

Korean Marines Repulse Attack On Allied Island

Snow-Filled Skies Restrict Air Activity

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SEOUL, Korea — (AP) — South Korean Marines beat off a Communist amphibious invasion of an Allied-held island off the north-east coast of Korea in a 33-hour battle, the Allies announced Friday.

The Korean Army said its Marines sank 13 of the 20 invasion boats.

Seventy invaders were reported killed and six captured. Prisoners included the commander of the amphibious attack.

Nine South Korean Marines were killed and six wounded, the Navy said.

THE ASSAULT was made by a Red battalion—about 800 to 1000 men.

It was not indicated whether they were Chinese or North Koreans.

The battle began about 1 a.m. Wednesday and lasted until 10 a.m. Thursday when the last of the attackers fled back to the Red mainland in their remaining boats.

The assault was directed against Yang Island, about 18 air miles from the Communist East Coast port of Songjin.

Yang is believed to be the northernmost island held by the Allies. It lies midway between the 40th and 41st parallel and serves as a lookout post off the Red coast.

The island presumably is one that the Allies would give back to the Communists if an armistice is signed.

REPUBLIC of Korea (ROK) Marines have occupied the island since last summer.

Capt. Choi Chung Song, commander of the ROK garrison on Yang, said captured equipment included three rocket guns, a wireless set, 75 Russian-made submachine guns, light machine guns and rifles.

Planes from the U.S. carrier Essex swept into the Songjin area Thursday smashing every Red boat in sight.

The Navy said American airmen sank one Red supply boat and 25 sampans. Another 25 sampans were damaged.

On the opposite coast the heavy cruiser Rochester plowed through ice strewn waters of the Yellow Sea and bombarded a communications center between Pyongyang, the Red Korean capital, and its port city, Chinnampo.

HER EIGHT inch guns blew up 12 buildings and set off two explosions in Red supply dumps. The battleship Wisconsin turned her 16-inch guns on the eastern end of the snow-swept 155 mile battleship.

Heaviest fighting in recent days has been in the valleys between the eastern mountains. Thursday Allied troops called on helicopters to pull them out of a red trap in the east.

North Koreans who had pinned down the Allies, withdrew over the snow-covered ground under the hammering of Allied artillery and reinforcements.

SNOW-FILLED skies restricted air operation. Nevertheless land and sea based Allied war planes ripped up Red rails in 150 places Thursday.

Fifth Air Force fighter-bombers blasted railway tracks in 71 more spots Friday.

Thirty-five American Sabre jets fought a 15-minute battle above the clouds of Northwest Korea with 60 Russian-type MIG-15 jets Friday. One Red plane was reported damaged.

Pirates Raid Ship of State

SALEM—(AP)—The Jolly Roger flew from the tall mast at the west end of the capitol Thursday, as the Pirates of Coos Bay boarded Oregon's ship of state and scuttled the dignity of some of its top officials.

The Pirates, Coos Bay booster group, left the Jolly Roger flying from the mast which usually flies Oregon's state flag, and proclaimed a new party, the Pirate Party, and nominated George Vaughan, chief of police, for president.

They said they had made a coalition with the Cavemen of Grants Pass, and would name a Grants Pass cave man as secretary of treasury because he has no pockets and his aboriginal wife already has a fur coat.

The Pirates said they would take out all the gold at Fort Knox and distribute it pro rata to all the citizens.

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JOHN CARTER VINCENT, U.S. Minister to Tangier who was cleared by a State department loyalty board, lifts a bulging briefcase aboard the liner Constitution at New York City as he left to resume his Mediterranean post. Vincent told newsmen "loyalty and security investigations are a necessity" in view of Soviet spy activity.

Farm Meetings Discuss Pests

Two Lane County farm meetings this week highlighted a variety of agricultural topics ranging from the problems of cherry fruit fly infestations to control of weeds.

The Lane County Horticultural Society, meeting Monday in the Veterans Memorial Bldg., devoted most of the morning of their all-day session to the cherry fruit fly.

S. C. Jones, entomologist from Oregon State College, reported on 1951 cherry fruit fly control demonstrations and gave suggestions for 1952. His talk was followed by a report by Sam Drager, of the Willamette Cherry Growers Assn. in Salem, on how that area has improved its fight against the insect pest by establishing a cherry fruit fly control district.

MEMBERS of the Horticultural Society decided to work to form a similar district in Lane County and named L. A. Hawkins chairman of a committee to work out the details. Members named to the committee were Kenneth Nielsen, Don Lowery, Frank Crawford and Chester Chase.

Formation of a district requires petitions on the part of growers and sets up machinery to enforce the spraying of cherry fruit flies in all orchards.

Members indicated that the problem has reached the point where "it's either control the cherry fruit fly or be out of the cherry business."

Another speaker, J. H. Painter, a USDA horticulturist at Oregon State College, reported on the chances of increasing the size and quality of walnuts and filberts.

He told the group that although water has proved to be the limiting factor in nut production, ample fertilizer combined with ample moisture can increase the size of filberts and insure fewer "blank" kernels.

In the case of walnuts, he said, the quantity of water doesn't seem to influence the size of nuts but ni-



WINS DEMOCRAT AREA
—The usually Democratic Queens 53 congressional district of New York elected Robert Ross (above), a Republican who had campaigned on a platform attacking "crime, corruption and communism" of the Truman Administration.

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Deaths Prompt Liquor Hearing

Girls Claim Beer Bought at Grocery

ALBANY, Ore.—(AP)—The State Liquor Commission got conflicting testimony Thursday on whether a group of teen-agers bought beer from a grocery store near Sweet Home shortly before a fatal automobile crash.

The car plunged into Crabtree Creek, 14 miles east of Albany, and killed four of the six teen-agers inside, Feb. 9.

The two survivors, Carol Ann Whitney and Darlene Vandehey, both 16, of Lebanon, testified the driver of the car, Glen Smith, 17, bought beer at the Midway Grocery, 1 1/2 miles east of Sweet Home, and carried it to the car.

The four proprietors denied it. Still another witness, William E. Anderson, said he was certain he saw Smith buy the beer at a grocery store a quarter-mile away.

The transcript of all this will go to the full commission for a decision on whether the Midway's license should be revoked. Hearing evidence Thursday were Carl Gloss, liquor commission examiner; William A. Bingham, administrator, and Robert Elstrom, Salem, liquor commissioner.

The 16-year-old girls who survived said the beer was purchased before the group set out for a dance. It was later that night that the car plunged into the creek, killing Smith, William Wooten, 17, Sweet Home, and Marjorie Vuable and Jerald Zerkel, both 16, of Lebanon.

White Potato Price Boosted

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Housewives will have to pay higher prices for white potatoes from Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska and four Oregon counties.

The Office of Price Stabilization granted price increases Thursday to white potato producers and shippers in these states. It rejected price adjustment requests from California, Utah, Nevada, Washington and the rest of Oregon.

INCREASES authorized were: 20 cents in Idaho to \$4.15 per hundred-weight; 40 cents to \$4.15 in Oregon's Malheur, Baker, Union and Wallowa counties; 60 cents in Montana to \$4.15; 20 cents in Colorado to \$3.75; 20 cents in Wyoming and Nebraska to \$3.95.

The OPS called the increases "disaster" adjustments. The agency said they were made necessary by the low yield of high quality areas in the areas last year.

Idaho's former ceiling was \$3.05 per hundred, 20 cents above the ceiling in the Oregon counties.

OPS SAID the Oregon counties border Idaho and potatoes from the area are marketed in the same manner as Idaho potatoes.

OPS said the new ceilings are for February, and each of 10 cents involved will get an extra 10 cents per hundred seasonal increase next month.

The new prices are f.o.b. shipping points in the states affected.

Violation of Work Discipline Cardinal Sin in East Europe

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
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"Violation of work discipline" is a catchall offense invented by the Moscow Communist Party and exported to the captive countries of East Europe. Unpleasant things can happen to an ordinary worker found guilty of such an offense.

The offense pops up frequently now. There are a number of reasons for this. There is still a severe shortage of consumer goods in the Communist countries because of the feverish emphasis on heavy industry. With the continued scarcity of consumer items, a scapegoat must be found to take the heat off the regime. Also, it is Communist practice to keep workers constantly aware of the fact that they are creatures of the state.

THE SOVIET press boasts constantly of increases in internal trade in the Soviet Union. By their figures, they can prove it. But it isn't necessarily so. Therefore, when the statistics show the sharp increase in available consumer goods and the man-in-the-street still is unable to get his necessities, blame must be fixed.

Trud, the Soviet trade union newspaper, recently complained bitterly of "slipshod, unreasoned planning" in some consumer industries, and said this was responsible, for instance, for the lack of footwear in places like Novosibirsk, in Siberia. When leather footwear is needed there in the summer months, said Trud, it is not available, but in the winter months when "Valenki," or felt boots, are needed, these are not available either.

It blames such a situation on the footwear industry, which ships consignments willy-nilly, regardless of demand. But it is evident from other publications that the footwear industry is far behind quota in the first place. In a situation like this, there are two scapegoats: those who violate "work discipline" in not producing up to quota, and those who violate "state discipline" in improper planning.

WHEN CIGARETTES, soap, tea and salt were unavailable in Alma Ata stores, Trud said it was because poor organization let these items lay in warehouses in the very shadow of those stores.



SEEKS SAFETY — President Truman established a special commission under Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle (above) to study airport safety near big cities.

U.S. May Get New Air Chief

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Pentagon was buzzing Friday with rumors about the military future of Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, whose appointment expires April 30.

The only certain statement anyone cared to make was that Vandenberg's reappointment was by no means certain.

President Truman told his news conference Wednesday that the matter of renominating Vandenberg or choosing a successor was not yet before him for action. The nomination, made from a list submitted by Air Force Secretary Thomas K. Finletter, will require Senate confirmation.

There were vague reports that Finletter and Vandenberg were on the outs, possibly because Vandenberg privately disagreed with the "calculated risk" of delaying completion of a modern, 143-kind Air Force, and Finletter supported it.

One report from usually well-informed sources said that Vandenberg's name had been submitted to the White House. Another was that four names were presented: Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, strategic air commander; Gen. Nathan F. Twining, vice chief of staff; Lt. Gen. Thomas D. White, deputy chief for operations, and Lt. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, deputy chief for personnel and recently commander of the Military Air Transport Service.

At 53, Vandenberg is not eligible for full retirement. Hence if he is not reappointed to his post, he could be assigned to a subordinate task or permitted to retire without pay. Friends do not think he is interested in either of those alternatives.

CATHOLIC BISHOP DIES

LISBON, Portugal—(AP)—Dom Agostino de Jesus E. Sousa, Roman Catholic bishop of Oporto, died Thursday. He was 75.

Leathernecks Hit California Beach

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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.—Eight thousand leathernecks of the Third Marine Division hit the beach Friday in a joint Navy-Marine amphibious maneuver of officers hoped would provide "the answers to the atomic bomb."

The assault, which climaxed the first Navy-Marine amphibious exercise in the West since 1949, was preceded by more than a week of preparation aboard more than 70 warships escorting the leathernecks.

MORE THAN 1,400 rounds of 16-inch shells from the battleship USS Iowa and eight-inch shells from the cruisers Helena and Toledo were hurled on nearby San Clemente Island in a "softening up" operation.

"Frogmen" of underwater demolition teams swam to within 100 yards of an "enemy" beach before dawn and planted heavy charges of explosives to tear out coral and pave the way for the invasion.

The charges were fired before the first landing craft headed for the beach, and sent a sheet of water a quarter-mile long thundering more than 100 feet into the air.

Marine fighter-bombers roared in to join the attack with simulated bombs and machinegun fire. Billows of black smoke from the TNT charges and burning fuel dumps could be seen over a wide area before the first assault waves hit the beach.

The first waves were followed closely by amphibious tractors carrying more troops and heavy weapons, while "enemy" troops poured a steady hail of machinegun fire from concrete bunkers.

THE LEATHERNECKS then pulled their knockout punch. Ten helicopters took off from the aircraft carrier Rendova and lifted troops over the "enemy" lines. The 230 air-lifted Marines caught the "enemy" by surprise and stamped out resistance.

Each helicopter carried eight men per trip in a fast shuttle service between the carrier and the inland rendezvous.

When the beach areas were cleared of the "enemy," LSTs moved into shore with tanks, bulldozers and supplies in preparation for a push inland to secure the area.

Lowell to Have School Election

LOWELL—A special election has been called for Monday, Feb. 25, by the Lowell Consolidated Grade School District 71.

Voting will be from 8 p. m. to 9 p. m. The district is asking approval of spending \$5,991.15 now on hand in the general fund. The money would be spent to blacktop more play area and parking space along the full length of the north and west side of the building and some on the south.

School administrators say the work is necessary to bring the school up to state standards.

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OTTAWA, Ill.—(AP)—Ottawa men, married or single, will get fined in a powder puff justice court Feb. 29—Leap Year Day—if they are found guilty of any of these offenses:

- Failing to agree with the judgment of a woman.
- Arguing with a woman.
- Planning to leave town Feb. 29 and getting caught in advance.
- Making unkind remarks about woman drivers.
- Complaining about getting a summons to the powder puff court.
- Allowing their sons to remain single.

Members of the Ottawa Junior Women's Club are mailing summonses to Ottawa's males. The only way the males can avoid their court appearance is to mail in a fine in advance.

The Leap Year Day was planned by the club to raise funds for a new first aid truck for the city fire department.

GIs to Be Entertained

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Blond Betty Hutton prepared to leave with an eight-man troupe for Korea Thursday night on her first USO tour since World War II.

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