of the joint chiefs of staff, who after all were his superiors," Sparkman told a reporter.

"Marshall, Bradley, Collins and Vandenberg have made a good case in pointing out that there is a global responsibility in contrast to MacArthur's responsibility for one theater. They have showed that they worked as a unit — were in agreement on the decisions reached."

Secretary of Defense Marshall, Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and Gen. J. Lawton Collins, army chief of staff, all have opposed MacArthur's program. MacArthur has said it was his understanding that, from a military standpoint, the joint chiefs had in the past agreed with him.

Supposed Corps Asks Officers For Cigarettes

WHITTIER, Calif. (AP)—Ever have a dead man ask you for a cigarette?

Reaching an automobile wreck, Patrolmen Joe Wilson and Ben Gomez found William Fryer, 35, lying still beside his overturned car.

They could detect no heartbeat, no pulse. Tossing a blanket over Fryer, they called for an ambulance.

Then the blanket asked: "Anybody got a cigarette?"

He only had a bump on his head.

United Presbyterians Will Meet In Oregon

DES MOINES (AP)—The United Presbyterian church will hold its general assembly in Oregon next year for the first time in 37 years.

Delegates voted at the closing session of this year's assembly to hold the 1952 meeting at either Portland or Albany, Ore.

The 1952 assembly city will be designated at a July meeting of the Columbia synod, Oregon delegates to the assembly here argued that holding the general assembly in Oregon will do much to counteract the synod's isolation.

General Losses Command For Unsatisfactory Job

TOKYO (AP)—The U. S. Far East air force says Brig. Gen. Luther W. Sweetser has been relieved as commanding general of the 452nd light bombardment wing because he "was unable to achieve the maximum combat potential" from his wing.

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The Weather

Fair today and Wednesday.
Highest temp. for any May — 102
Lowest temp. for any May — 30
Highest temp. yesterday — 64
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 45
Precip. last 24 hours — 0
Precip. from May 1 — 130
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 40.52
Excess from Sept. 1 — 9.55

Drunken Driver Loses License, Fined \$150

Willie Lee Stafford, 49, Roseburg carpenter, Monday was fined \$150 and his driver's license was suspended for one year because of a charge of driving while intoxicated, reports Municipal Judge Ira B. Riddle. Jesse Vernon Rodgers, 36, Sutherlin, forfeited \$50 bail on a drunk and disorderly conduct charge, according to Judge Riddle.

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