

Allies Beat Off Fierce Assault Near Bunker Hill

Other Troops Fight Reds at 2 Positions

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SEOUL (AP)—Determined Allied Infantrymen supported by tanks and heavy artillery Sunday beat off a savage Communist pre-dawn attack on an outpost near Bunker Hill on Korea's western front.

Other UN troops are locked in bitter fighting with Chinese Reds at two other Allied positions.

An Allied officer at the front said the Reds fired "heavy barges" of artillery and mortar shells at the outpost east of Bunker Hill. Then they attacked with an estimated 500 men.

BATTLE RAGED 2 HOURS

The bitter battle raged for nearly two hours before the Reds withdrew at 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

"Their 'box-me-in' fire kept up all night long around the entire position," the officer said. "They were walking right through it throwing satchel charges on our bunkers."

A Chinese battalion powered the Red drive on the outpost. The officer said the Reds "tried coming from all angles" and they "encircled our entire position."

NO CASUALTY ESTIMATE

There was no immediate Allied estimate of Chinese casualties.

A force of Chinese estimated to be a reinforced company attacked two outposts west of Bunker Hill about 7 p.m. Saturday. The Reds fired about 2,500 rounds of mortar and artillery and brought up four of their tanks, the officer said.

There was no report early Sunday morning on what happened at these two positions.

Bunker Hill is a strategically valuable knob of high ground within sight of the Panmunjom truce center.

BUNKER WON LAST MONTH

U. S. Marines won the hill last month and inflicted an estimated 4,000 casualties on Chinese troops who mounted repeated attacks to recover the good tactical position. The Chinese touched off their Saturday night assaults with an artillery and mortar barrage described as "very heavy." At least 2,500 rounds crashed down on the Allied-held slopes.

Ground fighting also flared anew on the mountainous eastern front. Troops of the U. S. 25th Division fought with fists and bayonets for several hours Saturday morning before they drove off a reinforced Communist platoon.

Allied warplanes kept up their "round-the-clock bombing of Red Korean targets Saturday.

Thirty-nine U. S. Sabre jets tangled with more than 50 Communist MIG-15 jets over northwest Korea. Sabre pilots claimed one MIG probably destroyed and one damaged.

The Fifth Air Force reported a 10-1 edge in jet battles for the seven previous days.



TACKLE FARM PROBLEMS—Governor Adlai E. Stevenson (right) discusses farm problems at Springfield, Ill., with members of the National Committee for Agricultural Progress. Seated at left is Robert E. Allen of Perry, Mo., chairman of the committee.

Gertrude Lawrence Had Brilliant Career

NEW YORK, Sept. 6. (AP)—Gertrude Lawrence, A cockney waif who became a great lady of the English speaking theater, died Saturday of a liver ailment, and friends said she was a victim of the acting tradition that "the show must go on."

Miss Lawrence, who gave her age as 50, died three weeks after being persuaded to leave the cast of "The King and I." The Rogers and Hammerstein Broadway hit musical in which she had climaxed her brilliant, 44-year stage and movie career.

Death was caused by infectious hepatitis, a virus liver ailment. Miss Lawrence had stuck to her rigid theatrical schedule, despite intense pain, but finally entered New York Hospital on the urging of her husband, Producer Richard S. Aldrich, whom she married in 1940.

IN COMA BEFORE DEATH
She fell into a coma three hours before her death at 8:30 a.m. EDT. Aldrich, who was at her bedside, said her condition had taken a turn for the worse after complications set in.

Physicians said hepatitis was not usually a fatal illness, except in extreme cases. News of the auburn-haired actress' unexpected death swept New York's great white way, and the men and women with whom Miss Lawrence had worked mourned the loss.

Tallulah Bankhead, who only recently appeared in a revival of "Private Lives," one of Miss Lawrence's most brilliant early successes, paid tribute to her.

Bridges Closer To Deportation And Jail Term

Has 30 Days to Ask Court for Re-Hearing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Harry Bridges was one step closer today to a possible five years imprisonment and deportation after the U. S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld his 1950 conviction on a charge of perjury.

Bridges has 30 days to ask the court for a re-hearing. If rebuffed again, he could appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court for review.

The circuit court of appeals, in a unanimous decision, denied Bridges' appeal he had been tried on a charge which had been outlawed by the statute of limitation.

The 90-page appellate opinion said Bridges' "alleged false statement as to Communist party membership" was the key to the indictment on which he was convicted. The judges said the government had shown "there was a substantial amount of evidence that Bridges in fact joined and became a member of the Communist party."

GOVERNMENT VICTORY

In Washington, attorney general James P. McGranery termed the decision "a fine victory for the government. It's what we expected. We're pleased by it."

The Australian-born president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (Ind.) was found guilty by a federal district court jury of lying when he swore at his 1945 naturalization hearing he was not and never had been a Communist party member. Two union aides, John R. Robertson, 47, and Henry Schmidt, 52, were convicted with Bridges as co-conspirators and the appellate court denied their appeals, too.

BLAMES POLITICS

When Bridges heard the appellate decision, he said the whole proceedings against him were started because he refused to support President Truman for reelection in 1948.

Student Rides Train Like a Street Car

SEATTLE (AP)—A 25-year-old collegian clung like a leach for a quarter of an hour Saturday—suitcase and all—to the outside of a 70-mile-an-hour passenger train. He had his breath back here four hours later.

Bearded Don Hall, of 426 Michigan St., Victoria, B. C., blamed the trains in Europe for his plight. "When you grab a train door there, it opens," he explained. "I thought it would here, too."

BACK FROM EUROPE

The young senior at St. Martin's College, near Olympia, Wash., was on his way home from a summer's European tour when he ran for a Union Pacific streamliner at Vancouver, Wash. The doors shut before he could board it. But he climbed on an outside step, anyway.

To his surprise, the door remained closed.

There Hall stuck. He couldn't get in and he couldn't get off.

As the train picked up speed, he tried holding the hand rail with one death grip and his suitcase with the other. Finally, with the wind tugging at him, he braced his bag with his knees and clutched with both hands.

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