

Officials Say Reds Want Truce, Rhee Poses Stumbling Block

By SAM SUMMERLIN
 WASHINGTON (AP) — The U. N. Command Sunday pondered Communist demands for a crackdown on South Korean President Syngman Rhee's government, and also a Red hint that a Korean armistice agreement was possible without the Southern Republic's signature.

Without closing the door on an armistice, Communist leaders in a tense plenary session of truce negotiators Saturday at Panmunjom bitterly assailed Rhee's arbitrary action freeing 27,000 anti-Red war prisoners this week.

The Reds demanded recapture of the prisoners. They accused the Allies of conniving with South Korea in the escapes and bluntly asked "is the United Nations Command able to control the South Korean government and Army?"

The Communists said "we are awaiting the reply of your side," and asked and got an indefinite recess.

Rhee Responsible
 Gen. Mark Clark called the release "completely unauthorized" and said "The entire responsibility rests squarely upon President Rhee and the government of Korea."

The U. N. commander in a statement from his Tokyo headquarters said the action "has been a deep and personal disappointment to me and my entire command."

"It has given rise to wholly unfounded suspicions of collusion on the part of the ROK government and the U. N. C. to circumvent or abrogate the prisoner of war agreement at Panmunjom."

The pact provided for the eventual freeing of the prisoners if through several administrative steps they continued to refuse repatriation.

Violation of Authority
 "There has been no collusion nor has the U. N. C. in any way been a part to this completely unauthorized action," Clark said. He called it a "direct violation of the authority vested in him."

Clark said the Allied command had been aware that certain South Korean government elements advocated freeing the captives.

"The personal assurance of President Rhee, however, were considered sufficient guarantee that no such action would be taken without prior consultation with me," Clark explained.

He said he had considered repatriating South Korean guards at Allied stockades but decided against doing so because they had performed their duties commendably. Furthermore, Clark said, replacing the South Korean guards would have constituted a serious drain on our front line forces."

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The Peiping Radio, quoting a Red correspondent at North Korean truce headquarters at Kaesong, said "observers" there felt that U. N. commander Gen. Mark W. Clark's "answer to these crucial questions will decide further progress of the talks."

The Communist high command letter asks whether the U. N. can control the South Koreans then:

"If no, does the armistice in Korea include the Syngman Rhee clique?"

Ask Assurance
 It asked that, if South Korea is not included, "what assurance is there for the implementation of the armistice agreement on the part of South Korea?"

Lt. Col. Milton Herr, an official U. N. spokesman, said the Reds seemed to be offering the U. N. a separate truce without South Korea signing.

The U. N. Command was in the middle of a nutcracker situation. On one side were Red demands that the U. N. take full responsibility for the prisoner breakout.

On the other side was a Republic of Korea (ROK) demand that the remaining 9,000 North Korean anti-Reds still in the prisoner compounds be freed immediately. Another 600 broke out Saturday night.

Allied to Reds
 General Clark was forced by circumstances to be allied with Communist criticisms of the Rhee government's action.

Clark in a crisp worded letter to Rhee told the ROK president that the prisoner release was a "clear violation of my authority" and the U. N. commander said he could "not at this time estimate the ultimate consequences" of the South Korean leader's "precipitous and shocking" act.

Army Issues World War II Casualty Total

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army, after a three-year check of the records of each man, has issued a new and final account of its World War II battle casualties—a total of 936,259 Army and Air Force personnel.

Deaths totaled 234,874. Altogether, about 10,420,000 served in the Army and Air Force, and thus casualties were about 9 per cent of the total.

The Navy has reported 100,392 casualties, including 36,350 battle deaths, and the Marines 88,718 casualties, of whom 19,733 died.

This makes a total of 1,125,369 casualties, 291,577 deaths for the three services.

The new Army figure was about 12,000 less than the casualties estimated in 1946, but the number of deaths was a little over 5,000 more than the original count.

Sgt. Waters Succumbs to Heart Attack

M/Sgt. Howard F. Waters, 46, of Salem, died unexpectedly Friday at McChord Air Force Base, Tacoma, Wash. He was believed to have suffered a heart attack.

Death came a few minutes after he was found unconscious on the floor of his room.

A veteran of 25 years in the service, Waters was born Nov. 12, 1907 at Champlain, N. Y., but lived most of his life in Salem, graduating from Salem High School about 1926.

He is the son of the late F. L. and Lizzie Waters of Salem.

Surviving are a sister, Elizabeth H. Waters, Albuquerque, N. M.; and three brothers, Stanley D. Waters and Dr. Kenneth H. Waters, both of Salem, and Rodrick F. Waters, Lakeview.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Clough-Barrick chapel with interment at Belcrest Memorial Park. A military service will be held with personnel from McChord AFB assisting.

Farmer Takes Own Life With Rifle Bullet

Statesman News Service
 INDEPENDENCE — John W. Rumsey, 60-year-old farmer, was found dead from a bullet wound in his head on his farm Saturday morning. Polk County Coroner J. Paul Bollman said the wound was self-inflicted.

Bollman said the death weapon was a .25-.35 rifle. Rumsey was found about 10 a.m. in an abandoned building on his farm.

The coroner said Rumsey had been dependent lately.

Rumsey, a resident here for the past seven years, was born Oct. 11, 1892 in Pennsylvania.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Veva M. Rumsey of Independence.

Funeral services will be announced later by Clough-Barrick Co., Salem.

ACTRESS TO WED
 PITTSBURGH (AP) — Film actress Gloria De Haven and Martin S. Kimmel, New York reactor, said Saturday night they plan to be married Sunday morning at a private ceremony.

ACTOR OPERATED UPON
 SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Actor Rock Hudson underwent an emergency appendectomy at St. John's Hospital Saturday. He was reported in good condition afterward.

Portland Pair Win Bridge Meet Trophy

One hundred teams played Saturday in the fifth annual three-day Willamette Valley Bridge meet in the Salem Elks Lodge. It is the largest duplicate tournament ever held locally.

Fifty-two pairs competed in the opening session of the Open Pairs championship, while 48 played for Corvallis pairs trophies.

Mrs. Elsie Pitti and Mamie Hendry, both of Portland, won their second trophy yesterday by finishing high after capturing first in the Elks Club Pairs Friday night.

Other Saturday winners included Henry Walker, Redmond, and Mrs. R. L. Park, Mrs. Arthur Binegar and Mrs. Robert McKesson, Sam Ramp and Ray Kemp, all of Salem.

High scores in the Elks Pairs also were turned in by Walter M. Cline and Lin Miles, Mrs. A. G. Sender and Mrs. L. G. Lewelling, all of Albany, and Mrs. Elmer O. Berg and Mrs. Leona Taylor, both of Salem.

In the one-session mixed pairs title which opened the meet Friday, Mrs. David Harkleroad, Portland life master, and Earl McKale, Seattle, Wash., were high. Marian Andrews and C. E. Holbrook of Portland tied with John Donnelly and Betty Bryson, both of Seattle, for second.

Fourth were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Van Vleet, Portland, while Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis and Max Moore, Scio, and Mrs. Jose Moritz, Corvallis, were next.

Others awarded master points for high scores included Mrs. C. Rhoades and Mrs. Dorothy Ramme, both of Brownsville; and the 10110 winning from Salem: Mrs. George Rein and Mrs. E. E. Borng, Mrs. Stanley Neuens and Mrs. W. F. Lieske, Col. Phillip Allison and Oliver Huston, Mrs. Donald Duncan and Mrs. F. Lutz, Mrs. Bert Osburn and Mrs. L. J. Ahnsenmacher, Mrs. E. E. Roth and Mrs. M. D. Parker, Mrs. Charles Newson and Ellis H. Jones, and Mrs. C. C. Gabriel and Mrs. Myrtle Watson.

Nepal Bestows Hero Welcome On Climbers

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Tribesman Pensing Bhatia, the native hero of the Himalayas, and Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand returned here Saturday in royal procession grandeur from their conquest of Mount Everest.

Flowers and ceremonial red powder were showered on them and the red carpet was rolled out by the king and the cheering people of this remote mountain kingdom capital.

The whole city concentrated mostly on Nepal's own hero, the Sherpa tribesman guide Tensing, called The Tiger of Tigers for his mountaineering prowess in a career he is giving up now that he has topped 29,002-foot Everest, the world's high spot. Hillary was his companion at the crest.

From Banepa, 20 miles away, Hillary, Tensing and British Col. John Hunt, director of the first successful expedition to the top of the world were brought to Katmandu in a three-mile-long procession. Roadside were jammed with rapturous Nepalese.

In an ornate four-horse coach garlanded with flowers rode Tensing with his Indian wife and two daughters on one side and Hunt and Hillary on the other.

Admiring crowds showered them with so many flowers and so much vermilion powder that when they reached the city outskirts, Mrs. Hunt, waiting with the Nepalese premier, told her husband: "I did not recognize you at first."

The procession wended through the main streets to the palace of King Tribhuvana.

MOTORIST ARRESTED
 A Salem motorist, G. H. Trussell, 548 S. 17th St., was arrested by city police Saturday night on charges of reckless driving and violating restrictions of his operator's license. He was cited to court.

PETER LORRE DIVORCED
 LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Actor Peter Lorre was divorced Saturday by Ingeborg Karen Lorre, former Viennese actress, on grounds they had been living apart more than three years.

Police Seek Boy Escapees

Two escapees from MacLaren School for Boys in Woodburn were the object of a police hunt early this morning.

The youths—who left a work gang Saturday afternoon — were identified as Lavern Francis Truitt, 15, and Jess Ward Potter, 16.

State and local police and sheriff's deputies were pressing the search in the Salem area.

Bradley Says Russia Fears U.S. Strength

By JACK BELL
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Omar N. Bradley has told senators he believes Russia is "pulling back" in the cold war because the Soviets fear increased U. S. military strength and need time to consolidate their position at home.

Bradley, retiring chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified recently before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the administration's foreign aid bill and his testimony was made public Saturday.

The question and answer session turned at one point from the question of foreign aid to domestic defense funds and to the administration's decision to cut five billion dollars off Air Force funds. Bradley called this decision a "stretchout" of the drive toward the goal of a 143-wing Air Force.

Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.) observed that probably the greatest victory the Russians could win "would be to get us to relax."

143-Wing Goal
 Bradley said the military high command would like to reach the 143-wing Air Force goal "as soon as we can." Secretary of Defense Wilson has contended that the five billion dollar cut doesn't mean abandonment of the goal.

But Bradley said the U. S. can't wait too long.

"The longer we put it off, the greater risk we are taking because certainly Russia is getting stronger in some ways, particularly her atomic stockpile," Bradley testified.

Racing Atom Bombs
 He said he hoped that "before that stockpile becomes too formidable, we would reach this strength in Air Power we think is necessary to combat a reasonable stockpile of A-bombs on their part."

Chairman Wiley R. Wis. asked if Bradley was implying that President Eisenhower and others who had decided on the cut in Air Force money requests were

taking an action "that is taking America off her guard or is a stretchout of such significance on character that you think it is dangerous."

Will Abide by Verdict
 "I am sure this decision on the part of the government was made after weighing all considerations, not just the military, and if after weighing all these decisions—all these elements—

this is the decision why we abide by it," Bradley replied.

Pressed by Wiley on the "stretchout" statement, Bradley said: "I don't think anyone can deny that the less the amount you give in any one year the more you are stretching out the attaining of your goal. That is the way I used the term 'stretchout'."

"Certainly I have not intended

to imply here in any way that I question the loyalty or judgment of the President who made this decision."

Bradley said he was "neither a Democrat nor a Republican," adding that "I try to serve my President and my country and I will do that with equal loyalty whether it is a Democrat or a Republican or whoever happens to be in power."

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