

South Koreans Slay 1000 Reds Communists Attack Sasi Bulge Area

SEOUL, Korea—(AP)—South Korean troops killed an estimated 1000 Chinese near the Panmunjom truce talks site Tuesday in the heaviest fighting in six weeks, the U.S. Eighth Army reported Wednesday.

The South Koreans had to repulse two small hillside attacks when the Reds hurled out 4000 troops into the battle Sasi Bulge.

K Division
The vicious battle has raged since Dec. 28. The Allied troops were identified Wednesday as in the Republic of Korea (ROK) First Division.

An Eighth Army briefing official said since the fight for the post began, 3075 Communists have been killed, 852 wounded and captured. He said Allied losses were "much lighter," but gave no figures.

A new scrap broke out during early morning darkness near the Sasi Bulge on the eastern front. A United Nations unit out in an advance position, but the Reds recaptured it in a counter-attack.

Allied Naval forces on the east coast pounded Red troop positions near Kosong. Carried planes from the Essex and other carriers cut rail lines in 5 places. Pilots said they killed 1 Communist soldier.

aid Guns Bombed
Fifth Air Force fighter bombers said they hit 34 Communist positions Wednesday in bombing, strafing and fire-bombing attacks immediately behind Red front lines.

U.S. Thunderjets made 13 cuts in rail lines in the Sunchon Tongju area of Northwestern Korea.

ears Chops Prices
CHICAGO—(AP)—Sears, Roebuck & Co. released its 1952 spring catalogue Monday and announced prices were down an average of 3½ per cent from last fall's book.



(AP Wirephoto)

HOSPITALIZED — Bert Acosta, pioneer transatlantic aviator, is pictured in his hospital bed at Sydenham Hospital, New York City, where he is seriously ill with a lung ailment. Acosta, listed in hospital records as 57 years old, flew the Atlantic in 1927 with Adm. Richard E. Byrd.

Russell Picks An Assistant

Appointment of Theodore Wright as an assistant to the president of Southern Pacific Company has just been announced by President D. J. Russell of the railroad.

Wright joined the Southern Pacific organization at Los Angeles in 1911 in a clerical position with the railroad's subsidiary, Pacific Electric Railway.

After serving with the Navy in World War I, he went to Southern Pacific's General Office in San Francisco in 1919, as secretary to the vice president. Shortly afterward he was named secretary to William Sproule, then president of the railroad. He became office manager in the executive department in 1929, and assistant secretary of the company in 1944.

McCarthy Back On Committee

Senator Planning
To Quiz Acheson

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Sen. Butler (R-Neb.) who heads the Republican's Senate Committee Assignment Group, said Wednesday Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) will return to the Appropriations Committee this session.

McCarthy was "bumped" off that key committee last year when the membership ratio was changed after the Republicans lost a Senate seat because of the death of Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich.).

However, a GOP vacancy developed for this session with the death of Sen. Wherry (R-Neb.), a long-time member.

Butler said McCarthy was entitled to first priority on the opening and had indicated he wants to return to the committee. McCarthy said he would ask to be re-appointed to the subcommittee which passes on State Department funds. This would give him an opportunity to quiz Secretary Acheson, of whom he has been highly critical, during hearings on appropriation bills.

Premier Quits Belgian Post

BRUSSELS, Belgium—(AP)—Premier Joseph Pholien, under fire by his own Social Christian Party for his economic policies, resigned Wednesday.

Pholien handed his government's resignation to King Baudouin at the palace Wednesday morning. The 67-year-old lawyer had been head of Belgium's Social Christian government since Aug. 15, 1950, shortly after a compromise on the Belgian royal question averted a civil war.

The government's resignation was caused by an internal party dispute and it was not expected that the rival Socialists, headed by former Prime Minister Henri Spaak, would come to power.

It was believed King Baudouin would ask members of the majority Social Christian Party to remain in power.

Beauty Queen Loses Fight Against Cancer

ATLANTA—(AP)—A four-year fight against cancer has ended in death for a 19-year-old high school beauty queen whose shattered romance with a young sailor touched a nation's heart.

Dark haired, dark eyed Betty Thompson died late Tuesday, valiant to the end.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Thompson, said Betty had been growing weaker steadily for the past three weeks. She was conscious until about four hours before she died.

To the very last she was stouthearted. "I am ready to die," Betty told her family Tuesday.

"Don't break down or grieve for me when I am gone."

Last May her doctor told her she was incurably ill. A little later Betty broke her engagement to Tom Amburn, her 19-year-old sailor sweetheart of Sioux Falls, S. D.

Soon after learning that she was hopelessly ill, Betty said brightly: "The doctor told me to live one day at a time, and that is what I intend to do."

Says Forage Grasses Will Grow Two Inches a Day in the Future

PORTLAND—(AP)—Forage grasses growing two inches in 24 hours are possible, delegates to the annual meeting of the Oregon Seed Growers' League were told Tuesday.

Cows of the future may even have trouble munching fast enough to keep up with it, C. S. Garrison, Department of Agriculture Agronomist from Beltsville, Md., said. Garrison was speaking in a light vein from the consumer point of view on the fast-growing grass reported earlier by Ritchie Cowan, Oregon State College Experiment Station plant breeder.

Increased Use

Discussing consumer trends in seeds, Garrison said public acceptance of certified seeds is marked by the tremendous increase in production of legume and grass seeds throughout the nation. In the eight years ending with 1950, production of certified grass seeds multiplied four times to reach 30 million pounds; legume seed production, discounting certified vetches, leaped from three million to 20 million pounds during the same period.

Particularly attractive in the seed picture is Kenland Red Clover, a certified strain recommended for planting in 29 South-eastern States.

"There is an immediate need for 15 million pounds of seed," Garrison said, "and by 1954 we held early in the fall."

Eugene Man Fined in Seattle

SEATTLE—(AP)—Glenn A. Martin, 22, a Eugene, Ore., merchant seaman whose motorcycle

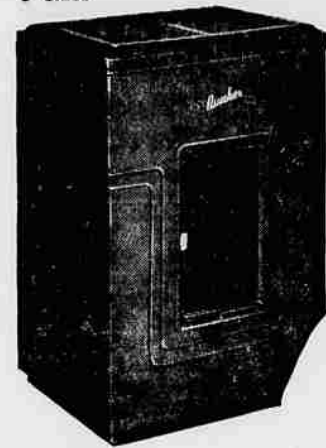
Traffic Judge Roy De Grief also sentenced Martin to 30 days in the city jail, suspended on condition

he surrender his license for months. An additional 20-day term was suspended on condition that Martin does not drive a motorcycle for a year.

In the accident, Miss Margaret Kirksmith was hit as she crossed a downtown street at a crosswalk.

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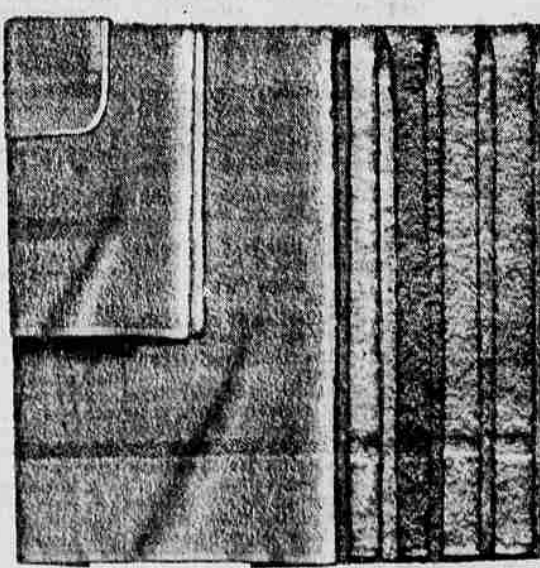
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