

# U.N. Forces Hold As Reds Hammer At Vital Highways

TOKYO, Tuesday, Aug. 22-(P)—Red troops hammered persistently today at United Nations forces guarding the roads to Pusan and Taegu, major allied bases in Korea. Nowhere did the communists get rolling.

The U. S. 25th infantry division, blocking the way to Pusan in the south, was "under heavy attack" this morning, General MacArthur's headquarters reported. American infantrymen gave way at first on the southern flank of this Haman-Masan sector, but counterattacked three times, regaining all lost ground. A simultaneous attack on the northern flank of this front, where the reds are building up for their expected next major push, failed to dent the 25th line, MacArthur's early afternoon war summary reported.

American armor and Russian-made North Korean tanks battled some 15 miles northwest of Taegu where the communists constantly probed the northwest corner of the 120-mile U. N. defense line. Red Tanks in Assault. Nine red tanks led the red assault against the first South Korean division, supported by American units. U. S. tanks knocked out two attacking tanks and ground forces were credited with a third. Field dispatches said the communists have lost ten tanks in this area in three days.

A U. S. Eighth army communiqué said the crack U. S. 27th regiment, fighting alongside the South Koreans on the roads to Taegu, knocked out several enemy tanks in a pre-dawn battle with a battalion of attacking reds. Every engagement increased the toll of enemy casualties, estimated at more than 15,000 in four days. Field dispatches and headquarters reports gave this picture around the 120-mile front from east to west to south:

**East coast --** The South Korean Third division has pushed nine miles north of Pohang, east coast anchor of the U. N. defense line.

**North --** The South Korean capital division advanced against increasing enemy pressure.

**Northwest --** The U. S. 27th regiment and South Korean First division halted repeated communist thrusts from the north toward Taegu, key allied base. It was quiet on the U. S. First cavalry division sector northwest and west of Taegu.

**West --** The reds still held a small bridgehead on the right flank of the U. S. 24th division near Hyonpyong southwest of Taegu.

**Southwest --** The U. S. 25th division was "under heavy attacks" on both flanks but had "the situation in hand" in the reds' buildup area west of Pusan, the main U. N. supply port.

**South --** Reds attacked South Korean marines who have advanced 20 miles in four days since their landing at Tongyong in an effort to link up with the Haman-Masan defense line in the southwest sector.

Red probing northwest of Taegu has been incessant. Associated Press Correspondent Don Whitehead said the 27th regiment, led by Col. John "Mike" Michaelis, threw back a small communist force that came down the Kumhwa-Taegu road shortly before midnight. The Americans attacked red infantry attempting to clear away minefields for tanks that followed.

Artillery illumined the road with flares, and U. S. machine-guns drove the North Koreans to cover. Similar tactics were used the night before in a phosphorous-lit air artillery barrage which halted a red thrust on the regiment's right flank. (Additional details on page 2.)

## 24 Swimmers In Channel Try

CAP GRIS NEZ, France, Tuesday, Aug. 22-(P)—Twenty-four swimmers—six of them women—plunged into the water here today in a race across the English channel.

They are competing for cash prizes offered by the London Daily Mail. The first man and the first woman to land on England's white cliff coastline will collect £1,000 (2,900) each. Every other finisher will win £250 (\$700).

The unique race began at 1:35 a. m. (6:35 p. m. PDT Monday). The start, signalled by a flare shot from a pistol, was given by Emile Ranson, veteran French timer of channel crossings.

## Heat Ripens Beans; Picker Supply Low

The labor shortage in Marion and Polk county fields was listed as "critical" Monday as week-long 90 degree temperatures continued to ripen the snap bean crop.

W. H. Baillie, manager of the Oregon state employment service in Salem, said 6,000 pickers are needed immediately to carry the bean crop, 50 per cent of which still remains on the vines. More than 8,000 pickers are already in the fields.

About 3,000 workers are needed in the Independence area; 1,500 in the Stayton area; 1,000 around West Stayton and 500 around Salem. Hogyards as well as bean fields need workers.

"The bean situation is more critical this year than at any time since the war," Baillie announced Monday. "Unless we get large numbers of volunteers immediately local growers and the valley as a whole will suffer a serious loss."

Baillie said the picker shortage was due largely to a lack of migratory workers this summer. Transient workers this year number only about one-half of last year's force.

"It's up to the home folks this year," Baillie declared. "We intend to talk with Mayor Robert L. Elstrom to see what can be worked out to save the crop."

Salem area residents may register for bean picking at the employment service offices at Ferry and South Cottage streets at 6 a. m. today and every day during the next three weeks. Pickers may also register and be transported to fields from offices in Stayton, Woodburn and Independence. (Story also on page 2)

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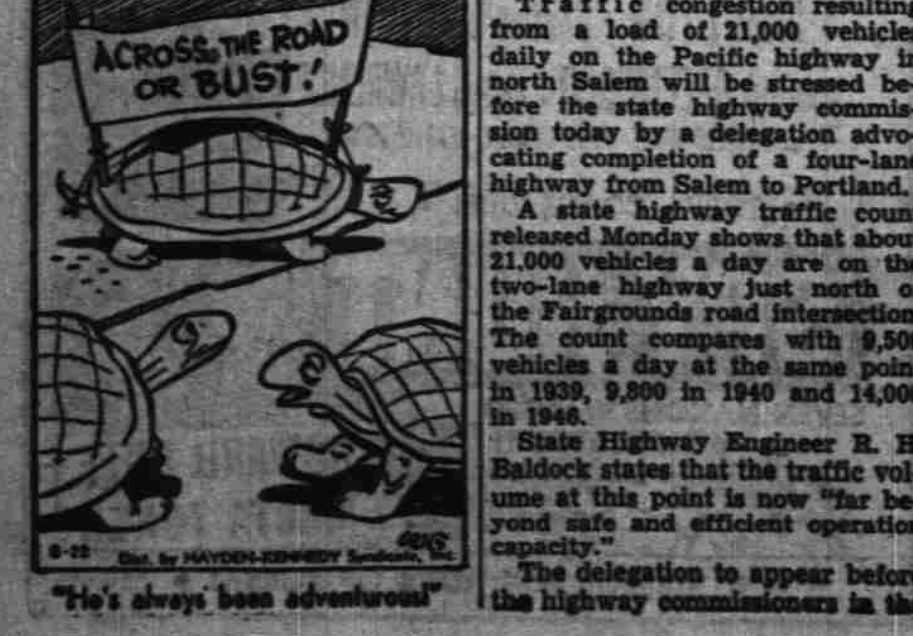
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# Senate Approves Controls Bill

## Elm Crashes Into Cedar on Willow, And Breaks Limb

GREEN BAY, Wis., Aug. 21-(P)—A man named Elm suffered a broken limb today when his car struck a cedar tree on Willow street.

In addition to the injured arm, Emil Elm, 27, of De Pere, Wis., damaged his car to the extent of \$300.

## Railmen Launch Strikes

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Aug. 22-(P)—The White House announced early today that railroad unions had refused to call off their token strikes on some lines but there was no hint the government would seize the facilities.

Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman, saying there "had been no progress whatever," said he would report to President Truman later today.

Meanwhile, he told union and railroad representatives he would call them back for further conferences tomorrow morning.

President Truman called for new peace talks at the White House as two railroad unions began five-day "token" strikes on short lines and terminals serving steel and other critical industries.

The unions singled out key terminals in Louisville and St. Paul, and the Republic Steel Corp's own switching terminal at Cleveland for the first display of pressure. About 1,000 men walked out this morning for five days. Union officials said this would make idle about 30,000 workers, including steel workers.

Republican, warned in advance, banked its furnaces and curtailed steel making operations.

Tomorrow at 6 a. m., both unions will strike U. S. Steel Corp's railroad, the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern, Chicago, along with the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad, Pittsburgh, for five days. The unions say that will make an additional 50,000 workers idle, tying up large steel, coal and iron ore movements into the big industrial centers.

## Pools to Make New Setting at State Fair

Oregon's annual state fair is only two weeks off. Already workmen are preparing the grounds for this year's event, painting, rebuilding and remodeling the buildings, building new ticket booths for fair-grounds entrances. Above is one of two pools which are being prepared for the aquatic spectacle, a feature of nightly entertainment shows. W. G. Phelps, fair publicity manager, stands at the far edge of the 40 by 40 pool which will be used for the diving stunts. The pools are located on each side of the stage shell. (Statesman photo.)



## Truman To Call Signals

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21-(P)—The senate tonight passed a home front mobilization bill which would give President Truman power to invoke wage-price-rationing controls and other anti-inflation curbs at any time.

The vote was 85 to 3. Those voting against were three republicans, Senators Eton of Montana, Malone of Nevada and Williams of Delaware.

Overriding administration opposition, the senate wrote into the emergency measure a provision directing Mr. Truman to put wage and price controls into effect simultaneously and virtually across the board if he invoked them at all.

The president, however, would have a free hand to order rationing of consumer goods without regard to wage and price curbs.

Mr. Truman did not ask congress for authority to invoke wage-price controls and rationing. But he said he would welcome the standby authority so long as there were no restrictions on use of it.

The bill now goes to a senate house conference for ironing out of differences between the senate measure and the bill passed earlier by the house.

Almost Full Discretion. The house bill would give Mr. Truman almost full discretion to invoke wage-price controls and rationing at any time. He could impose them across the board or on a selective basis.

Like the house measure, the senate bill also would authorize the president to control consumer credit as it was during World War II, and to regulate real estate credit on new construction and major remodeling.

Neither bill, however, contains the authority which Mr. Truman sought to control commodity speculation.

The senate bill, like the house measure, also authorizes allocation of scarce industrial materials and assignment of priorities to put-defense production jobs ahead of everything else.

Anti-Hoarding Sections. Both bills also contain an anti-hoarding provision prohibiting accumulation of excessive supplies of goods designated as scarce by the president. Violators could be fined \$10,000 and be jailed for a year.

Another provision in both bills would set up a \$2,000,000,000 federal loan and loan guarantee program to spur defense production. The government also would be authorized to take over privately owned plants and other facilities necessary.

Limits Price Ceilings. Let in the bill was a provision saying that price ceilings set for farm commodities should be no lower than:

1. The parity price—that is, the price computed to give farmers the same relative purchasing power they had in a past, favorable period.

2. Or, the average price received by producers during the period of May 24-June 24 this year.

By voice vote, the senate adopted an amendment by Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) designed to insure that commodity exchanges apply "reasonable" regulations for trading, an police themselves.

The legislators fell into a shouting row over an amendment by Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) which would give the commerce department the exclusive right to handle the allocations and priorities program authorized under the bill.

The showdown brought the first defeat for administration forces.

Overriding protests from Majority Leader Lucas (D-Ill.), the senate adopted the Johnson amendment by a vote of 47 to 42.

Lucas contended that the Johnson amendment would give the secretary of commerce "more power than the president of the United States."

## Swift Estate Estimated at Near \$1 Million

PORTLAND, Aug. 21-(P)—The probated will of the late Fred H. Swift, Independence lumberman, gave shares of the estimated million dollar estate to two former wives and a Salem secretary.

The bulk of the estate was left to Miami Swift, New York, N. Y. Swift's first wife, and Pearl G. Waldorf, Salem. The second wife, Joan Swift, New Kensington, Pa., was left \$10,000, and a cousin, Mrs. Charles Schosberger, in France, was given \$5,000.

The lumberman's first wife receives 75 per cent of the residue and Miss Waldorf, secretary of the Independence Lumber and Manufacturing co., was given 25 per cent.

Swift came to this country from Austria 12 years ago and to Oregon, from Santa Monica, Calif., three years ago. His estate, admitted to probate by Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooze, listed property in eastern states.

Swift died of a heart attack August 7.

## Abandoned Clark, Wilson Sawmill Burns

PORTLAND, Aug. 21-(P)—The old Clark and Wilson sawmill, a sprawling ghost of this city's early lumber boom days, was destroyed by fire tonight.

The two acre site was still flaming three hours after the first of three alarms was sounded at 7:30 p. m. and will likely be burning at dawn.

Two firemen suffered broken legs in their work.

The firemen quickly gave up attempting to quell the roaring inferno of old, tinder dry plank-jects fees, would boost the total cost of the project to approximately \$789,377. The equipment was estimated to cost \$110,000. In event the government will waive purchase of the equipment at the time of construction building operations could proceed with funds available, Mills said. Under the setup the federal government will allocate one-third of the funds required.

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## Mental Hospital Survey Wins Board Approval

A survey to determine improvements required in Oregon's mental institutions in the near future was approved Monday by the state board of control meeting in Salem.

The survey will be conducted under the direction of the Mental Health association of which Melvin Murphy, Portland, is executive secretary. Governor Douglas McKay said Monday any recommendations made by the association would be referred to the 1951 legislative session for consideration. The survey would be conducted without cost to the state.

Awarding a contract for construction of a tuberculosis ward at the state hospital here was deferred pending contact with the federal government to determine whether part of funds needed for equipment can be used for construction operations.

Roy E. Mills, board of control secretary, explained that bids for the structure, plus \$25,000 architect fees, would boost the total cost of the project to approximately \$789,377. The equipment was estimated to cost \$110,000. In event the government will waive purchase of the equipment at the time of construction building operations could proceed with funds available, Mills said. Under the setup the federal government will allocate one-third of the funds required.

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Adams reported the blaze apparently started in an area where Tomny Shipler, Salem, had been carrying on logging operations. Shipler had been working in the area until about 10 a. m. Monday when notified by forestry service officials that operations were closed because of the acute fire danger.

About 25 acres of fir and oak timber and two acres of grain were destroyed by the fire, Adams said. The burned grain was part of the 100-acre owned by Adams and Simmons which was threatened as the fire was driven east by a slight west wind.

Two forestry service trucks and the Dallas rural fire department pumper aided in fighting the blaze. Area residents with tractors, shovels and axes were joined in the battle.

Fire watches were maintained throughout the night Monday to prevent the blaze from breaking out anew. Several snags and brush patches were still smoldering in the burned over area late Monday night.

## FBI Captures Third County Jail Escapee

Kenneth Orval Smith, third of a trio of Marion county jail inmates who escaped August 11, was recaptured Monday in Seattle by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

The other two, Richard P. Tungate and Donald E. Flodstrom, were captured Saturday in Seattle.

Smith was arrested at the home of a friend in Seattle's Ballard district, J. B. Wilcox, special FBI agent reported. Smith was found hiding behind a curtain. He did not resist the arrest.

The fugitive had been arrested in Salem on a charge of holding up a Salem taxi driver. A San Quentin parolee, he has a long record of previous arrests and convictions.

Sheriff Young said both Smith and Tungate would have to appear before the U. S. Commissioners at Seattle on charges of unlawful flight to avoid arrest before any action could be taken to return them to Salem.

Flodstrom, being held by King county sheriff's office for Marion county, will be returned as soon as he waives extradition, Young said. If Flodstrom refuses to waive extradition proceedings will be started immediately, he said.

The trio fled the county jail here after sawing their way through bars and an outside screen on the north side of the county courthouse.

Flodstrom, with three others, had escaped by the same route last April and was serving a sentence for the escape. Tungate was being held to face charges of larceny of an auto.

## Man Faced with Police Trap, Commits Suicide

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 21-(P)—A holdup suspect drove into a police trap on the south end of the Columbia river bridge today, saw Police Chief Harry Diamond's revolver muzzle and promptly committed suicide while at the wheel of the car.

Dead is William Thomas Tate, 25, of 1505 N.E. 16th avenue, Portland, salesman for a North Carolina furniture company.

Chief Diamond and Tate had their guns pointed at one another for a brief moment. Then Tate grabbed his brake, stopped the car and fired twice into his chest. He slumped dead against the wheel as police yanked the car door open.

The dramatic episode began a few minutes earlier when Tate attempted to hold up the Hastings Auto service station six miles north of here at 4:20 p. m.

Attendant Clarence Hastings replied to Tate's hold-up demand with a tear gas shot from a pencil-type casing. He quickly dodged as Tate shot once and drove off.

Hastings phoned state patrol headquarters here. City police and Clark county deputies had their trap laid within minutes at the bridge.

Traffic crossing the inter-state bridge was at its workday end peak.

City Detective Glen Anguish and Sgt. R. A. A. Yarnall were waiting at the north end, looking for a car with the fuel cap open. They tailed Tate as he hit the bridge, heading into Oregon.

Chief Diamond was waiting at the Oregon end of the bridge. For a moment it looked, the police chief said, as if Tate was going to run him down, so he pulled his revolver and aimed for the salesman just as Tate pulled his own .38 caliber revolver. The salesman's car was still moving, but in a split second he yanked on the emergency brake and then killed himself.

Papers in the salesman's wallet had the car registered to the Lanor Furniture company, Lanor, N. C.

## BASEBALL

Western International. No games scheduled.

Coast League. No games scheduled.

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Hurricane warnings fluttered over the Leeward and Virgin islands and a preliminary alert was sounded for Puerto Rico.

At 5:30 p. m. (Atlantic standard time) the center of the storm—packing 100 mile an hour winds—was located about 30 miles east of Antigua.

It was crawling on a westerly course about six miles an hour.

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