

# Communists Push Allies Near Seoul

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United Nations troops on the west-central Korean front withdrew again Thursday before Chinese Red masses. This extended their rollback in that sector to 27 miles in five days.

U. N. stragglers fired artillery at pointblank range to hold back 300,000 Reds pressing toward Seoul.

The Reds withdrawing wiped out every western front U. N. foothold north of the 38th parallel.

But the Allies still are in North Korea along the Hwachon Reservoir on the eastern end of the 100-mile front. They beat back Red attacks on both sides of the reservoir Thursday.

The Western withdrawal from above the parallel began at midday, as Chinese advanced with 20 miles of Seoul. Eight Army headquarters said the Allied troops were "fighting a magnificent delaying action."

Munsan fell to Chinese driving down a main highway from the Northwest. The town, 21 miles from the war-battered capital, was the site of an American paratroop landing last month. Allies also pulled back south of Changgo, four miles below the border and 15 miles north of Uijongbu.

## The Communists Must Choose...

... between spreading the Korean War or seeking a peaceful settlement President Truman said Thursday.

He did not elaborate and he specifically refused comment at a news conference on reports that Lt. Gen Matthew Ridgway has authority to bomb Manchuria if he deems it necessary.

But Mr. Truman's assertion that the choice of peace or a greater war is up to the Communists left open the interpretation that United Nations forces would strike back outside Korea if large enemy air forces enter the fighting.

(A U. S. spokesman at the United Nations in Lake Success, N. Y., said Wednesday the United States has proposed the bombing of Red bases in Manchuria if the Communists launch heavy air attacks).

## Chicago Welcomed MacArthur...

... in a mass scale greeting Thursday when the General's plane landed at Midway airport.

Thousands lined the route of the procession from the airport on the southwest side. But biggest crowds packed Michigan Boulevard and State Street to cheer MacArthur. The General received a 17-gun salute.

In Washington, President Truman announced that he will not "pull the strings" on MacArthur but will let him say what he pleases, when he pleases, and where he pleases.

The President told a news conference that under legislation setting up the rank of five star general and admiral, he could pull the strings on MacArthur, but that he does not propose to do so.

## President Truman Asked Congress...

... Thursday for higher taxes, tighter credit controls and "fair ceilings" on farm and other products, saying inflationary pressures "have not yet reached their peak."

In a special message to the lawmakers, Mr. Truman urged speedy action. He said: "The world situation could explode at any time, and we must make every day count."

The President's request for "fair ceilings" on farm and other products is aimed at permitting tighter controls on food prices.

## The New RFC Boss...

... W. Stuart Symington, said Thursday he will take office "beholden" to no one, and with a free hand to run the big lending agency.

He testified at a Senate Banking Committee hearing on his nomination by President Truman to be Administrator of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, reorganized after it came under attack in Congress. He will take the place of a five man board of directors whose jobs will expire when he takes over.

## Whereabouts of Prague AP Chief...

... William N. Oatis, who vanished from his office Monday is still unknown.

U. S. Embassy officials in Prague, where Oatis heads the Associated Press Bureau, have requested Czech authorities to make a "most urgent" investigation. They expressed fear that the 37-year-old newspaperman might be under arrest.

Oatis was last seen leaving his office after telling Czech colleagues that he was on his way to keep an appointment at the information Ministry. He had told Embassy officials that he believed that he was being shadowed "24 hours a day," presumably by Czech police.

## An Atomic Energy Commission Spokesman...

... predicted Thursday significant new Uranium production in the Colorado Plateau areas of eastern Utah, northern Arizona and New Mexico.

Dr. Phillip L. Merritt told the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in a prepared talk that pranium had been found also in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and Florida.

Merritt said that the Colorado Plateau, extending over some 130,000 square miles in Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, contains "our largest potential resources as we know them now."

Merritt is assistant director of division of raw materials of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

## The State Budget Was Balanced...

... Thursday for the next two years by the joint legislative Ways and Means Committee, provided its program is approved by the Legislature and isn't referred to the people.

The committee voted to ask the State Liquor Commission to boost its liquor prices 5 per cent, to bring in 2½ million dollars more into the State General Fund during the biennium, which begins July 1.

The program includes a 3-cent package cigarette tax, to raise 10 million dollars per biennium, and a 7½ million dollar state building program. Neither of these has been approved by the Legislature yet.

## Oregon's Tillamook Fire...

... was quiet Thursday and humidities in the Pacific Northwest rose to safer levels, but foresters warned the danger remained great.

## Listening In ... On KWAX

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- 6:30 Religious News
- 6:45 Campus Interview
- 7:00 Dixiography
- 7:30 Castell Speaks
- 8:00 Friday Night Request
- 9:55 Adventures in Research
- 10:00 Friday Night Request
- 10:55 A Tune to Say Good-night

Sunday:

- 3:00 p.m. An Afternoon at the Opera
- 5:00 Songs for Sunday
- 6:55 News We Almost Forgot

## SU Movie Committee...

The Student Union Movie Committee is accepting petitions for four new posts on the committee. Duties of new members will include the selection of the feature movies for fall term.

Deadline for petitions is 4 p.m. Wednesday. Petitions may be handed in to the program director, 301 SU.

## Lowell Thomas Jr. Plans Albany Talk

Author-Lecturer Lowell Thomas Jr. will show and comment upon his technicolor film taken in "Forbidden Tibet" in Albany Saturday night.

His appearance, scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Albany High School Auditorium, is sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

Albany is the only Oregon town in which Thomas has scheduled

an appearance in this, his first tour of the Northwest. Tickets, at \$1.50, will be available at the box office.

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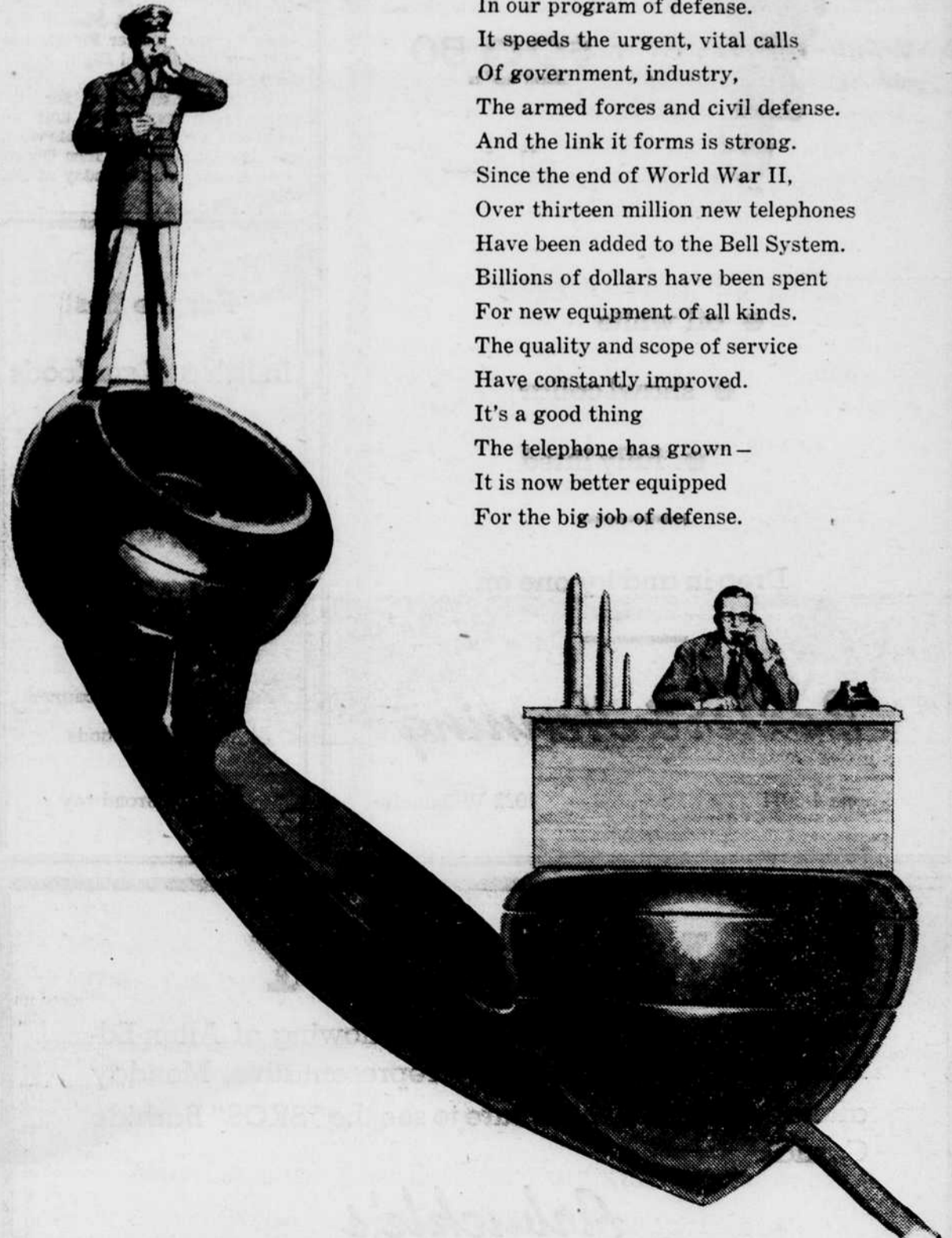
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