



KOREAN PILOTS BRIEFED—Korean pilots are briefed on the operation of the P-51 plane by Captain James P. Berkett of Los Angeles in this photo taken June 27 "somewhere in Korea." (U. S. Army photo.)

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WEATHER

FORECAST: Clear except for occasional high cloudiness and continued warm tonight and Saturday.
Temp. Highest Yesterday 86
Lowest this Morning 57

U.S. GROUND TROOPS ORDERED TO KOREA

Grim Senate Votes Billion In New Foreign Arms Aid

Washington, June 30.—(U.P.)—A grim and tense senate voted \$1,222,500,000 in new foreign arms aid today as an evidence of American determination to help nations resisting communism around the globe.

Coming shortly after Pres-

ident Truman's decision to commit American ground troops in the Korean fighting, the vote found some senators asserting that the amount soon must be increased.

Three of the senate's hitherto strongest opponents of the program—Robert A. Taft, (R., O.), Kenneth S. Wherry, (R., Neb.), and Harry F. Byrd, (D., Va.)—announced their support because of sharply altered world conditions.

The vote took place in an atmosphere of perhaps more tension than since the close of World War II. Little knots of senators gathered on the floor and cloakrooms for whispered conversations about Mr. Tru-

man's new decision. Others huddled over the news tickers in the senate anterooms.

The lion's share of the measure—one billion dollars—would go to our Atlantic pact partners in western Europe. About 10 million is earmarked for southern Korea. This sum can be boosted up as high as 200 million at presidential discretion.

Senator after senator took the floor to state that immediate approval was necessary to strengthen the president's hands at a moment of crisis and to give confidence to nations that live under the shadow of world communism.

The bill actually carries no funds and merely comprises an authorization. But there was no doubt that the dollars, perhaps in increased quantities, would be forthcoming, and soon. The authorization bill now goes to the house for approval.

The bill continues the arms assistance program which sprang from the North Atlantic Defense pact last year. It carries specifically: 1 billion to provide munitions to the pact allies; \$131,500,000 for Greece, Turkey and Iran; 16 million for the Philippines and Korea; and 75 million as an optional fund which Mr. Truman may use in the Far East. Additionally 250 million in excess American equipment can be sent.

Man Confesses To Setting Hartford Circus Blaze

Columbus, O., June 30.—(U.P.)—Robert D. Segge, 21, confessed to setting 10 major fires including the tragic Hartford, Conn., "Big top" blaze six years ago which took 169 lives and to four murders, State Fire Marshal Harry J. Callan disclosed here today.

Segge, after extensive mental examinations here, made the statement. He has been under investigation since mid-May when he returned to central Ohio and a series of fires broke out in garages, grain elevators and on farms in the area.

Responsibility Admitted
Callan said Segge admitted that he was responsible for the tragic fire at the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey combined circus show at Hartford six years ago.

In addition to the 169 killed in the circus fire, some 412 persons were injured. Six persons, two of them top officials of the circus, were convicted and jailed on manslaughter charges.

Prior to the "big top" disaster, Callan said, two fires occurred at the circus but were extinguished without loss. Both fires broke out after Callan was employed by the circus in June, 1944.

15-Year-Old Arrested For Seven Burglaries

A 15-year-old youth was arrested yesterday by sheriff's officers at his home just outside Ashland on a burglary charge. Sheriff Howard Gault said today that the boy has admitted burglarizing the Shell Radio shop in Ashland seven times since last September. The sheriff's office cooperated with Ashland police in investigating the case.

The young burglar was held in Ashland city jail last night and was to be brought to Medford today to be turned over to county juvenile authorities. A large quantity of stolen radio equipment was found in his possession.

Alaskan Civilians Given Evacuation Instructions

Anchorage, Alaska, June 30.—(U.P.)—Military officers issued orders today on how civilians should conduct themselves in case of an attack on Alaska.

The orders instructed civilian workers and the families of field men at nearby Elmendorf field to be prepared for swift evacuation to the United States if an emergency develops.

It was reported that other military installations were preparing similar orders for military dependents. Lt. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commander-in-chief of

Canadian Navy Units Heading for Pacific

Ottawa, June 30.—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent announced today that Canadian naval units would be concentrated in the Pacific and would be used in Korean waters "if such assistance were required."

"Our naval units were to proceed to European waters for summer exercises," St. Laurent told parliament. "The arrangement will be suspended and the move will now be made to Pacific waters where they might be of assistance to the United Nations and Korea if such assistance were required."

A navy spokesman said the extent of the shift of naval power would be made public later.

Sydney, Australia, June 30.—(U.P.)—Premier Robert G. Menzies authorized today the use of Japanese-based Australian force mustangs in the Korean war. He already had placed Australian fleet units in Japanese waters at the disposal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur for use in the Korean war.

Mexican Nationals Request Deportation

Portland, Ore., June 30.—(U.P.)—The U. S. immigration service said today that 14 of 28 Mexican nationals, arrested in Oregon for illegal entry into the United States, have requested permission to leave the country voluntarily at their own expense.

Agents said the request would be granted after necessary formalities have been completed. The remaining 14 will be given deportation hearings.

Three of the nationals were arrested at Salem, two at the Dalles, two in Portland and 21 in the Medford-Ashland area. Most of the 21 taken in southern Oregon were employed as railroad section crews. Three arrested in Ashland were working as fruit pickers.

DOCTOR REAPPOINTED

Salem, Ore., June 30.—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay announced today that he has reappointed Dr. Bruno A. Bedynek of Portland as a member of the state naturopathic board of examiners for a three-year term. Dr. Bedynek is secretary of the board.

Russia Declines Intervention in Korean Conflict

American Request Rejected in Note

Moscow, June 30.—(U.P.)—Russia said today that it will not intervene in the Korean war.

The Soviet Union stated its position in a note rejecting an American request that Russia use its influence with north Korea "toward the immediate withdrawal of their invading forces" from southern Korea.

Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko read the Soviet reply to the American memorandum of June 27 to U. S. Ambassador Alan Kirk at the Kremlin late yesterday, the official Soviet news agency Tass said.

Hands-off Policy

The reply disclosed that Russia proposed to follow a complete hands-off policy so far as any direct intervention in the Korean fighting is concerned.

The note said Russia withdrew its troops from northern Korea before the United States quit southern Korea after World War II "and thereby confirmed its traditional principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states."

"The Soviet government holds now also to the principle of the inadmissibility of the interference of foreign powers in the internal affairs of Korea," the Soviet note said.

South Korea Blamed

The note also reiterated Russia's charge that south Korean troops provoked the Korean war by attacks on the frontier areas of northern Korea.

"Therefore," it said in an obvious reference to the United States, "the responsibility for these events lies with the south Korean authorities and with those who stand behind them."

Pope Pius Issues Excommunication

Vatican City, June 30.—(U.P.)—Pope Pius, in a new blow against the communists in iron curtain countries, today put under major excommunication those who undermine legitimate Catholic authorities and assume high pastoral office without Vatican approval.

The excommunication was issued by a formal decree of the sacred congregation of the council, which regulates the discipline of bishops and priests.

The decree said persons who come within its scope incur major excommunication, which is only the Vatican can lift.

It was a clear reply to the recent increase in persecution of Roman Catholic priests in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania, where new trials involving the clergy have been prepared.

Pittsburgh Milk Strike Called Off

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 30.—(U.P.)—A three-week milk strike by 3,200 dairy workers ended today by 3 million residents of this area will have to wait until tomorrow for home deliveries to begin.

Home deliveries by milkmen will be resumed tomorrow, Jack E. Davis, spokesman for the dealers said.

Radio Highlights

President Truman's speech to Boy Scouts at the national jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., will be rebroadcast over KYJC (1230 kc) from 10:15 to 10:45 p. m. today, instead of at an earlier hour as previously announced.

William Briggs, Ashland lawyer, will be interviewed by Dick Schuchard at 7:45 a. m. tomorrow over station KYJC (1230 kc).

BULLETINS

Santa Maria, Cal., June 30 (U.P.)—A series of explosions turned the Sun-Ray Oil company refinery into a sea of flames here today. One man was missing in the blasts and another injured critically.

More than an hour after the initial explosion, which came at 10:35 a. m. (PDT), the flames still were burning unchecked.

The missing man was identified as F. N. McAdams of Orcutt, Cal. Walter Peverly, Santa Maria, was badly burned.

Tokyo, June 30.—(U.P.)—A reliable source said today that all air transport flights to Korea had suddenly been cancelled. No reason was given immediately, but it was believed the order might mean that the Suwon airfield either was menaced or was no longer in South Korean hands. Suwon is the advanced American military headquarters.

Quiet Week-End Seen in Medford; Other Events Set

In keeping with tradition, Medford will be a refuge of comparative quietness over the Fourth of July week-end, with all public celebrations left to neighboring cities. The largest and loudest observance of Independence day in southern Oregon will be held in Ashland where all the facilities of the town will be turned over to thousands of visitors for a three-day blowout. Ashlanders say it will be the largest celebration held there in 25 years.

Most of the events will center in Lithia park, including an exhibition of registered horses, numerous band and organ concerts and a unique religious service featuring the massed voices of choirs from churches in southern Oregon and northern California. High point of the celebration will be reached on the Fourth when a western-style parade, with numerous prizes offered, and rodeo are scheduled under the auspices of the Ashland Riding association.

There are at least five other celebrations planned by nearby cities. Celebrants will have their choice of events ranging from a lily festival at Brookings to a stampee at Bend. At Bandon there will be a four-day celebration and a fish feed; at Klamath Falls there will be July 4 celebration and rodeo; at Riddle there will be a wild-west type rodeo and queen contest. The celebration at Bend will also include its annual and widely publicized water pageant on Mirror pond in Drake park.

Apparently there will be celebrations for every taste. Checks are being made to ascertain that Central Point's new pumping station and pipeline are functioning adequately, City Recorder Arden Pinkham said.

Badman Receives 4 Years in Prison

Munich, Germany, June 30.—(U.P.)—Homer Cook of Muskogee, Okla., was found guilty today of 18 charges ranging from illegal entry into Germany to three jailbreaks and was sentenced by a U. S. court to four years and two months in prison.

He was acquitted on two counts of attempted armed robbery and assault on army agents. The Cook will be returned to the U. S. army stockade at Dachau, from where he escaped twice, pending a higher ruling on where he will serve the bulk of the term. The sentence dates from last April 11.

Man Finds Religion; Admits Postal Theft

Mattoon, Ill., June 30.—(U.P.)—A trusted postal clerk sat in a jail cell today and wrote a voluminous record of how he "found God" and confessed the theft of \$11,000 in postal funds. Omar Burge, 465, Centralia, Ill., told postal investigators he spent all but \$640 paying off debts he ran up when he tried to go into a concrete block business.

South Korea Army Re-enters Seoul; Reds Said Fleeing

U. S. Plane Attack On Pyongyang Told

Tokyo, June 30.—(U.P.)—South Korean infantry pushed their way back into the east and west outskirts of Seoul today, the south Korean mission reported, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur ordered U. S. planes for the first time to attack communist bases in north Korea.

The Korean mission in Tokyo said the American-supported southern army at last reports was only 2½ miles from the center of the former capital on either side. North Korean tanks are leaving the city by the east gate, it said.

River Crossing Unknown

However, the mission said it did not know whether the southern forces actually had crossed the Han river, which curves in a semi-circle around the southern edge of the city.

The mission said its information was received by telephone from the south Korean government at the provisional capital of Taejon, where the government had fled just before the northern invaders captured Seoul Wednesday.

MacArthur's order to U. S. planes to attack bases in North Korea gave them their first chance to strike at the headquarters north of the 38th parallel border from which reds mounted and supported their invasion of south Korea.

Air Attack Claimed

Communist broadcasts claimed American superfortresses attacked Pyongyang, capital of north Korea, last night. MacArthur's headquarters neither confirmed nor denied it.

Radio Pyongyang also claimed that north Korean planes sank 11 ships anchored in Inchon harbor. The west coast port of Inchon, which serves Seoul, has been captured by the communists. The broadcast said northern forces also landed in Kanghwa island and annihilated the garrison there.

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Central Point Begins Joint Sewer Line Use

Central Point, June 30.—Central Point began joint use with Medford of the former Camp White sewage treatment plant this week as the final connection with the Medford to Camp White trunk was made.

Checks are being made to ascertain that Central Point's new pumping station and pipeline are functioning adequately, City Recorder Arden Pinkham said.

Construction of the station pipeline began early in February and actual construction was completed more than a month ago. Delays in arrival of machinery and meters held up operation.

Mrs. R. E. Green Heads Welfare Group

Salem, Ore., June 30.—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay today appointed R. E. Green of Prineville to a four-year term on the Crook county public welfare commission. He succeeds Remy Cox of Prineville, who did not wish to be considered for reappointment.

The following were among those re-appointed county public welfare commissioners for four-year terms:

Mrs. R. E. Green, Medford, Jackson county; George R. Riddle, Grants Pass, Josephine county; E. B. Hall, Klamath Falls, Klamath county.

Portland, Ore., June 30.—(U.P.)—Thirteen-year-old Darrell Ponsford of Salem was injured Thursday night when a fragment of a tin can under which he had exploded a firecracker tore into his chest, police reported.

BOMB ATTACKS ON COMMUNIST TARGETS OK'D

BLOCKADE ORDERED FOR ENTIRE KOREAN COAST

Washington, June 30.—(U.P.)—President Truman today authorized "certain supporting ground units" to be thrown into the Korean war.

He also announced he has authorized American bombing of military targets in communist north Korea and has ordered a naval blockade of the entire Korean coast.

Defense Secretary Louis Johnson said that Mr. Truman's orders already have been put into effect. The president did not explain in a brief statement what ground units will be used, but they presumably will be American fighting troops.

The president's authorization to Gen. Douglas MacArthur was a signal to the American commander to step up the fighting against the north Korean communist invaders who have plunged into the heart of the tiny republic in the south.

The new instructions probably went out last night or early today. MacArthur already has ordered U. S. bombers to go after military objectives in north Korea.

New Decisions Made At Top Level Conference

The president originally authorized the use of only U. S. air and naval forces against the north Koreans, and he instructed them to confine themselves to action south of the border between north and south Korea—the 38th parallel. But this wasn't enough. Mr. Truman's new decisions were taken after a top-level conference at the White House late yesterday and after headquarters here received a top secret report from MacArthur on his visit to the fighting front in Korea yesterday.

The White House statement said that Mr. Truman's orders are in keeping with the United Nations security council directives to support the republic of Korea.

President Met With Cabinet

The president met with the U. S. chiefs of staff, his cabinet and key democratic and republican congressional leaders at the White House this morning. The White House statement was issued after the meeting in which Mr. Truman brought all up to date on the situation in hard-pressed southern Korea.

In authorizing the bombing of north Korea, Mr. Truman said it would be done against "specific military targets." These would include the airfields near the north Korean capital of Pyongyang.

Fighter planes from these airfields have been harassing U. S. fighter and bomber operations. Now the American airmen will be able to hit home and destroy them on the ground.

To Prevent Amphibious Landings

The stringent naval blockade is designed to prevent the north Korean forces from making amphibious landings in the south and to choke off what supplies the communists may be receiving by sea in the north.

The U. S. naval forces presumably soon will be aided by British naval forces and a Canadian squadron.

At the White House meeting with his advisers, Mr. Truman briefed them on the Korean situation, including the report that armored spearheads of the communist invaders had breached the Han river line south of the communist-captured Seoul.

No Hope for Quick End

There has been no hope here for a quick and easy end to the Korean fighting. More American casualties are to be expected. And there is nothing to indicate that the United Nations can save south Korea without combat troops slugging it out on land.

'Advance Guard' Aid Goes to Indo-Chinese

VFW Pledges Support In Korean Situation

Salem, Ore., June 30.—(U.P.)—Full support of the U. S. government in the Korean situation has been pledged by Oregon members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Delegates to the state convention here adopted a resolution Thursday pledging "full support" to the government, state and other agencies.

In another adopted resolution the VFW delegates took a firm stand against any form of communism in the United States.

The planes were the first delivered to French and Viet Nam officers here under the American military aid program to Indo-China.

Tax-Free Margarine Will Be Offered on Saturday

Washington, June 30.—(U.P.)—For the first time in 64 years, tax-free margarine will go on sale tomorrow in the nation's grocery stores.

The government took notice of the July 1 repeal date on the 10-cent tax on yellow margarine by warning the public to be on the look-out for "butterleggers."

Officials said some racketeers may try to peddle yellow margarine as butter.

Despite tax-repeal, consumers in 15 states will not be able to buy yellow margarine. Its sale is banned by state law. Many housewives in the other

33 states already have benefited by a premature slash in oleo prices and won't see any further cut. Some stores reduced prices a week early as many manufacturers responded to keen competition by cutting prices and paying the 10-cent tax out of their own pockets.

With federal taxes off the books, yellow oleo in most cities will sell for about 40 cents a pound cheaper than butter. Federal Security administrator Oscar W. Ewing warned that, starting tomorrow, it will be a federal violation to try to palm off margarine as butter.