

YANKS REINFORCE BATTLE LINES

Holiday Death Toll Continues to Rise As Millions Travel

Chicago, July 1—(U.P.)—Millions of Americans jammed highways, railroads and airlines today in a mass exodus to vacation spots for the long July 4 holiday.

The annual trek developed rapidly into what the national safety council predicted would be the worst traffic jam in history. Meanwhile, the accidental death toll began its inevitable rise.

There were 109 accidental deaths across the nation by the end of the first 24 hours since 6 p. m. local time Friday. Traffic accidents took 72 lives, 13 persons drowned, 9 died in airplane crashes and 15 were killed in miscellaneous accidents.

No deaths were reported from heat prostration or fireworks. The safety council predicted that 36,000,000 cars would crowd the highways during the "split" holiday, and that traffic accidents would kill 385 persons from 6 p. m. Friday to midnight Tuesday.

All-Time Record
Travel across the Delaware river bridge between Philadelphia and Camden, N. J., set an

Two Hurt in Cycle Upset Near Medford

Two persons were hurt in a motorcycle upset about 10:15 p. m., yesterday, according to a Perl ambulance attendant who took them to Sacred Heart hospital.

Injured in the mishap on West Stewart avenue were Clarence Madden, 844 Stewart, who suffered shock, severe lacerations and possible head injuries, and Alice Vincent, 848 Stewart, who received lacerations and abrasions.

State police reported a three-car auto accident near Rogue Valley ballroom on highway 99 resulting in injury to three persons, members of a Jacksonville family. The injured were a Mr. and Mrs. Sloan and their daughter. The parents were kept at Community hospital last night for observation, police said, and the girl was released.

State police headquarters had no further details of the collision at press time.

High Temperatures Seen for Holidays

Portland, Ore., July 1—(U.P.)—Temperatures at Rome, Ore., and Boise, Ida., hit 103 degrees Friday as the Portland weather bureau predicted little change in weather throughout the Pacific northwest through the Fourth of July.

High temperatures in the Columbia basin led Rivers Forecasters Elmer Fisher to predict rises by Tuesday in the Columbia and Willamette at Vancouver, Wash., and Portland to within a foot of Monday's season highs.

The Columbia and Willamette began slow declines Monday after reaching crests 10 and 6.8 feet above flood stage, respectively.

Oregon high temperatures Friday:

Rome 103, Ontario 100, Burns 95, Lakeview 94, The Dalles 92, Klamath Falls and Pendleton 91, Medford 90, Redmond, Baker and La Grande 89; Eugene 88, Roseburg 86, Salem 85, Portland 83.

London, July 1—(U.P.)—Frank Sinatra said today he'd rather sing than talk about his romance with Ava Gardner.

Late War Bulletins

Tokyo, Sunday, July 2—(U.P.)—Japanese and Koreans rushed to volunteer for action against Korean communists today.

Officials were not sure, however, that volunteer armies could be trained before the war in Korea ends.

London, July 1—(U.P.)—The Soviet news agency Tass reported tonight that nearly 10,000 South Koreans were killed or wounded and nearly 4,000 captured by Korean communists in battles Thursday and Friday.

Tokyo, Sunday, July 2—(U.P.)—The communist-controlled Seoul radio reported today that all electrical services are functioning normally and schools have been reopened in that captured Korean capital.

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RUSSIAN TROOPS REPORTED MOVING

New Blockade Fear In Berlin Giving Residents Jitters

Take Troop Massing With Grain of Salt

Berlin, July 1—Reports of accelerated Russian troop movements in eastern Germany and fears of a new blockade gave Berliners a fresh case of jitters tonight as both allies and Germans kept a weather eye on developments in Korea.

Rumors of Russian troops on the move or being concentrated in specific areas in the eastern zone, and particularly around Berlin, filled the former German capital as the Russians shut off all power supplies from the Soviet zone.

Not Unduly Alarmed

Western allied intelligence officers were not unduly alarmed by the reports, however—they said there have been three Soviet armies within 75 miles of Berlin for the past year or more.

The Russians are estimated to have between 300,000 and 550,000 troops in Germany, including army, air force, navy and secret police units. In addition, the East German police army is estimated to have 40,000 members.

Officials took "eye witness" reports of massing or troops around the city with a grain of salt.

All Reports Checked

He said western officials make a careful check of all reports of Russian troop movements just the same.

He admitted another blockade of Berlin is always a possibility. But there have been no reports to indicate such is imminent.

Practically everyone here is concerned lest the Korean fighting explode into a new world war, in which Berlin obviously would be swallowed by the Russian flood.

Quiet Week-end Seen for Medford

Stay-at-home Medfordites were looking forward to a quiet week-end today, while throngs of others had packed and left for long week-end holidays by this morning. No special observances were due in the city either today or Independence day, Tuesday.

Merchants in downtown Medford will close, or remain open, with no pretense of unanimity on the pre-holiday Monday. Both banks will remain open, as will most city and county offices. But the town will be tightly closed down Tuesday, with the exception of a few food stores and drug stores standing by for emergencies.

Safety officials have issued pleas for care on the highways, with fireworks and in the forests, which are in tinder-like fire condition.

A wide array of entertainments, celebrations are scheduled in Oregon towns, including the big Ashland Independence day and rodeo.

Many Law Violations With End Oleo Taxes

Washington, July 1—(U.P.)—The federal government stopped taxing margarine today and it's a safe bet thousands of restaurants started violating the law.

In repealing the 10-cent a pound tax on yellow margarine, congress decreed that public eating places serving the product must give patrons double notice that it isn't butter they're eating.

Fire Danger High in This Area; Great Caution Asked

An urgent plea for extreme caution in the handling of any fire-creating objects in forested areas over the July 4 week-end was voiced today by forest authorities and the weather bureau.

A forecast of continued fair and warm, with high temperatures in the 90s, was given, and it was also predicted that winds ranging from 10 to 15 or more miles an hour will be noted.

Humidities of 30 per cent or less are also anticipated, and the combination of heat, winds and dryness create a situation of high potential fire danger.

Authorities urged the observance of elementary rules of caution in the forest and grass lands of southern Oregon: Don't smoke while travelling; don't throw burning objects from your car; make sure the last spark of any camp fire is out before you leave; don't use fireworks in danger areas; carry fire fighting equipment.



U. S. PLANE STRAFED, BURNS—An American C-54 plane burns on a South Korea landing strip after being strafed by Communist North Korean fighters.

Gov. McKay Moves To Strengthen Civil Defense Effort in State

Salem, Ore., July 1—(U.P.)—Gov. Douglas McKay moved decisively today to strengthen civil defense in Oregon.

McKay called on the state emergency board to meet at the capitol at 10 a. m. Sunday to consider an authorization of funds for the state's civil preparedness program.

He conferred by telephone with Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington during which the executives agreed to a plan for increased cooperation between their two states.

Civil Defense Stepped Up

And he issued a directive to officials of Oregon's civil defense agency to step up the tempo of their efforts to reactivate ground observation and air raid warning systems.

The governor's actions came at a time when Gov. Earl Warren of California said the west coast must rebuild its civilian defense system. McKay pointed out that Oregon has been building its

civilian defense as fast as time and so far limited money would permit.

Gov. McKay requested Louis A. Starr of Portland, director of the state civil defense agency,

and Jack Hayes of Salem, deputy director, to prepare a budget covering expenditures for "a realistic civil defense program" from now through next February 1.

Tentative estimates made during a conference at the governor's office indicated the cost of such a program would approximate \$25,000.

If granted an appropriation by the emergency board, the conferees indicated much of the money would be spent for toll charges for practice air alerts, stenographic services, training and travel.

Unless the situation becomes acute, stepped-up cooperation with defense arrangements can be managed without an increase in the current national guard budget.

At a meeting Friday the board rejected all six bids opened on June 24. All offers exceeded the \$300,000 voted by school patrons for construction and development of the site. The board took its Friday action after alternate offers by contractors had been reviewed by architects.

Plans Revised

The new bids will be made on revised plans and specifications which the board instructed Architects Freeman, Haslip and Tuft, Portland, to draw up. Revision will reduce square footage yet leave a workable facility, it was explained. New plans are to be ready for examination by contractors by July 10 at the architects' office.

Bids will be opened at the high school at Central Point and will be received until 7 p. m. standard time (8 p. m. daylight time) by the school clerk, Mrs. Merle Obenchain.

3,500 Acres Burned In California Blaze

Riverside, Cal., July 1—(U.P.)—An eight-mile-wide wall of flame crept eastward down Mt. San Geronimo today toward a desert community five miles distant after blackening 3,500 acres of brush and timber land.

San Bernardino National Forest officials said the fire started Friday, apparently by lightning, probably would not move as far as the nearby community of Morongo valley because brush was thin in the path of the flames.

A cordon of 150 fire fighters surrounded the blazing area as a helicopter circled overhead directing operations. Two bulldozers and four large tankers also were thrown into the fight.

FAMOUS TEMPLE BURNS

Kyoto, Japan, Sunday, July 2—(U.P.)—One of Japan's best known national treasures, the three-story Kinkakuji temple, was destroyed by fire early today.

Radio Highlights

Col. Preston B. Waterbury will tell all about the children's events at the Fourth of July celebration in Ashland on "Breakfast Sports Page" tomorrow at 7:45 a. m. on KYJC.

Weather
FORECAST
Air today and
continued warm,
about 92.
Temp.
Yesterday 82
Today 85

GIs Arrive Korea And Go At Once To Face Red Troops

Fighter Planes Stalled Because Bad Weather

Tokyo, Sunday, July 2—(U.P.)—U. S. fighting men in full battle array rolled north from Taejon, Korea, today toward communist-threatened Suwon to reinforce South Korea's battered army.

Combat troops reaching Taejon boarded trucks at once and rolled north toward the battle line to take up advanced positions as rapidly as they can be deployed.

Clear Skies Appear

The skies today were clear, after heavy rains late Saturday and early today which hampered all military operations. But the road from Taejon to Suwon still was awash.

U. S. fighter planes and light bombers, virtually immobilized yesterday by low overcast and torrential rains, were expected soon to resume their pounding of communist positions along the Han river, south of captured Seoul.

Air Losses Reported

An official announcement earlier today said American air losses so far totaled 12 planes, but made no mention of casualties.

South Korean President Syngman Rhee, who headed south from Taejon yesterday after hearing that American advance headquarters had evacuated Suwon, was expected to return today.

Members of the United Nations Korea commission arrived here yesterday and moved north late last night. It was believed, however, that they would stop somewhere short of Suwon to set up a temporary headquarters for their survey of the Korean situation.

No Heavy Weapons

The U. S. troops and their modern equipment will stiffen the South Korean army, now virtually without heavy weapons following a week of bitter battles with the communist invaders of their country.

Gen. Chung Il Kwon, new chief of staff of the South Korean forces, beamed his gratification at the arrival of the battle-hardened American reinforcements.

Task Force Grouping For Trip To Hawaii

Honolulu, T. H., July 1—(U.P.)—Admiral Arthur W. Radford, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet announced tonight that an American naval task force of more than a dozen ships is grouping on the west coast of the mainland and will arrive in Hawaiian waters "about the middle of July."

The announcement did not specify the purpose of the new task force.

Radford said that the group, known as "Yoke," will consist of the aircraft carrier Philippine Sea; heavy cruisers Helena and Toledo; destroyers Wilkie, Parks, Craig, Sutherland, Chandler, Hammer, Knox, Chevalier, Hollister, and a fleet auxiliary types which can render mobile logistic support.

Democratic Governor Candidate Raps GOP

Salem, Ore., July 1—(U.P.)—State Senator Austin Flegel, democratic gubernatorial nominee, today charged the Oregon republican party with responsibility for the "persistent growth of autonomous governments in the form of boards and commissions."

Flegel stated that heads of the "boards and commissions" are not responsible to the governor, the board of control, the legislature (or) the voters. "He said they are responsible only to 'special interests and pressure groups which... never have wanted real democracy in the state of Oregon."

SMUTS MAKES PROGRESS

Pretoria, South Africa, Sunday, July 2—(U.P.)—Doctors reported today that 80-year-old Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts had a satisfactory day yesterday and is continuing to make progress in his recovery from an attack of pneumonia.

London, July 1—(U.P.)—The average size of the British daily paper will be reduced from seven to six pages Monday.

JULY 4 HOLIDAY
In order to permit its
players to observe the
day-published on Tuesday, July
4.

No Violent Deaths In Oregon, Four in Washington State

All Transportation Facilities at Peak

By United Press
Northwest holiday deaths stood at four Saturday night—all of whom were soldiers stationed in Washington.

No violent deaths had been reported in Oregon at a late hour Saturday.

By United Press

The holiday rush is on. Thousands of Oregonians took to planes and buses Friday and Saturday for the start of their four-day Fourth of July weekend.

Spokesmen for railroad and bus lines generally agree that business has been good for the last two weeks but found the holiday rush lighter than last year. They attributed it to the fact that many persons have to work Monday.

Southern Pacific's two crack Portland-San Francisco trains, the Cascade and Shasta Daylight, are complete sellouts. Bus lines are working near capacity.

The Greyhound line added 50 extra buses to its trips and Oregon Motor stages also put on extra equipment.

Airlines report a rush of bookings for the holiday. Some extra coach flights were added.

Russian Factory Workers Express Korean Sympathy

Moscow, July 1—(U.P.)—Russians, gathered in mass meeting in Moscow factories, passed resolutions of sympathy tonight for the Korean peoples and demanded that the "American aggressors get out."

The meetings, held in automobile, rubber and metal plants, were the first of the kind here since Korean hostilities began.

They were held as the Russians charged that South Korea prepared for a "hot war" six days before fighting started and that the Americans and Chiang Kai-shek have a secret military pact for the invasion of the Chinese mainland by U. S. and Japanese troops.

Speakers at tonight's mass meetings declared "the time has come to curb the American aggressors" and expressed gratitude to Premier Josef Stalin for "waging the peace struggle."

Charges of a U. S. secret pact with Chiang were made in the Literary Gazette. The front pages of all Soviet newspapers were dominated by stories on the gathering of signatures on petitions banning the atomic bomb.

Missing Plane Wreck Located in Venezuela

Balboa, Canal Zone, July 1—(U.P.)—The wreckage of a missing DC-3 "Missionary" plane with the bodies of 15 Americans aboard has been found about 100 miles west of Maracaibo, Venezuela, the Caribbean air command announced.

Late Sports Bulletins

No result on the Medford-Marysville scheduled Far West league game at Marysville Saturday night had been received here up to 11:30 p. m.

Sacramento, July 1—(U.P.)—Orr Grove won his second victory of the week Saturday night for Sacramento, 3 to 2 in win over Portland, as he limited the Beavers to five hits in a Pacific Coast league ball game.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (10 innings)
Chicago 3 2 2
Cincinnati 5 8 0
Minnor and Walker; Blackwell and Howell.

Pittsburg 4 8 1
St. Louis 5 9 0
Queen, Dickson (7), Law (8) and Mueller, Tuner (8); Pollet, Brazie (9) and Rice.

Yuma, Ariz., July 1—(U.P.)—Bill Hodges, former Medford, Ore., Dodgers player, figured in a four-run rally Saturday night when he singled to help Yuma take a 9 to 4 victory over Tijuana in the Sunset league.

Seattle, July 1—(U.P.)—Seattle clinched its ninth consecutive Pacific Coast league series Saturday night with a 4 to 2 win over the slipping San Diego Padres.

Two former Medford players figured in the scoring here Saturday as Larry Shepard allowed four hits and Bill Pinckard homered with two men on base and Billings defeated Boise 3 to 1 in a Pioneer league game.