

Present Ammunition Situation for Korea Sound, Asserts Ike

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower said Thursday the present ammunition situation in Korea is perfectly sound.

Divorce Rate Continues to Rise in County

The ratio of divorces to marriages in Marion County increased again in 1952, according to a tabulation just completed by the clerk of the Circuit Court's department of domestic relations.

The increasing ratio of the past two years is due both to a slight rise in number of decrees and a steady drop in number of marriages licensed in this county.

TV Problems For Valley Eyed at Clinic

Problems connected with the proposed expansion of television in the Willamette Valley were discussed by a group of approximately 100 television salesmen, dealers and service men at the Marion Hotel Thursday night.

The clinic meeting for TV representatives from Marion and eight surrounding counties was directed by John Gavriel, Crosley Manufacturing Corporation's new TV market manager.

The meeting revolved principally around all-channel tuning, in regard to the projected television stations to be established soon in this area and other potential valley TV transmitters.

Gavriel also pointed out that there were 525 lines to each TV picture, interlaced, and that TV sets received 30 pictures of 350,000 dots each second, and commented:

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troops in Korea had no relation to an ammunition shortage.

Eisenhower said, too, there is no conflict between himself and Secretary of Defense Wilson over maintaining U. S. combat strength at present levels, although desperate efforts are being made to stop the government's in-the-red spending.

The briskly paced news conference covered these additional highlights:

1. After the Kansas legislature and courts pass on the case, the chief executive will make up his mind about Wesley Roberts, the Republican national chairman who is under fire for an \$11,000 fee in the sale of a hospital to the state of Kansas.

Eisenhower said he won't defend anybody who turns out to be guilty but his philosophy always has been not to condemn someone until the charges have been proved.

2. Eisenhower isn't going to acquiesce in the building up of level government officials. As he sees it, their responsibilities are always with them and he doesn't see how they can take leave.

3. That was a pot shot at Truman administration officials, including eight Cabinet members, who collected \$700,000 for leave they had not used.

On the issue of a Korean ammunition shortage, recently dramatized by the former 8th Army commander, Gen. James van Fleet, Eisenhower said he has told the present situation is perfectly sound, considering the type of operation now going on.

He said he personally hasn't checked on every caliber of ammunition and he couldn't say that ever field commander would have any criticism of supplies.

So far as he knows, Eisenhower said, there is no conflict between his telling reporters last week there would be no reduction in American combat strength and Secretary Wilson's idea of eliminating divisions at home to bring about a reduction in the number of persons in uniform.

Knife-Wielding Patient Stabs 11 at Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—A patient crazed by imagined fears went berserk at a tuberculosis hospital Thursday and stabbed 11 persons before a young priest talked him into submission.

The knife wielder, Esteban Maranitan Rucero, 37, a Filipino, told authorities "I lost my mind."

Two fellow patients at Firland Sanatorium were knifed, one critically. The other victims were hospital employees.

Dr. Roberts Davies, medical director at the county institution north of Seattle, said Rucero—appearing normal—was visiting another patient in a two-bed room.

The doctor said Rucero suddenly whipped out a knife, walked to the second bed, and stabbed a patient in the chest.

Then he walked down the ward, stabbing another patient and employees who tried to stop him.

"He just flicked the knife into each one," Dr. Davies said.

For an hour Rucero held off employees and doctors who cornered him in a corridor.

Gas Pipeline To NW Slated By Contractors

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Contractors said Thursday they would drill natural gas wells in Colorado and New Mexico and build a pipeline to carry the fuel to the Pacific Northwest.

They testified at a Power Commission hearing on applications to pipe gas to Washington and Oregon that they would do the work for Pacific Northwest Pipeline Co., which proposes to develop the San Juan Basin field and build a 2,000-mile pipeline.

John P. Moran, veteran driller from Wichita Falls, Tex., said his company would undertake to drill in the San Juan Basin field for \$74,000 a well.

Moran said that Moran Brothers which he heads as president, has completed 16 gas producing wells at San Juan and has four rigs working in the field.

Robert Thomas of Fort Worth, Tex., general manager of River Construction Co., testified his firm would lay the pipe for 35 million dollars, the construction cost estimated by Richard D. Ricketts, who designed the proposed line.

Thomas said his company would bid, if Pacific gets the necessary license for the pipeline, on the laying of the entire pipeline. The route from Ignacio, Colo., through parts of Utah, Wyoming and Idaho, to Portland, Ore., Seattle and Beilingham, Wash.

Laterals would extend to the dry Piney Gap field and Rock Springs, Wyo., and to Spokane, Walla Walla, Wenatchee and Hanford, Wash.

Both Ricketts and Thomas used airplanes to look over the proposed pipeline route. Neither inspected the route on the ground.

Ricketts estimated the pipeline cost after aerial inspection, then cost after three other engineers over the route in cars to confirm his estimate only. Minor changes were made in the route over mountainous country as a result of inspection on the ground, Ricketts said.

Thomas said his company would bid only on clearing of the pipeline right-of-way. Installation of pipe bought by Pacific, and underwater river crossings.

Pacific's project would cost about 200 million dollars. Drilling of 480 wells, the objective at San Juan, would cost 35 1/2 million at \$74,000 each.

Construction of 26 compressor stations and gas processing plants, plus pipeline materials and pipeline construction costs would bring the total to about 200 million.

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Prefers U.S.



NEW YORK—Gurie Lie, the pretty blonde daughter of U.N. secretary-general Trygve Lie, is asked for U. S. citizenship. A Norwegian, she has been in America since 1946 on a special visa. She is in her early 20's. (AP Wirephoto.)

Try to Brand U.S. Loses in United Nations

By FRANCIS W. CARPENTER
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The U. N. passed an overwhelming defeat Thursday on a major Soviet propaganda campaign started in the Stalin era and carried on here by the new Malenkov regime.

It was designed to brand the United States as an aggressor against Iron Curtain countries.

The 60-nation Political Committee voted 41-5 against a Czechoslovak satellite resolution introduced in the U. N. while Stalin reigned but pushed with greater vigor by the Communists after Prime Minister Georgi Malenkov took over.

The Reds won a small comfort in the final vote; 14 countries abstained, partly because the west had defected Jews and Zionism against Red assaults.

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Poggi Freed After Serving Illegal Term

(Story also on page 1.)
OREGON CITY (AP)—A legal twist Thursday freed Joe Poggi, 57, after more than 24 years in the state prison. Nearly 20 of these technically were a legal mistake.

But before he left the courtroom, Circuit Judge Ralph Howard, told him:

"You are a fortunate individual. I don't want you to think society has done you an injustice. In my opinion there was basis to send you up as an habitual criminal 25 years ago."

"You had four felony convictions. But they (the prosecutors) did it in an improper manner and this has enabled (Merlin Estep, Salem, Poggi's attorney) to get you out. In 25 years you should have learned not to steal. None of your past crimes was serious and this has gone into my decision to turn you loose."

"But you must understand that if you steal again you will go back to prison for life. Next time they will do a good job and nobody will be able to get you out."

Poggi was convicted in 1928 of stealing about \$2.50 worth of wire. He had been in trouble frequently before, and admitted four felony convictions. This led to filing of a habitual criminal charge against him. Without bringing evidence to prove these four convictions, the state convicted Poggi. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Poggi's attorney, Estep, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, arguing that the habitual criminal conviction was illegal. Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell of the Marion County court granted the writ, which gained Poggi his freedom from prison.

Clackamas County countered immediately by filing a new charge of habitual criminality against him; and he was brought to Oregon City.

Since witnesses able to testify about the old crimes were either absent or dead, Dist. Atty Winston Bradshaw asked for dismissal of the new habitual criminal charge. This gave Poggi his freedom.

He left for Salem, reportedly to accept a job offer there.

Church Group Honors Press For Coverage

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Religious Publicity Council Thursday night honored three newspapers, three religious news reporters and the Associated Press for their coverage of religious news.

Meeting in Riverside Church in its 27th annual convention, the council presented its award of merit and citations to the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner, the Oregon Journal at Portland, Ore., and the Associated Press.

Accompanying citations went to Religious Editors Bob Bell Jr., of the Banner, Ernest W. Peterson, of the Journal, and to George W. Hornum, religious news writer of the Associated Press.

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Belated Ban Ends Sale of Peat Moss

The Salem Fred Meyer store was barred by the Southern Pacific from selling a carload of peat moss from a car Thursday.

Representatives of the SP said regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission prohibited such practice without special inclusion of such permission in the tariff covering the goods. Railroad officials advised further that such permission is never included in a tariff.

The SP said, however, that peat moss had been sold in carload lots previously in the area, but could offer no particular legal reason why it had been permitted.

How come the ban in this case, then? Someone objected, it appeared Thursday, but who it was was not known. Fred Meyer officials advised the sale of the peat moss by this method had been performed without question at least two years previous. They said that such a method of sale resulted in a financial saving to the consumer.

Nonetheless, the SP says, it's illegal.

Film Producer Denies Reds Backed Work

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Simon Lazarus, producer of the controversial picture, "Salt of the Earth," filmed recently in New Mexico, denied Thursday that the Russian government or Communist Party provided financial backing for the production.

The Russian-born Lazarus, 58, told the House Un-American Activities Committee:

"This is so much nonsense, ridiculous. We received no money from any party. We received money from people, lots of people."

Then, in response to the prodding questions of Rep. Gordon H. Scherer, (R-Ohio), Lazarus added he did not know the affiliation of the people who contributed money for the film—"We didn't ask them."

He said that the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union did not put up any money for the production, as far as he knew.

He said the independent production corporation, which Lazarus formerly headed, borrowed \$30,000 for the film, which Lazarus said would be released in about two months.

Lazarus refused, on grounds of the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution, to identify any of his partners in the venture. He declined even to give the name of the script writer.

He said he resigned as president of the corporation last March 19. This was four days before the present hearing into Hollywood Communism opened and a month after the presence of the movie company at Silver, City, N. M., raised the ire of the committee.

Rep. Donald L. Jackson (R-Cal) previously identified other officers of the corporation as: Herbert Gan-

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McCarthy Defender Demands Lady Astor Arrest for Comment

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Mid-West editor Thursday demanded the arrest of Lady Nancy Astor for her "too bad it isn't poison" crack about a drink sipped by Sen. McCarthy R-Wis.—and she whooped with delight at the idea.

"They wouldn't have to serve a warrant on me," the Virginia-born British viscountess told a reporter. "I'd go to get it, I'd fetch it."

Long noted for her acid wit, Lady Astor made the gibe about McCarthy a drink at a party given by Senator and Mrs. Taft R-Ohio—Wednesday night in honor of President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

The call for her arrest came from John Chapple, editor of the Ashland, Wis., Daily Press, who fired a telegram to U. S. Attorney Charles M. Ireland here and sent a copy to The Associated Press. The wire said:

"I wish to sign a complaint charging Lady Nancy Astor with incitement to commit a felony . . .

"On the basis of the facts as reported by The Associated Press, please inform me if such a warrant will be issued if I will sign the complaint and I will go to the proper jurisdiction at Washington to do so."

Ireland told newsmen he had received the telegram.

asth, vice president; Kathleen Sims, secretary; Rose Kolker, treasurer, and Robert Gannon, director.

Lazarus was shown a photostatic copy of a \$30,000 check made out to Paul Jarrico, Hollywood screen writer, and signed by Lazarus and Kathleen Sims, secretary. Lazarus still declined to identify Miss Sims as secretary.

Lazarus said there is no agreement to share profits from "Salt of the Earth" with the Mine, Mill and Selter Workers Union, but he identified another photostatic copy of a \$30,000 check made out to the union and endorsed by Jarrico.

ceived Chapple's message, and he commented:

"We will look into it."

"But he said he would want more facts before saying a warrant would or could be issued."

Reached at a friend's home, Lady Astor broke into peals of laughter when informed of Chapple's demand for her arrest.

"That's wonderful!" she exclaimed. "I never realized I had hit the bull's eye. Let him come on and try. I'll win, but I don't want to be made a heroine by him—I haven't got time."

Then the 73-year-old widow of late Lord Astor declared:

"I'm not really a Lucretia Borgia, you know. I only said it in fun—but," she added, "I said it thousands of times. And I'm amazed what backing I've got from a chance remark. I haven't been able to leave the house all day . . . dozens of phone calls."

"Seriously, I didn't say it with any feeling of vengeance, but I think it does matter to the world—to Russia—what McCarthy says, and it's wrong to say anything that would weaken our unity, isn't it?"

Lady Astor, who served as a member of Parliament in the British House of Commons from 1914 to 1945, said she expects to remain in this country for several weeks before returning to her home in England.

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