

Reds Propose New Plan for Withdrawals

Want High Level Conference With 90 Days of Truce

Munsan, Korea (AP)—The Communists Wednesday proposed a high level political conference within 90 days after a Korean armistice to negotiate withdrawal of foreign troops, settle the Korean problem and resolve related issues in the Orient.

The three-point proposal was made at Panmunjom in the first full dress session of truce negotiations teams in two months. Allied delegates made no comment. They took the proposal under study and promised a reply later.

Observers expressed doubt the United Nations Command would agree to the third point. Acceptance Doubtful

The Red proposal identified it only as "other questions related to peace in Korea."

But in presenting the proposal, North Korean Gen. Nam Il linked it to a statement by President Truman involving U. S. military aid to Formosa, Indochina and the Philippines.

Significantly, the Communist proposal referred for the first time to "The People's Republic of China" as a belligerent in Korea.

Heretofore the Reds have insisted Chinese fighters in Korea were volunteers.

Final Armistice Clause

The Reds' three-point plan was their outline of principles for recommendations to the governments of countries fighting in Korea. That would be the final clause of an armistice. Two other clauses still are unsettled.

Hill Captured And Abandoned

Seoul, Korea (AP)—For the second time in 48 hours, Allied infantry recaptured a hill position on Korea's western front without firing a shot Wednesday.

Reds seized the vantage point northwest of Yonchon Monday night. Allied troops regained it Tuesday without opposition. The Reds took it again Tuesday night, Wednesday morning U.N. troops again marched to the top without seeing a single Communist soldier.

In other ground action Wednesday, the Allies threw back three light Red probes in the mountainous east.

Nine B-29 Superforts hit rail lines and industrial targets in North Korea Tuesday night.

Light bombers knocked out 35 of 700 vehicles spotted on North Korean highways during the night.

Allied Naval Headquarters said navy planes and warships killed or wounded 1,022 Red troops in the week ended Feb. 3.

U.S. Casualties Total 105,271

Washington (AP)—Announced U. S. battle casualties in Korea reached 105,271 Wednesday, an increase of 270 since last week.

The Defense Department's weekly summary based on notifications to families through last Friday reported 63 more men killed in action and 212 wounded. There was a decrease of five in the "missing" category.

This makes new totals since the war started of 16,333 killed in action, 76,324 wounded and 12,614 missing.

Widows of 3 Marines To Get Medal of Honor

Washington (AP)—The widows of three marine heroes who lost their lives in Korea will receive the medal of honor from Navy Secretary Dan Kimball at a Pentagon ceremony Friday.

The nation's highest military decoration was awarded posthumously to:

S/Sgt. William G. Windrich, 29, Carlsbad, Calif., who led his unit until he collapsed and died from loss of blood.

Pfc. Walter C. Monegan, Jr., 19, Seattle, Wash., who destroyed three tanks and was mortally wounded by machine gun fire as he aimed his bazooka at another tank.

2nd Lt. Robert D. Reem, 26, Elizabethtown, Pa., who smothered a grenade explosion with his body to protect his platoon.

Witness Tells Massacre of Poles by Reds

Escaped Prisoner Saw Greatest Mass Execution of All Time

Washington (AP)—A tense witness in a pillowcase mask testified Wednesday he saw Polish officers being shot by Russian soldiers in Katyn forest—scene of one of the greatest mass executions of all time.

In all, he said, he and two companions saw 200 Polish officers put to death.

The witness, identified as an escaped prisoner of the Russians and former Polish soldier, told a special house subcommittee that some Polish officers were thrown alive into a vast pit among the corpses.

Witnessed Great Atrocity

In short Polish sentences, the witness—his name and background were withheld—described killings in an eerie flood-lighted forest near Smolensk, Russia, in October, 1939.

He said "I saw prisoners being shot" while with two companions, he lay strapped in a tree within the forest.

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Valley Rivers All Receding

All rivers in the valley were falling slowly Wednesday as the current high water spell waned and no precipitation for the past three days to augment the waters.

The Willamette at Salem was at the 16.9 foot mark Wednesday morning, just over 3 feet below flood level of 20 feet, but the muddy waters were gradually receding. All points to the south, Eugene, Albany, Corvallis and Jefferson, reported the rivers dropping.

Nippy temperatures prevailed in Salem area again Wednesday morning, the minimum in the city being recorded at 30 degrees, two below freezing.

The forecast calls for cloudy skies and occasional light rain by Thursday.

Dennis Out for Sen. Kefauver

Portland (AP)—Walter J. Dennis, state chairman of the Young Democrats, is chairman of the Oregon Kefauver for President committee.

Other officers elected when the group organized here Saturday are Mrs. Elaine Berry, vice-chairman; Owen J. Card, secretary; and St. John, Multnomah county clerk, treasurer. All are from Portland.

State Sen. Jack Bain, who filed the original Kefauver petition will be campaign chairman.

In another development in the move to get the Tennessee senator's name on the Oregon democratic presidential primary ballot, Mrs. Gladys Last, vice-president of the democratic state central committee, said she favored nomination of Kefauver. She said she would help circulate nominating petitions.

50,000 Listed Jobless

Fifty thousand Oregon residents are unemployed, compared with 45,000 a year ago, the state unemployment compensation commission said Wednesday.

Smyth Got Tax Job Despite Bad Record

San Francisco (AP)—A house investigating committee was told Wednesday that James G. Smyth was appointed San Francisco collector of internal revenue despite three unfavorable intelligence reports on his character.

Special Treasury Agent William E. Frank of Seattle described the three reports in testimony to the house ways and means subcommittee of which Rep. King (D., Calif.) is chairman.

Smyth, 1944 northern California campaign manager of the Roosevelt-Truman ticket, was fired by President Truman last November on mismanagement charges.

Later Smyth was indicted on



New Queen for Britain—Top, left, the late King George VI in royal robes. Right, Queen Elizabeth on her recent visit to Washington. Below, left, Duke of Edinburgh, royal consort. Right, looking tired and worn after his recent operation. King George VI chats with Princess Margaret (left) and Queen Elizabeth at a London airport from which Princess Elizabeth (now queen) and the Duke of Edinburgh took off for African tour. (Radio Telephoto)

King George VI Dies in Sleep Elizabeth Becomes Queen

25 Year Old Elizabeth on Royal Throne

London (AP)—The death of King George VI Wednesday brought Britain its first reigning queen since Victoria died 51 years ago.

And the coming to the throne of serious gray-eyed Elizabeth revived a mild superstition—that Britain waxes fat and prosperous with a woman's reign.

The belief grew out of the founding of an empire by another Queen Elizabeth 350 years ago, and its rich expansion under Victoria in the 19th Century.

The new queen, only 25 years old, was in far-off Kenya, an East African Colony, at the beginning of a five-month tour of Africa, Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand.

Philip Regal Consort

With her was her 30-year old husband, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who cast aside princely Greek titles and became a British citizen to wed her amid great splendor November 20, 1947.

They had intended to complete their empire-creating journey by continuing around the world, with side visits to the Panama Canal and to Bermuda, British Colony off the Atlantic coast of the United States.

Now they must return at once.

Edinburgh Now Prince Consort

London (AP)—Britain has its first prince consort in 90 years today in Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

As husband and consort of Queen Elizabeth, Philip will have no official part in ruling this country.

But he may, like Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, exert enormous influence—or he may not.

Philip's exact status remains to be settled officially. He may, like Albert, be given formally the title of "Prince Consort," and like Albert it is expected that he will be given court precedence second to the queen.

Albert, as the consort of Queen Victoria, was really a power behind the throne.

Strong-willed as Victoria was, she was devotedly in love with her husband. A German prince, naturalized only a few days before their marriage in 1840, Albert became unpopular with a large part of the British public because of what was regarded as his undue influence in politics.

Actually, history has it, Albert was a wise, conscientious and self-sacrificing helpmate to his wife. As the years passed, his culture and liberal ideas became more widely known, and public mistrust subsided.

The queen's intense and lasting grief on his death in 1861, made him posthumously popular. National sympathy with the Queen had its reaction among those who once disliked Albert. They felt they had misjudged him.

People for Annexation

New York (AP)—The Gallup public opinion institute said today that the public is overwhelmingly in favor of statehood for Alaska and Hawaii, Alaska 9 to 1, Hawaii 6 to 1.

Sherrie's Father At Her Funeral

Portland (AP)—Mrs. Jada Kader, accused of the first degree murder of her 3-year-old daughter, Sherrie Ellen, did not attend the little girl's funeral here Tuesday.

But Arthur "George" Dollarhide, the child's father, and several hundred others, mostly in curious, did. Dollarhide, sobbing, was led from the chapel by relatives after the brief service.

Sherrie was buried with a bouquet in her hand and a teddy bear beside her. Many who walked past the casket wept. A little girl, about Sherrie's age, was lifted to her father's shoulder so she could see better.

Mrs. Kader, who now is a patient in a hospital, was taken to the mortuary Monday to see her daughter's body.

Elizabeth to Fly Back to British Capital

Nairobi, Kenya (AP)—Princess Elizabeth wept when told of her father's death and made immediate plans Wednesday to fly back to London.

News of the death which made the Princess a Queen was withheld from Elizabeth until direct confirmation was obtained by telephone from Buckingham Palace.

When she was finally told the news Elizabeth broke down and sobbed.

In a last minute change of plans Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, arranged to fly at once to Entebbe, Uganda.

There they will board the four-engined Argonaut plane Wednesday night which brought them here on the first leg of the 30,000-mile round the world tour they had planned.

Proclamation Hails Elizabeth

London (AP)—Britain's accession council drafted a proclamation Wednesday night formally hailing Princess Elizabeth as Queen of Great Britain.

The proclamation becomes official upon publication expected within a few hours.

The 25-year-old ruler, who was in Nairobi, Kenya, on the first leg of a round-the-world tour when news of King George's death reached her, is speeding home by plane. She is expected to arrive here Thursday.

The accession council met at St. James Palace at 5 p.m.

The council members, many wearing scarlet robes and accompanied by footmen, stayed in session 20 minutes.

"The meeting was strictly formal," said one council member later.

After Elizabeth gets back to London she will appear before the council. As the new Queen she will swear to uphold the Constitution.

Windsor to Sail For Funeral

New York (AP)—The Duke of Windsor announced Wednesday he will sail Thursday night to attend the funeral of his brother, King George VI, but that the duchess will remain in the United States.

The duke, who as Edward VIII abdicated the throne to marry the former Wallis Warfield Simpson, will depart for Southampton on the liner Queen Mary.

The duchess has visited England since she married the duke in 1937, but she never has been received by the royal family.

Both the duke and duchess were in seclusion in their suite in the Waldorf Towers.

His secretary, Miss Anne Seagraves, said the duke was "terribly shocked and surprised over the passing of his brother."

Coffee Heads NAA

Washington (AP)—Col. Harry K. Coffey, Portland, Ore., a founder of the Civil Air Patrol, has been elected president of the National Aeronautic Association at a meeting of association directors here.

Russia to Lower Flags for King George

Berlin (AP)—The Russians notified the Western powers Wednesday they would like to join in lowering flags to half staff out of respect to King George.

The Soviet Control commission sent word to the Americans, British and French they were willing to dip the Red flag which flies with the flags of the three Western nations over the defunct Allied Control authority headquarters.

The ACA building where four-power rule was born and died in 1948, is virtually empty.

40 More Battle Casualties

Washington (AP)—The defense department Wednesday identified 40 more battle casualties in Korea in a new list No. 495 that reported 12 killed, 26 wounded, one missing and one injured. It also listed two dead who were previously carried as missing.

House Group Votes for UMT

Washington (AP) The house armed services committee, by a 27 to 7 vote, formally approved today a bill to call all men at age 18 for six months universal military training.

Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) said the controversial UMT bill will be called up in the house during the week of Feb. 25. He has predicted the house will approve it.

Vinson said the bill approved by the committee will assure a "bonafide" UMT—one in which men are trained specifically to build up a powerful military reserve.

The committee wrote into the measure a flat prohibition against a defense department plan under which trainees would have been called to active military duty for 18 months immediately upon completion of their training.

Under the committee's bill, trainees would go into the reserves for 7½ years. They could not be called to active military duty except with prior consent of congress.

Eugene Dimes Total \$25,000

Eugene (AP)—Eugene raised \$25,000 for the March of Dimes this year, compared to \$16,000 in 1951, chairman Joe Richards reports.

Universal Regret Over Death of King

Washington (AP)—President Truman Wednesday expressed "deepest sympathy" to the British people upon the death of King George VI.

He said in a statement that the king played his part in world affairs "nobly" and with

full understanding of his responsibilities.

Secretary of State Acheson and many members of congress joined the president in lamenting the king's death and in wishing a long, successful reign to the new Queen Elizabeth.

The house adjourned out of respect to the king after adopting a resolution asking the president to convey its sorrow to Great Britain.

Mr. Truman had sent messages of condolence to Queen Elizabeth and other members of the royal family.

The president said in a statement: "A world personage who maintained the highest traditions of the English constitutional monarchy passes in the death of his majesty King George VI.

"From his accession to the throne through all the ills which beset the world throughout the years of his reign, including the most disastrous war in history, he played his part nobly and with full understanding of the responsibility which was his.

"His heroic endurance of pain and suffering during these past few years is a true reflection of the bravery of the British people in adversity."

Brannan Fires Grain Directors

Washington (AP)—Secretary Brannan Wednesday fired the director and assistant director of the Agriculture Department's commodity office at Dallas, in connection with current investigations of shortages of government grain.

The discharges of Director Latham White and Assistant Director James Solomon, become effective at the close of business Friday.

They have been off duty since late in December, pending a department investigation.

A department spokesman said the men were removed from their jobs for "administrative deficiencies and inadequacies."

In was in the Dallas area that several commercial storage concerns had been charged with converting government grain to their own use, mainly for speculative uses.

Brannan took his action after studying answers White and Solomon had made to charges against them.

A-Bombs in Place of Ground Troops Urged

New York (AP)—It is time the atomic bomb rather than on large ground armies, says Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, wartime head of the atom bomb project.

The retired general adds: "You can't fight Russia on foot. The distances are too great. Their defense is too elastic."

Weather Details

Maximum yesterday, 54; minimum today, 39. Total 24-hour precipitation, 0; for month, 3.97; normal, 1.98. Season precipitation, 25.90; normal, 23.81. River height, 115.5 feet, falling. (Report by U. S. weather bureau)