

STEEL RULING WAITED; GAS RATIONING LOOMS

Gen. Clark Tongue-Lashes Ousted Commanders of Koje

Dodd and Colson Called on Carpet For Explanation

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Gen. Mark Clark was reported to have given a tongue-lashing to the two ousted commanders of Koje POW camp after hauling them on the carpet at headquarters to explain how the prisoners got the upper hand.

Official secrecy Wednesday surrounded the conference between Clark and Brig. Gens. Dodd and Charles F. Colson, but the United Press learned they were "verbally reprimanded" by the top U. N. commander.

No Official Clarification

There was no official clarification of what possible further action may be taken against Dodd, who was kidnapped and held three days by inmates of his own prison, and Colson, whose sensational "concessions" to the prisoners caused a storm of protest from Washington.

Headquarters officials refused to confirm or deny reports that the key figures may face courts martial fiasco.

GHQ spokesmen said no interviews nor statements would be made until the investigation was completed. There was no indication as to when that would be.

Clerk, obviously angered by the turn of events, personally took over the inquiry after spending four hours Wednesday morning in apparently constant teletype conversation with the equally-perturbed joint chiefs of staff in Washington, presumably the second in two days.

To Present Questions

Clark was expected to demand that Dodd and Colson explain: 1. Why Dodd permitted himself to be placed in a position where he could be kidnapped. 2. Why there were no guards inside the camp who might have rescued Dodd.

3. What Colson meant by admitting to the Communist prisoners there had been "instances of bloodshed" in the Koje camp.

4. What Colson meant by promising to "rearm prisoners" in the future.

No Forcible Screening

5. Why Colson promised the Reds there would be no more "forcible screening" of Communist war prisoners when there never has been any forcible screening of them.

6. Why Colson agreed to permit the fanatical 6,000 Reds of Compound 78, who kidnapped Dodd, to communicate with all the other prison compounds on Koje.

Both Clark and the joint chiefs of staff indicated that Colson's concessions would not be honored.

Clark called them "unadulterated blackmail."

Tacoma — (U.P.) — A 25-year-old College of Puget Sound student, died here Tuesday from injuries suffered when he became trapped in a moving elevator last Thursday.

Second Boy Scout Circus, Biggest Ever, Due Saturday

The second annual Boy Scout circus will be held in the Medford high school football stadium Saturday evening. More than 1,000 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will take part, according to Dr. Charles Lemery, circus chairman.

The circus will be the biggest assembly of Scouts ever held in the history of the Crater Lake Area council, Dr. Lemery said.

It will be a demonstration of Cub and Scout fun and activities, and will follow the theme of "World Brotherhood Through Scouting."

In two of the 12 scheduled acts, more than 1,000 boys will be "on stage" at one time. Ray Frisbie, program director, said that 300 Cubs will put on a demonstration of den meetings, and a "Noah's Ark" of about 100 weird animals.

The Scouts will show Scouting games, a demonstration of Scout-



CANDIDATE—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) above, tomorrow will make one of his last public appearances before Oregon's primary election in Medford. The senator will speak on the courthouse steps at 10:30 a.m. He is the only willing Democratic candidate for nomination as president of the United States in the Oregon primary.

Taft in Runaway Victory Over Ike in West Virginia

Washington — (U.P.) — Sen. Robert A. Taft has widened his lead over Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the scramble for delegates to the Republican National convention.

Runaway Victory

The Ohioan scored a runaway victory in the West Virginia primary, picking up 15 of that state's 16 delegates. Taft also trounced former Minnesota Gov. Harold E. Stassen in Tuesday's presidential preference contest in West Virginia. Returns from 1,037 of the states 2,824 precincts gave Taft 55,240 votes to Stassen's 13,143. Eisenhower, not entered in the contest, got 802 write-ins, but under state law they do not have to be counted.

Results Not Binding

Eisenhower, whose supporters could claim only one delegate, was not entered in the "popularity poll," the results of which are not binding on the national convention delegates.

On the basis of Taft pocketing 15 West Virginia delegates, the United Press tabulation of delegates elected gave the senator 363, Eisenhower 320, Stassen 22, Gov. Earl Warren of California 7, Gen. Douglas MacArthur 2 and 132 uncommitted. It takes 840 votes to win the nomination.

Two For Kefauver

West Virginia Democrats elected 20 delegates, two of whom publicly announced for Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

In other action, North Dakota Democrats postponed until Wednesday selection of their 16-member uncommitted delegation.

Plan For Caravan To Welcome Demo Candidate Told

Plans to form a caravan of cars to bring Sen. Estes Kefauver to Medford tomorrow were announced by Democratic supporters today.

The Tennessee senator, only "willing" presidential candidate on the Democratic primary election ballot Friday, will arrive in Ashland early tomorrow, will talk at an assembly at Southern Oregon college, and then will come to Medford for a talk from the steps of the Jackson county courthouse at 10:30 a.m.

District Judge Rawles Moore and Andrew Hawver, Democratic candidate for county assessor, have been named co-chairmen of the welcoming committee, according to Mrs. Mary G. Kelly, Democratic central committee chairman.

Officials Invited

The Kefauver caravan will arrive at the courthouse with a police escort, and Mayor D. L. Flynn and other city and county officials have been invited to aid in welcoming the senator. One of the events of his visit will be a presentation to him of a Rogue valley coonskin cap by Mrs. Lula G. Watson, a last-minute write-in candidate for the Democratic nomination for county clerk.

Accompanying the senator will be W. L. Josslyn, former state Democratic party chairman and now state manager of the Kefauver for President committee; Charles Neese, national Kefauver committee chairman; Donald Vaughn, the senator's personal secretary, and Charles Aldrich, a secretarial assistant.

Wife on Trip

According to word received here, Mrs. Kefauver will not be with her husband on his southern Oregon trip.

Democratic candidates for various local offices will be given an opportunity to meet the senator, and the public will be welcome to hear his talk.

From here he will go to Grants Pass, where the Oregon Cavesmen have plans to greet him, and later he will go on to Roseburg for his last campaign talk before the primary election Friday.

Portland Punchboard Clause Ruled Valid

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon Supreme court Wednesday held that the emergency clause on a Portland city order banning punchboards was valid.

The opinion reversed the findings of Multnomah County Circuit Judge James R. Bain, Frank J. Lonergan and McCormack Snow, who sat en banc on the issue.

The opinion was given orally. The high court said it would issue its mandate later Wednesday together with its written opinion upholding the Portland city council.

Nyssa Warehouse Swept by Flames

Nyssa, Ore. — (U.P.) — Fire swept through a section of the Amalgamated Sugar Company's warehouse here Tuesday night, destroying about 8,000 paper bags.

The fire broke out about 10 p.m. It was confined to one end of the warehouse by Nyssa's volunteer fire crew and two fire trucks, plus equipment from the company.

Cause of the fire and the amount of damage have not been determined by firemen or sugar company officials.

Restaurant Owner Arraigned on Charges

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The defendant posted \$500 cash bond on the charges and was allowed time to obtain counsel by District Judge Rawles Moore for a hearing set May 20 at 2 p.m. Another complaint charging Fong with assault and battery was not heard this morning. The complaints were signed by Mrs. Grace M. Teeple, wife of the business agent of AFL, Local 329, Culinary Alliance and Bartenders union, which is currently picketing Kim's restaurant.

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BASEBALL

NATIONAL: Cincinnati 5 6 1 New York 8 12 1

Raffensberger, Hiller 3; Perkowski 7, Smith 8 and Rossi; Maglie and Westrum. Home runs: Mays and Westrum.

St. Louis 5 6 0 Brooklyn 1 6 0

Staley and D. Rice; Van Cuyk, Branca 9 and Campanella. Home runs: Pafko and Hemus.

Supreme Court Begins Work on Seizure Decision

Petroleum Supplies In Midwest Dwindle

Washington — (U.P.) — The Wage Stabilization Board Wednesday set a 15-cent an hour ceiling on wage increases in agreements already reached in the oil industry.

The action was expected to set a pattern for settlement of the 15-day nationwide oil strike.

By UNITED PRESS

The Supreme Court closed itself Wednesday and began work on a ruling in the bitter steel seizure as the government opened the door to possible gasoline rationing to meet a crisis in the strike-bound oil industry.

The Wage Stabilization Board, which has figured heavily in both major labor squabbles, was in danger of being eliminated.

Legality Considered

The high court retired to consider the legality of President Truman's seizure of the steel mills after listening to government and industry lawyers finish their oral arguments Tuesday.

The court is certain to hand down a decision before the end of the current spring term, but no one knows exactly how soon. One court observer said two weeks is a good guess.

An order by Interior Secretary Oscar L. Chapman, which went into effect early Wednesday was the government's first move toward possible gasoline rationing.

Petroleum supplies have dwindled to perilous low in 17 midwestern states because of the countrywide walkout by 90,000 oil workers.

Chapman's order created fact-finding committees at regional, state and local levels, to "find facts as to petroleum supplies and make recommendations for meeting shortages."

The committees are under the authority of the Petroleum Administration for Defense, and the PAD may later empower the committees to parcel out oil in their areas.

In another facet of the oil strike, the WSB said the walkout "should and can be settled through collective bargaining."

The wage panel itself was in hot water after a Senate Banking committee voted to replace the board with another, weaker body.

The WSB recommendation for a 26-cent hourly wage-fringe package for the CIO United Steelworkers is the crux of the steel dispute. The banking committee began investigating the WSB shortly after Mr. Truman seized the steel plants.

The committee voted 7 to 3 to abolish the present panel, replace it with one composed of all public members and strip the new agency of power to recommend wage settlements in labor disputes.

Meanwhile Philip Murray's Steel workers threatened to resume their on-again-off-again strike.

The Steelworkers' sixth biennial convention in Philadelphia made ready to adopt a resolution declaring the workers will not continue "indefinitely to work in 1952 for 1950 wages."

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BLASTING RED SUPPLY CENTER—This dramatic photo of a U. S. Air Force F-80 Shooting Star fighter-bomber has captured the flaming action which occurred when day-long flights of Allied warplanes blasted this Communist supply center at San, North Korea. A tank of napalm can be seen just after being released below the left wing of the jet.

Allied Bombers Smash Communist Rail Lines In Widespread Attack

Seoul, Korea — (U.P.) — Air Force, Navy and Marine fighter-bombers slashed into the Communist rail system in one of the heaviest attacks of the year, blasting rolling stock and severing the rails in 178 places Wednesday.

Taking up where the night hecklers of the Air Force left off, Pantherjets, Corsairs and Sky-raidors from the carriers Princeton and Valley Forge ranged the east coast in a morning attack, slashing rails in 121 spots and pouncing on 11 loaded trains with bombs and cannonfire. Their score showed nine locomotives and 49 rail cars destroyed.

Napalm Bombs Used

Fifty-seven more breaks in the Red rail lines were chalked up by Air Force fighter bombers which also splattered a factory and mill area with hundreds of gallons of fiery napalm.

The fighter-bombers were protected by high-flying Sabrejets which Tuesday destroyed five Communist jets and damaged seven others. Wednesday, however, the MIGs were showing no stomach for battle and stayed discreetly behind the Yalu river.

36 Reds Killed

By 6 p.m., U.N. planes had destroyed 33 troop and supply reventments, seven mortar positions, two artillery positions, 19 buildings, a rail bridge and an ammunition dump.

On the ground, the heaviest action was a U.N. patrol attack on Communist Central Front position enemy foxholes and killed 36 Reds before withdrawing at dawn.

Elsewhere, U. N. tanks and infantry pulled hit and run raids north of Kumhwa in the Communists' "Iron Triangle" sector.

Gambling Virtually Non-existent Here, Mayors Tell DA

Vice problems, including gambling and racketeers, are virtually non-existent in Jackson county, District Attorney Paul W. Haviland said today. He supported his assertion with signed statements by the mayors or councilmen of each incorporated city within the county.

Haviland, who has been attacked for non-enforcement of gambling laws by Walter Nunley, who is opposing Haviland in seeking the Republican nomination for district attorney, wrote to each mayor in the county. His letter said:

Asks Information

"I am desirous of gathering information relative to vice conditions in Jackson county, and I am therefore submitting the following questions to all mayors of this county:

"1. Has your city dealt in accordance with our laws with all reported vice matters in your jurisdiction?"

"2. Are there any vice problems, including gambling, within your jurisdiction of such a scope that they require the assistance of county or state officials?"

"3. Do you know of the existence of any organized gambling, or racketeers, within your jurisdiction?"

Answers Given

In each case the answer to the first question was "yes"; the answer to questions 2 and 3 in each case was "no," or "not to my knowledge."

The replies were signed by Mayor Harold Stassen of Talent; Mayor Phil H. Stansbury of Ashland; Mayor E. R. Claffin of Phoenix; Mayor Albert Hackert of Jacksonville; City Council President Paul Selby of Medford; Mayor Donald E. Burelson of Central Point; Mayor O. W. Newland of Gold Hill; Mayor Fred J. Dengler of Rogue River; Councilman Keith Scott of Butte Falls, and Mayor Fred M. Bruegger of Eagle Point.

Election Races Nearing Climax

Polls Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday in 84 County Precincts

With only one more day of active campaigning left before the primary election Friday, the races for county and state offices were nearing a climax today.

Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Friday in Jackson county's 84 precincts. Polling places have previously been listed.

Friday is a legal holiday and a "nonjudicial day," and the courts will be closed. Banks, however, will remain open, as will schools, most businesses and offices.

Liquor Stores Closed

The state liquor stores and agencies will be closed under state law. Sale of beer or wine for consumption on the premises will be illegal while the polls are open, although sale of packaged wine and beer for consumption off-premises will be allowed.

The election contest which has drawn the greatest interest — and the hottest debate — in Jackson county has been for the Republican nomination for district attorney. Walter Nunley, a young Medford attorney, is opposing District Attorney Paul Haviland in the race.

Nunley has charged Haviland with failure to enforce state criminal statutes, particularly those against gambling, and with failures to prosecute on gambling charges.

Haviland has countered with statements referring to his experience, and his record as an attorney, an FBI agent, state police superintendent, and as deputy and principal in the DA's office. He and his supporters have cited Nunley's relative inexperience, and have maintained Haviland has prosecuted all gambling charges which have been brought before him.

Another race which has drawn interest is the contest for the GOP nomination for county coroner, with Dr. M. P. Vogel seeking to unseat incumbent Carlos Morris. Vogel has maintained that the office should be filled by a physician, who is professionally equipped to recognize unnatural death, and cites the fact that some states require a doctor in the job.

Accuses Competitors

Morris, a partner in the Conger-Morris funeral home, says that there is no requirement that a physician fill the post, and has cited several authorities to the effect that doctors do not make the best coroners. He also has accused competing funeral homes — Perl's and the Chapel mortuary — with promoting the candidacy of Dr. Vogel. He has frankly admitted that holding the job aids his business, and said that for this reason he has a real stake doing the best possible job.

The other election contests have been less heated. For four positions there is no competition, and for several others there is competition only on one party's ballot. The contests which will be decided in Jackson county, listed in the order in which they appear on the ballot, follow:

Candidates Listed

State Representative, 19th District — (two to be nominated); Republicans, Robert Root and Ed Mann, incumbents, and G. A. Dierdorff, all Medford; Democrats, none.

District Attorney, Jackson

Prineville, Bend and an evening speech at Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls was to see lots of "politicking" with an Eisenhower booster, Gov. Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, also scheduled to talk in the southern Oregon city. Adams was also booked for an address before the Oregon Cattlemen's association convention at Prineville earlier in the day.

Ike Rally in Portland

Representative Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, another Ike supporter, was scheduled to lead an "Ike Youth Rally" in Portland Wednesday night after a noon luncheon in La Grande.

The prize at stake is 18 national convention delegates for the Republican winning the popularity contest and 12 delegates for the Democrat topping the field.

Olympia — (U.P.) — State forestry division crews fought and controlled 142 fires covering 436 acres during the first four months of this year, State Forester Bernard Orell said Wednesday.

GOP Aspirants Turn Down Home Stretch In Oregon Campaign

Portland — (U.P.) — Three presidential candidates taking part in the Oregon primary campaign and representatives of a fourth candidate, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Wednesday were ready for the final drive for votes before Friday's balloting.

Gov. Earl Warren of California scheduled a full day of speeches. He was to talk at Pacific University in Forest Grove, move on to Hillsboro and then deliver a luncheon speech at Astoria. From Astoria, Warren was to return to Portland.

Stassen To Speak

Harold Stassen was scheduled to return to Oregon from West Virginia's primary election to speak to the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce at noon and then give an address at Pacific University later in the day. Wednesday night Stassen was booked as the featured speaker at a Portland "Candidates and Voters" forum.

Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, the only Democratic candidate campaigning in Oregon, was billed for a morning speech at Pendleton, then talks at

Radio Highlights

Sen. Estes Kefauver, candidate for the Democratic party's nomination for president of the United States, will speak before the student body of Southern Oregon college tomorrow morning. His address will be broadcast from 9 to 9:30 a. m. by radio station KWIV (1400 kc).

An Oregon Primary Election, a cross-section of election thinking in the state, will be broadcast over station KMED (1440 kc) Thursday at 7 a.m.

Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Thursday. Low tonight 46. High Thursday 70-73.

Highest yesterday 45. Lowest this morning 43. Prec. to 4:30 a.m. today .75.