

U.N. Defense Line Crumbles Under China Red Onslaught



'Trading Space For Time'

By Charles A. Sprague

The volume of Christmas shopping is rising to its peak. Streets are full of hurrying people, stores are crowded, clerks are busy. Now those who heeded the warnings to do Christmas shopping early can sit back in comfort and let the crowds mill about. There are such persons, even some who get their Christmas shopping in midsummer, and have their gifts wrapped and ready for mailing by Thanksgiving.

At that I think they are missing a great deal. What fun is it to eat watermelons in January—or to buy Christmas gifts in August? No, now's the time to do Christmas shopping, when the stores are gay with decorations, the Christmas merchandise is on display, and when the shoppers are in the prowl. This is when you get the spirit of the season, get some of its excitement and feel yourself merging with the commonality of mankind.

And what a colorful bazaar a Christmas store is! Reds and greens, big peppermint striped candy canes. Silver-dusted cotton. Racks and rows and shelves of merchandise fresh from Santa's workshops. Made of tin and brass and aluminum and steel, of paper and plastics, of wood and textiles. Dolls and trains and games and toys. Tools and tricycles, pajamas and nylons. Christmas cards and gift wrappings.

And people, lots of people. Daddies holding children on their arms to see the sights; mothers leading youngsters by the hand; boys and girls giggling through gaps in the crowds going everywhere, going nowhere—just going. Adults walking and looking, looking and walking, with puzzled expressions as they make the momentous decisions on what to buy for Ann or Joe or Grandmother. Occasionally you run into an

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Parents Ask Preparations For Evacuation

EUGENE, Dec. 2.—(AP)—President Truman was asked today to prepare to evacuate American troops from Korea.

A telegram signed by 84 Eugene citizens, all parents of troops at the front, appealed to the president to mobilize aircraft and ships for evacuation.

Cecil Stickney, attorney and former marine corps colonel who led in preparation of the appeal, said the action was urged because "the troops are a defeated reserve army in the face of a million Chinese."

Signers included mothers of members of a marine reserve battery that left Eugene last summer and now is in Korea.

Mrs. Donald Primrose, one of them, said: "My son spent two weeks in camp one summer. Other than that he was given moving pictures to look at and that's all the training he had."

Losses Heavy On Both Sides In Tibet Battle

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A Tibetan battle in which both the Dalai Lama's troops and Red Chinese invaders suffered heavy casualties was reported in a Kalimpong dispatch to the New Delhi Statesman today.

The site of the engagement was defined only as "somewhere between Chamdo and Lhasa." The Chinese previously have been reported within 250 miles of Lhasa, Tibet's isolated capital, in their drive westward from Chamdo.

However, military information from the battle areas as reported by the Calcutta Statesman—a sister of the New Delhi newspaper—is that Minister Lhalu, who is directing eastern defense operations from Tharchang, reports communists advancing from two sides off the main Chamdo-Lhasa trail.

The dispatch to New Delhi from Kalimpong, a border trading center, said the Chinese offensive is being led by a renegade Tibetan monk, Sherab Gyamtso, who recently served as vice president of Tibetan provisional (communist-sponsored) government in Kansu.

Kalimpong sources appeared divided on whether the Dalai Lama, 16-year-old temporal and spiritual ruler of Tibet, will seek refuge abroad if the situation grows worse. His mother was reported to have left Lhasa for India. Staffs of the main monasteries were said to have asked the Dalai Lama not to leave unless it was imperative.

However, nearly a ton of Tibetan gold has left Lhasa for India by pack train and the Calcutta Statesman said Tibetan agents are reported seeking a house for the Dalai Lama in Kalimpong.

TOKYO, Sunday, Dec. 3 (AP)—United Nations forces today began withdrawing from a new defense line 30 miles north of Pyongyang before the imminent peril of thousands of onrushing Chinese communist troops.

Simultaneously, U. S. seventh division troops who had reached the Manchurian border in north-east Korea were ordered to pull back before the gathering menace of the Chinese legions to the south. Headquarters declared that "we are trading space for time." Time is needed to cover the eighth army's withdrawal in the northwest before the overwhelming masses of communist troops.

"We are gradually pulling back south" of the Sukchon-Sunchon arc 30 miles north of the former Korean red capital, the spokesman said.

The ninth corps on the right flank also was withdrawing from the Songchon sector 30 miles northeast of Pyongyang.

The Chinese hordes pressed toward Pyongyang despite swarms of allied fighters and bombers attacking them through a snow storm.

The former red capital itself echoed to the roar of allied-set demolition charges. Military units and civilian refugees fled the city.

In Fighting Retreat.
In northwest Korea, U. N. troops also were in a fighting retreat to escape entrapment by the Chinese reds.

The 17th regiment of the U. S. seventh infantry division was ordered to pull back from the Yalu river boundary of Manchuria and Korea.

At First corps headquarters it was not known whether the 17th—first American outfit to reach the border, had completed its pull-out.

About 80 air miles to the southwest of the 17th's border position another element of the Seventh division was overrun by the Reds Saturday night on the east side of the great Changjin power reservoir.

Except for this engagement there was a relative quiet over the northeast front Saturday night. But a Tenth corps spokesman said ominous new Red buildups were under way on the approaches to the important east coast ports of Wonsan and Hingnam.

Red regulars were last reported 25 miles from Wonsan with guerrillas about 13 miles away. Both ports supply the Tenth corps area.

U. S. marines still were battling their way south along the shores of Changjin reservoir toward Hagaru at the south end of the big hydroelectric installation that serves both Korea and Manchuria.

Hagaru itself was not under attack. Neither was Koto six air miles to the south. The road between the two towns still was cut by the Reds.

Some 600 Seventh division and South Korean troops crossed Changjin's ice and reversed the marines' operations against an enemy which MacArthur admitted bluntly "completely outnumbered us on the ground."

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Protected Withdrawal
Troops of the U. S. 25th division and South Korean forces were protecting the general withdrawal of the U. N. forces from the defense arc north of Pyongyang.

Allied planes claimed a total of 1,100 Reds were killed in Saturday's operations against an enemy which MacArthur admitted bluntly "completely outnumbered us on the ground."

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Guarded President Joins Navy As Middies Sail Over Army 14-2
By Ernest B. Vaccaro
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—(AP)—President Truman, doubly guarded by wartime security precautions, sat through brief showers today to watch one of football's great upsets as Navy whipped Army 14-2.

That astonishing result—almost completely reversing the 19-point pre-game edge figured for Army—kept alive a Truman legend that as chief executive he always has sat behind the winning team.
Navy was host this year, and the president occupied a box on the Navy side. Last year he sat behind the Army team, and before that the president traditionally shifted from one side of the field to the other at halftime. Officially Mr. Truman was neutral, but he often has said he likes to root for the underdog.

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Washington Cautious in Face of Pleas from Tokyo for Fast Decisions; Allies Wary of War

Drastic New Steps Avoided In High Circles

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The United States cautiously held off any drastic new steps to deal with the Korean crisis today while officials sought additional facts on both the military and diplomatic fronts.

The delay of policy decisions appeared to result at least in part from Prime Minister Attlee's impending visit here. The White House and state department evidently want to keep further moves in a state of indecision until after talks between the British leader and the president get under way Tuesday. Attlee is due here Monday morning.

Today there were these developments:

1. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, the army's chief of staff, left suddenly on a flying trip to the far east for an on-the-spot inspection of the military situation and a conference with Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

2. Secretary of State Acheson summoned Ambassador Warren Austin from U. N. headquarters at New York for a one-hour and 50-minute discussion.
3. Assistant Secretary of State Dean Rusk briefed representatives of the 20 Latin American countries on the general far eastern situation and Korea.

Well informed officials said that on returning to New York Austin would consult widely with other United Nations members on the Korean situation and take in the United Nations against Communist China's intervention in Korea.

Austin reported to Acheson on new, slight evidence that the Chinese communist delegation at U. N. headquarters might be willing to discuss the Korean situation with representatives of other countries at some point. State department officials did not appear particularly hopeful but did learn with considerable interest of the fact that Sir Benegal N. Rau, India's representative at Lake Success, spent 50 minutes yesterday morning talking with Wu Hsiu-chuan, Peiping's envoy. Rau said he still has hope of a peaceful settlement.

Shoppers Out in Full Force



Christmas shoppers begin to be more evident on Salem streets as the month of December begins. Here is a group at one of the internas making their way through the drizzly mists which plagued the shoppers at intervals during the week end. There are only 18 shopping days left. (Statesman photo).

County Civilian Defense Jobs Listed in New Call

More than 2,000 persons are required immediately in Marion county to prepare for protection of themselves and their homes against possible war attack. Although Salem is the focal point of preparations, the need extends over the entire county.

That plea came Saturday from county defense officials, whose earlier requests have brought only need for both skilled technicians in many fields and persons willing to be trained. Classes already have started in some lines.

Needed Right Now
This call is for the program's development right now, it was

Gov. Douglas McKay sounded an additional call for Oregon volunteers for civil defense in a radio talk Saturday night. He stressed the urgency of preparation, declaring the program is not nearly as far along as it should be for self-protection.

The organization needs now 2,320 persons, including:
A total of 1,600 in 800 wards to be designated over the county—emergency personnel for evacuation, welfare, guard duty, search and recovery. These will be largely persons residing within the wards where assigned and will be trained by ward captains to be appointed.

Overall Trainees
A "flying squadron" of 200 men trained in all phases of defense, to go anywhere in the county on short notice to maintain law and order.
Crafts—48 laborers, 4 acetylene welders, 4 timbermen, 4 shorers, 6 utility maintenance men to be trained by the various utility companies.
Police reserves 75.
Fire reserves 100.
Medical—25 doctors, 60 nurses, 20 medical technicians, 10 medical aides, 8 first aid.
Four professional engineers, 18 trained in welfare work, 19 supervisors for various teams, 16 telephone switchboard operators and 28 clerks and typists.

STASSEN TAKES TRIP MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Harold E. Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania, took off from Minneapolis tonight on a round-world flight for a first-hand study of conditions in Asia, Africa and Europe.

Britain, France Aim at Early Pact with Reds

LONDON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—War-shy Britain and France agreed today to press for an early settlement with Soviet Russia and red China of the Korean warfare and other danger-packed quarrels.

Qualified officials said the accord came in a five-hour meeting of French Premier Rene Pleven with Prime Minister Attlee, on the eve of Attlee's flight to Washington for face-to-face talks with President Truman. Pleven flew to London with his foreign minister, Robert Schuman, and other aides to see Attlee. After the parley, Pleven decided not to go along with Attlee to Washington.

7 Nations Join
In the Washington discussion on the issues stemming from the Korean crisis, the British leader will be buttressed by the knowledge that seven commonwealth nations as well as France share his government's views on what United Nations objectives should be.

A day of intensive consultations between Attlee and Pleven and their aides brought out this broad understanding, qualified officials said:

Britain and France want an early big four parley at which the west can discuss with Russia the issues which might touch off World War III.

Britain and France want to widen the military command of the Korean war—by giving more say to countries which have forces fighting alongside Americans and South Koreans in the field, this possibly could be done by a small military committee which the U. N. general assembly could set up.

Finally Britain and France believe only the U. N.—and not the United States on its own—must decide whether to use the atom bomb in a U. N. war.

100-Mile Bus Ride Costs 10c

RICHLAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The longest five-cent bus ride in the United States is available to workers on the atomic energy commission's Hanford project.

Within the 640 square-mile production area buses operate over a 280-mile network. The longest round trip from the downtown terminal here to a producing area is approximately 100 miles. A nickel in and a nickel out is the fare, regardless of distance a worker is obliged to travel.

Portland U. to Accept Co-eds

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The University of Portland announced today it would become a co-educational school January 27.

The school is operated by the Roman Catholic religious order of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Schlador, western field director. Marlin Fox, Molalla, president of the club, presided at both the business sessions and the luncheon, introducing Harold Ewalt, Oregon State college dairy specialist, who was toastmaster at the luncheon.

Fox also awarded 89 certificates to 17 breeders for their production work. Four-H winners of Jersey calves for the past 24 years, and FFA winners for the past four years were traced and those present were introduced. This year's winners were Glenn Arnett, Oregon City, winning the 4-H calf presented by A. W. Sweet of Sixes, and John Shippee, Cloverdale, receiving the FFA calf presented by George Gentemann of Independence.

3 Dead as Tornado Strikes Towns in Southwest Illinois

GREENVILLE, Ill., Dec. 2.—(AP)—A tornado struck Greenville and Mt. Olive in southwestern Illinois today, killing three persons and injuring more than a score. Greenville was h a r d e s t hit.

Mayer Raymond Geare estimated the damage there as at least \$500,000. He said 100 houses were destroyed or damaged. Greenville college set up a 60-bed emergency hospital.

The southeast section was the only part damaged. The business section missed the big blow.

Telephone lines were felled. Light and power lines were down, too.

China-Bound Goods Under Strict Controls

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The United States tonight ordered controls effective at midnight (EST) Sunday—on shipments of all goods destined for red China, Hong Kong and Macao.

At the same time, Secretary of Commerce Sawyer announced the same controls will apply to all shipments of strategic commodities from foreign countries passing through American ports en route to Russia and her satellite countries; China, Hong Kong and Macao.

Sawyer explained that shipments to Hong Kong, a British crown colony, and Macao, a Portuguese possession, are affected because of the importance of these two places as trans-shipment ports.

The tightening of controls is aimed at cutting down sharply on shipments of strategic goods that might reach communist or communist-dominated countries.

Sawyer said he acted "after consultation with the state department, the defense department and other government agencies."

The new step means that export licenses now must be obtained on all goods—even down to such things as powder puffs and toothbrushes, for example—being shipped from the U. S. to red China and Hong Kong and Macao.

Santa Visits Dallas On Fire Engine

Statesman News Service
DALLAS, Dec. 2.—Santa Claus, riding a city fire truck and flanked by Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, paid Dallas an early visit today, spreading holiday treats among several hundred children.

Sponsored by the merchants' committee of Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Santa watched a lively children's parade and then distributed the treats on the Polk county courthouse lawn.

TOT SUFFERS BURNS

Terry Kendall, 3, 652 Catterlin ave., was treated by Salem first aidmen Saturday night for minor burns when she spilled a cup of coffee over her leg and body.

Reds Hope for Victory Before Issues Clarified

TOKYO, Dec. 2.—(AP)—The necessity for a quick and clear cut United Nations decision—true peace or total war against red China—is increasing by the minute.

The fate of the U. N. army depends on it. So does the fate of the first U. N. effort to halt aggression by armed force.

In a statement composed of answers he said were submitted by correspondents, General MacArthur said today that the total strength of the Chinese and North Koreans now is 600,000. He has previously estimated 300,000 Chinese in action. Another 300,000 are "moving up from Yalu river bases," with enough North Koreans to make the 600,000 total.

The Chinese are being thrown against the U. N. army as rapidly as they can be transported from the river to the battle zone. An air force general said today that a convoy of 250 red vehicles was attacked Friday night.

10,000 Men
The Chinese normally pick between 40 and 50 men in one truck. That single convoy therefore carried more than 10,000 men in the front.

Their superiority in manpower, already very great, is building up hourly. It is most marked in the Changjin reservoir sector where the first marine division has been fending off assaults from all directions by six or seven Chinese divisions.

As the buildup continues the entire eighth army will be confronted with the same relative weight of numbers.

In that case the question of establishing a defense line north of Pyongyang, holding Pyongyang itself, or falling back to the Kaesong-Kumchon mountain area on the 38th parallel probably would be completely academic.

The greater danger is that the eighth army would be surrounded and pinned against the sea on the west coast and that the tenth corps would suffer the same fate on the east coast.

Aim at Destruction
It is obvious that the Chinese high command is driving hard to destroy the U. N. forces before the issue of peace or war is completely clarified.

The reasons are fully apparent. Formal war means a full mobilization in the United States and elsewhere. It might mean as well that the 500,000 to 700,000 Chinese national troops on Formosa would be launched against the Chinese mainland.

The U. S. seventh fleet is patrolling the Straits of Formosa and the United States has the fleets of landing craft capable of taking that force anywhere in China, Manchuria or Korea.

In short, the tremendous numerical superiority now in the hands of the reds could be counter-balanced.

Would Feel Air Power
Possibly even more important, the Yalu river boundary, which so far has been respected by American air power, would cease to be an invisible barrier.

The bases where Chinese troops are concentrating and through which they are receiving supplies would begin to feel the slow strangulation of repeated heavy bombings.

It is believed in Tokyo that this question of true peace or open war will be the main subject of the conference between President Truman and Britain's Prime Minister Attlee next week. At the same time political observers believe the Soviet bloc and the Chinese communist delegation at Lake Success will attempt to delay a clear-cut decision.

MacArthur expressed the hope today a peaceful settlement can be reached. It is clear that some kind of decision must be taken—and soon.

	Max.	Min.	Pres.
Salem	43	37	20
Portland	41	35	22
San Francisco	43	33	22
Chicago	39	31	22
New York	45	31	24
Willamette River & foot			

	Forecast	Actual	Normal
SALEM PRECIPITATION Since start of weather year Sept. 1			
This Year	2.50	1.77	Normal 2.50