

American Paratroopers Drop 23 Miles Behind Reds

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German Army Plan Draws Russ Ire

Milk Producers Air Woes at Hearing



Milk producers were most numerous among producers, distributors, retailers and consumers to appear at a state milk control hearing in Salem Thursday. Here, in an informal moment, are producers J. Derksen, Turner, F. E. Pesheck, Tangent; M. C. Bissell, Dallas, and Frank Richardson, Albany, from left; and Kenneth E. Carl, state milk administrator. (Photo by Don Hill, Statesman staff photographer)

Salary Raise For Employees Of State Seen

The state civil service commission will recommend to Gov. Douglas McKay that its proposed salary equalization plan, which would adjust salaries of the state's 580 classes of positions, be adopted effective this November 1, and that any cost of living adjustment the administration or legislature may authorize be made in addition to this plan.

SUCC Budget Limit Cuts 36 from Staff

The state unemployment compensation commission announced Thursday it would lay off 36 employees by November 1. This brings to 80 the total of UCC workers dropped since July. The layoffs are a direct result of the \$7,000,000 federal budget reduction made by congress recently, said Silas Gaiser, administrator of the commission.

Sex Criminal Control Bill Being Drafted

Legislation to secure improved control of sex criminals or suspects, particularly those who victimize children, will be proposed as the 1951 Oregon legislature. This was disclosed Thursday by E. O. Stadter, Jr., Marion county district attorney, who said as chairman of the legislative committee for the District Attorneys Association of Oregon he had been authorized to draft several bills for changes in the criminal code.

Orders for Induction Received By 23 More in Marion County

Twenty-three more Marion county men were ordered up for induction as the selective service board received a call Thursday for 184 men to take pre-induction physical examinations in November. The board also issued two policy statements, in answer to frequent questions. It said that inductees are guaranteed 21 days' notice, from the time their orders are mailed until they are to report, and that at present no men are being drafted who were married prior to taking their physical examination.

Bread Price War Cuts Living Cost In Corvallis Homes

Housewives here who were alerted saved money today on the staff of life. The early ones didn't get the biggest bargain either. A bread price war started when one grocer undercut the loaf price of a nearby chain store's commodity, soon spread elsewhere. At the bottom of the price swing, the one and one-half pound loaf was selling for 10 cents.

Dairymen Ask Increase in Price of Milk

Milk producers of the Salem area testified Thursday that dairy farm costs are mounting and maintained that the price they get for milk should also rise. Dairymen predominated among 35 men and women at a public hearing in the state library building prompted by recent suggestions that milk price be raised all along the line.

U.S. Admits Jet's Attack

The United States admitted today that two American planes strafed a Russian airfield October 8 and offered to pay for the damage. Chief U. S. Delegate A. Warren R. Austin forwarded to United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie a report from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters about the incident. The U. S. said two American jets made an attack on Soviet aircraft on an airfield in the vicinity of Shkruva Rechka. It said the incident was a mistake while pilots were fighting in that part of Korea which borders on Russian Siberia. The Russians made a protest which the U. S. declined to receive, saying it should be referred to the U. N. since the planes involved were part of the U. N. forces fighting in Korea.

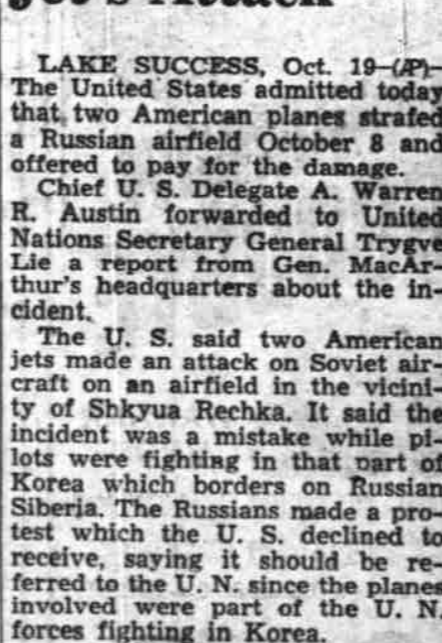
Defends People's Police

LONDON, Friday, Oct. 20—(AP)—Russia, in notes to the United States, Britain and France, has warned that she will not tolerate creation of a German army in western Europe, the Moscow radio said today.

Trusty Recaptured By Portland Police

Everett J. Stalnaker, Oregon prison trusty who escaped from the penitentiary annex Saturday, was apprehended by Portland authorities late last night, state police reported. Stalnaker, 24, had been working in a cow barn shortly before he was missed. He was sent up from Multnomah county in 1948 on a burglary charge.

Fall Leaves Enliven Scene at Schoolyard



Files of fall leaves and a group of youngsters get together often at this season. Here young students of Highland school take advantage of their lunch period to scuff, rake, kick and throw the yellowed leaves on the school grounds. As days grow shorter leafy trees will be stripped bare and the air cleared of the smudge and smell of burning leaves—then winter will be here. (Statesman photo.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sponage

Easily the best report from inside Russia today is that written by Harrison Salisbury, correspondent for the New York Times, in a series which was carried also by the Oregonian. There are few correspondents of western nations in Russia, but the Times has kept up its representation. Salisbury reported on his observations made following a vacation spent in the United States. The main features of his reporting are these:

The USSR is busy with a great construction program. It is building two huge hydroelectric works with generating capacity of ten billion kw per year. Several million hectares of land are being put under irrigation. Lots of construction is under way in Moscow, including tall office buildings and housing. Old properties are being repaired and refurbished.

The supply of consumer goods is increasing and on some things, like automobiles, prices are lower. There are no queues at stores and no hoarding. Varieties of food-stuffs are more abundant in the markets. More articles of metal-ware for household use are offered for sale.

As to preparedness for war there was no indication of special activity in this field. No recruiting posters, no mobilizing of reserves, Russia imposes universal military training of two, three or four years depending on the branch of service chosen and Salisbury says its military forces are "incomparably superior to those of any other power in Europe or Asia."

Another thing which Salisbury commented on was lack of any war scare.

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Capital Virtually Cleared

By Russell Brines
WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR IN THE AIR OVER KOREA, Oct. 20—(AP)—American paratroopers jumped into communist territory 23 miles north of Pyongyang today in a swift thrust to cut off Red escape routes from the U. N.-occupied North Korean capital. General MacArthur, circling the battle area in his transport plane, personally directed the first parachute drop of the Korean campaign.

Toll of American Dead In Korea Up to 4,036

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19—(AP)—The announced total of American dead in the Korean fighting has risen to 4,036, total casualties to 28,083. In making the announcement today, the defense department said the figures represent casualties reported to next of kin through Friday, Oct. 18. The total does not reflect all casualties suffered up to that time, because of time consumed collecting and checking the reports. The casualty total, 1,920 larger than that announced a week previously, included 17,711 wounded and 4,336 missing in action. Of the missing, 366 since have returned to military control, and 107 are listed as captured or interned by the enemy. The army reported 22,836 of the casualties, including 3,394 dead and 15,268 wounded. The marines corps lost 2,880, including 549 dead and 2,309 wounded. The air force total was 169, including 51 dead and 10 wounded. Among the navy's 196 casualties were 42 killed and 124 wounded.

It was commanded by Col. W. S. Bowers of the 187th regiment of the veteran 11th airborne division. The North Korean government, including Premier Kim Il Sung, is believed to have fled the communist capital to the north. Prisoners said the government had fled to Huichon, 80 miles north of Pyongyang. The prisoners also said North Korean military headquarters had been moved to Suncheon, a sizeable town 11 miles east of Suichon. The grim young Americans dropped from early morning skies on the flatlands between the key highway town of Suichon and Suncheon, which is about 23 miles northeast of Pyongyang. Their job was to seal off Red forces withdrawing from Pyongyang with a new battle line 80 miles south of the Manchurian border. Another of their aims was to cut off the highway and rail line running through Suncheon and Suichon. Attentive and determined, General MacArthur watched from his Constellation plane "Scap" as the transport paratroopers tumbled from transport planes and flowed to the ground. The Constellation, unarmored but protected by fighter planes, stood out in the morning sky. General MacArthur left Tokyo at 3:30 a. m. (1:30 p. m. EST, Thursday) and flew to Kimp'o airport near Seoul to join the air armada. The transport planes circled westward over the Yellow sea to avoid Red anti-aircraft batteries and wheeled inland to reach the jump area north of Pyongyang. The paratroopers are expected to catch many communist soldiers and any communist officials who might have remained until the United Nations troops are mopping up. Another aim of the paratroopers was to release any American and United Nations troops the communists may hold prisoners in the area. SEOUL, Friday, Oct. 20—(AP)—United Nations forces today virtually completed the occupation of Pyongyang and bombers smashed at the enemy's line of retreat beyond the North Korean communist capital. One American and two South Korean divisions were crushing the last resistance in the ruined city, deserted by Red dictator Kim Il Sung and the remnants of his army. Collapse of the Reds in this northwest sector tended to overshadow an appointment for the northeast sector—the one closest to the Siberian border. Positions Concealed Maj. Gen. Edward E. Almond, the liberator of Seoul, took command of all U. N. forces in northeast Korea. At the same time, military authorities clamped a security blackout on the whereabouts of the U. S. First marines and the U. S. Seventh infantry divisions. They were a part of General Almond's American 10th corps command. The entry and occupation of Pyongyang was a 24-hour accomplishment. The U. S. First cavalry division entered Pyongyang from the south at 11:02 a. m., Thursday. It was followed 18 minutes later by the South Korean First division, entering from the east. The two forces quickly overran the east industrial sector, then swept across the Taedong river into the business section Thursday night.

Famed Poetess Claimed by Death
AUSTERLITZ, N. Y., Oct. 18—(AP)—Poetess Edna St. Vincent Millay was found dead at her home here today. She was 58. Her physician said she died of a heart attack. In 1923 she was awarded the Pulitzer prize for verse for her "The Ballad of the Harp-Weaver." Miss Millay, best known for her poem "Renascence," moved here 22 years ago from New York City with her husband, Eugene Jan Boissevain. He died about a year ago.

Crash of Bomber Takes Eight Lives
SAN ANTONIO, Oct. 19—(AP)—A Randolph air force base B29 crashed in a pasture near Seguin, Tex., today, killing all eight crew members. The big bomber crashed on the Richard Green farm and "exploded like thunder." Parts of the plane were scattered over a half mile radius. Several witnesses said the aircraft apparently had developed engine trouble.

THE WEATHER
Salem Max. Min. Precip. 61 53 .46
Portland 61 54 .25
San Francisco 70 49 trace
Chicago 79 57 .00
New York 74 59 .00
Williamette River 1.5 feet
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McVay Field, Salem) Mostly cloudy with occasional rain today becoming partly cloudy tonight. Little change in temperature with highest today near 62 and lowest tonight near 45.
SALMON PRECIPITATION
Since start of weather year Sept. 1.
This Year Last Year Normal
6.43 1.29 2.44

Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH

They're watching television... let's go in and mess it up!