

Reds Said Blaming Germ Warfare To Cover Epidemics

Tokyo.—(U.P.)—The United Nations Command charged Wednesday that Communist propagandists, to cover up epidemics in North Korea, have accused the Allies of waging germ warfare.

A "Voice of the United Nations Command" radio broadcast said the epidemics were made worse by "infected bandages" and "decayed food."

The broadcast was an answer to a Communist propaganda campaign "protesting" that UN planes have dropped thousands of disease-laden fleas, flies and cockroaches in North Korea.

The campaign was launched by Communist Foreign Minister Chou En-Lai, Communist radio broadcasts and Red Correspondents at Pannunjom.

A spokesman for Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters categorically denied UN forces had used bacteriological weapons at any time in Korea.

Ambulance Planes Make Two Flights

The ambulance planes of Mercy Flights, Inc., made two flights yesterday and today, in each case to bring patients to Medford hospitals.

Yesterday, the twin-engine Cessna operated by the non-profit ambulance service flew to Portland and back to bring Mrs. Edna Pomeroy, 2086 Spring street, Medford, from St. Vincent's hospital there to the Community hospital here. Her daughter accompanied her. Gene Kooser was pilot of the plane.

At 6 a.m. today the service's Stinson Reliant plane left here for Truth or Consequences, N.M., with Cecil Davis at the controls and Kenneth Owens as co-pilot and attendant. They will pick up a stretcher patient there and plan to return about 6 p.m. tomorrow.

The patients will be the 46th and 47th carried by the unique ambulance service since it began service more than two years ago.

Talent Rural Firemen Observe Anniversary

Talent.—The city of Talent this week is observing the first anniversary of its rural fire department.

At a meeting held a year ago, volunteer firemen and townspeople organized to provide fire protection both to the community and to the surrounding area. A charter was drawn and officers elected.

Rural residents and business firms provided the funds to buy equipment and the city of Talent donated a pump, motor, ladders and other equipment.

Firms listed by the department as helping to form the present organization are Selby's Chevrolet, Skeeters and Skeeters, Elliott Auto Parts, Pacific Forge and Foundry company, Redmond's Garage, Lithia Bakery, Friderger company, Ideal Grocery, Porter's Cash Grocery, Rogue River Orchards and Valley Locker company.

Pilots, Navigators Needed by Air Force

M. Sgt. Virgil U. Garver, in charge of Army and Air Force recruiting here, said today that thousands of additional young men are needed by the Air Force for training as pilots, navigators and air observers.

The age limit for this program has been lowered to 19, he said, and it is now possible for young men with a high school diploma to enter the training.

Men between 19 and 26½ who are unmarried and are high school graduates may make application after enlisting in the air force. Men between these ages who have two years of college may apply for the specialized training directly from civilian life, he said.

Foresters Court Here Installs, Initiates

The Rogue River Valley court of the Independent Order of Foresters initiated members and installed officers at a meeting last week-end. Installing officers were Charles T. Davis, high chief ranger of the high court of Oregon, assisted by Ken Brien, vice-chief ranger; Vincent and Theo De Vaul, past chief ranger and recording secretary, respectively; Bill Siltman, orator, and Paul Nation, marshal.

Officers of the local court installed were Marion Bradshaw, chief ranger; Kenneth Wald, past chief ranger; Knute Swanson, vice-chief ranger; Bob Rice, supreme court deputy; Nona Myers, organist; Fern Rametes, recording secretary; Lynette Trickle, treasurer; Gwen Rice, financial secretary; Wendell Mattson, orator; Otis Simmonds, senior woodward; Bob Larimer, junior woodward; Frank Marotta, senior beadle and Harley Lane, junior beadle.



NABBED—Thomas Kling, listed by the FBI as one of the 10 most wanted criminals in the country, is shown in New York after his arrest by three detectives. He was described by police as a pal of bank robber Willie (The Actor) Sutton, who was arrested the day before when he was spotted by a Brooklyn salesman. Police found three pistols and 19 pairs of police handcuffs in Kling's apartment.

Reclamation Bureau Described for Lions

Crater Lions club members, at their weekly luncheon meeting yesterday, heard Bill Atteridge of the Medford office of the Bureau of Reclamation describe the work of the bureau here.

Atteridge described the 50-year history of the bureau and of the work it has done in many parts of the country. It investigates the need for irrigation work, he said, and at the present time the local office is engaged in studying the possibilities of obtaining irrigation water for the Bear Creek valley from the Howard Prairie area on the Green Springs pass.

The bureau's irrigation projects are paid for from funds derived from the project itself, and each must amortize in a 40-year period. There are now 6,000,000 acres of such projects.

Power features of each project must pay for the original cost, plus the cost of operation and three per cent interest. Atteridge pointed out that bureau power cannot be sold to individuals, only to public utilities or municipal corporations.

Flu-Like Infections May Remain Numerous

When the county's influenza cases or "flu-like infections" are reported this week, it is expected they may be just as numerous as for last week.

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, said this morning, however, that an increased number of reported cases would not necessarily mean the disease was more prevalent this week than last. He said the state board of health has asked for complete reporting from doctors on the number of cases of the infection treated.

Outbreaks of mild influenza or infections resembling flu have been widespread throughout the state, reaching near epidemic proportions in some areas. Jackson county had 56 cases reported last week.

Jacksonville Pupils Ride Last SP Train

First grade students at the Jacksonville school rode on the last southbound Southern Pacific passenger train as far as Ashland yesterday, according to School Superintendent Dick Boyd.

Each student purchased his own ticket, and they were accompanied by their teacher and room mother. They were met by a school bus in Ashland and returned to Jacksonville.

Canada Slaughters Cattle Infected By Dread Disease

Regina, Sask.—(U.P.)—Canada's fight to eradicate an epidemic of dreaded foot and mouth disease hit full stride Wednesday as royal police armed with rifles and pistols slaughtered infected animals.

Bulldozers, hampered by a five-foot layer of frost-hardened earth, began gouging out a mass grave for the first herd of cattle slaughtered.

Federal Agriculture Minister James G. Gardiner called upon Canadians not to become panicky over the outbreak of the disease that has thrown the livestock industry into turmoil.

Gardiner said the main thing now was "to keep our heads and not panic buyers in the United States, Britain and other parts of the world into slamming the door against us."

The United States banned all imports of live cattle and fresh beef from Canada Monday after Canadian officials in Ottawa announced the outbreak of the disease in the Saskatchewan province.

DuPont Spokesman Is NOMA Speaker

John Nolton, Northwest representative of the E. I. DuPont de Nemours company, spoke at this week's meeting of the National Office Management association at the Medford hotel. A colored film, "The DuPont Story," was shown.

Nolton told of the background of his company, which began in 1802 as a maker of black powder. Today it is the nation's largest producer of diversified chemicals from black powder, with some 1200 products.

Cites Labor Accord

Labor-management accord is DuPont's greatest asset, company leaders say. The human factor in the business is reflected in a record of labor-management accord possibly unequalled by a large corporation, Nolton declared.

NOMA member Charles W. Hill of IBM Corp., introduced Winston W. Carl of the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., who told of his work as their representative in southern Oregon and also gave a history of the Burroughs company.

Alan Jewett, of Business Machines company, was introduced as NOMA's newest member. Thirty-nine members and guests attended.

Steamboatmen on the Congo in Africa judge the river's depth by the sound of the "mustache" of water tossed up by the vessel's bows. The "mustache" makes different sounds in deep water and in shallows over sandbars.

Church Announces Lenten Services

St. Peter's Lutheran church will have an Ash Wednesday service at 8 p.m. today.

The Reverend Kenneth F. Korby, pastor of the church, said that this is the first of a series of services during Lent.

Sermons for evening services each Wednesday through April 2 are on the general theme of "Father Forgive Them" and "The Seven Deadly Sins."

Sermon for tonight is on "Pride," Pastor Korby said. Purpose of the sermons is to help people see more plainly the forces of sin and to see how the forgiveness worked by Christ is able to conquer all these forces.

Elders of the congregation also announced further plans for Lent and Easter of this year. During Holy Week, from April 6 to April 13, services will be held each day at 8 p.m. Services will be of various types such as quiet devotions, and holy communion. On Good Friday, April 11, a three-hour service, from noon until 3 p.m., will be held.

All interested are invited to attend.

Doctor To Attend Medical CID Meeting

Dr. A. Erin Merkel, chairman of the Jackson County Medical society's committee on emergency medical service, is expected to attend an institute on the medical aspects of civil defense Sunday in Portland.

Col. William L. Wilson of the Army medical corps, assistant administrator of health and welfare for the federal civil defense administration, will be principal speaker.

The state medical society, sponsor of the one-day institute, said several other Jackson county physicians are expected to attend.

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