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MOSTLY CLOUDY with a few showers tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight, 36; high Thursday, 50.

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Thanksgiving Day Observed All Over Globe

Combat Men to Pause Where Possible For Turkey Dinners

A nation half at war will observe Thanksgiving day tomorrow while its leaders search for peace throughout an uneasy world.

In the United States, turkey will be plentiful but expensive. The day will sparkle with warmer weather in the east, with football games everywhere.

Halfway across the world, in grimy Panmunjom, American officers have promised an answer to the latest communist counter-proposal for a cease fire in Korea. There was cautious optimism that both sides are coming closer together on the first of several difficult problems to be solved before guns are stilled.

Combat men will pause, wherever possible, to commemorate a day half-way between peace and all-out war. For most, the army says, there will be turkey dinners and the trimmings. Some, on the battle front, may have to wait for theirs.

Over 100,000 Casualties

Casualty lists, always two weeks or more behind developments, have passed the total of 100,000 Americans killed, wounded or missing in Korea. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme allied commander in Tokyo, gave thanks on behalf of his fighting men in Korea.

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Military Law In Flooded Italy

Milan, Italy, Nov. 21 (AP)—The Italian military command at Rovigo was reported today to have declared the flood-stricken Po river delta a "military zone" in a strong move to check looting of abandoned homes.

Press dispatches said the military order warned anyone found without special permission around houses abandoned during the past 10 days or raging floods was liable to be shot. Four looters were shot last Saturday by police at the town of Villa Marzana.

These stern measures were taken as rescue workers spurred efforts to clear marooned towns and villages in the delta before threatened new flood crests developed.

An estimated 160,000 persons have abandoned their homes in the area. The Italian press has carried growing protests against the "jackal" looting that has broken out in the evacuated areas.

Steady rains at the headwaters of the Po and along many of its tributaries in northern Italy increased fears of new dangers in the area, where 100 have lost their lives in the past week and thousands have been made homeless.

Working around the clock, rescue teams, including British and American army units from Trieste, fought tricky currents and swirling debris to remove 8,500 persons from the town of Adria and nearby villages. Allied headquarters in Trieste said the British and American detachments were being reinforced.

Bill of Fare for All U. S. Soldiers

Boston, Nov. 21 (AP)—Turkey will be the Thanksgiving day piece de resistance for United States armed forces, ashore or afloat, at home or abroad.

The standard menu for the navy everywhere follows:

Shrimp or fruit cocktail, relish tray, French onion soup, roast young tom turkey with giblet gravy, oyster or cornbread dressing, cranberry orange relish, snow flaked or glazed sweet potatoes, cauliflower or buttered green peas, waldorf or perfection salad, hot cloverleaf rolls and butter, pumpkin, sweet potato pie or mince meat pie, ice cream, assorted fruits, candies, nuts, coffee, tea or milk.

Because the navy now is operating in virtually all time zones, there will be a wide divergence in the hour for chow.

Marines serving on navy vessels will share navy fare. Elsewhere the marine corps menu, even in the lines, will differ little, although turkey will be fortified with baked ham wherever possible.

Two Satellites File Complaint Against Plane

Missing Cargo Ship Fired On Because It Crossed Border

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Nov. 21 (AP)—Hungary and Romania complained officially today that a United States army cargo plane—still missing after being fired on by the satellite border guards Monday—crossed over their territories illegally.

Notes were presented to the American missions in Budapest and Bucharest, even as U.S. planes prepared to search over Yugoslavia for the missing C-47 transport, which disappeared Monday with four crewmen and diplomatic cargo aboard.

The two cominform countries maintain a tight control all along their borders with Yugoslavia.

Answer to Inquiries

The notes were presented after other American inquiries were made concerning the whereabouts of the plane, whose pilot had radioed his base at Munich Monday afternoon that he had been fired upon by the border patrols of the two countries and had turned back westward.

The pilot's reports, as "isolated" by the U.S. embassy in Belgrade, did not mention any damage from the shooting.

Bad weather hampered the search. Fifteen U.S. air force planes were poised at Treviso in northern Italy, at the juncture of the Italian, Austrian and Yugoslav borders, ready for the word that would send them over an area of 7,000 square miles, much of it craggy mountains and wooded hills.

Search Underway

The plane, carrying a general cargo for the embassy here, was last reported somewhere north of Belgrade at dusk Monday, with its gasoline running low. It was attempting to retrace its route back to Udine, near Trieste, in the hope of refueling there.

War Declared On NY Rackets

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—The states of New York and New Jersey are teaming up for a drive against waterfront crime and racketeering in the port of New York.

Conferences have been held between Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and New Jersey Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll on launching the first concerted two-state cleanup along the piers.

Dewey ordered the New York state crime commission last night to make a "sweeping investigation" on a port-wide basis.

Dewey said he wanted to root out "racketeering, organized crime and restrictive practices which have increasingly over the past 50 years hamstringed the port of New York."

Dewey said he and Gov. Driscoll are engaged "in the process of working out a bistate cooperative effort which will be announced when the time comes."

At Trenton, N.J., Driscoll said Dewey's order for a commission investigation was "good news," and he told of recent conferences with the New York governor.

Norblad Thinks Ike Available Candidate

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—The North Atlantic defense program has progressed to the point where, Rep. Norblad (R-Ore) says, General Dwight D. Eisenhower will be available for a presidential nomination.

The congressman has just returned from an inspection of European and North African defenses by the house armed services committee of which he is a member.

He told a reporter that the committee conferred with Eisenhower and his aides for some time, but did not discuss politics.

"However, after listening to them brief the North Atlantic treaty organization program and inspecting the various projects already under way," Norblad declared, "I am convinced that Eisenhower will have accomplished his purpose in plenty of



Pennsylvania Guards Join Ike

Bremershaven, Germany, Nov. 21 (AP)—Advance elements of the 28th Infantry division—"Pennsylvania's own" National Guard—arrived in Germany today to complete the American reinforcement of General Dwight Eisenhower's European army.

Gen. Eisenhower himself was on his way to greet the 28th personally as the vanguard of the division steamed into this big U. S. supply port aboard the transport General Butler.

It was a gloomy, rainy morning. But the 2,000 soldiers aboard the Butler cheered and waved as the big transport docked.

They answered with yells when the welcoming band played the division's song, "Roll On, 28th."

The 28th, known as the key-stone division, is the last to arrive of four U. S. divisions poured into Germany this year to bolster the frontline of western allied defenses along the iron curtain.

With the 28th, the United States now has six combat divisions in west Germany. Altogether the western allied combat forces in this vital area number more than 12 divisions and are expected to reach 14 by the year's end.

The 28th division's commander, Major General Daniel B. Strickler, of Lancaster, Pa., had arrived ahead of his troops. But he met them at the dock and went aboard to greet them personally after a brief dockside ceremony.

Gls' Christmas Gifts Home Swamp Docks

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 21 (AP)—Seattle port of embarkation and postal officials said today that their facilities were being swamped by thousands of Christmas packages sent to the states by troops in Korea.

A port official said the front-line soldiers' shopping spree began last September. He said that during the month soldiers sent post exchanges in Japan a list of items to be mailed to folks back home.

Red Cross women and servicemen's wives shopped for the articles, wrapped them and mailed them.

The port official said the result was that more than 20,000 packages have been received at the port of embarkation since Nov. 1.

Green Fire Ball Over 4 States

Albuquerque, N.M., Nov. 21 (AP)—A bright green fireball sized across southwestern skies last night, displaying "all the characteristics" of eight other flaming objects that have puzzled meteorologists and residents of four states during the past three weeks.

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Five Tons of Turkey To Feed State's Wards

A domestic turkey is a bird that as a habit, doesn't fly. It has wings, but they're not much use. It has legs for walking, roosting and roasting. It's a bird that takes on a special significance tomorrow.

And for the state institutions surrounding Salem, that significance is overwhelming. The chefs in various schools, hospitals and the penitentiary will prepare a total of nearly five tons of turkey for the holiday menus.

Translating tons to birds—at about 25 pounds each—that means some 400 birds. The state hospital, Cottage farm included, boasts the greatest volume of turkey and trimmings. For those institutions some 196 turkeys, measuring out to 3,500 pounds, will give patients something for which to be thankful.

The remainder of the hospital menu includes 225 gallons of dressing, 170 gallons of giblet gravy, 425 pounds of cranberries for sauce, 225 gallons of mashed potatoes, 200 gallons of buttered peas, 50 boxes of mashed potatoes, 200 gallons of buttered peas, 50 boxes of apples 50 crates of celery, 1000 pounds of mince-meat for pies, 250 gallons of coffee, and 200 gallons of cider.

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The weather bureau's airport station said there hadn't been any here since last week when Gen. Douglas MacArthur's plane couldn't land for more than two hours. There might be some tonight though, the forecasters reported.

Brandau and Kooser, experimenting since 1949 with weather control, engage in what they call hail dispersal as well as fog dispersal work. Fruit men in the Medford area have contracted with them to break up clouds which carry potential hail damage.

There have been no official studies of their work such as an Oregon State college project aimed at evaluating rainmaking in eastern Oregon.

Weather Details Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum today, 44. Total 24-hour precipitation: 0.4. Total 30-day precipitation: 11.58; normal, 4.02. Season precipitation: 11.58; normal, 4.02. Rise: 4.12; 1.7 feet. (Report by U.S. Weather Bureau.)

West's Plan for Disarming Hit By Soviet Bloc

Czechs Reject Proposal Because It Does Not Ban A-Bomb

Paris, Nov. 21 (AP)—Czechoslovakia gave the United Nations today the first Soviet bloc reply to the western disarmament proposals—a mild, generalized statement that the plan was not acceptable because it does not call for immediate prohibition of atomic weapons.

There was no hint when Russia's foreign minister, Andrei Vishinsky, would take the floor in the U. N. assembly's political committee to reply to U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson's outline of the plan. Vishinsky sat attentively as Mrs. Gertrude Sekaninova, head of the Czechoslovak delegation, called the west's proposal vague and complicated.

Canadian Replies She was followed by Lester B. Pearson, Canada's minister of external affairs and chairman of the North Atlantic organizations (NATO), who announced Canada's full support for the plan and defended NATO as a regional setup within the United Nations necessary until fears of Russia diminish.

Pearson argued that the west had to negotiate through strength for peace until Russia's threats to peace were withdrawn.

Mrs. Sekaninova's statement reflected none of the laughter Vishinsky said he had for the western plan after it was first announced.

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Arab-Israeli Issues Stymied

Paris, Nov. 21 (AP)—The United Nations Palestine conciliation commission announced today its failure to settle Arab-Israeli differences.

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US War Casualties in Korea Over 100,000

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—The 100,000th American has been killed or wounded or is missing in Korea.

This mark is recorded and passed in the defense department's weekly summary of combat casualties due to be issued today. Since this official report now runs about two weeks behind the battle action, it covers 16 months of fighting.

American families have been told of some 22,000 casualties among their men since Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway first offered to talk about an armistice on June 30.

About seven out of every ten American battle losses have been suffered since the Chinese Reds poured across the Manchurian border into the then virtually unopposed Korean battlefield a little more than one year ago.

The 70,000 U.S. casualties reported since the Chinese entered the war include nearly 8,000 of the 12,500 Americans listed at one time or another as missing in action. This missing figure has been reduced to a current total of around 10,800.

Among these are the some 5,500 Americans reported by Col. James M. Hanley, chief of the war crimes section of the U.S. 8th army in Korea, to have been killed by their captors. General Ridgway has—without using figures—authenticated Hanley's report. But the general said the deaths have been reported to the families concerned.

Approximately half of all U.S. casualties in Korea have occurred since the bitter retreats and rear guard withdrawals of last winter and during the series of Red spring offensives and U.N. counter blows which have moved the battle line back to the center of Korea.

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Considered—President Truman has said that George F. Kennan (above) is being considered for the post of ambassador to Russia. If appointed, Kennan would succeed Ambassador Alan G. Kirk, who reportedly wishes to give up the post. (AP Wirephoto)

South Korea Lists Atrocities

Pusan, Korea, Nov. 21 (AP)—South Korea today accused the communists of "a campaign of murder never before exemplified in the history of the civilized world."

The republic's public relations officer repeated a government charge that warring Reds had slaughtered more than 250,000 Korean civilians and 7,000 captured Republic of Korea (Rok) soldiers.

Robert T. Oliver, a spokesman for the South Korean government, said the republic blamed North Korean and Chinese Reds for the slayings.

The statement was the latest in a barrage of atrocity charges and counter-charges.

The allied high command says there is "considerable evidence" that about 6,000 U. S. soldiers captured by the Reds were victims of "death by atrocity."

The South Korean government statement said "Millions of Koreans in North Korea are being systematically starved and frozen to death."

Giannini Out For MacArthur

New York, Nov. 20 (AP)—The president of the world's largest commercial bank today called Gen. Douglas MacArthur best qualified to be the next president of the United States. He rated Sen. Robert A. Taft next best.

In an informal talk to newspapermen at a luncheon here, L. M. Giannini, president of the Bank of America National Trust & Savings association, far-flung California institution, dismissed Governor Earl Warren of his own state as "a socialist at heart," and also characterized Gen. Dwight Eisenhower as "a one-worlder too."

The California banker said that President Truman is honest and sincere, and is doing the best job he is capable of, "considering his background."

After revealing that General MacArthur is his "personal choice" to be the next president, Giannini added that he "did a wonderful job in Japan... has unusual executive capacity... and is faithful to the constitution."

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A reporter asked whether any consideration has been given to a new request for permission to bomb the Manchurian bases. Vandenberg replied that "the crossing of the Yalu river is a political decision that must be taken by the United States with its United Nations allies."

Reds Proposal May Open Way For Cease-fire

Buffer Zone Plan Submitted for U. N. Consideration

Munsan, Korea, Nov. 21 (AP)—Truce hopes brightened today when communist negotiators submitted a cease-fire plan of their own that could open the way for a Korean armistice by Christmas.

It was similar to a United Nations plan for creating a buffer zone along the present fighting line to take effect if an armistice is signed within 30 days.

A U. N. command communique referred to the resemblance as superficial.

But the command's official spokesman, Brig. Gen. William P. Nickols, said if the Red plan "means what we think it means... then I think we are very close to solution" of the buffer zone question.

Points in Doubt The point in doubt was whether the communist proposal means "that troops will be withdrawn from the buffer zone after an armistice is signed" as the U. N. promised.

After the communists submitted their counterproposal at Panmunjom at Wednesday's two-hour truce session, allied negotiators tried to determine whether the Reds contemplated an immediate or delayed withdrawal from a buffer zone to be created along the present front.

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Allies Repulse Reds' Assault

Seoul, Korea, Nov. 21 (AP)—United Nations forces today threw back the Red's strongest attempt to halt an allied line-strengthening drive on the central Korean front. The U. N. push has gained nearly five miles since Saturday.

The Republic of Korea (ROK) sixth division stopped counterattacks by elements of two Red battalions. The South Koreans had the support of a tremendous artillery barrage.

An allied officer said, "we clobbered the hell out of them all night. Without the artillery the Reds could have made it hard on the ROKs."

The South Koreans also threw back several other jabs at their Pukhan river line southeast of Kumson.

On the eastern front United Nations soldiers repulsed a Red attack northwest of the punch-bowl after a five and one-half hour fight that ended shortly after dawn Wednesday. No other major action was reported from that mountainous front.

The only action on the western front was northwest of Chorwon. An allied raiding party occupied one hill position in communist territory.

Reds' Challenge Grows in Air

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