



B-29s Blast Red Port—B-29s of the 20th air force score direct hit on industrial area of North Korean port, not identified by U. S. officials. Smoke billows from the target after hit. (Acme Telephoto)

### Game Bunch of Yanks Put 'Taejon' into U.S. History

Editor's Note: Here is the battle of Taejon, as written in the pages of the history of the Korean campaign by the embattled 19th and 34th infantry regiments of the 24th division. (A United Press war correspondent reports that the valiant American stand at Taejon won valuable time for the building of the allied counter-offensive to throw the communists back across the 38th parallel border into North Korea)

By RUTHERFORD FOATS  
Somewhere in Korea, July 21 (U.P.)—A game bunch of Yanks wrote "Taejon, Korea" into American history this week. On the approaches of Taejon, and in the muddy streets of this city of clabboard shacks and Jerry-built houses, the U. S. 24th infantry division fought its heart out against overwhelming odds and claimed deadly price in blood for each yard it yielded.

When they finally lost burning Taejon to the Red invaders of South Korea, the thinned ranks of the 24th had won the chief ingredient of eventual allied victory—time.

Three weeks ago these young Americans left a carefree occupation life in Japan.

Then for two weeks they took a bloody pounding. They gained time for two fresh American divisions and a strong American air and naval force to get into action.

They fell back to the Kum river line before Taejon and there, for six days, they fought off well-armed communist forces at least five times stronger numerically.

By all the books of military science they'd have been justified in pulling out without a fight for Taejon. They were in desperate need of rest, regrouping, and reinforcements.

The Red radio boasted that the invaders would march into Taejon—for a time the temporary South Korean capital—with bands playing and with "loyal Koreans" welcoming them in.

They were welcomed, all right—by a hail of bullets and mortars.

Yank generals and colonels took up rifles, machine guns and bazookas and fought beside their tired doughboys. Maj. Gen. William Dean, division commander, held his key headquarters staff in Taejon and personally led reconnaissance sorties. He even bagged a Red tank.

If courage were the only factor, Taejon would still be ours. But there were other factors—ammunition, communications, and thousands upon thousands of North Korean infantrymen who kept filling the holes the red-eyed Yanks knocked in their ranks.

The battle of Taejon opened one week ago today, when North Korean troops wearing peasant dress and captured American uniforms infiltrated across the western Kum river line into and behind the U.S. 34th infantry regiment.

By dawn Sunday the regiment was forced to fall back from the river line to within 15 miles of Taejon.

Under cover of darkness the communists streamed through a 20-mile river front north of Taejon which the thinly spread 19th regiment had held against a three-day assault by two Red divisions.

The 19th was engulfed and fell back but it had done its work well. It took the Reds four days to patch up those two divisions. The Taejon attack was held up until a completely new division—believed to be the last the Reds have in reserve—was brought up.

In a flea-infested two-story brick building in Taejon, U.S. staff officers awaited evacuation orders. Some predicted the city's fall before Monday night. Now and then a jeep or truck would race through the deserted streets.

Inside shops and homes, Korean civilians huddled, awaiting their new rulers. The main Red forces closed in. By nightfall Wednesday the

American defense ring was on the city's outskirts. In the rice-paddy no-man's-land, only the croaking of bullfrogs and the occasional whine of a sniper's bullet broke the silence.

At 5:45 a.m. yesterday communist artillery, tanks, and infantry opened an all-out attack. North Korean troops disguised in American uniforms infiltrated the city and tried to cut off any American withdrawal.

The outnumbered Yanks fought from house to house in the burning city, twice broke through encirclements, knocked out more than a dozen enemy tanks, and withdrew to the southeast around midnight without heavy losses.

### 60 Russian Planes Roar Over U. S. Sector

Berlin, July 21 (U.P.)—A flight of about 60 Russian fighter planes roared over the American sector of Berlin this evening.

The planes flew over the American sector borough of Wannsee at about three thousand feet. Formation flying over the four-power city is contrary to agreements.

Tornadoes strike the United States more furiously and frequently than anywhere else in the world.



Children Flee Reds—Separated from their parents, bewildered South Korean children trail along with their country's soldiers as war brings grim fate to civilians caught by the Red invasion. Photo by Ed Hoffman, NEA-Acme staff photographer. (Telephoto)

### Navy Orders 15 More Ships Fitted Out

San Francisco, July 21 (U.P.)—The Navy today ordered 15 more ships 12 of them from mothball fleets, to be fitted out to carry men and supplies across the Pacific in support of the United Nations forces in Korea.

The military sea transport service said 11 of the ships will come from the reserve fleet at Suisun Bay, Calif., and the other, the Sgt. Sylvester Antalok, will come from Olympia, Wash.

Three cargo ships will sail from the MSTC Atlantic fleet to the Pacific. In addition, six Navy and hospital ships already are being reactivated and 20 cargo ships previously were ordered outfitted.

### Air Force Speeds Up Training of Specialists

Washington, July 21 (U.P.)—The air force has ordered most of its air training command schools on a six-day week in order to speed training of specialists needed in Korea.

Officials said the order will step up the present graduation rate by 20 per cent.

### Korea 'Piece in Plan Of Soviet Aggression'

Los Angeles, July 21 (U.P.)—Korea is "just one piece in the Russian pattern of aggression" but World War III is not imminent, publisher Virgil Pinkley of the Los Angeles Mirror says.

Pinkley told Junior Chamber of Commerce members yesterday that he did not believe there would be a shooting war between Russia and the U. S. for at least three years.

Russia trails the Western powers in every military department except ground troops and has not yet hit the peak of its military and industrial program, Pinkley said.

The griffin is a mythological beast with the hinder parts of a lion, the head, shoulders, wings and forelegs of an eagle.

## RETREAT Down 'Nightmare Alley'

By GENE SYMONDS

Advance U. S. Headquarters, Korea, July 21 (U.P.)—Filthy young Americans with muscles crying for rest and fear deep in their eyes and bellies are straggling into this rear area today for what the army calls "regrouping."

While Americans at home go to work with full stomachs and clean shirts, their soldiers—most of them young kids not long out of school—come in here on bullet-riddled jeeps and blasted trucks. They haven't eaten for hours and the only possessions they have are their powder-grimed rifles and carbines clutched tight in their hands.

Hungry as they are, many of them don't even take time to eat the "C"-rations waiting for them but flop down in the dirt with a steel helmet for a pillow and fall into an uneasy sleep punctured by dreams of the "nightmare alley" they had to travel to get here.

At first there was only a small group and then, one by one, truck by truck they began to come in.

Unit sergeants try to make lists of their men, but for some

### Ike Says U. S. Forces May Have to Cross 38th Parallel

San Francisco, July 20 (U.P.)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower said Thursday it may be necessary for U. S. forces to cross the 38th parallel to defeat the Koreans—but he said he did not believe such action would "bring Russia into the war."

"I don't know where the point will be to which we will have to go to defeat the enemy," Eisenhower told a press conference.

"If he will stay in the south until he can be beaten, we need to go no further. But wherever you have to go (to defeat them), you have to go."

That place, he added, would "probably be the whole Korean area."

But even if U.S. forces drive past the 38th parallel, Eisenhower said he believed "it would not bring Russia into the war."

Eisenhower, vacationing for two weeks from his duties as president of Columbia university, told reporters the North Koreans "may refuse to retreat—in which case the whole thing could be settled in the south."

He said he based this conclusion on the belief that totalitarian governments in general "once having conquered ground, regard it as a weakness to retreat."

"We must not fall," he said earnestly.

"To fall in that area would be the occasion for an outburst of similar or worse incidents throughout the area controlled by the communists."

"I see them (communists) as a sullen weight, leaning against the boundaries all over Asia."

The World War II supreme commander of allied forces in Europe said he thought the communists' invasion of South

Korea signaled the understanding by the communists that our system of government is superior to theirs.

"The communists realize that our system has more appeal than their own," he said. "If their system were valid, they could win out without aggression."

Asked if he thought the United States should use the atomic bomb in Korea, Eisenhower said "I would not use it against personnel."

He said if U.S. commanders in Korea "find reason for using it against materiel—airfields and warehouses—and if we could use it without, I might say 'cutting off' human beings, then its use might be considered."

"We're trying to stand before the world as decent, just, fair people, not as judges to exterminate those who oppose us," he added.

Eisenhower refused to discuss talk that he might be a presidential candidate in 1952.

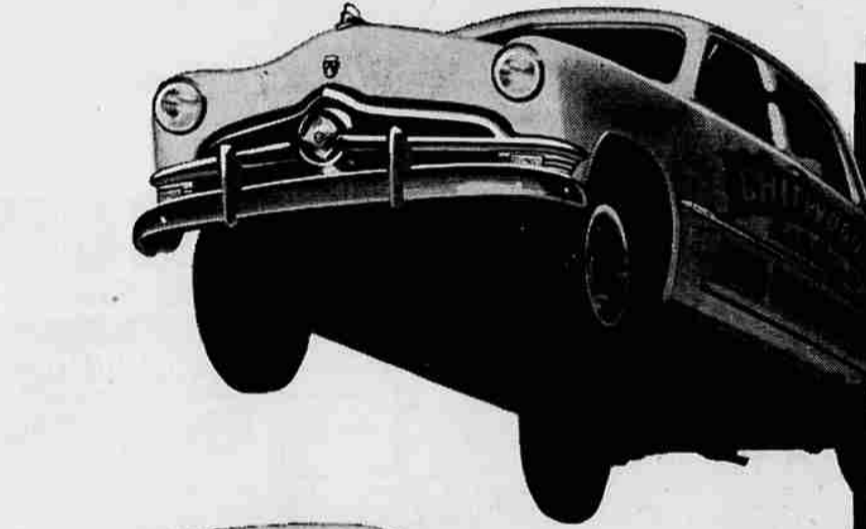
An aide told reporters before the press conference began "let's not waste time" by asking Eisenhower if he might run for president.

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