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2 U.S. Divisions Launch Attack on Central Front

TOKYO, Monday, March 5.—(AP)—Two U. S. divisions today hurled a three-pronged attack into a Korean Red stronghold on the eastern end of the central front.

French and American troops of the Second Division and GIs of the Seventh jumped off against an estimated 6,000 Reds. The new attack came after a series of localized Communist attacks were beaten off at both ends of the central front.



By Charles A. Squire

While eyes of the world are riveted on Korea and China and Yugoslavia and Moscow and Washington a struggle of great importance is in progress at Buenos Aires, in Argentina. It is the struggle of one of the really great newspapers of the world, La Prensa, to stay alive.

The demands of the news vendors included an assignment of receipts from classified advertising and cutting down of mail subscriptions. Meeting its demands would simply wreck the publication.

The news vendors' union is government controlled, and its moves are most certainly dictated by the government, which hopes in this way to make La Prensa bow to Peron's will.

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DETECTS HEART DISEASE

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(AP)—A miniature earthquake-recording instrument has been developed by government experts to detect heart disease. The instrument is strapped across a patient's chest.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



I can estimate my income all right, but estimate my dependents — are you?

House Blaze Quelled as 4 Children Sleep

Fire filled a Salem house with smoke and gave the parents of four children an anxious moment Sunday night before firemen nipped the blaze.

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Inflation Halt Said Nearing

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(AP)—The House of Representatives today passed a bill to halt inflation to a full halt, and will "make every effort to achieve rollbacks in prices where practicable and justifiable."

Lodge wrote Johnston February 6 that information supplied to him by the library of congress "indicates that the consumer's price index for moderate income families in large cities has increased since June 15, 1950, by more than 11 per cent in food and clothing, more than five per cent in fuel, electricity, and refrigeration, and almost 20 per cent on house furnishings."

"I very much doubt that the incomes, wages and salaries of consumers had a corresponding increase and I would like to ask you, therefore, to use your authority to roll back the prices to the level which prevailed on June 15."

Johnston wrote: "I feel as keenly as you do about the hardships endured by consumers as a consequence of the rapid rise in prices since last June."

2 Polk Schools, Mt. Angel Add Best Spellers

Rickreall—The Rickreall school will be represented in the Statesman-KSLM spelling contest by Mary Jane Wait, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wait of Rickreall.

Orchard View—This Polk county school will be represented in the semi-finals spelling contest at Falls City on March 27 by 13-year-old Alvin Brandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brandt of route 1, Rickreall.

Tax Tokens On Way Out In Washington

OLYMPIA, March 4.—(AP)—Washington residents can forget about those pesky tax tokens within a few weeks if the governor signs a bill that received final legislative approval today.

Spelling champion of St. Mary's Public school is 13-year-old Ronald Wacker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wacker. He is in the 8th grade.

Second place was won by Alice Tate, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tate, and third place by Alice Terhaar, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Terhaar.

Snow Smothers Travel in Valley

Yukon Storm Brings Snow, Traffic Snarls

A snow storm spawned in Alaska and the Yukon Territory swirled over the Pacific northwest last night to snarl automobile traffic and partially disrupt air travel.

The weather bureau said the center of the storm settled over northwest Washington but that it extended from British Columbia down to Oregon and over northern Idaho.

The forecast was for continued flurries and falling temperatures Monday.

Two fatalities were reported. A woman was killed in a truck-auto collision on an icy highway, near Colfax, Wash., Saturday, and a woman died in an auto crash south of Albany, Ore., Sunday.

Gale warnings were issued for British Columbia areas for last night. A foot of snow fell on the British Columbia lower mainland in two days. A blizzard was roaring in the Cariboo area in central British Columbia.

The weather bureau at Seattle hoisted small craft warnings on the inland waters of Washington. Storm warnings already were flying on the Oregon-Washington-California coasts.

North Bend, Ore., on the coast was hit by 48-mile-an-hour winds and peak gusts of 42 miles an hour were reported at the Seattle-Tacoma airport.

Snow covered the entire state of Oregon with the exception of the southwest corner. Heavy snow-fall on the Mt. Hood highway prevented many skiers from returning to their homes.

The weather bureau reported a deep low pressure area over eastern Washington and northern Idaho which was expected to bring 40-45-mile-an-hour winds as it moved slowly east-southeastward last night (Sunday) and Monday.

Astoria, Ore., reported a fall of about three inches at higher elevations. Oregon state police advised motorists to use chains on all mountain roads.

In Washington state, the highway patrol said snow and ice caused hundreds of collisions on highways and numerous cars were ditched when they skidded off roadways.

Reds Lose Power in Europe

Bush Says Bomb Averts War

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(AP)—The state department said today that Moscow is losing its fight to take over western Europe by "boring from within" and cited figures to back it up.

The figures told of a reduction in communist party strength in western European countries ranging from 30 per cent in France to 84 per cent in Luxembourg over the last several years.

The department's estimate that the west is winning the battle against communist subversion in western Europe, together with the figures, was given by Homer M. Byington, jr., director of the office of western European affairs.

Here are country-by-country communist party membership figures assembled by Byington, together with the percentage of losses:

Austria—Communist membership 1946, 150,000; 1950, 100,000. 34 per cent.

Belgium—1946, 100,000; 1950, 35,000. 65 per cent.

Denmark—1946, 60,000; 1950, 22,500. 63 per cent.

France—1946, 850,000; 1950, 600,000. 30 per cent.

Italy—1948, 2,300,000; 1950, 1,600,000. 31 per cent.

Luxembourg—1946, 3,000; 1950, 500. 84 per cent.

Netherlands—1946, 50,000; 1950, 33,000. 34 per cent.

Norway—1946, 40,000; 1950, 14,000. 65 per cent.

Scientist Doubts War Probability

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(AP)—One of this country's foremost scientists asserted tonight that if the Soviets started war in Europe now American atomic bombs "would destroy Russia."

"We could do it without question as matters stand today," said Dr. Vannevar Bush.

For this reason, he predicted Russia will not make the attempt; "No war will occur" now.

But he warned that it is true only now; "We cannot count indefinitely upon strategic bombing as the sole means of averting war."

Therefore, ground forces must be built up in Europe to "hold back the hordes while we strike by other means."

These together—a strong western ground defense plus continued A-bomb development—will avert World War III by discouraging Russian aggression, he declared.

Dr. Bush, president of Carnegie Institution of Washington, was one of the co-developers of the atomic bomb and a former chairman of the nation's research and development board.

He set forth his views tonight in an address prepared as the first of a series of talks by various speakers sponsored by the Committee on the Present Danger and carried over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

While backing the idea of sending troops to join those of North Atlantic Pact allies in Europe, Dr. Bush also declared this country also needs masses of trained men who would not require long indoctrination if war strikes.

He said the way to accomplish this is to insure that 18-year-olds for two years training and then service in the reserves.

"There is no thought in my mind," he added, "that the men we bring in for training now will have to fight soon."

He expressed belief less interruption in a boy's life would result if he is trained at 18 and 19 after finishing high school.

The A-bomb remains a powerful deterrent, Russian aggression, Dr. Bush declared, then had this to say:

"We could destroy not only the key centers from which her armies would be supplied, but also political centers and the communications of her armies on the march. Initially equipped with weapons and supplies, these armies might keep rolling for a time, but there would be no Russia behind them as we know it today.

Fatal Wreck Near Albany

Winter's heaviest snowstorm coated the floor of the Willamette valley with more than an inch of white Sunday, sent some 50 cars skidding off hazardous highways and brought death to an Albany woman in a traffic accident.

Salem's weather bureau recorded slightly more than an inch of snow Sunday and forecast more for today. Dallas, Woodburn and Lebanon also reported more than an inch of snow.

The Detroit region station reported snow a foot deep Sunday night with more "coming down hard." The Santiam highway remained blocked at Hogg Rock, closing both north and south passages to through traffic.

The temperature was 29 degrees in Salem early this morning with a low of 26 due. Today's predicted high is 38 and tonight's low 24 degrees.

A blinding snowstorm south of Albany Sunday night was blamed for a collision that killed Mrs. Agnes Bever, about 30, Albany, and injured at least four others. The collision was on the Pacific highway a mile north of Sheff. The injured were the widower, Howard Bever, his two children, Douglas, 7, and Barbara, 5, and Virgil Stenberg, all of Albany. They were hospitalized at Albany, the extent of injuries not determined.

State police reported condition of valley highways "worst of the season." Officers said roads were slippery and visibility, poor. They estimated from 25 to 50 cars had been damaged in this area in slides and collisions blamed on the weather.

Some Salem area motorists had trouble climbing South 12th street hill, and Chemawa and Hlabee hills on 99-E. One Salem towing firm alone hauled in more than 25 autos Sunday.

Several cars were trapped on the south Santiam pass east of Upper Soda, according to William Springer, Lebanon policeman. He said the occupants apparently made it to safety.

A Portland man was injured near Falls City. Elwin Beall, 28, was reported in good condition at Dallas hospital. He suffered bruises and a shock when his car upset in a ditch.

Lt. Bruce Hills, Salem, Killed In Korea War

Lt. L. Bruce Hills, husband of Mrs. Cora Bell Hills of Salem, was killed in battle in Korea, Mrs. Hills was informed Sunday by the defense department.

Lt. Hills was killed while leading army troops February 13, according to the brief message. He was formerly employed in the advertising department of the Capital Journal, a Salem newspaper.

A member of the army reserve, Lt. Hills was recalled to active duty to the Salem area Sunday for Korea in October. He came to Salem about three years ago from Texas. His parents and relatives reside in the mid-west.

He was a University of Iowa graduate and served in the Pacific theatre during World War II. For a time he was stationed at Camp Adair.



DR. VANNEVAR BUSH "No War Will Occur" Now

Ferry Aground In Snow Storm, Later Freed

ASTORIA, Ore., March 4.—(AP)—A blinding snowstorm caused a Columbia river ferry to run aground on mid-river shoals, but a rising tide enabled the boat to free itself just after darkness tonight.

There were no injuries and no apparent damage from the mishap.

The ferry, on a run from Astoria to Megler, Wash., was aground 1 1/2 hours.

It was the ferry, Tourist No. 3, owned by the state of Oregon. It went aground on Taylor Sands about 5:20 p.m. on its regular run from Astoria to Megler, Wash.

The sands are just past the midway point of the river, which is five miles wide here. Normally the ferry runs around the lower end of the sands, but the snowstorm was blamed for the boat getting off course.

It went aground at a slack tide of minus .7 of a foot.

Anti-Moscow Reds Organize In Italy Town

PESCARA, Italy, March 4.—(AP)—The first section of the anti-communist "Italian Workers Movement for Independence and Unity" was founded today. It is headed by former communists Valdo Magnani and Alco Cucchi.

The section was created at the end of a public meeting held by Gino Venturi, former partisan officer, on behalf of the two members of the national chamber of deputies.

State Policeman, Owner Catch Burglar in Cafe

An Oregon state policeman and Erwin York, owner of the "Y" cafe west of Salem, caught a burglar inside the cafe early Sunday morning.

State police identified the man as Charles Junior Emory of Portland. He was apprehended as he was leaving the establishment with \$17 at about 5:15 a.m.

Emory was taken to Polk county jail and held on burglary charges. Police said he admitted taking the money from a cash register. The cafe is located several miles west of Salem on the Salem-Dallas highway.

West Outlines Strategy For Big 4 Meet Today

PARIS, March 4.—(AP)—The western delegations met twice today and reached agreement on a common strategy for tomorrow's opening meeting of the Big Four deputy foreign ministers. The Russians consulted only themselves.

The British, France and the United States, Britain, France and Russia—have the job of trying to work out an agenda for a Big Four foreign ministers meeting aimed at settling the issues which have brought Russia and the western world to the present critical phase in international relations.

Spokesmen for the U. S. embassy and the French foreign ministry said the western delegations reached unanimous agreement today on what subjects they believe the foreign ministers should tackle.

The spokesmen gave no details, but the western powers are already on record as wanting the foreign ministers to discuss the armaments situation, not only as applying to Germany alone but to the east-west overall picture; specific German problems and a treaty of independence with Austria.

The big question was what will the Russians agree to place on a worksheet for a Big Four meeting? There is no doubt that Russia considers the rearmament of Germany the No. 1 subject. That was the Soviet viewpoint when Russia proposed a Big Four meeting four months ago. In a lengthy exchange of notes with the west the Russians have indicated they are willing to discuss other subjects. The western powers want to go into all the subjects which imperil the peace.

Military Toys Gain Esteem

NEW YORK, March 4.—(AP)—Toy guns, tanks, jet planes, walkie-talkies and bathtub navies are in bigger demand these days as children's playthings, the toy manufacturers of the U.S.A. said today.

"Minutemen of military equipment have reappeared in some volume for the first time since 1946, reflecting juvenile interest in defense preparations," the manufacturers said in announcing plans for their 1951 new toy display opening Monday.

But, they added, cowboy regalia still holds the No. 1 spot.

Sweden Reported Able to Mobilize 20 to 30 Divisions

STOCKHOLM, March 4.—(AP)—Sweden is able to mobilize 20 to 30 army divisions on short notice, Minister of Defense Alan Vougt stated today.

"This is a rather impressive force under present conditions," Vougt said in a speech at Skutskara in central Sweden.

Sweden's chances of maintaining good military preparedness have been "greatly improved by the system of refresher exercises in war units introduced last year," the minister said, adding that Sweden probably is the only country in the world using the system.

THE WEATHER table with columns for Max, Min, Precip. for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, New York, and a forecast for Salem.

Learn to Spell

These words will figure in The Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest for grades 7th and 8th grade pupils of Marion and Polk counties.

- rhubarb, plague, pencil, berth, preparation, raspberry, option, merchant, herp, illegal, gzoines, independence, courteous, occupation, venture, elementary, preling, gnorant.