

Mild Weather On Korea Front

Red Infantrymen Hit Advance Post

SEOUL, Korea — (AP) — A light touch of spring hit Korea's Eastern front Wednesday—along with probing Communist infantrymen.

The mild weather was continuing and a thaw was starting. A Red company of about 160 men pounded an Allied advance position west of the Mundung valley on the Eastern Front for 10 hours Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

The Allies withdrew on order about dawn but reoccupied the position four hours later against no opposition and found 12 Communist dead.

ALLIED TROOPS spotted about 200 Reds in the Mundung valley, but the Communists did not attack. In the same area Tuesday U.N. soldiers killed 96 Reds and wounded 130.

U. S. Fifth Air Force warplanes cut Communist rail lines in 35 places Wednesday morning. Pilots also reported destruction of two locomotives and one Red anti-aircraft position.

Nine B-29 Superforts bombed the Sunchon south bypass rail bridge Tuesday night. Three other B-29s hit the rail yards at Samdong and one raided the Kyomipo steel mill.

ALLIED FIGHTERS and bombers attacked 100 Red trucks Tuesday night and destroyed 19. Pilots also reported a string of 16 box cars destroyed in Northwest Korea.

U.N. warships pounded road and rail networks off the East Coast.

At Hungnam, the destroyer USS Halsey Powell worked over rail yards, rail and highway junctions and a nitrogen plant with five-inch shells.

The destroyer USS Twining fired night and day at targets around Wonsan.

Rail Signals Asked by ICC

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission recommended Wednesday that the Union Pacific Railroad equip more locomotives with cab signals to avoid accidents like the Wyuta, Wyo., crash last November.

Seventeen persons were killed and 159 injured on Nov. 12 when the streamlined passenger train, City of San Francisco, ran into the City of Los Angeles during a snowstorm.

The commission said in its accident report that the roadway signals were covered by snow and ice and could not be read by train personnel. Under these conditions a train is supposed to stop and then proceed very slowly. But the City of San Francisco, the report said, crashed into the other train at 77 miles an hour.

Union Pacific has a signal system on a large part of its route through Utah and Wyoming which registers the roadway signals inside the cab. The commission said if this system had been in use along the track at Wyuta, the accident probably would have been averted.

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GENERAL AIDS INJURED PARATROOPER—Gen. Mark Clark (center, background) helps tuck in a paratrooper injured in the mass jump of the 11th Airborne Division during "Operation Snowfall" at Camp Drum, N. Y. Eight were killed and 126 injured in the maneuvers. One man was killed in the jump, three others died in the crash of a troop transport and two were fatally injured in a truck-train crash.

Springfield, McKenzie People To Work Closely on Promotion

Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Businessmen of the McKenzie Tuesday night pledged cooperation on mutual tourist projects at a meeting in Albert's Lodge on the McKenzie Highway.

ABM officers declared the meeting "presages a new era in cooperation of businessmen of the two areas." More than 30 persons attended for a discussion of ways to attract greater numbers of local and out of state tourists to the McKenzie River.

A. J. Moore, chairman of the Chamber tourist committee, offered Springfield business aid in promoting such events as the White Water Boat Parade, held annually in spring; the volunteer opening of Clear Lake Cutoff which is annually closed by high

snows and fallen timber; and other projects. Also attending from Springfield was Chamber Manager Oliver Larson.

Bert Daniels, 1952 president of ABM, named himself, Don Wells, and Bob Tuttle, all of Blue River, to meet at noon Feb. 22 with Chamber officials in Springfield to discuss further cooperative programs.

Moore told his audience that Springfield Chamber is entering the tourist business "in a big way." He suggested, "It is high time we began to encourage tourist travel among people closer to home." Many residents of the county, he believes, have not yet seen the many natural wonders of McKenzie country. He advocated inauguration of such events as a "tour a month" to permit visitors to see the McKenzie.

26 Persons Die In Snow Slides

Three Children Trapped in Home

VIENNA, Austria — (AP) — Austria's four day death toll from Alpine avalanches mounted to 26 Wednesday. Latest victims were three children and a British skier.

The bodies of the three children, two boys aged 4 and 6 and a 12-year-old girl, were dug out of the snow at Leutasch, northwest of Innsbruck.

They were trapped in their home when a huge avalanche roared down 5,500 foot high Gehrspitze Mountain.

The British skier, Albert Thomas Hargreave, was killed at Oberurgli.

Two companions also British, were buried but were rescued.

Police said the three went for a ski tour on the Muthspitze Mountain despite warnings of danger from avalanches.

New snows were causing the avalanches. Communications in the mountain areas was virtually at a standstill. International trains were running up to seven hours late. Snow drifted to 12 feet deep at some places.

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Korean War 'Helpless Conflict'—Bridges

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen. Bridges, Senate GOP floor leader, said Tuesday the Truman administration's conduct of the Korean war has made it "the most helpless conflict in American history."

"For our boys on the battlefield it must be discouraging," Bridges said, "because they are fighting a barbarous enemy with one hand while their other is tied by the restraints imposed by the Truman-Acheson administration."

The administration, he said, must answer to all the "saddened wives, mothers and families" of Americans sent to fight in Korea.

Bridges made the statement as controversy continued to boil over the fate of Maj. George A. Davis Jr., the nation's greatest jet ace of the Korean war, who was shot down and presumably killed Sunday after destroying 14 enemy

planes in 59 missions. At the Pentagon, Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, met behind closed doors with his top advisers to discuss issues raised by the Davis episode.

Officials said the Far East Command has been instructed to supply Washington with all data bearing on Davis' assignment.

Sen. Bridges issued his statement as an expression of sympathy for the fallen pilot's wife who complained that her husband should have been sent home, as

the first three American jet aces were, after he had shot down his fifth enemy plane. Five kills make a pilot an ace.

Bridges said the statement raised by Mrs. Davis on the conduct of the Korean war has raised "all across the country"

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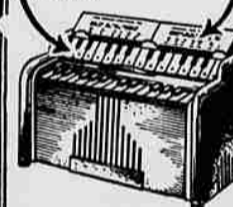
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