

2 ROK Divisions Buckle as Red Offensive Rolls

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On Road to Electric Chair



NEW YORK — Julius Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel, both of whom are scheduled to die June 18 in Sing Sing's electric chair, were a solemn looking couple during their espionage trial in New York's federal courthouse in March, 1951. Their arrest was one of the main steps in the cracking of an international atomic spy conspiracy. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Attention has been focused on Korea where a truce appears imminent; but events in Europe call for consideration too. France shuffles along under its periodic hiatus of government. In Italy the De Gasperi government managed to survive the elections, but barely. Germany, the chief theatre for the cold war, is stirring the embers of unification. The West German parliament made fresh appeals to the United States, Britain and France to support peaceful reunion of the two Germans. In East Germany Prime Minister Grotewohl calls unity the decisive question. There too the government has made a peace "treaty" with the Evangelical Church which promises to respect its freedom of worship and to continue state financial support. And the relaxing of controls is declared to be inspired by East Germany's desire to promote unification. The immediate response is one of "Beware the Reds," avoid another Munich or Yalta. But our government needs to be doing some home work in preparation for meeting this German demand for unification. If Russia were smart it would make prompt and definite offers for an agreement on German unity. That would put a tighter squeeze on American foreign policy than the contention over Korean truce terms with our U.N. allies. The policy of West European unity under NATO, with an international army would be under strain. Germany longs for unification. France fears it but is unwilling to embrace the European army which

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	77	44	00
Portland	74	49	00
San Francisco	68	50	00
Chicago	68	50	00
New York	67	52	04

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and fair Tuesday. Warmer today with the high near 80 to 82 and the low tonight near 48. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 55 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION	This Year	Last Year	Normal
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1	43.13	41.28	37.42

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I feel fine! Why do you ask?"

Direct Hit by Mortar Shell Only Stuns GI

WITH U. S. 40 DIVISION IN KOREA (AP) — There was a stunning smash as something terrific hit Cpl. Bertram White's helmet. When he staggered to his knees and groped for his dented headgear, White—who lives at Brooklyn, N. Y.—found he had one of the great mortar stories of the war. He wasn't hit by a mortar fragment—it was a whole mortar shell. It was a dud and, lucky for him, failed to explode.

Fire Damages U.S. Embassy In Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Fire Sunday night damaged the stately dining room at Spasso House, home of the U. S. ambassador, while Mrs. Perle Mesta, famed Washington hostess, slept one flight above. The blaze, apparently caused by a short-circuited power line, caused several thousand dollars' damage. No one was injured. The fire broke out on the first floor while Ambassador and Mrs. Charles E. Bohlen and their guest—Mrs. Mesta, former U. S. minister to Luxembourg—were sleeping. The fire was first noted by the Bohlen's baby nurse and was reported to Mrs. Bohlen by a Chinese servant. The fact the blaze was confined to the one room was credited to the presence of many extinguishers in the house. By the time the Moscow fire department arrived, the situation was well in hand. Moscow had just been hit by a strong electric storm. The dining room was considered one of the prettiest rooms in Spasso house. Among other damaged items were the long curtains extending from the ceiling to the floor and the ambassador's dining table.

Brothers in Hospital After Car Tumbles

Two brothers from Holley were hospitalized Sunday afternoon after their car went out of control on 99E near Baxter Road, flipped over twice, glanced off another car, tore down two mail boxes and a post and landed in a ditch. Billy Sisson, 25, and his brother, Irvy, 20, were taken to Salem Memorial Hospital by Williams Ambulance Service where attendants said their condition was good. State police said the driver of the other car was a California man, Allen D. Turner, visiting at 1225 Baxter Rd. His car received minor damage, but the Sisson 1940 Chevrolet was badly wrecked. Both cars were going north on 99E, said state police. The California car had just pulled out of Baxter Road when the accident occurred about 2:40 p.m.

\$70 Church Fund Stolen

Seventy dollars earmarked for the Vacation Bible School was stolen from the parish office of Christ Lutheran Church, 1750 State St., early Sunday morning, police reported. A bank money bag containing \$53 in separate envelopes was lifted from a desk in the office and \$17 in cash and checks was taken from a desk drawer. The money was donated by church members. Police said the burglary took place between 8:45 and 9:45 a.m. It was believed the intruder was familiar with the office as nothing else was disturbed during the theft.

School District Votes Today

School district voters of Marion County will go to the polls today and cast their ballots on school budgets, school board directors and other issues. Also coming to a vote are proposals to merge the Mountain View District and Hills Ferry School District with Salem public schools. The Salem school district voting places will be at the Public School Administration Building, and Highland, Grant, Englewood, Richmond, Leslie, Salem Heights, Lincoln, West Salem and Liberty schools.

SEN. TAFT 'RESTING'

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Robert A. Taft spent a "restful night" at New York Hospital where he is undergoing treatment of a hip ailment, the hospital said Sunday.

President Warns U.S. Against 'Bookburners'

HANOVER, N. H. (AP)—President Eisenhower declared Sunday that only by knowing Communism can it be fought effectively, and he cautioned against joining "the book-burners" who would even burn knowledge of Communist from the libraries. Speaking at Dartmouth College commencement exercises, the President appeared to be hitting at Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), who has been assailing the State Department for using books by Communist authors in its propaganda drive against the Reds. Dartmouth awarded the President an honorary degree of doctor of laws. In an informal talk to 563 graduates and an audience of about 10,000 others, the President said: "Don't think you can cure something by hiding the evidence of it. You must have courage to look at these things and to try to correct them. It isn't enough to say 'I love America' and to salute the flag and to cheer as it goes by, Read the Books. Don't be afraid to go to the library and read the books x x x. That's how we will defeat Communism — by knowing what it is. We've got to fight it by doing something better, and not just by hiding it."

Eisenhower said Americans have a right to have books on Communism available to students of Communism, and to have them "in places accessible to others." Just before the President spoke, Lester B. Pearson, Canadian foreign secretary and president of the United Nations General Assembly, also had an indirect reference to McCarthy. Exaggerate Differences Pearson said that "voices raised in our midst, calculated to exaggerate the differences which arise between us," were another pitfall of the Atlantic Treaty nations must avoid. "Irresponsibility of this kind can undermine the mutual understanding on which our community rests," he said.

Apparently referring to the recent critical exchange between former British Prime Minister Clement Attlee and McCarthy, Pearson said that "as a member of Parliament I may refer without impropriety, I hope, to what Lord Attlee has described as the 'never-ending audacity of elected persons'."

Pearson added "some of this verbal audacity on both sides of the Atlantic consists of appeals to passion and prejudice by men whose horizons are circumscribed only by their own ambitious purposes." Pearson said "we will be wise, I think, not to confuse these sounds with the voice of the people, or to mistake calculated and theatrical outbursts for frank and honest criticism." At the start of his talk Eisenhower commended Pearson on his address.

Rivers Flood Low Farms

PORTLAND (AP) — The rising Columbia and Willamette rivers had flooded low lying farm lands Sunday and river forecasters said both rivers would continue moderate rises. At Portland where flood stage is 18 feet, the Willamette was up to 20.6 feet Sunday. It will probably rise an additional foot by Wednesday. The Columbia at Vancouver, which has a 15-foot flood stage, was up to 20.8 feet Sunday. Forecasters said it would go up to 21.9 by Thursday. No damage is expected.

Clothes, Watch Stolen From Girl Picnickers

Three Salem girls reported to city police that several items of clothing and a \$50 watch were stolen from them Sunday afternoon while they were picnicking at Bush's pasture. Among the items stolen were a \$20 jacket, a pair of pedal pushers, and a coin purse. The double dose of ill-fortune ironically marked the 11th wedding anniversary of the Carls and the homecoming of Marine Flier Marion Carl, Mr. Carl's brother, from Quantico, Va.

Soviet 'Pushbutton' Cruiser Center of Interest As Crowds Assemble for Coronation Review

PORTSMOUTH, England (AP) — The Russian cruiser Sverdlov, ship of many mysteries, was the center of intense interest Sunday as thousands assembled for Monday's coronation naval review. Queen Elizabeth II will give the trim "pushbutton" vessel close scrutiny when the young monarch warships of 16 nations drawn up in an impressive formation. The British were obviously fascinated by the Russian ship, first Soviet war craft to appear in British waters since 1937, by her Russian Captain First Class Olumpey Rudakov, and by her 1,000 Russian sailors who brought her here last Wednesday. At first the Red sailors were shy and possibly a little suspicious, but they have become friendlier and more communicative as they came ashore frequently in large and small groups. Most of them remained on their cruiser Sunday playing host to distinguished visitors, including the Russian ambassador, Jacob Malik, and Dr. Hewlett Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, whose support of Communism has irritated many British churchmen. British naval officers were outspoken in admiration for the snappy manner in which Rudakov brought his ship to its appointed place in the reviewing line at Spithead, the body of water between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. From a British liaison officer who went aboard it is known that it was a push-button operation, that from the bridge the captain, by manipulating little levers, gave the signals for swift navigation of his ship. He clanged no bells and shouted no orders down tubes. He declined the services of a British pilot, although the waters here are somewhat tricky to navigate. He did not seem to need charts, yet got to where he was supposed to go in an incredibly short time. The Moscow radio Sunday said:

Commies Stage Heaviest Push In Two Years

By MILO FARNETTI

SEOUL (AP) — The South Korean Fifth and Eighth Divisions buckled Monday under a crushing attack by waves of thousands of Chinese who rolled back the Korean truce demarcation line as much as two miles in some places. Some 30,000 Communists were attacking along a 30-mile sector of the Central and Eastern Fronts. It was the biggest Red attack in two years, since the spring drive of 1951. Infantrymen of the U.S. Third Division battled with the Reds in the trenches of the Triangle Hills—on the South Korean left flank—and lost some ground before stopping the Chinese assault. Earlier reports filtering through a tightened censorship said the South Korean troops were reeling under the attacks. The South Koreans had threatened to ignore any truce and drive northward to the Manchurian Border. At U.S. Eighth Army headquarters, a grave faced staff officer said: "The situation could best be described as fluid." U.N. Allies Active But Allied airpower dominated the Korean skies. Far East Air Forces announced fighters and bombers Sunday flew a new record 1,600 sorties — individual missions — without loss of, or damage to a single plane. The Red drive overshadowed the fighting last year for Old Baldy, White Horse Mountain, Sniper Ridge and the U.S. First Marine Division outposts on the Western Front. Tanks and artillery were playing a big part in the battle. ROKs Forced Back American officers with the South Koreans said the ROKs had been forced back by the Chinese assault across about 10 to 15 miles of the front in the East-Central sector that spans high hills and deep valleys. The major action was southeast of Kumsong and north of the winding Pukhan River, which describes a horseshoe curve in the area. The Communists appeared to be driving toward the Pukhan but — at reports received up until noon — had not reached it. Korean units on the East-Central Front were accompanied by battalion sized attacks elsewhere across the front.

The Reds appeared anxious to gain prestige in the waning days of the Korean War and were gunning for all the ground they could get before a cease fire is ordered. The great Hwachon Reservoir — in allied hands and 25 miles behind the ROK Eighth and Fifth Divisions — blocked any great advance by the Communists in this sector. The meandering Pukhan is at the back of the two hard-pressed divisions. The Chinese troops could curve either to the southeast or southwest if they wanted to pay the price in casualties for further advances.

The Eighth Army commander, Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, flew in to first hand inspect the situation at first hand, his headquarters announced. In Iron Triangle The Chinese also hit the Iron Triangle area to the west of Capitol Hill and around Christmas Hill to the east of the main push. Americans of the Third Division and ROKs of the Ninth Division teamed during the night to knock back a thrust by between 2,000 and 3,000 Chinese northwest of Kumsong in the Iron Triangle area. Other ROK troops kicked back an assault by more than a battalion of Reds in the Christmas Hill area. The Chinese apparently want commanding ground in these areas that might force more Allied troops to give up their main line. It was the first real combat test of General Taylor in Korea since he took over from Gen. James A. Van Fleet on Feb. 11, also was a test of the ROKs ability to hold out alone as they have threatened to do.

TRAIN CRASH INJURES 70

MADRAS, India (AP) — A freight train collided with a passenger train on the Madanapalle, 193 miles west of here Saturday night. Seventy were injured—seriously.

Armistice Police Alerted for Duty

By GEORGE McARTHUR

MUNSAN (AP) — A Korean armistice appeared so near Monday that officers assigned to vital truce jobs were alerted and Allied soldiers were warned against mistaking a cease-fire for war's end. The U.N. field commander, Lt. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, issued an unusual radio caution to his multinational army not to be swept up with thoughts of going home and get caught off guard. He said "the possibility of an armistice has increased to the point that we must consider what a signing would mean to the Eighth Army." The U. N. base camp in Munsan buzzed with activity. Soldiers and medics were told to start prisoner exchange rehearsals. Officers who will serve on the military armistice commission were told to get ready to take over their new jobs. Peiping's Red radio said liaison officers as well as staff officers were meeting Monday at Panmunjom "to work out the last administrative details prior to the signing of the armistice agreement." The liaison officers met — as Peiping said they would — but the U.N. Command would give no details. The session lasted 19 minutes. The officers did not set a date for a future meeting. President Syngman Rhee called off, at least for the moment, the anti-truce demonstrations which had raged for five days in the streets of Korean cities. Instead, 1,000 men and women from 160 churches prayed in a Seoul park lest the Allies "surrender to the godless Communist aggressors." Despite the temporary absence of demonstrations, there was no apparent weakening in Rhee's bitter opposition to a truce before unification. His government officials continued making loud statements that South Korea should fight on alone. Activities of the Allied command suggested confidence that this opposition would not upset a truce.

Panic Fatal to Nearly 70 in Brazil Blaze

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Fire broke out in a Sao Paulo drygoods store early Sunday and spread to a Negro dance hall above, causing panic and a heavy death toll. Reports of the number of dead varied from 63 to 70. Most were trampled to death or suffocated. Seventy other persons were injured. About 300 persons were jammed into the hall for a dance when the fire occurred. The club director made an announcement and asked all to leave quickly. But panic broke out and the dancers rushed for the single narrow stairway leading to the street. Some of the first to reach it stumbled and fell in their frenzy to get out. Others trampled over them to escape, but eventually the stairway became clogged with bodies and many jumped from windows. When firemen and police reached the scene they found an almost solid wall of bodies at the stairway. Hardly any had been burned, the firemen said, but had died of trampling or suffocation. The police job was made difficult by the crowds of relatives who thronged the scene looking for loved ones.

Fire Destroys One-Third of Quebec Town

ST. NEREE, Que. (AP) — A fire that flared Saturday night and raged until early Sunday, destroyed nearly one third of the village 35 miles southwest of Quebec. The blaze caused an estimated \$300,000 damage, took one life and left 95 persons homeless. The fire apparently began in a yard behind one of the homes. Fanned by high winds, it destroyed 17 homes, a convent, six barns and two garages. Many other homes and the village church were damaged. Red Cross officials said 24 families — 44 adults and 51 children — were homeless.

Other Survivors Surviving Mrs. Whitney besides nine daughters and a son are 25 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren. Two children, a daughter Mrs. William Bunn, died in 1928 and a son, Orrin Whitney, died in 1948. The survivors are Mrs. Rose Hagedorn, Salem, Mrs. Nellie Bunn, Portland, Mrs. Stella Lupton, Portland, Mrs. Gene Stivers, Cherokee, Ia., Mrs. Lovella Ennis, Hartley, Ia., Mrs. Nina Becker, Portland, Mrs. Edna Price, Salem, Mrs. Arlie Majors, Portland, Mrs. Flossie Reeves, Bingen, Wash., and P. M. Whitney, Brownsville.

Weatherman Sees Clear Skies Ahead

It's going to be warm in the valley today, says the weatherman, who predicts the mercury will rise to a high reading of 80 to 82 degrees during the afternoon. Some cloudiness today is predicted to give way to fair weather Tuesday. Sunday was warm and sunny with some clouds and a top temperature of 77 recorded about 3:30 p.m.

Dive Fatal to Portland Boy

SEASIDE (AP)—Donald S. Peake, 16, a Portland high school student, drowned Sunday in a swimming pool here. His half-brother, Lee M. Singletary, Portland, said the youth dived into the pool and didn't come up. Singletary notified life guards who located the body a short time later. An autopsy has been scheduled.

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Mrs. Whitney



Mrs. Sarah M. Whitney, Salem's oldest resident, died here Sunday at the age of 103. She was born Feb. 9, 1850.

Oldest Salem Resident Dies At Age of 103

Salem's oldest resident, who was already a young girl in Civil War times, died Sunday at a Salem hospital at the age of 103. She was Mrs. Sarah M. Whitney, late of 1270 N. 18th St., where she lived with one of ten surviving children until recently. Born Sarah Warner, she was the eldest daughter of George B. and Mary Ann Goodman Warner, early residents of Tuscarawas County, O. she outlived all her nine younger brothers and sisters and marked her 103rd birthday Feb. 9. Mrs. Whitney often recalled her early childhood, noting that the family lived in Ohio during the Civil War in log houses, heated only by stone fireplaces. As the oldest, she helped both her father on the farm and her mother in the home — cradling grain, shearing sheep, spinning yarn and knitting, spinning and sewing. Backless Benches Young Sarah attended school in a log building with hand hewn backless benches. She recalled that her father purchased 165 acres in Iowa, in 1856 but continued to reside in Ohio for 12 more years before venturing further west on the prairie in 1868. That year on Oct. 25 she was married to Charles E. Whitney in Winthrop County, Ia. The following year a scourge of grasshoppers totally destroyed crops and the new Mrs. Whitney's wedding veil, and a cholera epidemic killed the hogs. A farm in Cherokee County, Ia., proved more prosperous and there, people remained, there until 1901 when they moved to the Big Bend country near Wilson Creek, Wash. In 1906 they moved to the Salem area and for many years owned a farm near Turner. Later Whitney engaged in the real estate business in Salem. They marked their golden wedding anniversary here in 1918 and had been wed nearly 61 years when Whitney died in 1929.