

Chiang Reshuffles Leaders in Attempt to Eliminate Cliques

TAIPEI, Formosa, July 23—(AP)—While his artillery on the outpost island of Quemoy fought a duel with communist shore batteries, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek today ordered the most sweeping changes ever made in his nationalist party.

Marines Unit Assembles at Portland Area

PORTLAND, July 23—(AP)—Marine corps engineers reported for medical examinations and field gear issue today at Swan Island in a muster aimed at getting back into regular service.

Portland reservists of the 17th Engineer company, trained as an all purpose unit, were alerted to active duty Friday and are to move soon to Camp Pendleton near San Diego, Calif.

Limited training drill will begin here tomorrow.

Maj. George A. Smith, commanding officer, said the company is still accepting enlistments of men who have had at least 90 days active marine corps service.

North Korean Casualty Toll Near 18,000

WASHINGTON, July 23—(AP)—The North Korean red army suffered between 14,000 and 18,000 casualties since it started the invasion of South Korea, a defense department briefing officer estimated today.

He said no breakdown of the number of killed, wounded and captured could be made.

The number of reinforcements the communist forces have been able to get to offset these losses is not known, the officer said, then commented:

"If they have had that many casualties and have committed the greater part of their ground forces, they haven't got much reserve left."

He declined to guess whether the North Koreans were counting on troops from across the border in Manchuria for replacements.

The briefing officer noted a reference in a recent communist article to an attack on "horse-drawn" artillery pieces used by the North Korean army. He said that if a modern army has anything else to use it doesn't use horse-drawn equipment. His indication was that the North Koreans may be running out of some modern equipment.

Fire Destroys Block in Reno

RENO, Nev., July 23—(AP)—A spectacular fast rolling fire Saturday afternoon destroyed a quarter block in this divorce capital's industrial section and threatened for half an hour to spread to adjoining property.

The origin of the blaze was undetermined. No loss estimate was available.

Destroyed were a lumber yard and roofing material warehouse, a venetian blind factory and a truck sales room.



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Judge Asks 11 Pennsylvania Reds Jailed

PITTSBURGH, July 23—(AP)—A Pittsburgh common pleas court judge has asked U. S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath to intern as "dangerous to the best interests of our country" 11 western Pennsylvanians identified as communist party leaders.

Judge Michael A. Musmanno, author and former war crimes jurist in Germany, made the request in a letter sent to McGrath yesterday. The 11 were identified as red leaders in testimony before the house un-American activities committee.

The judge said the group is "engaged in activities which, if unchecked, may threaten certain phases of the United States government, the government of the state of Pennsylvania and the welfare of the American people."

Musmanno described the communist party as "a criminal conspiracy committed to seizure of our government and the forcible setting up of a so-called dictatorship of the proletariat."

"To allow the communist party to operate in the very heart of Pittsburgh," Musmanno declared, "is like allowing a North Korean artillery observation post in the front lines of our boys in South Korea."

Musmanno said all of the men whose internment he requested have been identified as communists before the house committee on un-American activities.

Siam Offers Troops to U. N.

BANGKOK, July 23—(AP)—Thailand's defense board has decided to offer a battalion of 4,000 ground troops to the United Nations for action in South Korea.

It was the first offer of ground troops by any nation.

Foreign Minister Vorakarn Bancha announced the decision after a special meeting of the board.

Premier Phibun Songram called a special meeting of the cabinet which approved the proposal unanimously.

Bancha said "at least four thousand" troops would be sent to Korea, some of them volunteers.

Parliament is to be informed of the decision.

Resignation of Albany Firemen On Council Slate

ALBANY—Resignations of members of the Albany Fire department will come up for further discussion at a special meeting tonight of the city council meeting according to Mayor Jesse Savage who has stated he is planning to call such a meeting. The resignations of Chief Don Hayne and members becomes effective August 1.

The meeting will also discuss whether City Manager J. D. Baughman be retired as a concession to opponents of the city administration.

At a regular council meeting at which the chief and firemen tendered their resignations as a protest against the policies of the city manager, only one councilwoman stood in favor of the firemen. It has been reported recently the council is now evenly divided. If a tie vote is cast tonight on the resignation issue then it will be up to the mayor to cast the deciding vote.

Mrs. R. G. Wood, 409 B street, Station.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. G. W. Stellmacher, vice president of the Santiam district of Federated Garden clubs. Invitations have been extended the Mill City, Scio, Lyons, Rainbow and Jordan Garden clubs to attend.

Train Wreck Reported Due To Sawed Rail

HOLLAND, Mo., July 23—(AP)—Some one deliberately wrecked a north bound Frisco passenger train near here early today, killing the engineer, seriously scalding the fireman and slightly injuring 12 passengers, the carrier's chief special agent said tonight.

E. H. Wilson reported that the lock of a switch had been cut—apparently by sawing—and that a signal light which would have shown red to the approaching train had been broken.

Wilson expressed belief that "some irresponsible person, probably mentally unbalanced," had caused the wreck.

He said the open switch sent the Memphis-to-St. Louis Memphis, traveling at about 50 miles an hour, into a side track. The locomotive jumped the rails and overturned, two baggage cars were upset and two coaches were derailed but remained upright.

Engineer Ira Woods, about 60, of Chaffee, Mo., was killed. Fireman Fred Thurman, also of Chaffee, was reported in grave condition in a hospital at Blytheville, Ark.

A passenger, Walter Rosenthal of Blytheville, was hospitalized and released. Eleven other passengers were treated for cuts and bruises and placed on special buses bound for St. Louis.

East German Reds Forming Air Squadrons

BERLIN, July 23—(AP)—The U. S. high commission's German newspaper here said today the East German communists were organizing an air force in addition to the army and naval forces which they now possess.

American intelligence officers said they were checking on similar reports received from the Russian occupation zone. They were inclined to believe them.

The U. S. paper, Neue Zeitung, said the communists were using the same camouflage in the air force as they did in the organization of their land and sea forces. They were calling them "air police" to match the land "people's police" and the naval "sea police."

West Berlin sources say the dark-uniformed "people's police" now number 175,000 men with elite divisions trained with infantry weapons and tanks.

Rumor Throws Iran in Panic

TEHRAN, Iran, July 23—(AP)—A government communique today said false reports on Russian troop concentrations on the northern border had created a "panic" among Iranian people.

The communique from the press department said everything in the country's neighborly relations was "completely calm and there is no cause for alarm."

A report from an unidentified source published here Saturday under a special heading said five Russian divisions, including three mechanized divisions, were concentrating north of Azerbaijan province.

Family Eviction Held an 'Injustice'

SPOKANE, July 23—(AP)—U. S. Congressman Walt Horan Saturday called evictions of servicemen's families "grave injustice" and offered to "cooperate in any way."

Horan wired Mayor Arthur Meehan asking if Meehan considered federal action necessary. Meehan was unavailable for comment.

State Congressman James P. Dillard, chairman of the Spokane rent advisory board arrived here today and said he would call a meeting of the board for Tuesday. He has been in Olympia attending the special session of the state legislature.

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Latvia Author, Playwright, Wife Set Up Housekeeping in Salem

One of Latvia's better-known author-playwrights and his wife quickly set up housekeeping in a two-room basement apartment in Scio town.

They arrived here unheralded from Europe two weeks ago under sponsorship of the National Lutheran council.

Mr. and Mrs. Anslavs Eglitis are the latest in a series of displaced Latvians who have chosen the Willamette valley for their new home because, as Eglitis said, "it reminds us so much of our native land."

Eglitis, at 43, has written seven plays, two novels, numerous short stories and has compiled a Latvian anthology of English and American poetry.

Also an Artist

An artist, too, his works hang in museums in his native Riga and other Baltic cities. But in recent years he has written and left the painting to his talented wife.

"One artist in the family is enough," said Eglitis, shrugging his spare shoulders and pointing to stacks of his wife's paintings which were stacked seemingly everywhere in the small parlor of their Salem apartment.

Mrs. Eglitis brought 50 paintings here with her. All were painted in southern Germany during the past five years. A large number was left behind when the couple fled Riga in the fall of 1944 to escape advancing Russian armies.

Mr. and Mrs. Eglitis lived in Riga under Red rule for a year, then under the Nazis for three years.

"The bolsheviks were worse," he said. "They sent 40,000 Latvians to Siberia and killed 5,000 in the first year. The Nazis killed about 3,000 in three years."

Eglitis is perhaps best known in Europe for his drama, "The Cloak of Casanova." He rewrote it from memory twice after losing the manuscript when he fled from Latvia and again during a Berlin bombing raid the next spring. It was finally produced in Germany in 1947.

The couple left Europe shortly before the Korean war broke out. They said the feeling among people there was in southern Germany is that there will be no peace for Europe until communism is wiped out.

Eglitis is spokesman for the family since his tall, gracious wife speaks little English, as yet. He said his immediate plans here are uncertain but he hoped to find "any type" of a job soon. His wife hopes to find employment at a cannery.

And, of course, there will be much writing and painting in their spare time.

But if conditions did not permit, he added, then he would be in "wholehearted accord" with suspension of the program during the emergency. He expected those projects which he said had reached a stage where it would be better economy to complete rather than to abandon.

One source, declining to be identified, told the Associated Press the expense of equipping such a force would have to be done by the United Nations, however.

(Earlier, Thailand announced intentions of sending 4,000 combat troops to fight the North Korean Reds. An offer by Nationalist China to send some of her Formosa troops into the battle was rejected previously.)

Driver Hurt As Auto Hits Parked Cars

A three-car accident at Ferry and Commercial streets early Sunday sent Edward J. Frye, 419 State st., to a local hospital for treatment of head lacerations. He was dismissed later.

City police said he was hurt when a car driven by Theodore Robinson, 148 N. Commercial st., collided with a parked car owned by Sidney Carl Jarvis, Turner route 2. A parked car registered to Arbie G. Wilkerson, 1170 Lewis st., also was damaged in the accident.

Robinson was arrested on an intoxication charge and later was released on \$15 bail.

Case Involves Tear-Gas Gun

City police Sunday arrested Gilbert M. Vinyard, 2630 Brooks ave., on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon which they described as a tear-gas gun.

A first name also were called to the Vinyard residence to treat Garland G. Baker, 20, of Harrisburg for burns about the face and neck.

Vinyard was held at the city jail.

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Commie Tanks Knocked Out in Taejon Sector

(Story also on page one).

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, July 23—(AP)—Twenty-two American North Korean tanks were knocked out today in the first phase of the developing Taejon-Yongdong highway battle east of Taejon.

The developing battle between red tanks and coordinated American ground and air forces was reported by Associated Press correspondents.

Left Erickson, at eighth army headquarters and O. H. P. King with the first cavalry division at the front.

Erickson said the tanks moved up without their usual support from communist infantry.

There had been no major infantry clash by 9 p.m. Sunday (4 a.m. Sunday PDT) Erickson said, but the Korean reds were believed to have suffered heavy losses.

Artillery from American line and strafing planes found heavy hideouts in villages and mud huts east of Taejon where they were forming for an attack.

The tank-busting action took place on the Taejon-Yongdong highway—a 27 mile winding road leading southeast and paralleled by a double-track railroad. It ended a lull following the fall of Taejon at midnight Thursday.

General MacArthur previously has said American positions astride the Taejon-Yongdong highway. Field dispatches identified fresh American troops now on that line as members of the celebrated first cavalry (infantry) division.

Some 95 miles eastward, where the first cavalry division had landed unopposed at the port of Pohang last Wednesday, the North Koreans were bringing new pressure to bear. In a sudden attack, the reds recaptured Saturday the east coast town of Yongdong (not to be confused with Yongdong on the western sector). It had been defended by South Korean troops, who took it with U. S. ground and naval support after American and British naval gunfire had wrecked the entire town.

Airstrip Laid Down

Yongdok is 25 miles north of the first cavalry supply port of Pohang. A rough allied fighter airstrip was laid down in that vicinity in record time last week.

The reds also stepped up pressure on the central front, where a low gear drive has been underway to try to cut the main American supply line running from Pusan in the southeast to Taegu and thence on by road and rail to Yongdong on the western front.

Communist artillery and troop movements were reported near Hamchang, 35 miles northeast of Yongdong.

The U. S. 25th infantry division and South Korean ground forces supported by allied planes have slowed the enemy assault in the central sector.

More fighter plane support was also in immediate sight. A 27,000-ton U. S. aircraft carrier (identified in San Francisco as the Boxer) arrived in Japan Sunday with a record load of warplanes. The big flattop, its decks crowded with F-51 Mustang fighters, crossed the Pacific in 8 days and 7 hours—also a record.

Report Stified

The airforce took time out from its busy ground support missions to quash an unauthorized report that 15 Russian-built Yak fighters had strafed American airbase positions in Korea. A spokesman said that fifteen B-29s briefly were thought to be enemy planes, but their identity was cleared up after an alert.

Mustangs, taking off from a base in Korea, joined first cavalry infantry and tank-killed teams carrying the new king-size bazookas

to make an effective dent in the enemy's new assault.

The red tank attack started about noon Sunday with three—then six—armored vehicles snorting eastward from Taejon. As they rumbled 15 miles beyond the ruins of Taejon American F-80 jets took them under savage attack with rockets blazing.

Three of the tanks succeeded in crossing a branch of the Kum River which winds through this area to the east of Taejon, as well as north of the fallen city. Bridge demolitions failed to hold back the steel monsters.

The North Koreans sent artillery fire and rounds of mortars whistling ahead of their tanks but their fire was generally ineffective up to 3 p.m.

Mortar Shell Hits

However, the first cavalry division suffered its first battle casualties from one Red mortar shell that scored a near miss.

Clearing weather permitted the Mustangs and jets to start a parade aloft support missions Sunday at noon.

The few enemy tanks which succeeded in crossing the Kum tributary after being worked over by fighter planes were found by air and ground artillery spotters. First cavalry guns poured streams of directed fire on their hiding place. At least two tanks were seen to burst into flames after direct hits.

American artillery fire slackened about 5 p.m. Sunday but Mustangs continued strafing runs until dark. By this time they had flushed out a column of 25 camouflaged vehicles believed to include tanks. Some duplication in enemy tank losses may have resulted from the double-barreled artillery and air hammer blows thrown at the Reds.

The motorized column was discovered hidden on a road north of an advanced American command post—and apparently was waiting for nightfall to move forward to the attack.

Airstrikes Upset Plan

Field dispatches quoted an American divisional commander as confident that the North Korean schedule of power attacks under the cloak of darkness has been thoroughly upset by the coordinated American artillery and air strikes.

The divisional commander was not identified. When the first cavalry division landed in Korea its commanding officer was identified as Maj. Gen. Hobart R. Gay.

Correspondent King quoted the divisional commander as predicting that the days of retreat may now be over and U. S. troops would cling to their present positions.

Enemy guerrillas disguised as refugee civilians—a major source of trouble since the invasion began—were feeling the pinch of a sharp new eighth army policy. Now noncombatants are moved out of battle areas, all refugees are screened rigidly, and anyone found within the zone thereafter is presumed to be an enemy.

ZAGS SLATE MICH. STATE

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