

More Cheerful Note Sounded By Pentagon

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—The Pentagon displayed a slightly more cheerful aspect today as new reports from the Korean battle-front came in.

"Reports of the last two days," a defense headquarters briefing officer told reporters, "are more encouraging than we have had for a long time."

His remarks were based on the situation along the vital Kum river defense line where, although enemy crossings have been made and a bridgehead established, the line as a whole is holding.

However, the briefing officer said he did not want to prognosticate when asked if he expected the North Korean bridgehead to be wiped out soon.

The officer did not state directly whether he spoke with knowledge of a withdrawal by the ninth U. S. infantry from the Kum river highway bridge northwest of Taejon. The pullback was reported from the field about the time the briefing session was held.

Other officers, however, said the withdrawal appeared to be only a pullback and not a break. They said also that the bridge is well north of the main American defense line.

Officers pointed out that it must be presumed the enemy has committed his best troops to the attack on the American position and reported in losing large numbers of them in his effort to break through the line.

North Korea Issues Denial Of Atrocities

TOKYO, Monday, July 17 (AP)—North Korean army headquarters denied again today that North Korean communist forces had murdered American prisoners of war.

Headquarters of Gen. Kim Il Sung declared the "people's army of the people's democratic republic is treating prisoners in accordance with the principles of humanitarianism and rules of international law."

The statement was broadcast by the Chinese communist radio at Peiping and heard in Tokyo.

Apparently to offer proof of humane treatment of prisoners, Pyongyang radio in another broadcast last night aired the voice of what it said was a captured American.

The broadcast identified the voice as that of an American air officer named Sherman. There was no further identification.

The individual spoke in English and his remarks were translated into Korean. He said he had been shot down over Pyongyang but parachuted safely. He said he thought Pyongyang still was in American and South Korean hands.

The captive American was quoted as saying he was afraid he was going to be killed, but had been well treated.

Five of B-29 Crew Rescued By Fishermen

TOKYO, July 16 (AP)—The Far East air force announced today that five B-29 crewmen had been rescued by Japanese fishermen after parachuting from their crippled plane over the Sea of Japan Thursday. Six other crewmen are being sought.

Those saved were listed as: Capt. Allen E. Thomas, the plane commander, Fittstown, Okla.; Capt. Thomas B. Boxie, pilot, Grand Rapids, Mich.; First Lt. Donald D. Miller, radarman, Brunswick, Neb.; S/Sgt. Gilbert D. Wear, central fire control gunner, Rogersville, Ala.; and S/Sgt. Harrison E. Utz, radio-man, Finksburg, Md.

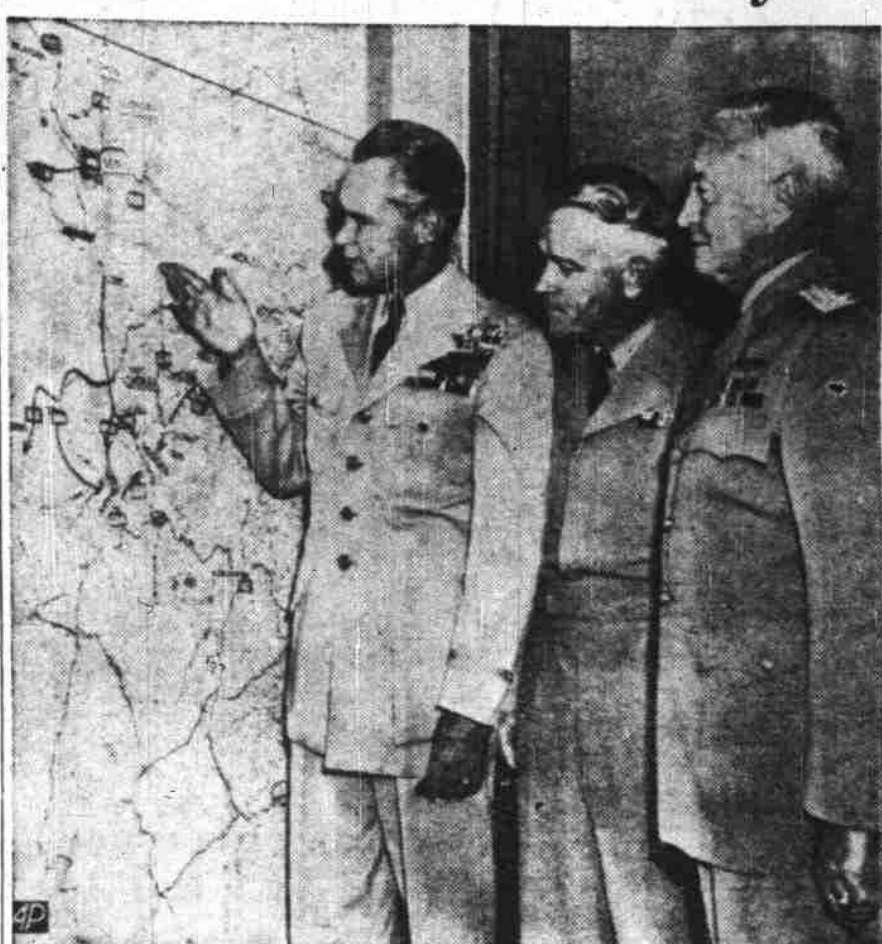
The five were in the water on rafts nearly 11 hours before the fishermen found them at 7 p.m. Thursday. Their plane went down en route to bomb Wonsan, North Korean port.

Battle-Damaged Plane Comes Home



SOUTH KOREA, July 16—A U. S. Air Force F-80 jet-plane skims in for a belly landing with smoke trailing at an emergency South Korean airstrip. Pilot was attacking advancing North Korean tank column when shell fire damaged his plane. He continued pressing home his attack and then flew 150 miles to this landing. (AP Wirephoto from U. S. Air Force to The Statesman).

Gen. Collins Sees Victory



WASHINGTON, July 16—Gen. J. Lawton Collins (center), army chief of staff, goes over a Korean war map at the Pentagon briefing room with Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, air force chief of staff, and Adm. Forrest Sherman (right), chief of naval operations, at a news conference. Gen. Collins predicted American forces ultimately will throw back the communist forces. He returned (July 15) with Gen. Vandenberg from an aerial inspection trip to the Korean front. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

AFL Leader Demands All-out Move Toward Preparedness, Including Labor Mobilization

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, today demanded "all-out preparedness for any eventuality"—including mobilization of labor.

"We find ourselves facing a situation with the implications of a third world war . . . if war is localized now we know it is only a question of time until the inevitable happens. Only adequate preparedness can safeguard us," the AFL leader said in a statement.

"We cannot send our soldiers to the fighting front without training equipment and regular supplies," Green said.

"We must provide quick transportation which will increase mobility."

"Above all else we must put back of this supreme effort unity of purpose and the constructive cooperation of every group of citizens."

"For preparedness for front line service and for the safety of our civilian population at home and at work, every able-bodied citizen must find his responsibility and make good."

"There will be no side-lines secure from bombing. There must be mobilization of labor."

"Our unions are ready and competent to cooperate in that responsibility as free citizens should."

Green counseled that "we need the facts in order that we can best help our cause. We need to know the gravity of present need so that we can help to get action."

"As we move toward preparedness we urge our government to provide adequate means to keep the truth to all nations and keep

Soviet Press Declares U.S. Discontented

MOSCOW, July 16 (AP)—The Soviet press told the Russian people today there is a continually rising wave of discontent in the United States and throughout the western world over American intervention in Korea.

From Pyongyang, North Korean capital, a Tass correspondent reported 114 American war prisoners had signed a declaration saying "Korean internal questions must be decided by Koreans themselves."

The press also printed a dispatch from Pravda's New York correspondent reporting 1,000,000 signatures gathered in the United States as endorsements of the communist-sponsored Stockholm "peace" petition.

Another dispatch from the United States carried by Pravda quoted the Wall Street Journal as its source for a report of increasing discontent in the United States with the Korean intervention.

The New York Times was given as the source of a statement that support on the part of other nations is being given the United States only in principle and that no troops from these nations are being sent to Korea.

(In New York, the Wall Street Journal said: "The Pravda article is a communist display of pure imagination. The Wall Street Journal had endorsed American intervention in Korea and has not reported any wave of discontent in America.")

Puerto Ricans Aid on Farms

WALLA WALLA, July 16 (AP)—Two plane loads of farm laborers from Puerto Rico arrived here today. They were brought in to meet a shortage of farm help in the Pomeroy and Dayton areas.

Officials of the Blue Mountain division of the Green Giant company said that there had not been enough transient workers in the area during the last 10 days.

but that Russia had done the opposite and is better prepared "for military aggression" than at any time in history.

Solon Keeps Up Vain Drive For Economy

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—A week of hard work on a fruitless one-man economy drive had Senator Douglas (D-Ill.) wondering today if he must trade his "surgeon's knife for a meat axe."

Douglas, former economics professor and marine combat veteran, spent all last week on the senate floor trying to whittle the pending \$35,000,000 appropriations bill for government operations.

"I thought we should save about a billion dollars on carefully selected items," he told a reporter.

Record to Date Slim
His record to date after scores of amendments and losing votes was:

1. Aid to Senator Ellender (D-La) in knocking out \$10,000,000 that was to start construction of another office building for senators.

2. Holding the reconstruction finance corporation to replacement of 20 new automobiles instead of 60 recommended by the senate appropriations committee.

Douglas has his own ideas about spending cuts.

"Last year we were criticized for trying to use a meat axe on appropriations," he confided. "So this year I have been offering selective reductions item by item. I'm using a surgeon's knife instead of a meat axe."

Remains on Floor
Douglas is one of the very few senators who remains on the floor as the senate clerk drones through the 478-page money bill previously passed by the house.

On many items where the senate committee allowed more money than the house, Douglas gets up and tries to block the increase. On some items he asks a cut of several million or several thousands below the house figures.

Douglas said he would continue his lone wolf role throughout the bill. The senate was on page 149 today, about one-third through in a week.

Douglas with other democratic senators is opposing use of this across-the-board slash upon funds for the European recovery program, which already have been cut more than \$400,000,000 below the original request.

Two Cyclists Killed, 1 Hurt In Washington
LONG BEACH, Wash., July 16 (AP)—Two motorcyclists were killed and a third injured today in a three-way collision during a cycling rally on the beach.

State patrolmen said the victims were among about 1,200 cycle drivers and passengers here for the 19th annual Northwest Motorcycle tour.

Killed were Calvin Lee Cowart, 19, Vancouver, Wash., and Richard Leo Arndt, 23, Portland, Ore. Dewey, 21, Battle Ground, Wash., was in a Vancouver, Wash., hospital with fractures of his hands and wrists.

Cowart and Arndt died in the Ocean Beach hospital, Ilwaco. Five other cycle drivers and passengers were injured in separate accidents over the weekend rendezvous. Lena Fluck, Salem, suffered a fractured collarbone.

The eastern seaboard has few tornadoes, the Pacific coast almost none.

Grateful Belgians Pay Tribute To Heroes of Battle of Bulge

BASTOGNE, Belgium, July 16 (AP)—Thousands of grateful Belgians stood in pouring rain today on the hill of Le Mardasson to honor American soldiers who fell in the Ardennes battle of the bulge.

The Belgians paid their solemn tribute to the unveiling of the Bastogne hilltop statue—a pediment monument commemorating the battle of five years ago.

The vast throng, which included many Americans, stood bareheaded as the flag-decked monument was officially dedicated "to the enduring friendship of the people of Belgium and America."

A message from President Truman was read at the ceremony by American Ambassador Robert D. Murphy.

Maj. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, who defied a German demand to surrender, with his famous "nuts" retort, dedicated the

memorial.

Gen. McAuliffe's 101st Airborne division—a part of Gen. George S. Patton's third army—was surrounded by 25 German divisions which broke through the Ardennes in December, 1944, in a desperate attempt to reach the port of Antwerp and shut off supplies to the allied forces fighting toward Germany. The 101st held out for seven days against the enemy drive. Subsequently large concentrations of allied planes and ground troops forced the Nazis back.

Antwerp was saved and the road to Germany opened, but 76,890 American soldiers were dead, wounded or missing on Belgium soil.

"Now Belgium and the United States, with other Atlantic nations, are joined in comradeship to resist a new threat to our liberties," said Gen. McAuliffe.

Reds Bid for Support With Cuts in Prices

By Thomas A. Reedy
BERLIN, July 16 (AP)—The communist rulers of East Germany made a new bid for popular support today with sharp price cuts in food and retail goods in the Soviet zone and the east sector of Berlin.

The announcement was timed to benefit the socialist unity (communist) party's annual festival this week.

The price reductions on most items sold at the ration free stores average up to 65 per cent on food and about 35 per cent on goods.

The east press called the step "a result of our peace policy." Most communist-controlled newspapers also tied the development to the

Oct. 15 election campaign.

The percentage reductions are impressive but the prices in the ration-free stores still are too high for the average working man. Even with the new schedules, he has to work a day and a half to get a pound of butter or a pound of sausage, almost a full day for a bar of chocolate.

In the west, these items are within the reach of most wage earners.

The action on prices was used by the eastern press to boom the SED "party day congress" to be held from Thursday to next Sunday in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

WIDOWS GET PENSIONS

NEW DELHI (AP)—Every refugee widow whose husband was killed during the communal riots in Pakistan or who lost her property in Pakistan will get a pension ranging from \$5 to \$15 monthly.

About 2,000 widows so far have been granted pensions and a special committee is examining other applications.

Tacoma Man Wounded in Korean War

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—The defense department today announced the names of 21 wounded and four injured in the Korean area in its 24th casualty list of the campaign. The list (all army) included:

Pvt. Ernest E. Kelly, jr., son of Mrs. Tennie E. Kelly, 219 Toledo ave., Tacoma, Wash., wounded.



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