

Mac Counters Proposal for Censorship

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12-(AP)—Gen. MacArthur's headquarters is proposing that the terms of any censorship imposed in the Korean war zone apply to newsgathering in the United States as well, officials here said today.

This counterproposal from the Far East command came as the Pentagon, backed by even higher Washington officials, was urging MacArthur's headquarters to put into effect a censorship-for-military-security.

So far as is known, no mandatory order has gone forth from Washington to the Tokyo and field commands. Dispatches up to now apparently have been couched in terms of recommendations or suggestions.

However, the reported counterproposal from MacArthur's headquarters apparently is at variance with thinking here. President Truman has been described as deeply concerned about published and broadcast information coming from the Far East.

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quarters, the top level view here is about like this:

1. Instances of public disclosure of tactical military information of value to the enemy have occurred in the Far East.

2. Information released here generally has been within the bounds of military security, although a new tightening up was announced yesterday by the defense department.

Among other things, that announcement forbade any further announcements by the armed forces of the destination of units which have been alerted. (Since the start of the Korean war, all of the armed forces have announced the general destination in disclosing that divisions, smaller troop units, air force outfits and navy units were being readied for overseas service.)

It was disclosed today that Secretary of Defense Johnson had also issued another order forbidding the armed forces to announce the movements of naval vessels, transports and military cargo ships from the west or east coasts, either before or after their departure.

The Pentagon wants the Far East command to set up a definite code which will make clear to war correspondents what will and what will not be possible aid to the enemy in planning his daily tactical operations.

In this connection, some officials here have expressed particular concern over release of battlefront information which they said identified specific units, gave the exact time of their landing in Korea and, in other instances, forecast troop movements and the routes that would be taken.

Pentagon officials say they do not blame the war correspondents, but the failure to provide censorship guidance such as was established when American forces entered theaters of operations during World War II.

Moreover, these officials point out that the military itself has given out some information of possible value to the enemy.

Hilo is the largest Hawaiian island community.

Astronomer Asks Reports On Sky Object

EUGENE, Aug. 12-(AP)—Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon extension astronomer, today asked all observers of last night's brilliant sky object to send him reports. He hopes to calculate where it may have fallen to earth.

Pruett, west coast regional director of the American Meteor Society, asked that the reports include elevation, bearing and direction of the object.

Astronomers agreed the object, which cut across the sky in a northwesterly direction between Portland and Seattle, was either a fireball or a large meteor.

Dr. Pruett said it "must have been a monster" to have been sighted at such widely separated points as Portland, Salem, Seattle, Tacoma, Yakima, and several eastern Oregon communities.

He said the earth is now passing through the stream of Perseid meteors and these are commonly seen at night. A fireball sometimes occurs in the midst of a shower of the smaller meteors, he said.

600 Masons At Salem Rite

More than 600 Masons from the entire northwest gathered at Bald mountain, 11 miles northwest of Salem, Saturday night to attend the fifth annual outdoor degree meeting sponsored by Salem lodge 4.

Guests at the fire-lit ceremonies included Worth Harvey of Eugene, current grand master of Oregon, and Ralph Nesbitt of Portland, deputy grand master.

Five Masonic members of the Oregon Governor's guard, including Gov. Douglas McKay, guarded the area during the ceremonies.

Children Hear Billy Graham

PORTLAND, Aug. 12-(AP)—Eight thousand children crowded the Billy Graham revival tabernacle here today for a special service directed by the evangelist's song leader.

The service featured a one-man dramatization of the Captain of the Host of Syria by the song director, Cliff Barrows, who also organized an 800 voice choir from the audience.

Salem Woman Hospitalized After Accident

A Salem woman was hospitalized and two other persons were injured Saturday night in an auto accident about two miles north of Independence.

Mrs. Velma Moore, 880 McGilchrist st., was confined at Salem General hospital where attendants reported she was "still in surgery" early this morning. The nature of her injuries were not disclosed but her condition was not believed to be critical.

Her husband, Arthur Moore, and her brother-in-law, Dale Moore, 19 Independence, both incurred cuts and bruises. They were treated at General hospital but were released.

Details of the accident were not available Saturday night. The Moores all were passengers in the same auto.

Silsox Divide With Eugene

SILVERTON, Aug. 12-(Special)—The Silvertown Red Sox split a doubleheader in State league play with the Eugene club here Friday night, taking the second game 18-5 after dropping the opener 5-4.

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U.S. Plane Fired on in Formosa Strait by Red-Marked F-51's

PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 12-(AP)—Crew members of a U. S. navy patrol plane said today at a news conference that their plane was attacked July 23 over the Formosa strait by two American-built F-51 fighters "with communist markings."

The navy privateer patrol bomber, one of a squadron assigned to watch over the Chinese nationalist stronghold of Formosa, escaped a shot, the fliers said.

The U. S. plane was one of a squadron of privateers that returned to Barber's Point naval air station near here two days ago after a month of patrol duty in the Okinawa-Formosa area.

Crew members said the attacking planes carried the red star and blue circle markings of the North Korean air force, but added "they must have been" Chinese communist planes.

Aviation Metalsmith Robert Kirschner, 28, of East Omaha, Neb., said the fighters fired short bursts of machine gun fire at the U. S. plane. He said two other communist fighters were below him at the time.

Didn't Fire Back

He said the American plane did not fire back because of the possibility it might cause an international incident.

He said the incident occurred about 20 miles northeast of communist Amoy and about 12 miles from the mainland.

Pilots and officers of the squadron, commanded by Cmdr. Charles F. Skuzinski, 35, Grand Rapids, Mich., gave reporters a briefing of their operations since the Korean war broke out.

Skuzinski said the squadron spotted concentrations of shipping off the China coast, probably for the communist invasion of Quemoy.

Excellent Air Force

He said the Chinese nationalists in Formosa have "an excellent air force, very well organized and efficient." He said he thought it would be strong enough to help

'Escape' List Grows to Nine

The Salem area "escape" list grew to nine Saturday night when law officers were notified that a Woodburn Boys school inmate and a Fairview home patient were missing.

Officers were hunting three prisoners from the county jail, three Woodburn inmates, two Hillcrest girls and one Fairview patient. All had escaped since 4 p.m. Friday.

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Salem Police Asked to Locate Arizona Men

Salem police have been asked to locate two Arizona men, Kenneth Evans and Becker Back, who are believed to be working in the Salem area.

If located, the men are requested to call home due to a serious illness in one of the families. They are thought to be driving a 1947 Buick convertible, Arizona license A-85-517.

Salem Rider Wins At Portland Show

PORTLAND, Aug. 12-(AP)—Lady O'War, handled and ridden by Jim Hall, Salem, won two events today to pace the opening of the 16th annual Portland Hunt club horse show.

The Salem rider took his mount to blue ribbons in the open jumper and knock down and out competition. The show continues tomorrow.

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