

U.S. Promises 'Punishment' to Reds in Korea

By Elton C. Fay
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The Pentagon high command sounded a new, confident note on the Korean war today.

The communist forces "will be severely punished" if they try big-scale attacks now, said Gen. J. Lawton Collins, army chief of staff.

Just back from an inspection of the war zone, Collins made this statement to reporters at a Pentagon briefing session.

It was evident the defense department desired that its view be made known. Secretary George C. Marshall, with Collins, walked unannounced into the regular Saturday morning briefing session. He told reporters he thought they would want to know where Collins went, "what he saw and what his reactions were."

Collins reported:

1. "The army has plenty of fight left in it. If the enemy attacks in any strength they will be very severely punished."

2. The communists have shown no disposition the last week or two to push down in an attack from their main positions on the Han river, which runs through Seoul.

Artillery Ready

3. The western part of the front, where the reds have their greatest concentration, is the best part of Korea for use of U. N. tanks while the ground is frozen. Moreover, artillery is ready and "zeroed in" on the logical places for attack in that sector. Perhaps, Collins commented, that is why the enemy hasn't jumped off from the Han river line on an offensive.

4. American troops are in "very good shape; their morale is better than I expected it to be." Morale of the South Korean troops, "considering everything, is very satisfactory."

5. Air General Hoyt Vandenberg, who went to Korea with Collins, made a thorough reconnaissance by plane and helicopter of the eastern areas extending from the U. N. line far up to the reservoir areas in northern Korea. He could find no sign of communist forces moving anywhere. He also went into the immediate forward areas with an army ground patrol. He found no red movement there.

Reds Infiltrate

6. The central front, where most of the heavy patrol engagements have occurred in recent days, continues a problem. Enemy troops are infiltrating through mountain passes to join up with guerrilla forces. While Collins was there, Gen. Matthew Ridgway, 8th army commander, gave orders to plug up the infiltration gaps. The U. N. forces eventually should be able to break up these infiltrating red units.

Meanwhile, a study was reported to have been made by American government officials of the possibility of arming anti-communist guerrillas in China itself.

While the United States wants no general war in the far east, policy also is directed at penalizing the Chinese reds for their attack on the United Nations in Korea. Just what will be done remains to be determined, however.

'I Was Lucky', Mine Motorman Reports



WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 20—Bryant Spaulding, mine motorman who escaped the blast at the Burning Springs Collieries Co. mine on the West Virginia-Kentucky border, which killed 11 fellow workers and injured two others, tells relatives of two of the victims about the accident. Left to right: Ed Gillman, Jeff Parsley, Spaulding and Herell Brewer, whose father-in-law, Tom Moore, 55, and his son, Tom J. Jr., were killed. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Fair Managers Oppose Change In Racing Act

PORTLAND, Jan. 20 (AP)—The Oregon Fairs association today expressed opposition to proposed changes in handling of funds from the fair racing act.

By resolution delegates condemned bills on the matter, now pending in the state legislature.

Herman H. Chindgren, Molalla, long-time head of the association, again was re-elected. Other officers named: Leon David, Hillsboro, vice-president; and Howard G. Smith, Tillamook, secretary-treasurer.

The next meeting was scheduled for Portland, November 14-16.

Fair dates were scheduled as follows:

Clackamas county, August 30; Columbia county, August 16 through 18; Coos county, August 16 through 19; Crook county, August 10 through 12; Curry county, August 31 through September 2; Deschutes county, August 24 through 26; Gilliam county, September 21, through 23.

Grant county, September 20 through 22; Harney county, September 14 through 16; Hood River county, August 14 and 15; Jack-

son county, August 22 through 25; Josephine county, August 4 through 8; Lane county, September 19 through 22; Linn county, August 28 through September 1; Morrow county, September 14 through 16.

Multnomah county, August 20 through 26; Polk county, August 23 through 25; Sherman county, September 14 through 16; Tillamook county, August 15 through 18; Umatilla county, August 23 through 26; Union county, September 20 through 22; Wasco county, August 30 through September 2; Washington county, August 29 through September 1; Wheeler county, September 14 through 16.

Oregon state fair, September 3 through 9; Pacific International Livestock exposition, October 5 through 13; Eastern Oregon Livestock show, June 7 through 9; Eastern Oregon Wheat league and Mid-Columbia Livestock association, June 4 through 6; Oregon state corn show, first week in December; Pendleton Roundup, September 12 through 15.

Dates of other shows will be determined later.

FIGHTING COCKS

SINGAPORE (AP)—Smuggling of fighting cocks from Siam into Singapore is the latest headache of the Customs department here. Cockfighting is illegal here. These Siamese death-dealing cocks, some standing nearly two feet high, with iridescent green, black and bronze plumage, may introduce poultry

Delegate Asks U.N. Stand Up To Aggression

ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 20 (AP)—Ernest A. Gross, No. 2 man in the United States U.N. delegation, said tonight the United Nations will not survive unless it is prepared to face aggression squarely and take the required decisions.

In an address before the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, Gross declared this country must continue to place its faith in collective action, such as that envisaged in the U.N. charter.

The resolution introduced today to brand Red China an aggressor "will be adopted," the ambassador answered point blank after his address when asked what will happen if the United Nation does not adopt the resolution.

His answer brought cheers from his audience.

"We are on the eve of a historic event," Ambassador Gross declared as the United Nations faces a decision which, he said, is "essential to its existence" and one "which will affect the lives of men and nations."

disease and the bloody sport here, the customs fear.

Machinery for Price Controls Being Rushed

By Max Hall
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) today aimed at a simultaneous freeze of about eight million different prices by the end of the coming week.

If they fail to issue the order by that time, OPS officials think it will be largely because of formalities and mechanical details—and not disagreement over policy.

ESA consultants have estimated, on the basis of World War II experience, that general controls would apply to about eight million different prices and three or four million companies.

Eric Johnston, the new administrator of the Economic Stabilization Agency (ESA), under which OPS operates, is not expected to block the freeze. President Truman appointed Johnston to the ESA job yesterday after dismissing Alan Valentine, who had held up an earlier freeze proposal on the ground it was premature.

Executive Order Due

Today the White House was preparing to issue an executive order changing the whole stabilization setup. The reorganization is the work of Charles E. Wilson, director of defense mobilization, who is just above Johnston in the chain of command.

This order was expected to:

1. Make Johnston the umpire and general policy supervisor of the whole stabilization program, including prices, wages, rents, and credit controls. Johnston has taken a leave of absence from his job as president of the Motion Picture association. He is a former Spokane, Wash., manufacturer and former president of the U. S. chamber of commerce.

2. Make the OPS an autonomous agency to operate price controls. Michael V. Disalle is the OPS director.

3. Make the wage stabilization board (WSB) an autonomous agency to operate wage controls. Later, this nine-man board is likely to be handed the authority to settle labor disputes affecting the defense effort.

To Settle Disputes

Johnston will settle any disputes

between the OPS and WSB. Valentine, as ESA administrator, conceived it his duty to be the operating head of price and wage stabilization, as well as the policy coordinator. His behind-the-scenes struggle with Disalle and Ching over this issue was one cause of his dismissal.

The coming price freeze is expected to roll back prices. The most talked-about date has been Jan. 1.

The order will be only temporary, designed to put a brake on the climbing cost of living until detailed ceiling prices can be worked out on about eight million items industry by industry.

The price freeze will exempt those food prices which cannot be restrained without holding the farmers' prices below parity. Parity is a long-standing formula designed to give the farmer a fair income in relation to the prices of things he must buy. The defense production act says no prices can be frozen below parity. Most farm prices now are below that level.

The price freeze will be accompanied, or followed shortly, by a wage control order, as required by law. This will probably be a flat freeze, but only a temporary one until the WSB has completed a wage control formula it is working on.

Wages are unlikely to be rolled back. On this score, government labor experts say that regardless of the equities, it is impracticable to roll back wages outside a totalitarian country.

U. S. Carbines Aid British Forces

SINGAPORE (AP)—British troops and security forces are using American carbines in their jungle war against Communists in Malaya.

The British bought the arms in the United States in a cash deal, but more substantial military aid may soon be forthcoming if the United States grants a British appeal for \$5,000,000 to buy equipment. British officers regard the American carbines as an "A-1 weapon" in the battle against terrorists.

The automatic carbines are equipped with magazines of 15 or 30 rounds of 30 calibre bullets. In addition to lightness, the barrels of the carbines are short—a decided asset for soldiers and police who often have to hack their way into jungle lairs of Communists.

Overshoes Make Islanders Sore

PAPEETE, Tahiti (K)—If you want to start a fight with a Tuamotu islander, simply mention the "giant pahu." Pahu is a shellfish of the clam variety. Its flesh is the color and toughness of India rubber, and when it dries it smells like rubber that has been well scorched, but it is a staple diet for the islanders.

Some years ago the eastern Tuamotu people found washed ashore a case of rubber overshoes. Never having seen rubber or overshoes, they concluded this was a giant form of their favorite delicacy. After vainly chewing raw overshoes for a while, they decided to try cooking. For many days they boiled the shoes, with periodic tasting, until finally a trading schooner captain arrived and told them their mistake. He related

the story throughout the south seas, to the delight of all the other islanders and the discomfiture of the Tuamotians.

PRICE OFFICE FOR SEATTLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said today a regional price stabilization office probably will be established in Seattle before February 1.

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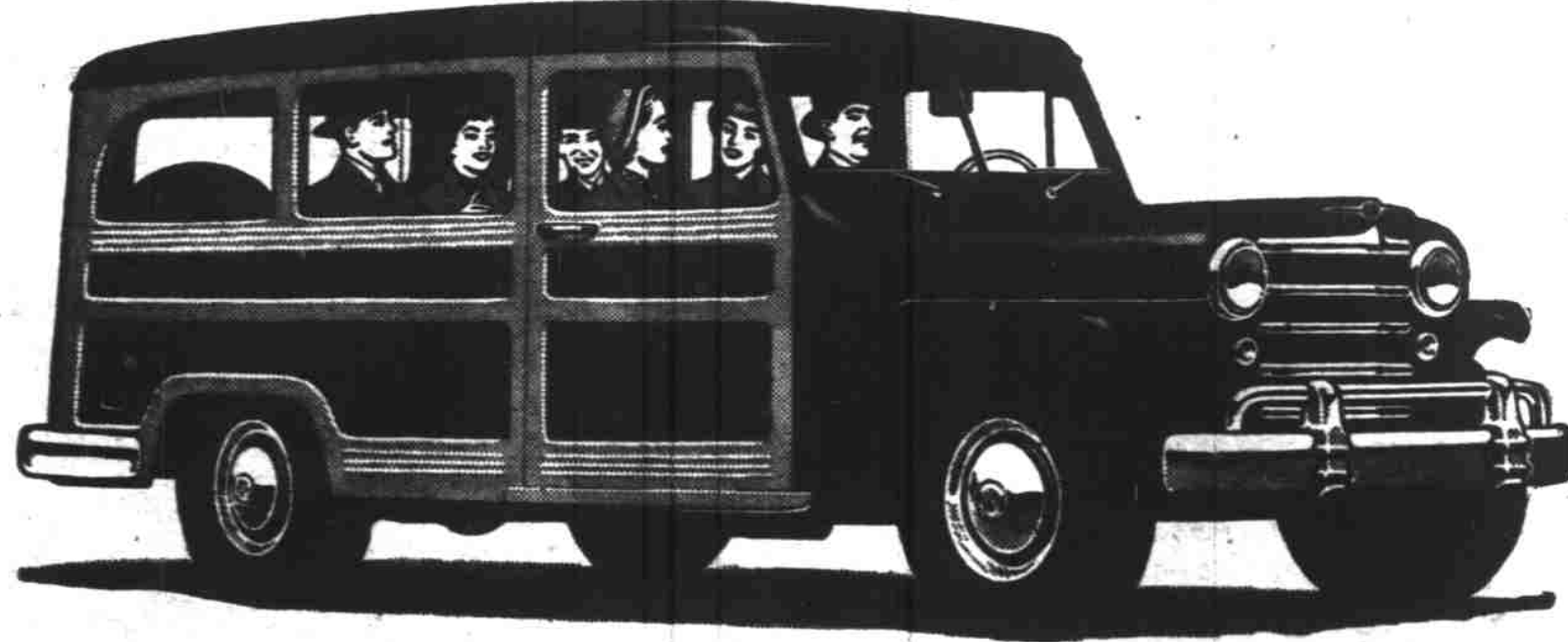
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