

No 'Ultimatum' Due in Korea, Nuckols Avers

Rumors Cropping Up Again in Tokyo

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TOKYO — (AP) — Rumors are cropping up again that the Allies are getting ready to give the Reds an ultimatum.

"Bunk—completely ridiculous," says Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, spokesman for the United Nations truce delegation.

Since the talks began last July, there have been half a dozen stalemates — hopeless appearing deadlocks where neither side seemed able to take a backward step.

The current head-on collision at Panmunjom is over two major issues:

- The Reds want the Russians named as neutral observers to administer details of the armistice. The U.N. Command delegates say "not on your life."
- The U.N. Command wants voluntary repatriation for all prisoners; that is don't send anyone back unless he wants to go. The Reds say "not on your life—we want them all."

Meanwhile, half a million men on each side squat in foxholes and watch each other uncertainly along a restless front.

EVEN IF THE Allies were considering an ultimatum, what good would it do?

The unqualified opinion of an officer in this command who knows as much about what is going on in Korea as anyone else is that four more divisions are needed to drive the Communists back to the Yalu River.

"The advantage we held in July is lost now, unless we build up our strength," he said.

The Allies still hold the upper hand in the air. But the World War II model B-29s making the run up to Mig Alley every night aren't getting any younger.

THE NAVY HAS been shelling Wonsan daily for more than a year, but every now and then a destroyer going into the harbor for closer range gets shot up by shore batteries.

Meanwhile, Communist supplies in Korea are mounting. This week Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters announced it was certain most of these supplies were Soviet-made.

The Reds have taken time to dig in so deeply and so well, there is no hope of smoking them out now without heavy casualties.

Military pressure, meaning more casualties, has to be applied before the Communists will talk.

At least this is the opinion of Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief U.N. delegate.

VOICES FROM SPACE

MASON, Mich. (AP)—This one stumped Deputy Sheriff Versile Babcock. A deaf woman called to complain she was receiving police short-wave radio signals on her hearing aid.

Whoa!!

PORTLAND — (AP) — Horsemeat will be placed under price control March 15, District Office of Price Stabilization Director Carl C. Donahue said Friday.

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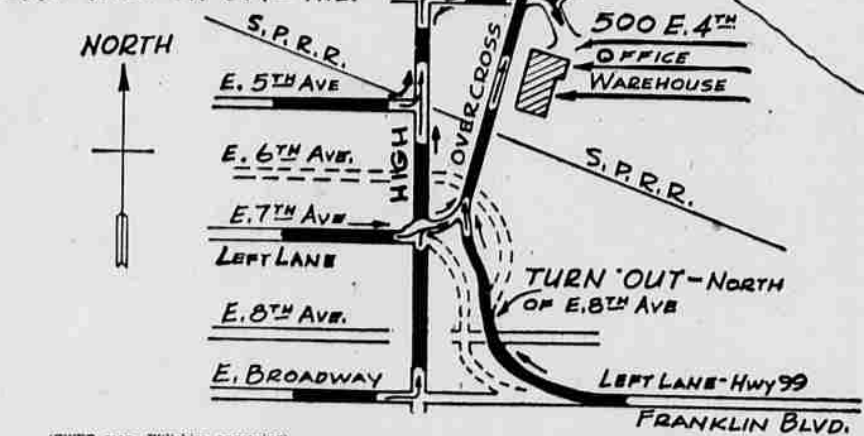
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Ground War Quiets Down

SEOUL, Korea — (AP) — The Korean War quieted Friday after the heaviest Red artillery operations in weeks, including shell bursts uncomfortably close to four American warships.

Even the air war was washed out by storm clouds, blown down from Manchuria.

Communist shore batteries opened up twice Thursday on U.S. warships besieging the east coast port of Wonsan. But the Navy said none of the American craft was damaged.

SHELLS FROM coastal guns straddled the Cruiser Manchester and Destroyer Fox. American carrier planes swept in to support the two ships in the succeeding artillery duel with the Red artillery.

The sea-air attack silenced the Communist emplacements.

In a separate action in the Wonsan area, shore batteries fired at the Destroyers Kyes and McGinty.

"Both ships received near misses," the Navy said, "but sustained no damage."

ALONG THE 155-mile ground front Red artillery fired 3155 rounds, a U. S. Eighth Army spokesman said. Most of it was on the eastern front. The U. S. 25th Infantry Division in the Punch-bowl sector reported it was the target of 1,390 rounds.

Pilots from the Carriers Valley Forge and Antietam reported they cut Communist rail lines in 127 places Thursday and destroyed 87 small craft. Marine pilots battered the wobbly Red railroad system with another 26 cuts, attacked troops, bunkers and gun positions.

Cook County Jail Escapee Executed

CHICAGO — (AP) — The only man ever to escape from death row at the Cook County jail was electrocuted Friday only a short distance from where he clubbed a guard to death.

Three jolts of electricity—1,900, 700 and 300 volts—hit Harry Williams beginning at 12:05 a.m. (CST).

Six minutes later, three physicians placed their stethoscopes to his chest then announced that Williams was dead.

HE WALKED steadily to the execution chamber after saying a final hail Mary with the jail's Catholic chaplain. Williams, once described as one of Chicago's most vicious criminals, was baptized a Catholic recently.

Earlier in the day he had been visited by his mother, Mrs. Edna Williams of Cleveland, and his girl friend, Miss Barbara Swander, 20.

Miss Swander, also a county jail prisoner awaiting trial for burglary, was permitted to leave her cell to pay a last visit to the condemned purse-snatching murderer.

Her last words with him were, "Goodbye, and God be with you," jailers said.

Guards said his composure when he entered the death chamber was outstanding.

A BLACK HOOD covered his entire head. He wore a white, sleeveless undershirt, trousers cut off at the knee and oversized laceless shoes.

As he was strapped in the chair, he murmured "goodbye" to a guard.

He accomplished what was considered the impossible when he tricked guards into permitting him to leave his cell shortly before midnight last Aug. 15.

While he supposedly was in the washroom, Williams made his way out a ventilator to the high concrete wall surrounding the jail.

HE CREEPT along the catwalk atop the wall and came up behind George Turley, a guard on duty in a watchtower. He grabbed Turley, wrestled his shotgun away and clubbed him to death with it.

Then Williams, a well-built man, slipped down a handmade rope and fled into the rainy summer's night.

But exactly 47 hours after his escape, a detective spotted him on a street car.

Ex-Football Player Admits Burglary

MOSCOW, Ida. — (AP) — Walt Dell, former University of Idaho football player, pleaded guilty Thursday in district court to first degree burglary charges in connection with a Dec. 19 store theft.

Another former university student, James McCuaig, 19, pleaded innocent to the same charge through his attorney.

Dell's \$1,000 bond was cancelled and he was jailed to await parole investigation and sentencing.

McCuaig was released on \$1,000 bond.

Little Hope Held For Austria Pact

Russia Expected To Veto Proposal

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Russia is believed ready to fire back a quick emphatic "no" to a new Big Three proposal for a streamlined Austrian Peace Treaty.

Officials say the Russian turn-down, if and when it comes, will virtually kill the last Western hope that a Four Power Peace Treaty for Austria is possible and will mean continued Russian and Western occupation of Austria until some other way is found to break the present stalemate.

INFORMAL notes made public Thursday, the United States, Britain, and France appealed to Moscow to agree to a 1,000 word, eight article pact which would fully restore Austrian rule over its territory.

At the same time, the United States denounced Russia for stalling on a peace pact and failing to keep a 1943 promise to join the West in insuring Austrian independence after the war.

The new draft treaty was designed to replace a much longer 60-article pact that bogged down in argument after five years of talk.

SEVEN OF THE articles in the new pact were lifted from the original. They had been agreed to by Russia's representative. The eighth, however, came as a surprise.

It calls on all four countries to give up all Austrian property claimed as former Nazi assets or as war booty.

This would hit the Russians hard. Russia now holds oil, shipping and industrial properties in Austria worth several hundred million dollars, and is believed to be making about 50 millions annually from their operations.

RAT SNATCHES TEETH

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — Irby Shelton is out to get a certain field rat. The rat stole Shelton's false teeth when he left the plate in his workshop overnight.

Devil Draws Lightning Bolt

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. — (AP) — H. L. Parr was sketching his conception of the Devil at his minister's request. The latter wanted to use the sketch at a religious meeting.

As Parr worked away, a rain-storm broke outside Tuesday. Lightning struck a tree, blasted a three foot hole over a telephone coaxial cable and then went to work on the house.

The telephone box outside the house was hurled 150 feet. The fuse box for lights was melted. Parr's water pump was burned out, a barbed wire fence toppled and a hole knocked in the ceiling.

Parr is now sketching an angel.

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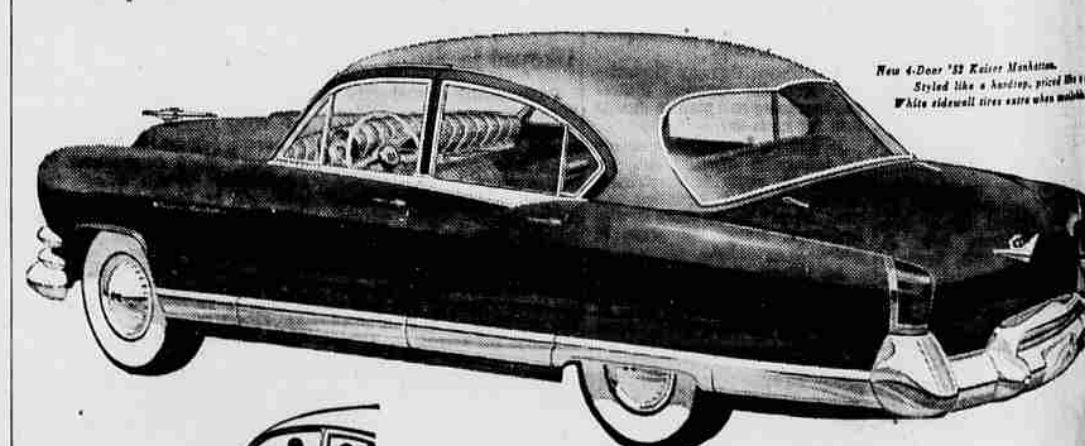
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