

Forecast: Fair Saturday afternoon, evening and Sunday. Western Oregon—same, with occasional patches of morning fog along the coast. Somewhat warmer in the interior. High 50 to 65 along coast both days. High interior 74 to 84 Saturday and 78 to 88 Sunday.

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Yugoslav, Soviet Effort is Widened

By United Press
... with Yugoslavia and Russia widened further Saturday afternoon reports of Communist plots to assassinate or overthrow the Tito.

Iron Logger Fatally Injured

... was killed Friday afternoon after another escaped death in logging accident near Lin.

Sub-Station Bids Opened

Fourteen bids were received and opened Friday at the Portland office of the Bonneville Power Administration for grading the Goshen Sub-station site. Bids, on invitation 4742 for the grading, mark the beginning of construction for this important power link.

Accident Hits Herbert Hoover

... was injured in an accident while on a train Saturday afternoon. The accident occurred about 1:30 p.m. near Eugene.

Child Kidnaping

... was reported in a letter from a woman in France. The child was last seen in New York City.

Soapbox Jockeys Ready

AKRON, O.—(AP)—The nation's top soapbox jockeys put the final touches Saturday on the home-made machines they will pilot in Sunday's 12th annual running of the classic.

Probers Study Home Freezer Gifts to Notables

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senators investigating five per centers Saturday sought a motive for the reported shipment of unskated-for home freezers to Mrs. Harry S. Truman and other Washington notables.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan said Saturday that home freezers sent to him and other Washington notables were simply gifts from two old friends and there was nothing improper about "this courtesy."

The subcommittee has a subpoena out for Harry Hoffman, Milwaukee advertising man whose name cropped up in testimony at the inquiry. Lawmakers hoped he might shed some light on the subject.

Invoices Seen
A committee member said privately that he has seen invoices showing that a freezer was sent to Mrs. Truman at Independence, Mo., and that two were shipped Maj. Gen. Harry H. Vaughan, President Truman's Army aide.

The senator said the invoices also list shipments to Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, federal reserve governor James K. Vardaman, and Presidential secretary Matt Connelly.

Not in Record
The vouchers—not yet in the record—are dated 1945 and early 1946. At that time Vinson was first reconversion director and later Secretary of the Treasury. Vardaman was Mr. Truman's naval aide.

The invoices were brought to the inquiry by Albert J. Gross, a Milwaukee businessman who testified Thursday that he shipped a freezer to Vaughan and other prominent Washingtonians. He said all of the units were paid for by the Albert Verley Co., the Chicago perfume firm for which John Maragon worked in 1945.

Maragon, who once had entry to the White House, is a key figure in the committee's search for influence peddlers. Testimony Cut Off
Gross' testimony was cut off after he named Vaughan as a recipient of one of the freezers. Chairman Hoey (D-N.C.) said the committee wanted to get all the facts before putting out the rest of the names.

He added that one person listed already has told him he did not get one. Another committee member said he was told Mrs. Truman sent a thank-you note to Gross, thinking he was the donor.

Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) told reporters Gross is "entirely in the clear" with respect to the mysterious freezers.

What the committee is trying to do is establish a reason for shipment of the freezers to Vaughan and the others. They want to find out whether it was an attempt to curry favor, and—if so—why.

Sunny Week-End Forecast for Resorts

Local Statistics: Highest temperature that mostly sunny weather would greet weekend vacationers who travel to Oregon's mountains and beaches. Coastal forecast is for fair weather with winds only eight to 15 miles in velocity. Forecasts for the Cascades area are for fair to partly cloudy with slightly warmer temperatures than in the past week.

Earned His Nickname on Battlefields

'Lightning Joe' New Army Chief

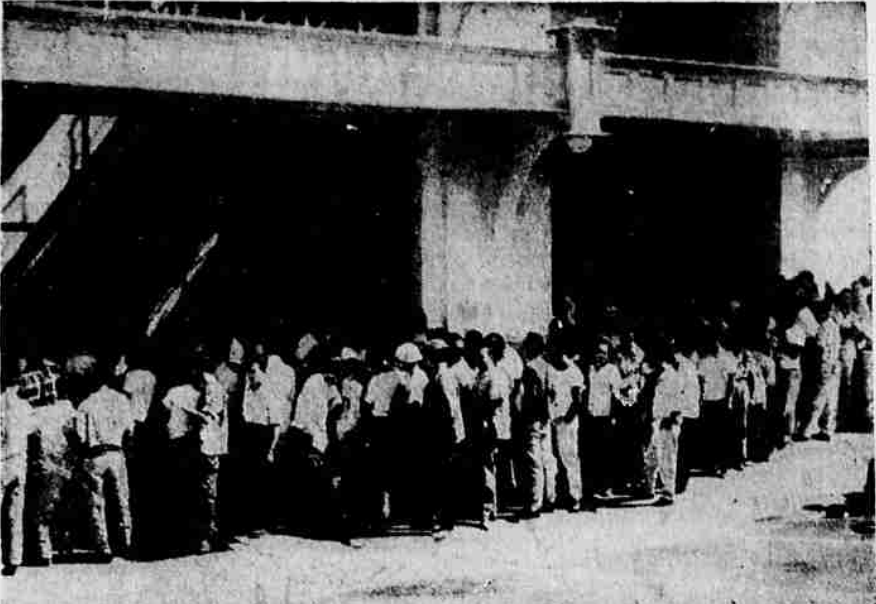
By Hal Bolye
NEW YORK—(AP)—Gen. J. Lawton Collins, the new Army chief of staff, earned his nickname—"Lightning Joe"—on many battlefields.

The graying, 53-year-old soldier—one of the handsomest men in the Army—was one of the most colorful and energetic field commanders of World War II.

Tough and Cool
He was tough and cool and won his battles first hand. He ran his famous Seventh Corps as efficiently as any top business executive. An all-around soldier, he could plan a battle, fight it through—and encourage his own front-line troops with his presence.

This was his battle formula: "Outguess the enemy, keep him off balance and never stop driving." Is a Puncher
Some generals are boxers, and some are punchers. "Lightning Joe" is a puncher. It was his faculty of sustained drive that led Gen. Omar Nelson Bradley to give him the critical battle assignments that built his fame.

And few generals in American history can match his combat record. His victories stretch from the first leadership of Field Marshal Montgomery. Monty immediately named "Lightning Joe" to head a reserve corps. This corps was to be used as a counterblow at the right time—when the German drive had been contained. But in the meantime it was under strict orders to refrain from attack.



IDLE DOCK WORKERS LINE UP at the Aloha Tower in Honolulu to apply for jobs offered by the Hawaiian Territorial Government following its seizure of the Island's strike-bound stevedoring industry. Manpower needs have been filled, the government announced Saturday, with the hiring of 1680 applicants. Work will start Monday, the government said.

Stevedores Hired; Dock Action Set

HONOLULU—(UP)—The Hawaiian government finished recruiting stevedores Saturday and prepared to go into action Monday unloading seven strike-bound vessels. Ben F. Rush, manager of the Harbor Board, which has the task of operating the government-seized Island longshore industry, announced that manpower needs have been filled with the hiring of 1680 job applicants.

Ladder Truck Arrives At City Station

The main Eugene fire station in the city hall building was a beehive of activity Saturday morning with delivery of the city's new \$38,000 aerial ladder truck. Capable of raising a steel ladder almost eleven stories high in a matter of moments, the new truck will replace a 1925 model that only transported ladders to a fire scene where they then had to be assembled by hand.

The automatic ladder on the new truck also will serve as a hose turret. When necessary, it will carry two fire lines up with it so they may be directed into the upper stories of a burning building or down into the center of a blaze in a lower building.

Purchased with proceeds of a special fire department bond issue approved by the voters in May, 1948, the Seagraves ladder truck need be manned by only two firemen, a driver and an assistant perched like a "trailer monkey" over the rear wheels of the section on which the hydraulically operated aerial ladder is folded. Yet the truck is so large that it was shipped here on two railroad cars.

Upon reaching a fire, the driver will be able to raise the ladder into position without leaving his seat. Furthermore, he will be able to aim it to an exact position. The truck, powered with a 12-cylinder engine, also will carry a power generator and floodlights, life net, forcible entry tools and ladder nozzles.

Saturday, Chief Ed Surfus reported that the truck will have to be fitted and tested before it will be ready for use but that this work will be completed in the next week.

Chimes Don't Sound; Bird Flock Blamed

LONDON—(AP)—The chimes of Big Ben did not sound Friday night as usual, for the 9 o'clock broadcast. An announced explained apologetically that the great clock in the tower of the Houses of Parliament was 4 1/2 minutes slow.

He said that "numerous" starsling perched on the minute hand were responsible. Big Ben was reset at midnight.

Four Are Hurt In Accidents

Two Eugene people were in Sacred Heart Hospital Saturday morning with injuries sustained in an accident on the Coburg Road Friday night. Listed as in fair condition were Mrs. Della Ostrom, 38, 3425 N. Concord St., Eugene, and Jean William Wolter, 21, of Rt. 2, Eugene. Raymond Gillespie, 36, 1625 Norkenzie Rd., was treated for first aid and released Friday night.

Gillespie was reportedly driving the car in which Mrs. Ostrom was riding when it crashed head-on with the car driven by Wolter at the junction of the Oakway Road with Coburg Road.

In another mishap, Richard Wayne Jack, 11-year-old son of Raymond Jack, Harrisburg, received head and chest injuries Friday evening. He was riding his bicycle south of Harrisburg and was struck by a car driven by John Sacha. He was knocked unconscious by the impact and was listed as in fair condition by Sacred Heart Saturday morning.

In still another accident Friday night, two-year-old George Myrmo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Myrmo, 1435 Villard St., received serious head and mouth injuries when struck by a paper carrier in front of his home about 7:30 p.m. His condition was fair.

B-36 Hearings Recessed In Face of Charges

Van Zandt Asserts Craft Not Day Bomber
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep. James E. Van Zandt (R-Pa.), produced evidence that the B-36 might have to stay away from many Russian targets in summer time if it is only a night bomber, as one top general claims. These targets include Moscow.

The Navy reserve captain also heated up the battle of the B-36 with a charge that Air Force and congressional leaders aim to whitewash "questionable deals" which he has reported.

These were Van Zandt's parting blasts as House hearings on B-36 purchases—prompted by Van Zandt's charges—recessed for a week so a subcommittee can go to California to interview Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, wartime Air Force chief of staff, and aircraft industry executives.

The Pennsylvania congressman inserted in the House Armed Services Committee's investigation record an Air Force publication indicating that many Russian industrial targets are in northern areas where there is little if any night in summer.

Top strategic bombing experts have disagreed on whether daylight B-36 operations, unescorted by fighters, would result in prohibitive losses.

Gen. George C. Kenney, former strategic air commander, has testified that speedy jets would have an easy time with the B-36 in daylight. Lt. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, present commander, contended, however, that interception would be "very difficult" in daytime.

The publication cited by Van Zandt was the Air University Quarterly Review, whose authors' views are not necessarily those of the Air Force. Kenney now heads the Air University.

The article, by Lt. Col. Oliver K. Jones, a weather expert, said that in summer there would be only 2 hours, 22 minutes of darkness for a bomber attacking targets from 40,000 feet at 55 degrees north latitude.

The line runs through Moscow and south of Sverdlovsk in the industrial area of the Urals. Bombers approaching from northerly directions would have even less night cover than in the target area, it was said.

The California-bound subcommittee is in quest of facts about alleged political influence in the B-36 program. Such allegations were reported to the House by Van Zandt, whom Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington Friday accused of "disgraceful use of congressional immunity."

Elsewhere in Congress: Arms Aid—Secretary of State Dean Acheson and Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were studying plans to by-pass the balky appropriations committee in an effort to speed congressional action on the \$1,450,000,000 arms aid program. One plan called for a big boost in proposed authority of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation advance funds for the arms shipments before the appropriations are made. Another proposal would call for a small cash appropriation now and an RFC advance, with the balance in contracting authority. Either way, congressional action on the full appropriation could be delayed until next year.

Reorganization—Senate Democrat leader Scott W. Lucas conceded that prospects are not too good for President Truman's plan to convert the Federal Security Agency into a department of welfare, with cabinet status.

Clark—Attorney General Tom C. Clark appeared certain to receive overwhelming Senate approval on his nomination to the Supreme Court bench.

Housing—The House Banking Committee has agreed on most provisions of a bill to help middle-income people finance new homes. The measure has not been written in final form yet, but Committee Chairman Brent Spence said it would be by early next week. The measure, similar to a bill approved by the Senate Banking Committee, would provide \$300 million in direct home loans to veterans but would not include the \$1 billion for loans to housing cooperatives provided in the Senate measure.

Chinese Reds Assault City

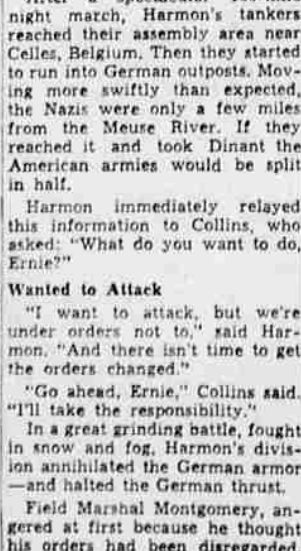
CANTON—(AP)—Kanshien, gateway city of Canton, was reported furious assaults by from 50,000 to 60,000 Communist troops.

A Chinese army spokesman said the Reds still were unable to crack the city's defenses. Pro-government dispatches said fighting raged in the outskirts of that city 215 miles northeast of Canton.

The provincial officials have fled from that capital of Kiangsi province, but the governor is said to be directing Kanshien's defense.



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After a spectacular 100-mile night march, Harmon's tankers reached their assembly area near Celles, Belgium. Then they started to run into German outposts. Moving more swiftly than expected, the Nazis were only a few miles from the Meuse River. If they reached it and took Dinant the American armies would be split in half.

Harmon immediately relayed this information to Collins, who asked: "What do you want to do, Ernie?"

Wanted to Attack
"I want to attack, but we're under orders not to," said Harmon. "And there isn't time to get the orders changed."

"Go ahead, Ernie," Collins said. "I'll take the responsibility."

In a great grinding battle, fought in snow and fog, Harmon's division annihilated the German armor—and halted the German thrust.

Field Marshal Montgomery, angered at first because he thought his orders had been disregarded, sent a rebuke through channels. But when he learned the full story he sent his compliments to Collins and Harmon.

The battle had turned out to be one of "Lightning Joe's" best blitzes.