

Ridgway Raps Those Critical Of Korean War

'Blind Can See' Enemy Intentions

TOKYO —(AP)— Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway said Thursday night it is deplorable that many Americans still ask "Why are we in Korea?"

The supreme Allied commander declared the pattern of Communist intentions is "now spread across the world where even the blind can see."

For his part, Ridgway said there can be no question of the "validity and purpose" of U. S. fighting in Korea "against that deliberately planned, unprovoked aggression." "To have done otherwise," he said, "would have been a repudiation of every principle we had previously professed."

Ridgway spoke at the annual convention of the Far East Department of the Reserve Officers Association.

HE MADE NO mention of the Korean armistice talks at Panmunjom.

The address was devoted largely to remarks on Military Reserve officers and George Washington, who was born 220 years ago Friday.

Ridgway said the same situation exists today that Washington found in 1775 when he wrote that one of his hardest jobs was to induce people to believe there was "danger until the bayonet is pushed at their breasts."

"Our country," Ridgway said, "still has today many people whose intelligence level offers no slightest excuse for a similar mental outlook on this problem."

"WITH THE pattern of Communist intentions now spread across the world where even the blind can see, neither the seeming insulation of distance, nor the native born of a sheltered life, can plead the slightest excuse, nor abate one iota of our individual responsibility."

"To do otherwise than oppose aggression in the future, within our capabilities, will be to acknowledge as sterile every sacrifice America has made since it obtained independence."

"We have heard and we still hear at times, and I regret to say from Americans referring to Korea, 'Why are we there?' I think the question discredits him who asks it."

Winnie Denies He Did Wrong On Free Rides

LONDON —(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill stoutly denies he did wrong by accepting free rides on steamships and trains during his January visit to the United States and Canada.

He said Wednesday in the House of Commons, "the gifts and services of the Cunard Steamship Company, as well as those of the United States and Canadian Railways, were not to ministers but to the British taxpayers." Conservative supporters backed him up with loud cheers.

He was hitting back at opposition charges that he failed in his duty by "the acceptance of gifts from commercial undertakings."

Laborite Col. G. E. C. Wigg had said that Churchill should have declined free trips.

The value of the boat rides given Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was 1,752 pounds, \$4,905. The train trips cost considerably less.

In New York, spokesmen for the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railways said all their bills had—or would be—paid by the British delegation to the United Nations or reimbursed by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Giving free transportation, they said, violates Interstate Commerce Commission regulations.

Farm Loan Association Slates Annual Meeting

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Lane County National Farm Loan Assn. will be Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Osburn Hotel, Hurrey L. McGee, secretary-treasurer, announced this week.

Registration will start at 11:30 a.m. with a free luncheon at noon. The meeting is expected to be adjourned not later than 3 p.m.

Two directors will be elected to fill the expiring terms of S.Y. Bartholomew and Truman A. Chase.



MRS. LENA ZUKLE, 21, of Los Angeles, waits to be freed from a wrecked station wagon in which she lies trapped, her right leg pinned between the steering post, the seat and floorboard. She pleaded with her rescuers not to amputate her mangled leg and she was freed after a 40-minute struggle.

General Defends 'Stand-by' Wages

WASHINGTON —(AP)—A Senate investigation heard Thursday that workers on a super-secret air base construction program near the North Pole collected more than three million dollars in wages before even reaching the job.

Lt. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of Army Engineers, defended these payments as well as salaries at a rate of \$13,000 a year for laborers and \$17,000 a year for mechanics on the project.

Questions by Downey Rice, counsel for the committee—which was set up as a watchdog group on military spending—brought out the salary figures.

RICE DID NOT indicate how many workers shared the three million dollars, but said they drew the pay while en route to the job by ship and airplane.

He said some of them left Norfolk, Va., by ship, expecting to be at the job in 15 days but actually were 42 days on the way.

The project was known by the code name of "Blue Jay"—previously publicized as being in Greenland.

Rice said this project and another air base construction job in North Africa, known by the code name of "Atlas" already involved expenditures of about 100 million dollars.

GEN. PICK recently has returned from a tour of these overseas bases, including those in French Morocco in North Africa. Rice asked Pick why workers had been recruited at "premium pay," sent to a center and then sent back home to await orders while getting "stand-by pay" that

Trumans Attend Violinist's Concert

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President and Mrs. Truman, accompanied by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan and Mrs. Brannan, attended a concert by violinist Jascha Heifetz Wednesday night at Constitution Hall.

Heifetz played with the National Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Howard Mitchell.

U.S. Jets Down Two More MIGs

Commie Ambush Pins Down Patrol

SEOUL, Korea —(AP)— American Sabre jet pilots shot down two more Red jets Thursday bringing their toll this week to ten.

The two MIG-15s eliminated were blown out of the air during a 20-minute battle in cloudy North Korean skies between 27 American Sabre jets and 20 MIGs.

American losses, if any, were not announced. The Air Force discloses U.S. plane losses only once a week.

On the ground a Red ambush pinned down an Allied patrol and its rescue force for more than an hour on the frozen Eastern Front.

A SECOND United Nations rescue group broke the trap and freed both Allied units in sharp fighting. The action occurred northwest of Kansong, on the east coast.

Among the few planes in the air Thursday morning was a jet that bombed "Freedom Bridge" linking Allied true headquarters at Munsan with Panmunjom, site of armistice talks. It dropped two bombs.

Eyewitnesses said it resembled an American F-80 Shooting Star. One soldier said he saw USAF, United States Air Force on the underside of one wing.

NO DAMAGE or casualties were reported. Only one bomb exploded.

Naval headquarters in Tokyo said the battleship Wisconsin returned to action off East Korea Wednesday. The flagship of the U.S. Seventh Fleet fired 5000 rounds of five-inch shells and reported direct hits on two important Communist bridges. The Wisconsin is commanded by Capt. Thomas Burrows of Washington, D.C.

Off the east coast, American and New Zealand warships destroyed 15 sampans in a 50-minute battle with a Red "fishing fleet navy." The sampans are used as blockade runners to move supplies.

Nunan Resigns From Law Firm

NEW YORK —(AP)—Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., former Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has resigned from his Washington, D. C., law firm because of the criticism directed at him in tax case probes.

Nunan's New York counsel, Richard J. Burke, announced the resignation Wednesday.

The action was attributed to fear that Nunan's partners might "suffer unjustifiable harm temporarily through his continued association with them."

Burke said Nunan "has been subjected to the most vicious character assassination and unfounded vilification, rumor and innuendo."

He said the northern air base job was "something new, nobody had done anything like it before." The general said he was rushed for time and thought "we had a chance of getting it done."

Noise Alarms Portland Area

PORTLAND —(AP)—A long rumbling noise alarmed part of Portland and a suburban area southwest of the city Wednesday night.

Police began an investigation, but the cause of the noise was not determined at once.

Heard over a wide area, it sounded like thunder. The Weather Bureau said that if it were thunder it was a freak, for conditions did not indicate thunder or lightning in the area.

Some residents reported seeing a flash, and some thought a jet plane had crashed. The Air Force said no jet planes were flying, and a check of military and civilian flying services disclosed no planes missing.

A theory also was advanced that a meteor had passed over.

Works All Day and Nearly All Night But—

Truman Admits He Enjoys Job

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman told a Masonic gathering Thursday that he works all day and nearly all night as President, "but just between you and me and the gatepost, I like it."

The President confided this attitude in an off-the-cuff talk to Grand Masters of Masons attending a nationwide conference.

Cabinet members and White House staff representatives also attended the hotel breakfast at which Truman defended his aides against the description of "Missouri Gang," which he said has been given them by his opponents.

He noted that Lincoln, Jefferson, Cleveland and other Presidents underwent a lot of criticism and that it was some years after Cleveland left office that it was said of him "they loved him for the enemies he made."

"I HOPE YOU love me for that same reason," the President said. "Truman did not identify the "they" in the remark about Cleveland."

He went on to say that if he thinks he's right in what he does, "I don't care if anyone likes it or not."

At one point, the President said with a grin "this year is leap year, a most important year in the history of the government of the United States."

He called attention to attacks made on George Washington by "a leading Philadelphia paper" and said this was "one reason why he

retired instead of running for a third term."

At his news conference Wednesday, the President declined comment once again on his political intentions. He has said he faces a difficult decision and hasn't made up his mind yet whether he will run again.

The President told the breakfast meeting he spends most of his time

being "king" to people and that his job is primarily a "public relations one," in which he seeks to get people to do things for the government.

Turning to the criticism of past Presidents, Truman said:

• It has taken 150 years to determine the greatness of Washington.

• Thomas Jefferson was once

described as a "Jacobin."

Truman said it about the being called a Communist.

• Two papers—the Chicago Tribune and Chicago's 37th address to Lincoln's G. spoke and made the usual "honesty."

This, of course, was Truman said.

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BY JOHN L. DENNY
Market Editor, The Oregonian

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