

Scant Sign of North Korean Planes Seen

(Story also on page one)
TOKYO, Sunday, July 9.—(AP)—A lone north Korean plane flew deep into southern territory today to drop eight bombs on Taegu, a spokesman said. Five of them were duds. Taegu is an important rail and communication center 70 miles southeast of Taejon.

It was the first red aircraft reported in action in the past two and one-half days.

General MacArthur's Tokyo headquarters communique, issued just before midnight Saturday, recorded an ominous buildup of North Korean invader troops and armor a little farther back, paced by 80 to 110 tanks.

American troops along the front, in light strength, about 60 miles south of Seoul, were setting up "successive delaying positions," an army spokesman in South Korea said.

No Major Units in Action

There still has been no major unit of the U. S. army thrown into the fight to check the red offensive.

Field headquarters reported 17 more North Korean tanks had been destroyed by South Korean and American forces. Field dispatches earlier Saturday had placed red tank losses at about 40, but there was no official basis for the count.

General MacArthur's communique told of spotting 40 to 50 north Korean tanks and truck drawn heavy artillery which looked like "Long Tom" 155 millimeter rifles north of Pyongyang, which is 14 miles north of Chonan.

Cross Swollen River

Another 40 to 60 enemy tanks and more than 1,000 men were crossing the swollen Ansong river and heading toward Songwan, a village on the main highway only eight miles north of Chonan.

Significantly, MacArthur said that "blown bridges and swollen streams continued to be the most serious obstacles to North Korean armored units."

Headquarters in Tokyo appeared most concerned about two big drives by the enemy which appear to be shaping up rapidly.

Envelopment Attempt

First, the communique said, was "a distinct possibility of a wide envelopment attempting to cut the main north-south communications line, possibly in the Taejon area."

Second, a push down the isolated east coast toward Pusan, main U. S. supply port.

American air force and allied naval units were active throughout Saturday.

Fighters hammered at Russian built tanks and trucks with "varying success." The communique said many tanks were destroyed and damaged but announced no totals due to incomplete reports.

Naval patrols kept a close guard on the east coast, where a second buildup of enemy strength was in progress. They fired at targets indicated at reconnaissance planes.

A large volume of American supplies continued to flow to Pusan. MacArthur's headquarters mentioned unrest in North Korea for the first time. Reports from the North Korean press and radio releases to the effect that all Koreans were rallying to the invasion were denied.

TO FORM CABINET

PARIS, July 8.—(AP)—Rene Pleven, former defense minister, agreed tonight to try to form a cabinet and end France's two-week-old political crisis.

6-Story Apartment House for Corvallis

CORVALLIS, July 8.—(AP)—A \$400,000 building permit was issued here today for what will be the city's largest apartment house. It will be a six-story, 48-unit building on Jackson street between 15th and 16th. It will be known as the Corvallis Plaza apartments. The Ketell Construction company, Portland, is the contractor.

Smell Chokes Illinois Towns, Causes Nausea

MOLINE, Ill., July 8.—(AP)—A foul smell choked seven towns early today, sending some residents into hysterics and raising fears of a Russian gas bombing.

But the culprit apparently was only a passing truck.

The noxious odor crept through Moline, East Moline, Silvis and Rock Island, Ill., and then spread across the border into Muscatine, Bettendorf and Davenport, Ia.

No injuries were reported aside from upset stomachs.

Some residents called police in hysterics. One man insisted to Silvis police that "the Russians are flying over and gassing us."

The evil-smelling fumes routed citizens from their beds and from taverns, almost forced the closing of two farm machinery factories, jammed police switchboards and kept firemen on a near-emergency basis.

An official of the Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Co., said the odor probably resulted from a leak in a tank of pentamane being hauled through the area on a truck headed west. He said the truck was seen passing through Moline shortly before midnight, when the excitement began.

Pentamane is an odorant used to inject a smell into natural gas, normally odorless, to permit detection of leaks. The official said the odor is not injurious but can cause nausea.

A number of upset stomachs were reported. Even dogs were nauseated by the smell.

The smell lingered in the Illinois area for three hours, then hit the Iowa cities. It disappeared at daylight.

Circuit Judge Plan Backed

ASTORIA, July 8.—(AP)—A move to add a third circuit judge for northwestern Oregon gained support here today.

Bar associations of Clatsop and Tillamook counties expressed approval of the plan. Columbia and Washington bar associations next will be approached.

The plan would give Astoria and Hillsboro a resident judge with the third jurist dividing his time between Tillamook and Columbia counties.

TYDINGS TO RUN AGAIN

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md., July 8.—(AP)—Senator Tydings (D-Md.), who has been in the senate since 1928, announced today his candidacy for re-election. Tydings is chairman of the powerful senate armed forces committee.

Rural Letter Carriers Hold Meet in Salem

Oregon Rural Letter Carriers' association and auxiliary closed the business portions of their annual convention in Salem Saturday with election of officers and a banquet for which former governor Charles A. Sprague was speaker.

Most of the delegates will join a caravan this morning to Silver Creek falls for breakfast at Union Hill Grange hall and sight-seeing.

Lloyd A. Ferrell, Grants Pass, was re-elected president of the association, and Mrs. Audrey White, Hermiston, was elected president of the ladies' auxiliary. Ashland was selected for the 1951 convention.

Among those attending sessions Friday and Saturday was J. A. Remington, retired Salem carrier, who was the organization's first president when it was formed in Salem in 1903. Leaders said this year was the best attended convention in several years, with 65 carriers and 53 auxiliary members.

National representatives here were the association's Paul Benson of Sedalia, Mo., and the auxiliary's Mrs. Allen Whitney of Belmont, Nehr.

The Salem committee for the convention was Floyd Crabtree, Lyman McDonald, Luther Cook and Dewey Davis. McDonald was master of ceremonies at the banquet.

Other carriers' association officers re-elected were Warren Coombs, Eugene, first vice-president; Floyd S. Cramer, Monroe, second vice-president; Eldon Molstrom, Adams, secretary-treasurer; and Lloyd Johnson, Ashland, executive committee.

The following also were elected officers of the ladies' auxiliary: Gladys Rammien, Medford, first vice-president; Margaret S. Myers, St. Helens, secretary-treasurer; Alma Davis, Salem, executive committee.

New York City Census Jumps

NEW YORK, July 8.—(AP)—Preliminary census figures released today gave the population of New York City as 7,841,610, a 5.1 per cent increase over the 1940 total of 7,454,995.

The preliminary figures also gave a population count of 15,540,697 for the New York metropolitan area which comprises nine counties in New York and eight in New Jersey.

On the basis of the preliminary figures New York remains second to London in world population supremacy. Greater London has a population of 8,390,941.

Hong Kong's Rumor Factory Busy Forecasting Reds Moves

HONG KONG, July 8.—(AP)—Guessing what red China is going to do has pushed even the Korean war into the background in this exposed British colony.

There's a feeling the Chinese communists are going to great lengths to hide something big.

OPS, Hospitals Deadlocked On Rate Issue

PORTLAND, July 8.—(AP)—Officials of the Oregon Association of Hospitals and the Oregon Physicians' service failed today to reach an agreement involving OPS refusal to pay higher hospital rates.

The dispute has resulted in confusion among the many thousands of subscribers to the OPS pre-paid medical-hospital insurance service.

The hospital association increased ward and room rates July 1. As a result OPS advised its subscribers it could no longer guarantee full payment of hospital charges. The doctor sponsored organization then listed 250 items and maximums it would pay out for subscribers' treatment.

OPS Manager W. C. Marshall said the organization faced the choice of increasing service charges each time the hospitals boosted rates, or stabilizing fees and letting subscribers pay the balance.

The Oregonian reported today a survey of hospitals indicated they used different methods in handling OPS subscribing patients.

Some are billing the patients for the entire amount; others are billing OPS pending outcome of discussions.

Auto Strikes Bicycle Rider

LEBANON, July 8.—Leo Hardenbrook, 8, Albany route 1, was seriously injured Saturday night when a car struck his bicycle on highway 20 three miles north of Lebanon.

Lebanon police listed the motorist as Gerald Ralston, Independence. He was not cited.

Leo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardenbrook, was taken to Lebanon hospital with a brain concussion.

TRIESTE PROTEST ISSUED

MOSCOW, Sunday, July 9.—(AP)—Russia accused the western allies again today of violating the Italian peace treaty with regard to Trieste.

The U. S. Geological Survey says only two states—Massachusetts and Rhode Island—can be considered adequately mapped.

Convicts Try to Use Governor As Hostage

MARQUETTE, Mich., July 8.—(AP)—Three hardened inmates of Marquette state prison were foiled late today in a daring attempt to break out with Gov. G. Mennen Williams as hostage.

The young governor escaped unharm in the near riot that was quelled by fast action on the part of guards and state police.

But before it was over one of the convicts was shot and seriously wounded in the abdomen, the governor's bodyguard was stabbed twice in the back and a prison guard suffered a broken arm.

Williams was menaced with a butcher knife as he stepped into the prison kitchen to sample the lima beans being served to some 700 prisoners in the big dining room. The governor said he wanted to see what was being served the prisoners.

One of the would-be escapees, Ralph Stearns, 50, of Detroit, was involved in a 1939 break from the upper Michigan prison. Others involved in today's plot were identified as John Halstead, 56, of Jackson, and "Crazy Jack" Hyatt, about 35, of Detroit.

All were serving long terms for armed robbery. They were placed in solitary confinement after the escape attempt was snuffed out.

This is how Warden Emory Jacques, who was with the governor throughout the brief violence, described it:

Williams arrived at the prison for an inspection shortly before 5 p.m. and entered the dining hall just as the convicts were starting the evening meal. With him were

his bodyguard, State Police Sgt. George Kerr, the pilot of his plane and several other officials.

"We were standing at the back of the hall by a glass door which goes into the kitchen," Jacques said.

"Suddenly, Hyatt, who was in the kitchen, opened the door and came out swinging a mop handle. Then Stearns grabbed the governor by the arms and dragged him into the kitchen."

The warden said Stearns menaced Williams with the big kitchen knife. Kerr went to the governor's aid, and Halstead turned on him with a smaller knife, wounding him twice in the back.

Jacques shouted, "Shoot to kill!"

Kerr whipped out his gun and fired at his attacker as guards pulled Stearns away from Williams and grabbed Hyatt.

As Stearns was being led off, Jacques said the convict called to Williams:

"Soapy, you don't deserve it. I don't blame you, but I've served 22 years." (Soapy is Williams' popular nickname because of his family connection with soap firms).

AIRLINER CRASH KILLS 23

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Sunday, July 9.—(AP)—Twenty three persons were killed and seven others injured early today when a French commercial DC-3 plane crashed near Casablanca airport.

Missionaries Caught Behind Korean Lines

NEW YORK, July 8.—(AP)—Six Methodist missionaries who were near the 38th parallel in Korea have not been heard from since the communist invasion of south Korea began two weeks ago. They are presumed to be trapped behind the north Korean lines, a Methodist official said today.

Dr. Thoburn T. Brumbaugh, associate secretary of the Methodist board of foreign missions in charge of Korea, Japan, and the Philippines, said the six were the only ones of the 54 Methodist missionaries in south Korea who were not evacuated to Japan.

Brumbaugh said five of the six missing missionaries were stationed at Kaesong (Songdo), about a mile and a half south of the 38th parallel, which divides south and north Korea.

Others injured early today when a French commercial DC-3 plane crashed near Casablanca airport.

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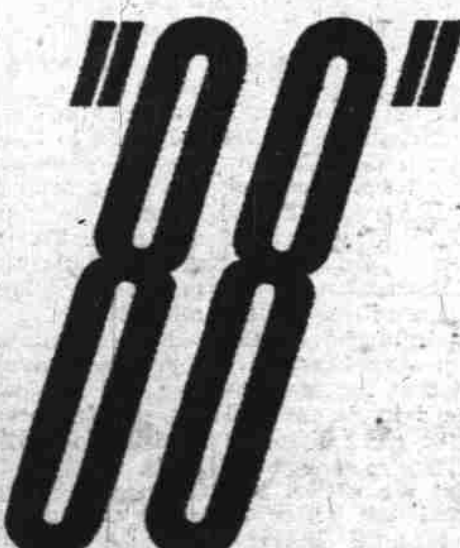
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