

American General Seized, Held Hostage by Prisoners

Brig. Gen. Dodd, Koje Camp Chief, Claimed Unharmed

Demand for Release Ignored by Enemy

Washington—(U.P.)—Communist prisoners have seized Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, commander of the prisoner camp on Koje Island off Korea, and are holding him hostage, Army headquarters announced Thursday.

Dodd and another officer were seized by Communist war prisoners at the gate of one of the compounds at about 3:15 p. m. (Korean time) Wednesday, the Army said.

Release Demand Ignored
"A demand for his immediate release unharmed has been ignored by the Communists," the Army said.

The officer seized with Dodd managed to escape later. His name was not given.

The Army reported that the Communist prisoners had sent out a note in Dodd's handwriting "indicating he is unharmed."

"The Eighth Army said efforts are being made to effect the release of Gen. Dodd," Army headquarters here said.

No Warning Given
Dodd and the accompanying officer were seized "without warning" and forced within an inclosure by the prisoners, the Army said. The accompanying officer managed to escape but Dodd was "overpowered" and is still being held.

A spokesman said no other details were available here.

Dodd was born Oct. 5, 1899, at Angola, Ind. He was graduated from West Point in 1923 and now lives Tallahassee, Fla., as his permanent residence. He served with both infantry and artillery during World War II, participating in the North African and European theaters until the end of hostilities.

Rain Total 1 Inch; Fliers Seed Clouds

One inch of rain has fallen during the storm which began here Monday, it was reported today by the Medford weather bureau.

Rain started to fall at 5:43 o'clock Monday afternoon, and 3 inches fell that day; .09 inches Tuesday, .81 inches yesterday and .02 inches fell up to 4:30 a. m. today.

A short flight to seed clouds to prevent hail from forming was made yesterday by the Harvey Brandau-Eugene Kooser firm, working under contract with the Rogue Valley Traffic association.

Kooser reported that two observation flights, of 23 and 16 minutes each, were made by the P-40 and T-6 aircraft operated by the fliers, both between 1 and 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The actual seeding was performed by a BT plane over Mt. Ashland and was for a total of three minutes. The flight was 21 minutes long, starting at 1:59 o'clock.

No hail fell, but rain continued after the flights, he said.

Radio Highlights

Another in a series of talks by Walter Nunley, candidate for the Republican nomination as Jackson county district attorney, will be broadcast over radio station KMED at 10:15 o'clock, standard time, tonight.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Finance committee delayed action again Thursday on a bill to impose a three-cent a pound duty on imports of fresh or frozen tuna.

Britain Will Sell Trucking Industry Back to Owners

London—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill's Conservative government began putting words into action Thursday on its promise to lead Britain away from socialism.

A government white paper announced that the government will sell the nationalized trucking industry back to private owners in the first of a series of moves which also are to see the nationalized railways decentralized and steel returned to private owners.

Reply To Supporters
The white paper coincided with the first major shakeup of Churchill's cabinet, and apparently was a reply to Churchill's own supporters who have been demanding a speed-up in the last denationalization program since

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ENEMY SUPPLY BASE SMASHED

Suan Bombarded In Biggest Single Hit of Korea War

Town Becomes Flaming Shambles

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—Allied planes in the biggest single attack of the Korean War Thursday smashed two square miles in the ancient walled town of Suan, a major Communist supply base 35 miles southeast of the North Korean capital at Pyongyang.

Four flights of 5th Air Force and Marine fighter-bombers struck at dawn with 12,000 gallons of flaming napalm. Other planes swooped across the blazing target area all day and dropped hundreds of tons of bombs and napalm.

By nightfall the town was such a flaming shambles pilots could not find another upright major building. The 5th Air Force reported 165 supply buildings destroyed and 18 damaged. A huge concentration of Red supplies including trucks, fuel and ammunition went up in flames.

Communist MEG-15 jet fighters swarmed southward from their Manchurian bases in a vain effort to halt the attacks. American Sabrejets downed two of them and damaged a third.

Allied reconnaissance planes had watched Suan for more than a month while the Reds hauled in supplies. On Thursday 5th Air Force chiefs decided the "rich plum" was ready for a flaming harvest.

The attack coincided with arrival in Korea of Gen. Mark Clark, who will succeed Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway as U. N. supreme commander.

An Air Force spokesman said the attack "turned piles of supplies into billowing smoke and flame. Tons of demolition and high explosive bombs tore the Communist supplies to shreds."

Exact number of planes involved was not announced in keeping with a new 5th Air Force policy. The former record attack of the war was made a year ago when 312 planes pounded the city of Sinuiju to rubble during a dawn-to-dusk effort.

Morgan, Utah, Faces Flood Water Threat

Salt Lake City, Utah—(U.P.)—The brunt of the worst flood cycle in Utah's history Thursday was concentrated in the state's northern section where the swollen Weber river threatened to burst into the city of Morgan about 30 miles north of here.

The river already had flooded part of Ogden routing residents in Ogden Canyon homes.

Meanwhile, the Utah Highway patrol said that intrastate road traffic conditions were "good" if travelers use detours which have been designated from the flooded major highways.

In Salt Lake City workmen were pressed into service last night to dig the Surplus canal and ease the threat on U. S. highway 40.

Bulletin

The Medford city council unanimously approved a change to daylight saving time today. The vote was taken at a special meeting of the council, and provides that fast time shall go into effect at 2 o'clock the morning of May 19.

The vote was taken after City Attorney Frank Farrell told councilmen that despite the fact he is doubtful on some phases of the matter, he is of the opinion that the city has full authority to make the change.

The decision was made in three steps. The first was a vote to authorize the preparation of an ordinance for DST, at which time Councilmen Stanley Jones and Elmer Childers voted no and Councilman John Snider abstained.

The second step was a resolution which does not have the effect of law, but which declares daylight time to be in effect in Medford after the starting date.

The third step was an ordinance changing the legal hours of the city to conform with daylight time.

The vote on the latter two steps was unanimous, except for Councilman Earl Miller who was absent.

The councilmen discussed what effect the county's 1950 vote banning daylight time in the county and the county's communities might have, but also mentioned the desirability of having a time uniform with other cities for business reasons.

Immediately after the meeting, City School Superintendent E. H. Hedrick said that the schools will not change over, at least for the time being.

Political Activity In High Gear Here

With Oregon's primary election only a week from tomorrow, political activity in Jackson county approached high gear during the past few days.

Two men on the Republican ballot for the state's Republican presidential nomination have appeared here—Gov. Earl Warren of California and Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon. The latter is a reluctant presidential candidate, although he is seeking election as a convention delegate-at-large.

One of the nation's top Eisenhower supporters will speak in Medford at 8:15 o'clock Friday evening. He is Kansas Sen. Frank Carlson, former governor of that state, and a member of the executive committee of the Eisenhower for President group. His talk will be at a public rally at the Medford high school auditorium, following a 6:15 dinner for Eisenhower workers.

Tonight at 8 o'clock, a public Republican candidates' rally for contested offices will be held in the Medford YMCA under the sponsorship of the Jackson County Young Republicans. Candidates for contested offices on the GOP ballot will be given a chance to make statements supporting their candidacies.

Two political events, both under GOP auspices, will be held Monday. The first will be at noon at the Jackson hotel, when Jackson County Republican women meet for luncheon. Republican candidates for local offices, and those running for delegates to the convention from the fourth congressional district, have been invited. In addition three local candidates for delegate-at-large, William McAllister, Robert Elliott and Lt. Catherine Holtz, have been asked to attend Plan Box Dinners.

In the evening, at 6:30 o'clock, a Republican rally will be held at the West Side school under the sponsorship of precinct committees in that area. Admission will be by "box dinners," which will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the party's campaign fund. Music, prizes and entertainment will be on the program, as well as talks by several candidates.

In the local races, hottest competition has been in the campaign for the Republican nomination for district attorney and for coroner.

In the DA race, Walter Nunley has given a series of radio talks in which he has charged that his opponent, incumbent Paul Haviland, has failed to enforce the state's criminal laws including those against gambling.

Haviland is expected to reply to the charges in radio talks next week.

In the race for coroner, Dr. M. P. Vogel has centered his campaign around his assertion that a physician should hold the post, while Coroner Carlos Morris asserts that the present set-up is operating satisfactorily, and he has cited various authorities in support of his position.

In both these races, nomination would virtually assure election, since there are no democratic candidates.

Campaigns for nomination to other offices have not created as much interest as these two, but all candidates have been active in speaking to various groups, including a number of Granges throughout the valley.

Absentee Ballots Due
Tomorrow is the last day for absentee ballots to be received by the county clerk's office and still be counted. On Saturday, the clerk has to turn the sealed pouches of absentee ballots over to the sheriff, who will keep them to be counted with regular ballots after the election next week.

County Clerk George Carter said today that 353 absentee ballots have been mailed out by his office. Of these 278 were Republican and 75 were Democratic.

POLLS LISTED
A listing of the 84 polls in Jackson county was made by County Clerk George Carter this week. They are printed in full on page 3, section 2, of today's Mail Tribune.

The list gives the precinct number, name if any, and address of the places where voters will cast their ballots in the state primary election on May 16, one week from Friday.

Sen. Russell Says Kefauver Stopped; Eyes Western Vote

Georgian Points to Victory in Florida

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Richard B. Russell's campaign organization claimed Thursday that his Florida primary victory "stops Kefauver completely."

The claim was made by Sen. Walter F. George, D-Ga., chairman of Russell's campaign strategy board, as Russell announced plans for a cross-country trip to bid for Western delegates to the Democratic presidential nominating convention.

Can't Carry South
George said the Florida returns show that Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., "can't carry a Southern state, although he has been doing very well in some states where the Democratic primaries don't mean anything."

Sen. Paul H. Douglas, D-Ill., a Kefauver backer, retorted that the Tennessee crime-hunter made a "remarkably good" showing in Florida against the "organized political machine" which was backing Russell.

Taft Claimed Choice
In the Republican arena, Sen. Robert A. Taft's campaign manager said his sweeping home-state victory in Ohio "makes it more apparent than ever that he is the choice of Republican voters of the nation."

Campaign manager David S. Ingalls said the 56 delegates Taft picked up in Ohio ran his total up to 404, exactly 200 short of the total required to win the Republican nomination. Ingalls credited Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower with 286 delegates.

A United Press tabulation, based on the legal pledges or public commitments of delegates already chosen, gave Taft 330 to 297 for Eisenhower.

The Eisenhower total includes six which the general gained Wednesday in New York. Russell defeated Kefauver by about 60,000 votes in Florida's "popularity contest" presidential primary. But Kefauver said he still hopes to win a majority of the state's 24 convention delegates who will be elected in separate balloting on May 27. Kefauver now has 119½ convention votes legally pledged or publicly committed to him, including the 27 he picked up in Ohio Tuesday.

"Free to Organize"
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Dog Control Measure Remains in Effect

Medford's dog control ordinance is still in effect. City councilmen voted 5 to 4 against repealing it, at a meeting Tuesday evening. The deciding vote was cast by Mayor D. L. Flynn after councilmen split four to four in regular voting.

Councilman John Snider moved that the ordinance be repealed. The motion was seconded by Paul Selby, council president.

Snider explained the motion by stating that "it is foolish to have an ordinance on the books which cannot be enforced." He said that costs of full enforcement would be prohibitive for the approximately 450 dogs within the city limits.

The ordinance in question makes it illegal for owners to allow dogs to run at large on public streets during the months of May, June and July, and provides a \$5 penalty for dog owners who violate it.

Two Springfield Men Hurt in Truck Mishap

Two Springfield men were taken to Community hospital by Conger-Morris ambulance yesterday afternoon after the truck in which they were riding left the highway and went down a bank on Crater Lake highway between Shady Cove and Trail, ambulance attendants reported.

The men are Earl D. Sader, 56, and Joe M. Long, 37, the reports said. Sader suffered a fractured rib, and Long suffered a concussion and multiple cuts. Details of the accident were not reported.



PRE-DAWN BLAST LIGHTS NEVADA SKY—Early morning sightseers in Las Vegas watch an atomic explosion, 75 miles away, light up the Nevada sky. Observers on Mt. Charleston, 45 miles from the test site, were momentarily blinded by the brilliant flash.

Oil Dispute May Be Given to President

Denver—(U.P.)—The Wage Stabilization Board was expected to toss the nine-day-old oil strike into President Truman's lap Thursday after 90,000 oil workers refused to go back to work as requested by the government.

The first settlement to be announced by a striking local was reported Thursday by the Rock Island Refining Corp. and Local 535 of the CIO Oil Workers International Union in Zionsville, Ind.

Pattern Hoped
"We hope this will set a pattern for the industry," said

Kim's Restaurant Picketed in Union Dispute This Week

"Peaceful picketing" has been in effect at Kim's restaurant, 2321 South Pacific highway, since last Friday, according to Ralph Teeple, business agent for AFL Local 329, Culinary Alliance and Bartenders union.

The picketing is against the proprietor "for not running a union shop," according to Jess Rose, secretary of the central labor council, Wednesday evening. "The proprietor is willing to go union if his employees will, but they don't want to cooperate. The employer is now paying lower wages than the union scale which is detrimental to others in the same line of work. If he were willing to sign a contract and cooperate the matter could be settled quickly."

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Russian Submarines in Pacific Could Be Threat

Taipei, Formosa—(U.P.)—Adm. Arthur W. Radford, commander of the U. S. Pacific Fleet, said Thursday Russia has an estimated 80 submarines in the Pacific and that they could be a "considerable threat" in a general war.

It has been known for some time that the Soviets operate submarines in the Pacific from such bases as Vladivostok.

Switch Pulled on Old Easter Bunny Legend

A switch on the traditional Easter bunny story came to light here Wednesday. Mrs. Maxine Houser, Medford, has noticed for several days that she wasn't finding as many eggs in the hen house as usual. Wednesday she got up early in an effort to catch a thief at work.

Just as she reached the hen house Mrs. Houser saw the culprit crawling under the fence with an egg in its mouth. However, she was so surprised by what she saw that the thief escaped unscathed, egg and all. It was a large, gray jackrabbit.

Scientists Study A-Blast Details; New Test Planned

Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—Atomic scientists studied the details of their newest experiment with nuclear fission Thursday and prepared to give military observers another look at America's most powerful weapon.

Military To Watch
The Atomic Energy commission was expected to hold another in its current series of A-bomb tests on the Nevada desert next week, with 500 military observers from the four branches of the service watching from foxholes.

The observers will occupy the same foxholes used by Marines in a test last week, but they were not expected to stage any atomic combat maneuver such as the Marines did.

The AEC indicated, however, that there may be another all-Army troop maneuver in connection with an atomic test within a few weeks and that there may be two more atomic blasts after that before the current series of tests is concluded.

About 1,500 troops were expected to participate in the maneuver, but the units that will take part have not been selected yet.

Scientists fired the 17th atomic device at the Nevada desert test site 75 miles northwest of here Wednesday with a flash more brilliant than any seen here previously.

HST Sees New War Possibility Slim

Washington—(U.P.)—President Truman said Thursday conditions are very grave but there will be no third World War if the United States supports its foreign aid program and keeps its economy on an even keel.

As examples of grave conditions, he cited the steel and oil crises and what he described as an attitude in Congress against spending for national defense and the Mutual Security Program.

On this seventh anniversary of the victory in Europe, Mr. Truman told his news conference there is a good chance of avoiding another major conflict. But he said this chance depends to a large extent on what Congress does about defense and foreign aid legislation and on maintaining a stable economy.

Annual USWV Carnation Sale Begins Tomorrow

Colonel Sargent auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, will conduct the annual carnation sale Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, to raise funds for relief and hospital work for veterans and their families.

Permission for the sale was granted by Mayor Diamond L. Flynn. Mrs. Winifred Vail, chairman, states that sale headquarters will be in the Jackson hotel and members wishing to help are asked to call Mrs. Vail.

Malik Silenced in Attempt To Air Charge of Germ Use

United Nations, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Russia's Jacob A. Malik sought to parade the Communist germ warfare charges before the United Nations again Thursday and was ruled out of order by a Chinese Nationalist chairman who gavelled the shouting Russian into silence.

Sought To Air Charge
The Russian sought to bring before the U. N. Disarmament Commission the Communists' allegation that two American fliers had "confessed" dropping germ bombs on Red Chinese and North Korean troops.

Nationalist Chinese delegate Tingfu F. Tsiang, chairman of the 12-nation commission for May, rapped his gavel to interrupt.

"This commission has adhered to the proposition that any discussion of germ warfare is out of its competence."

Attempting To Reply
Malik, his color rising with his voice, said he was only attempting to reply to United States delegate Benjamin C. Cohen who—needed earlier in the meeting by renewed Russian charges that this country is waging bacteriological warfare—had asked for a clarification of the Soviet Union's position on the issue.