

24 U.S. Marines Drown as Ships Collide at Inchon

By JIM BECKER

INCHON, Korea (AP) — A troopship loaded with Chinese prisoners of war bound for Formosa rammed into a small landing craft Thursday and spilled 24 American Marine guards to icy death in Inchon's outer harbor.

It was one of the greatest naval disasters of the Korean War period, surpassed only by a turret explosion in the cruiser St. Paul and the mine-blasting of a minesweeper.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles Sprague

India turned 21,809 prisoners of war who refused repatriation to Red China and North Korea over to the U. N. command on January 20th—and nothing happened. Nothing, that is, from the Communist side. The jubilant POWs streamed from their camps to the U. N. side and were welcomed in camps set up for them. They are to be turned loose on Jan. 23rd in compliance with the terms of the armistice. The Chinese will be ferried to Formosa; the Koreans will be absorbed in South Korea.

The emphasis should be on the point that "nothing happened." The Reds had protested the Indian proposal to turn the prisoners back. They claimed it was a violation of the terms of the armistice, and that any unilateral action with regard to the prisoners of war was "absolutely impermissible."

But when the Indian guards opened the gates and the POWs evacuated the camps where they had been for over three months the Reds did nothing. The fact that nothing happened is quite revealing. It certainly shows that the Reds were bluffing when they denounced the Indian action, although in the opinion of U. N. officials the turn-back of prisoners was premature, the terminal date for detention being Jan. 22nd. Had the Reds wanted to renew hostilities they could have made this an excuse and launched an attack. But they didn't. In other words the war for them is over, too.

In prospect is continued stalemate. Maybe the conference at Panmunjom to plan a conference will get back on the track. Maybe it will not. If the peace conference is convened there seems no (Continued on editorial page, 4.)

CAA Grounds Pilot Godfrey

NEW YORK (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Administration Wednesday grounded Arthur Godfrey for lack of a medical clearance to fly. It also asked that he be kept on the ground for a while as reckless flier.

The Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington was asked to suspend Godfrey's pilot's license for as long as necessary, in punishment for a wild Jan. 7 take off from Teterboro, N.J., airport.

Godfrey blamed a crosswind for his near miss of the Teterboro control tower in his private DC-3 airplane. He said he did not deliberately buzz the tower, although he was displeased with his takeoff instructions. His plane sent tower personnel ducking for cover.

The maximum penalty for reckless flying is revocation of a pilot's license or a \$100 fine. The CAA, however, recommended only a suspension for Godfrey—a temporary grounding.

Godfrey is entitled to a hearing before the CAB if he requests it. The CAB sets aviation policy; the CAA enforces it.

21 DIE IN TRAIN WRECK

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Twenty-one persons were killed and four were injured Wednesday when a passenger train collided with a freight train near Adana, South Turkey, according to press reports reaching here Wednesday night.

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Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Wait a minute, I think I've got a flat."

Do You Drive a Car or Herd It?

Question: Does the car to the right always have the right-of-way?
Answer: No. The law says that's the way right-of-way is decided when two cars approach a point in an intersection simultaneously. But traffic experts agree this doesn't mean a driver can charge through an unmarked intersection completely ignoring the traffic to his left.

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All-Day Freeze Relaxes

Salem bundled up Wednesday against an all-day freeze and the coldest temperature since 1952— an 18-degree reading at 7:30 a.m. But warm air moved in from the south Wednesday night to surprise even the weather forecasters with a 39-degree midnight temperature.

The weather station at McNary field forecasts rain for today and Friday, with possibly a little snow mixed in today.

The mercury is expected to stay above freezing most of the day, so freezing rain is not expected here as it is in the colder Portland area, the forecasters reported.

Starts Rising

After the temperature dropped to 18 Wednesday morning, the mercury rose 10 degrees by 1:30 p.m., stayed at 29 or 30 until 6:30 p.m., then began rising.

Over the state, weather stations consistently marked up the coldest weather of this winter, and in neighboring Idaho, where Oregon State College's basketball team is heading, Moscow reported 21 degrees below zero.

22 Degrees Below

Meacham, Ore., had that beat, at 22 below, early Wednesday. All Oregon weather stations reported at least freezing temperatures for the day's low. Pendleton and The Dalles had 5-below readings; Redmond 1 below.

It was 18 below at Seneca, south of Pendleton; 16 below at Austin west of Baker; 10 below at Brothers and Chemult in the mountains.

At Vancouver, Wash., 3,330 customers of Portland Gas & Coke Co. were without gas much of the day, when high temperature was 25. Ice had formed in a supply line north of Portland.

Gas workmen from as far as Salem were called to help repair the line.

Coast Guard Helicopter Crash Kills 5

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — A Coast Guard helicopter Wednesday tumbled into the Strait of Juan de Fuca a short distance off shore, killing the five men aboard.

Coast Guard headquarters at Seattle said none of the bodies was recovered. A first report said four men were aboard the plane but a check established there were four enlisted men and one officer in the crew.

The "copter was on a routine training flight from Port Angeles Coast Guard station when it fell about 3 p.m. (PST), breaking up as it hit the water less than 100 feet from shore near the station.

Ira Houck, a railroad worker, said he heard the craft's motor sputter and looked up. He said the helicopter was about 500 feet up and that its rear rotor blade stopped whirling.

"Then a section of the big blade broke off and the machine tumbled end over end," he said. "There was an explosion just before it struck and it seemed to fly apart as it hit the water. There was no sign of life."

Winter Arrives as Mounties Change Hats

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (AP) — Arrival of winter was officially recognized here Wednesday.

Scarlet-clad Mounties appearing as witnesses in county court appeared in fur caps instead of their customary stetsons.

State Dickers for Camp Adair For Use as Industrial Site

Gov. Paul L. Patterson and the Oregon Development Commission are negotiating with the U. S. Defense Department for acquiring the Camp Adair site for industrial use, the governor said Wednesday.

The property, located west of Albany, and southwest of Salem in Polk County, consists of several thousand acres of land. Part of it now is used by the Oregon National Guard and the State Game Commission.

"The land," the governor said, "is well situated for industrial use, inasmuch as there are a number of well constructed buildings and warehouses available, together with a complete water system with pumping plants and filtration equipment providing four million gallons daily capacity."

Gov. Patterson said he understands that the government would deed the property to the state at no cost.

The government acquired the site for training soldiers in World War II.

The governor said he and the development commission also are considering other projects to solve the state's unemployment problem.

L. R. Teeple, Portland, chairman of the development commission, said several industries have shown an interest in Camp Adair. "Any new industry coming to Oregon will mean new permanent jobs so sorely needed to offset unemployment caused by shutdown of seasonal employment," Teeple said.

Gov. Patterson also said he is looking into the possibility of using some of the Camp Adair buildings to store surplus wheat.

4 Convicts Fail in Escape Try

Attempt to Douse Lights, Scale Wall Of Pen Thwarted

Four State Penitentiary convicts—one of them a murderer—made a bid for freedom Wednesday night after dousing half the prison lights, but were caught trying to sneak back to their cells when the escape backfired.

Most notorious of the foursome was Allen Brumfield, 39-year-old convicted murderer serving life from Multnomah County, who has figured in previous escapes.

Warden Clarence T. Gladden gave this account of the escape try:

"The convicts managed to slip unnoticed into cellblock B about 7 p.m., apparently from the returning supper line.

They climbed to the top of the cellblock, sawed off two bars covering a two-foot long, 16-inch wide ventilator shaft which led to the roof.

Descending to the ground via a ladder (used for current construction work) secured to the side of the cellblock, the prisoners entered a temporary power station in the basement of the building and pulled all the light switches.

Gladden said the convicts apparently thought the switches would douse all the prison lights. About half went out. Tower and wall lights remained on.

The four then climbed to the roof of the so-called intermediate building just to the rear of the administration building.

This put them above the outside wall and about 15 feet away from it. They then attempted to toss a 3/4-inch cable with a homemade hook on the end of it over the wall.

The warden said the convicts apparently got scared off when they failed to snag the wall with the hook and then attempted to sneak back to their cells unobserved.

A guard spotted them as they huddled behind a door leading into the central control room.

Gladden said extra guards were called on duty and an immediate search started as soon as the lights went out.

Others involved with Brumfield were Steven J. Randall, 34, 20 years from Klamath County for burglary, forgery and larceny, received in January, 1953; Arvin G. Gilman, 23, 10 years for forgery, larceny and burglary from Clackamas County, received February, 1953; and Patrick E. La Fran, 25, five years for two counts of larceny, received from Harney County in 1949.

Brumfield, who was sent to the prison in November, 1939, attempted an escape Oct. 28, 1952 with five other convicts which ended in two convicts being wounded and capture of all of them.

He made good an escape from the penitentiary in February, 1946.

Gladden said the four were placed in the segregation cellblock last night.

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Fire Truck Run Brings Collision But No Blaze

South Salem fire truck collided with a car Wednesday night on the way to a fire that wasn't a fire after all.

No one was injured in the accident which occurred shortly before 11:30 p.m. at Lincoln and Commercial streets.

After a few minutes delay at the accident scene, firemen continued to the "fire" which was called in as a car blaze at 240 E. Owens St.

Firemen said the car owner, Earle Dae, 240 E. Owens St., had mistaken steam coming out from under his car for smoke.

The accident damaged the right front fender and bumper of the fire truck and scraped the side of the car which was driven by Earl Wilton, 2735 S. Summer St.

A-Bomb Storage Bases Planned

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's "new look" Air Force is planning a worldwide chain of storage bases for its special weapons — including atomic bombs — it was disclosed Wednesday.

The plan came to light after Sen. Case (R-SD), chairman of a Senate armed services subcommittee, announced his group had approved 11 1/2 million dollars for construction of "special weapons storage."

City's First Citizen Receives Plaque



Salem Businessman Carl William Hogg was surprised and honored Wednesday night when he was named Salem's First Citizen for 1953. He is shown above receiving the plaque from 1953's First Citizen, William L. Phillips Sr. (center), concluding ceremonies in the Marion Hotel. Gov. Paul L. Patterson, the banquet's key speaker, is seated at left. (Statesman Photo.)

Carl Hogg Chosen Salem First Citizen

By JAMES BURR MILLER
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Carl William Hogg was named Salem's new 1953 First Citizen amid a tremendous standing ovation Wednesday night by over 250 Salem citizens, concluding a two-hour, suspense-packed testimonial dinner program in the Marion Hotel.

Holding the suspense to a minimum both for the guests and himself (the winner's name was last year's First Citizen William L. Phillips Sr., amiably commended his successor after opening the document.

Announcement of Salem's fourth First Citizen followed an evening's banquet program which included an address by Gov. Paul L. Patterson. The governor, in a sterling tribute before a rapt audience, likened the selection of a city's leading citizen for a year's period to an annual meeting of a small segment of this country's "civil accomplishments."

"Profiting by our mistakes... declaring dividends to him who has worked the hardest," Hogg stood clutching his newly won plaque before the assembly and declared chokingly that, "Salem has been good to 'Win and me'..." His first lady, Winifred stood by him with a bouquet of roses presented her by Mrs. James T. Brand, wife of the supreme court justice.

Coordination of the evening's banquet was handled by William H. Hammond, president of the Chamber of Commerce. Gov. Patterson was introduced to the group by Mayor Alfred Loucks. (Additional First Citizen details on page 2, section 1.)

Dutch Ratify Europe Army

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AP) — The Netherlands Parliament completed ratification of the European Army Treaty Wednesday when the First Chamber (Senate) approved the pact.

The treaty now goes to Queen Juliana for signature. Lower House approval was obtained July 23 last year.

The treaty calls for the establishment of a six-nation, one-unit army composed of troops from West Germany, Italy, Belgium, France, The Netherlands and Luxembourg.

H. H. DeArmond Enters Race for State Legislature

BEND (AP) — A veteran Republican leader Wednesday entered the race for state representative from Deschutes County and two incumbent GOP house members announced they would not seek re-election.

Harvey H. DeArmond, 69, who became the county's first district attorney in 1916 and a frequent delegate to Republican national conventions, said he will run for the House.

Bend Republicans Alva C. Goodrich and B. A. Stover announced they are giving up the House seats they held for two terms. Goodrich, DeArmond's law partner, represented Deschutes County and Stover a joint Deschutes-Lake County district which has been abolished under legislative reapportionment.

Deschutes now will have only one state representative and Lake will share a seat with Grant and Harney counties.

Mahoney Named Judge Pro Tem

Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland attorney and former state senator, will serve a pro tem appointment as Multnomah County circuit judge, assigned to the department of domestic relations.

He is one of three Portland attorneys appointed Wednesday on a pro tem basis by Chief Justice Earl C. Latourette of the State Supreme Court.

Mahoney will serve 28 days, starting Feb. 28; William J. Crawford 28 days, starting Feb. 1; Paul R. Harris 30 days, starting Jan. 25.

Daily Speller

Following are 20 words from a list of 1000 which will form the basis for semi-final and final oral competition in The Statesman KSLM Mid-Valley Spelling Contest for 1954, in which 83 schools are participating.

- magic
- television
- debate
- manual
- accident
- carbon
- barely
- accuse
- camouflage
- payable
- based
- ache
- cancel
- many
- draft
- illegible
- hoarse
- soul
- groceries

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Frozen Bridge Delays Train

LA GRANDE (AP) — The Union Pacific's eastbound passenger train No. 18 found the traveling too chilly Wednesday morning and got out of here five hours late.

Its big trouble was a frozen drawbridge over the Columbia River which held it at Hinkle until a connecting train from Yakima arrived. Then it spent 40 minutes at Pendleton, trying to thaw out a Pullman heating system, and repeated that there.

The morning minimum here was 2 degrees below zero.

Indian Guards Plan to Leave Rejected PWs

PANMUNJOM (AP) — Indian Lt. Gen. K. S. Thimayya said Thursday he will ask the Communists once more to accept 21 Americans and 32 other pro-Red captives and if the Reds refuse Indian guards will simply walk away from the captives at midnight Friday.

Thimayya made his remarks at a news conference.

"What will happen if they (the Reds) still refuse?" he was asked. "First we will have to tell the prisoners that their owners refuse to take them back," Thimayya said.

"Then we will open the gate and we will tell our men to go back to their line."

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	34	18	.40
Portland	24	19	.00
San Francisco	52	45	.00
Chicago	52	41	.21
New York	52	32	.14

Willamette River 7.8 feet
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem)
Occasional rain today, tonight and Friday, except for some rain mixed with snow tonight. High today near 38; low tonight near 30. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 39.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
24.15 17.50 22.12