



**Hungnam Defenders Blast Enemy**—American artillerymen fire their 105mm howitzer from a position within the defense arc around Hungnam on the northeastern Korea front. Warships from seven countries were adding their firepower as United Nations defenders held off persisting Red attacks on the Allied shoreline strip.—(AP Wirephoto)

## Corvallis General Directs Beachhead Artillery in Korea

By JACK BURBY

Hungnam Beachhead, Korea, Dec. 21 (AP)—Compressed into an area less than five miles across, Americans in this perimeter are fighting the noisiest and dirtiest battle of the Korean war. Dust from demolition blasts and from piles of abandoned coal—Hungnam used to be an industrial center—fills the air and makes the men look like coal miners.

And artillery thundering day and night from ships and shore tears the nerves to shreds. The barrage is "worse than Iwo Jima," a marine officer said. It pounds the hills and plains around Hungnam without stop and probably has been the main reason the Chinese and North Koreans have not swarmed into the heart of the beachhead.

"We're sweating a little," said a captain sitting before a chart in a Korean mud hut at the edge of the perimeter.

Capt. Corbin Davis of Platts-mouth, Neb., pointed to a ridge line and said that was where the Americans came closest to real trouble. The communists got a machinegun on the ridge the night before last and had a clean sweep of the American nerve center.

"They were loaded for bear," Davis said. "I saw one we killed carrying a whole satchel full of grenades."

The Americans counter-attacked and retook the ridge after an hour's fight, and the enemy hasn't made any headway against the ridge since.

In the center of the beachhead the Americans are sweating out the enemy's next move, living in a swarm of life—both civilian and military—and the blackest grime they've seen in Korea. A giant smokestack in the path of artillery shells was blown early yesterday, covering the entire town with thick gray dust for 10 minutes.

"Measles" are saving hundreds, perhaps thousands, of American lives. That's the name we've given to the Red circles drawn on the artillery control chart. Each circle fixes a possible danger point already "zeroed in" by accurate fire.

If anything moves there, the infantry has only to call out the "measles number" and death is on its way for enemy troops who attack or even form up for an attack.

The artillery is under the command of Brig. Gen. Roland Shug, of Corvallis, Ore., who believes he and his men have only one reason for existence

## Mid-Century Prayer For Peace Urged

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 21 (AP)

The Methodist church's general board of evangelism Wednesday called on churches throughout the country to unite in a "mid-century prayer for

peace" on December 31.

The board said a letter calling for the special day of prayer went out to pastors of 42,000 Methodist churches embracing almost 9,000,000 members. It urged pastors and congregations to "help forge a chain of prayer, beseeching God's guidance in converting a world crisis to a just and lasting peace."

Back from Wisconsin

St. Louis—Mrs. Frank Jungwirth has returned from a two-month stay in Sheboygan, Wis., where she visited with her two brothers, Frank and Thomas Steger and a sister, Mrs. Emma Schmidt whom she had not seen for 29 years. She also spent so much time with many of her former friends.

## Korean Minister Asks World To Think Over Conflict Cause

By H. D. QUIGG

Seoul, Dec. 21 (AP)—New snow lies like a soothing poultice over this raw-nerved city. Bicycle bells still tinkle at dusk in the streets and tiny newspaper boys sing a song of morning papers to sell.

Twilight came on as we sat at the parsonage. The young Korean minister sat cross-legged on a small pillow on the floor and rocked from side to side.

We waited for him to speak.

And as sounds came through the paper windows of bells chiming dimly and jolly and dusky news vendors chanting their wares you could imagine they were sleighbells and Christmas carollers.

The young minister's eyes were closed. He frowned and his mouth was drawn taut. He was thinking of a Christmas message although he had been forced to abandon his church and disband his congregation.

My Korean friend, George Suh, and I had gone looking for a pastor of a church in Seoul. There was none to be found although we visited several churches. All had either been taken by communists when they invaded Seoul or were in hiding or had fled south.

When we came to this parsonage they said there was a pastor stopping there for the night. He had come from the north and was leaving for the south tomorrow. We went in and sat with him on the warm floor—Koreans have practiced radiant heating for hundreds of years—and George acted as interpreter.

The young minister had walked with his wife and three children 30 miles down through snow to Seoul from his church in Changtan. He said he was 35 years old. A minister for seven years and a pastor of a Methodist church in Changtan for two years.

I asked the church's name and George listened to the Korean name and said: "Literally, it's the 'In Front of Changtan Railroad Station Church'."

On Christmas Eve the pastor said the 40 persons in his congregation always exchanged gifts and young men and women sang carols. On Christmas Day there was a special service about the birth of Christ. He smiled as he talked about it. His face resembled that of movie actor Ronald Coleman with a neat black mustache and regular features.

He had hidden out when the communists first invaded. Many of his fellow pastors had been seized. Now with the new threat he was moving his family to safety. He said he was afraid this war would spread all over the world.

"If you could hold your Christ-

bodies, for our country itself this is our biggest disaster. We cannot get through this ordeal without sincere confession before God."

I asked if there was anything he would like to say to the people of the world on Christmas Eve. That was when he rocked in thought. He took his 2-year-old baby on his lap and the child lay over on his arm and was asleep before he spoke.

Then he said: "I think it is necessary for people of the world to think over the reasons and circumstances why there should be conflict in Korea. I hope that people will meet this Christmas with the realization of heavenly power which governs the globe, without believing in power and authority for any one nation on earth."

"As for Korea, a small and weak nation, I think somehow it has not been abandoned by God. And for that I am happy in the midst of a gloomy situation."

What made him think Korea had not been abandoned:

"Because," he said, "I know that the big powers in the world are sacrificing lives and material in helping Korea."



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