

Korean Road. Like Molars, Paved in Gold

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Korean "prospectors" chipped away at roads in the area of Pyongyang Tuesday after it was discovered the highways were surfaced with refined gold ore.

"The gold rush is on," said an Army officer who explained how engineers had coated the roads with gold unwittingly.

The officers said the roads built a year ago during the earlier days of the war had been surfaced by "gravel" from an abandoned slag pile.

But instead of gravel, the army engineers actually had used the gold ore valued at \$60,000.

The mistake was discovered only recently when a Korean mine owner demanded that sum for the loss of his gold. The Army was reported to have settled for \$20,000.

Dexter Contract Won

PORTLAND (AP)—Army engineers said Wednesday that J. R. Trisdale, Inc., Redding, Calif., has been awarded a \$141,000 contract to clear 530 acres of land in the Dexter dam reservoir area. The work is part of the Lookout Point dam project.

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Truman Defends Plan by Brannan

SHENANDOAH, Ia. (UP)—President Truman Wednesday defended the Brannan farm plan and called Dwight D. Eisenhower's farm speeches "unbelievable" and a "conglomeration of generalities, platitudes, half truths and plain misrepresentation."

Mr. Truman told a farm crowd here that Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brannan

Mystery Man Gets Off Hook

NEW YORK (AP)—Henry W. (The Dutchman) Grunewald's belated testimony before a federal grand jury in Brooklyn has won him dismissal of a government motion that he be cited for criminal contempt.

The contempt motion against the Washington mystery man was dismissed Tuesday by Federal Judge Matthew T. Abruzzo, who acted at the request of the U.S. attorney's office.

Grunewald first was threatened with the contempt motion last August when he failed to answer a subpoena. He blamed his absence on illness.

But since that time he has given testimony at six appearances before the grand jury, which is probing tax corruption.

Japanese Court Frees Communists

TOKYO (AP)—Nine Communists charged with illegally publishing the Communist paper "Peace and Independence" were set free Tuesday when the Tokyo District Court quashed the indictment against them. Kyodo News Agency reported Wednesday.

The court ruled that the Anti-Occupation Activities Ordinance No. 325, based on General Douglas MacArthur's past directive had become invalid.

The nine had been indicted April 18 on a charge of violating the ordinance.

3 Court Cases Delay Ballots

Printing of Forms
Hinges on Decisions

PORTLAND (AP)—Decisions on three court cases are holding up printing of ballots for the November election in Oregon and Multnomah County Elections Registrar James W. Gleason said Wednesday that all absentee ballots would probably have to be sent airmail because of the delay.

Ballots are normally sent by air to servicemen voters but Gleason said even ballots for civilian voters away from their home precincts would have to be sent airmail because of pending decisions on two "price tag" measures and the J. E. Bennett candidacy.

Multnomah County circuit court has already ruled that Bennett is not eligible to run for the unexpired terms of the city commissioner post from which he was recalled in the last primary election and the decision has been appealed and heard by the state supreme court. No verdict from the high court has been reached.

Also delaying ballot printing in the state were the "price tag" cases of the measure to abolish the weight-mile tax on long-haul truckers and the measure to ban mutual betting in the state.

REA MAKES LOAN

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Rural Electrification Administration Tuesday approved a \$160,000 loan to Benton-Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Corvallis, Ore.

At Communist Party Congress

Soviets Await New 5-Year Plan

MOSCOW (AP)—Delegates to the 19th all-Soviet Communist party congress were expected to get a full report Wednesday on Russia's production-boosting new five-year plan. They may also get to discussing sweeping changes to be made in the party organization and its by-laws.

These two subjects were the next major items on the five-point agenda as the first big party convocation in 13 years went into its fourth day.

The report on the Soviet Union's fifth five-year plan, which extends from 1951 to the end of 1955, was to be presented by M. Z. Saburov, chairman of the State Planning Commission.

IMMENSE BUILDUP

Advance reports show the plan envisages an immense buildup of Soviet economic strength, boosting the nation's production by 70 per cent over that of 1950. New goals have been set to boost steel output by 62 per cent, coal by 43 per cent and petroleum by 85 per cent by the end of 1955.

After approving the five-year plan, the 1,366 delegates will take up the new statute outlining the reorganization of the party administration.

Quake Jars Islands

MANILA (AP)—An earthquake was felt on the central Philippine islands of Panay, Romblon and Cuyo Wednesday, the government geophysical division announced. No damage was reported.

This calls for abolition of the Politburo, a Central Committee agency under the leadership of Prime Minister Stalin to which world communism long has looked for guidance. Replacing it will be a presidium which will "guide the work of the Central Committee between sessions."

The proposed new presidium not only will offer political guidance but will take over the Organization Bureau (Orgburo), which also is to be abolished.

NAME TO BE CHANGED

The statute also calls for changing the two-decade-old name of the party from the "All-Union Communist Party (Bolsheviks)" to the "Communist Party of the Soviet Union."

Tuesday's congress meeting approved the party's policy program, set out in a 25,000 word speech Sunday night by Deputy Prime Minister Georgi M. Malenkov, one of the key members of the Politburo.

Stalin was present when the action was taken and stayed on to hear Deputy Premier Lavrenty P. Beria, another Politburo member and boss of Russia's secret police, deliver a thundering denunciation of the United States and high praise for the achievements of the Soviet Union.

"American imperialists, who have grown fat in two world wars, drunk with the idea of establishing their own world domination, are again pushing the people into a world war," declared Beria, "although there is no doubt that in

unleashing the war they are only speeding their downfall and their death."

'STORMY APPLAUSE'

The Soviet news agency Tass said the delegates met these words "with stormy applause."

Beria then described a "new powerful upsurge to the Soviet national economy," which he said more than doubled the level of Soviet industry over the prewar period. He claimed industrial out-

put during the last as high as that of Russia's first two years. Another speaker, Marshal Alexander Novikov, minister of the great hall of the Soviet Union, "the peace camp," firmly a "peace-loving" But he added that his peaceful sense means military

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