

Apathetic Reds Yield To Strong UN Attacks

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Four powerful Allied columns looking for a fight thrust deep into Communist territory Monday, but only on the Southeast flank did the Reds aggressively meet the challenge.

In that sector, south of Yongwol, an American platoon was reported wiped out by North Korean Reds. There were no details.

An intelligence officer told Associated Press correspondent Tom Stene the North Koreans were where "showing a desire to make and maintain contact" and were "asking for a fight" after having previously avoided serious action.

One Red blow, Stone said, was struck early Monday against elements of the U. S. seventh division.

Even these actions involved relatively few troops despite the fact that thousands of Reds were reported to have slipped past allied lines and vanished into the wilderness country to the south.

General Omar Bradley...

... said Monday he hopes the 3,500,000 man strength planned for the armed forces by June will be all the expansion needed.

The chairman of the joint chiefs of staff gave that reply when asked at a senate hearing whether military manpower goals would be increased in the next few months. He had told the senators earlier that military forces of that size "are sufficient in my opinion to avert disaster for our country."

Chairman Lyndon Johnson of the Senate preparedness subcommittee asked about the possibility of a higher military manpower goal.

Bradley called it a difficult question to answer, then said: "I would hope not but we have to face the possibility that it may have to be increased."

Bradley said too that if congress approves drafting of 18-year-olds for universal military training and service it might be possible "after five to 10 years" to reduce the 3,500,000 man figure.

As to the capabilities of such a force, Bradley said that in event of war there might be some bombing of American cities but "there is little real danger now of the continental United States being invaded and overrun so far as we can see."

The British Air Ministry...

... announced Monday the U. S. Air Force will take over the Royal Air Force maintenance base at Sealand, Cheshire, in March.

Neither the ministry nor U. S. air force spokesmen would provide details, but other sources reported up to 3,000 American airmen may move into the base.

Americans are expected to use it for servicing bomber and fighter aircraft engines.

Rescue Workers Dug Frantically...

... through mountains of snow Monday to reach survivors of a disastrous weekend series of avalanches in the Alps which killed at least 177, injured scores, and crushed whole villages to splinters.

A U. S. Mission...

... left Monday for Tokyo to discuss the possible Japanese peace treaty with General MacArthur and leaders of the Japanese government.

John Foster Dulles heads the mission. Among those accompanying him as advisors were assistant secretary of the army Earle D. Johnson; John D. Rockefeller, III; and John Allison, state department Japanese expert.

The State Senate...

... voted Monday to band the members' secretaries from the floor during sessions for one week. After a week is up, then it will decide on whether to do it permanently.

The secretaries went on a sit-down-strike, and would only sit in the chamber's balcony, which is intended for guests only.

The ban went into effect Monday.

Other business to come before the legislature included bills to permit white persons to marry Negroes, Hawaiians, orientals, and Indians to reduce the term of the members of the State Board of Higher Education from nine to four years, legislation to stop the selling of cigarettes below cost and to license all cigarette dealers and a bill asking the legislature to raise \$2,000,000 more a year by levying the income tax on utilities, and on corporations which get 95 per cent of their income from rentals.

Washington, Oregon, and California...

... have set up a pact in Portland for mutual aid in case of enemy attack.

Civil defense officials from the three states agreed to send police, fire, medical, and other emergency services to each other if the need arises.

The pact, patterned after a model drafted by the national civil defense officials, now will go to congress and to the west coast legislatures for ratification.

Delegates to the meeting said the pact also could be used to send aid to each other in case of a grave natural disaster.

They added that other agreements, to provide for specific operations, will be drawn up later.

State delegations were headed by Philip D. Batson, Washington civil defense director; Burton Washburn, executive secretary of the California disaster council; and Louis E. Starr, Oregon civil defense director.

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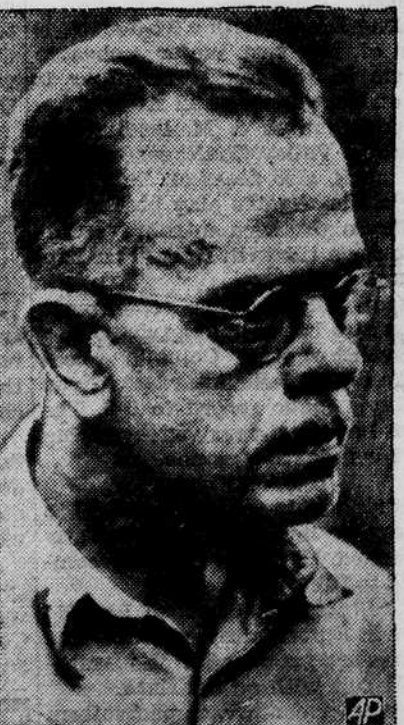
HEADED FOR HOME at Fort Worth, Texas, one of the huge B-36 bombers that flew to England, takes off at Lakenheath air base, near London. It was the first trip to foreign soil for any of the big planes, capable of flying 10,000 miles non-stop. The bombers are scheduled to fan out on separate practice missions during the return flights. Routes they will take are secret. (AP WIRE PHOTO).



BACK FROM KOREA, Maj. Gen. Emmett (Rosie) O'Donnell urged that "we use the most effective weapon against Red China—the A-bomb!" (AP WIRE PHOTO).



IN GROUNDHOG FASHION, Pfc. Cyril Kuhel of Cleveland, Ohio, saw his shadow as he crawled out of his elaborate heated dugout on Korea's central front. Kuhel could tell that spring was not just around the corner as he felt the nip of a 21-degree-below-zero temperature. (AP WIRE PHOTO).



FOUND GUILTY of high treason by a Burmese tribunal in Rangoon was Dr. Gordon Seagrave, America's "Burma Surgeon." He was convicted of aiding hill tribesmen rebelling against the Burmese government in 1949. (AP WIRE PHOTO)



MAP LOCATES approximate positions of Communist forces after three weeks in each of two invasions of South Korea. Open arrows locate areas where Allies have fought stubbornly to blunt the Red thrusts. Jan. 20 the U. N. forces withdrew from Wonju in the face of a three-pronged Communist attack. (AP WIRE PHOTO).

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