



CHARGING INTO THREE defiant North Korean prisoner compounds, tank-led American soldiers smash down Communist signs, burn flags and bring out disoriented leaders. (International)

Charges Increase As GOP Delegate Battle Nears End

Democrats Renew Pleas to Stevenson

Washington—(U.P.)—Bitter accusations of dirty work in Texas began a home-stretch scramble for undecided convention for the GOP presidential nomination today as a home-stretch scramble for undecided convention delegates.

In the free-for-all Democratic race, symptoms of bandwagon

Chicago—(U.P.)—Supporters of Sen. Robert A. Taft boomed Gen. Douglas MacArthur Monday for keynote speaker at the Republican National Convention opening July 7.

fever began to appear among Northern Democrats who have been wishfully waiting for Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois to change his mind and become available as a candidate.

To Visit Washington

Stevenson was expected to visit the capital early this week—ostensibly to seek an atomic energy plant for industry-hungry Southern Illinois. He was certain to encounter renewed pressure from administration regulars who are getting nervous about the long lead in delegates piled up by Sen. Estes Kefauver (D., Tenn.).

Although Stevenson has said that he "could not" accept the Democratic presidential nomination, many politicians are still betting that he might accept a convention "draft." But some of these are beginning to have doubts whether Kefauver can be "stopped" at the convention, unless he is at least slowed down somewhat before hand.

Balance of Power

With only 15 GOP convention delegates still to be chosen and three in Puerto Rico, the balance of power in the Republican contest now rests with the 133 delegates who still are publicly uncommitted to any candidate, and with the 61 whose credentials are in dispute.

Slot Possession Charges Face Two

Grants Pass—Two more Grants Pass men have been apprehended here on charges of slot machine ownership.

Clifford G. Martin and Vern V. Helbig were arrested Friday and Saturday, and pleaded innocent in justice court Saturday morning. Complaints against the two, on illegal possession of gambling devices, were signed by State Police Sgt. C. R. Borgman. District Attorney Max McMillin said ownership of 18 slot machines has been traced to the two men.

They were part of a cache of 154 slot machines found in an old chicken shed last week on the property of W. A. Moore. McMillin added, Moore pleaded guilty to a similar charge, and was given a suspended fine.

Martin and Helbig are at liberty under \$100 bail each. Martin's trial is scheduled for Thursday and Helbig's for Friday.

Weather

FORECAST: Thunderstorms this evening and again in mountains Tuesday afternoon. Low tonight 50. High Tuesday 80-85. Temp. Highest Yesterday 59. Lowest this Morning 58.

American Paratroopers Stage Final Rehearsal For Breakup of POWs

Koje Island, Korea—(U.P.)—American paratroopers armed with flamethrowers and tear gas grenades staged their final rehearsal Monday for the break-up of rebellious Communist prisoner compounds.

"Operation Split Up" is expected to start Monday. The troops dug emergency trenches outside the compounds Monday but prisoners who were digging similar chest-deep entrenchments Sunday did not turn a shovel Monday. The captives watched soberly as men of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team doubled-timed in and out of a practice compound. Paratroopers will be backed by tanks when they start breaking up the compounds which now hold as many as 6,000 prisoners each, into more manageable groups of 500.

N. H. Republicans First Delegation To Visit General

New York—(U.P.)—New Hampshire delegates to the Republican convention, led by Dwight D. Eisenhower, are expected to visit the general by virtue of his beating Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O) in the state's primary last March.

The 14 votes of New Hampshire are pledged to the retired general by virtue of his beating Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-O) in the state's primary last March. The meeting of the New Hampshire group was the first of a series Eisenhower will hold this week. It was held at Eisenhower's home, the residence of Columbia University's president.

Gov. Sherman Adams, spokesman for the New Hampshire delegation, said they questioned the general on such things as military expenditures and economy, civil rights, labor-management relations, and government aid to education.

Adams would not say what the general told them except that it was along the lines of what the candidate has said in two news conferences since he launched his campaign in Abilene, Kan., last week.

In his two press conferences Eisenhower promised economy in military spending and federal leadership on the civil rights questions, although he said fair employment practices should be handled principally at the state level.

429 Swimmers Use Pool On Season's First Day

Opening day for the summer season at Hawthorne swimming pool last Saturday had 429 swimmers use the pool, and 598 used the facilities on Sunday, according to Park Director Darell Huson.

Pool hours are from 1 to 9 p.m., the director added. He also announced that Mrs. Lillian Kendall would be playground supervisor starting today. Playgroup hours are 1-8 p.m., except Sunday, under Mrs. Kendall's supervision.

Planes To Spray Creek Early Tomorrow Morning

Spraying of Bear Creek and Hawthorne park to control insects will be done by plane early tomorrow, city officials reported today. The work is expected to be completed around five or six a. m. they said. Planes are scheduled to conduct spraying operations on the creek between the Jackson street and Cottage street bridges.

Van Fleet Issues Virtual Challenge To Commie Forces

General Believes UN Would Trounce Foes

Seoul, Korea—(U.P.)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet virtually challenged the Communist armies Monday to attack United Nations forces in Korea and said if they did they would be "soundly defeated."

While his troops were knocking back strong probing attacks along the 155-mile front, the 8th Army commander reiterated his faith in his Army's ability to repel any major offensive mounted by the 1,000,000-man Red force.

Allies Outnumbered

Van Fleet has conceded that the Reds outnumber the Allies 2½ to 1 but he said the United Nations forces morale continues high, almost to the point of wishing the enemy would attack.

"The 8th Army is, as ever, ready, alert and fit to meet any offensive which the enemy may foolishly decide to launch, and the effort of the enemy would be soundly defeated," Van Fleet said.

His remarks followed a press conference here, consisting mostly of off-the-record background information for correspondents.

Van Fleet declined to comment on reports published in London that a new 100,000-man Chinese army has been moved into Korea, and that enemy bombers are being assembled at Manchurian bases.

On the Western front 125 Chinese infantrymen, backed by a heavy artillery barrage, were driven back from a newly-won U.N. hill west of Chorwon.

U.N. infantrymen moved into no-man's land west of the Pukhan river on the central front and killed 32 Reds in a running battle.

Night raiding B-26 bombers destroyed a locomotive and a number of box cars south of Wonsan on the east coast.

School District 6C Holding Budget Vote

Central Point—The school budget election for district No. 6C is being held today with polls open from 2 to 8 p.m. (standard time) at Central Point junior high and Gold Hill school gymnasiums.

The amount to be voted upon in excess of the six per cent levy limitation is \$247,410.23. School officials said the vote is necessary since the base set up under the limitation 20 years ago is "very small."

Elderly Salem Woman Brutally Slain; Police Investigating Two Shootings

Salem—(U.P.)—An elderly woman was brutally slain in Salem, a constable was shot to death in Silverton and a woman was hospitalized with a gunshot wound in McMinnville in separate week-end tragedies.

The body of Mrs. Susan A. Litchfield, 82, was found in her wooded shed. Police said she had been hacked to death by a heavy, blunt instrument, possibly an ax.

Emory J. Jackson, 48, Silverton peace officer, was shot and killed while he and another officer were investigating a disturbance at a grocery store.

In McMinnville, Mrs. Casper Smith, 35, was hospitalized with a gunshot wound in the left arm and her husband was taken to the county jail. Mrs. Litchfield's body was

Russians Withdraw Troops From Areas In Berlin Dispute

First Red Retreat Follows U.S. Demands

Berlin—(U.P.)—The British have lifted their week-long siege of Russian-operated Radio Berlin.

Maj. Gen. C. F. C. Coleman, British commandant, announced that Russian guards and civilians holed up in the building inside the British sector since June 3 will be permitted to leave, and relieving personnel allowed to enter.

Berlin—(U.P.)—The Russians withdrew their troops from two disputed areas on the border of Western and Eastern Berlin Monday in an apparent capitulation to American and British demands.

Soviet troops left the Steintuecken sector, an American-administered island inside the eastern part of the city, and pulled away from a disputed road bordering the British sector.

Want Siege Ended

The troops were pulled out after strong protests from the American and British commandants. It was believed the Russians took their action in hope that the British might end the "siege" of Russian-operated Radio Berlin, which is inside the British sector.

There were reports the Russian guards and civilian personnel in the besieged radio station were running short of food and after a week without fresh supplies. But Radio Berlin's chief commentator, Karl-Eduard von Schnitzler, said by telephone from the building that the reports were "nonsense." A stock of food had been stored in the station in advance.

Withdrawal from the disputed Berlin border areas was the first Red retreat in the new "creeping blockade."

The Russians continued their harassing tactics and again barred American and British military police patrols from the superhighway leading to Western Germany.

Two Frenchmen Confess Spying

Paris—(U.P.)—Police said Monday that two militant Communists have confessed betraying top-secret information on French Navy and Army activities.

The two Communists were arrested in Saturday's raids at the great Naval base of Toulon.

Police said they had confessed giving the French Communists party secret reports on Naval radar research and descriptions of French troop and armament movements to Indo-China.

The confessions were made, police said, by Emile Deyris, 34, a radio worker at the Naval Research Center at Bruh and Rene Mayen, 34, secretary of the Toulon Railroad Workers union.

Councilmen To Study New Airport Building

An adjourned meeting of the Medford city council will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the city hall, with the main business concerning the new airport building, according to Robert Duff, city superintendent.

To be considered are the lease with United Air lines and purchase of their building which will be incorporated into the proposed terminal, the federal government grant on CAA participation in the building costs, and the awarding of the contract bid for building the proposed terminal building. Duff noted.

SETTLEMENT EXPECTED IN STEEL STRIKE TODAY



NO AGREEMENT REACHED—Representatives of the United Steel Workers Union (CIO) and representatives of management of the steel mills meet with John R. Steelman, presidential assistant, in his Washington office. The meeting ended for the night with the steel strike still unsettled. Left to right: John Stephens, vice president of U. S. Steel; Charles White, president of Republic Steel; Mr. Steelman; David J. McDonald, secretary-treasurer of the CIO, and Philip Murray, president of the CIO.

COMMUNIST COMMANDERS ASK UN RETURN TO PRISONER TALKS

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—The Communist High Command Monday asked the United Nations to come back to the truce table and go "all out" to settle the prisoner of war issue and achieve peace in Korea.

The Reds, jolted by the U. N. declared three-day recess in the truce negotiations, sent the note to Gen. Mark W. Clark, supreme U. N. commander.

It was signed by North Korean Premier and Supreme Commander Gen. Kim Il Sung and Gen. Peng Teh Hua, commander of the Chinese "volunteers" fighting with the North Koreans.

Radio Reports Text
Peiping Radio gave the first word of its contents, a few hours after Communist liaison officers handed it to the Allies at Panmunjom and before its receipt was acknowledged by Clark's headquarters.

The note recognized that "the only deterrent to smooth deliberations . . . is the problem concerning repatriation of prisoners of war."

The prisoner talks are snagged on the issues of forced repatriation. Only 70,000 prisoners held by the Allies have said they want

to go back to Communism. The remainder of the 169,000 former soldiers and civilian internees have declared they will resist return, and the U. N. has declared it will not force them to go.

"If the United Nations has sincerity toward the truce talks," the note said, "the United Na-

tions delegation should come to Panmunjom and resume the talks."

They were broken off temporarily by the U. N. on Saturday after the senior Allied delegate, Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison, said he wanted to listen to no more propaganda drivel.

Government Eases Payment Requirements on Housing; More Changes Are Forecast

Washington—(U.P.)—The government lowered down payment requirements Monday for purchase of all new housing, effective Wednesday.

Veterans then will not be required to make any down payment on homes costing \$7,000 or less, and the initial payment for non-veterans will be slashed from 10 to 5 per cent in that price range.

The changes apply to all types of residential housing from one-family homes to apartment units.

Credit Terms Unchanged
The housing and Home Finance Administration and Federal Reserve board made no change in credit terms affecting non-residential building, but indicated some modification is under consideration in that field, too.

The down payment requirements are set under the so-called Regulation X, which is administered by the Federal Reserve board.

At the top end of the home price scale, the down payment

requirements were cut from 50 to 40 per cent for non-veterans and from 45 to 35 per cent for veterans on homes costing \$25,000 or more.

No change was made in the time limit set on payment of mortgages.

Aids Vets' Housing
National Association of Home Builders spokesmen, who had been clamoring for months for relaxation of the down payment requirements, said the change would boom business in low-priced veterans' housing.

They protested bitterly that the changes in credit terms for non-veterans and for all higher-priced housing were "a vast disappointment." They said the new requirements still are "far too large."

One School Board Candidate in 6C

Central Point—Petitions for C. W. (Bill) Anhorn as candidate for school board director in district 6C have been filed with the school office here.

He will be the only candidate on the ballot so far as was known this morning. Today was the final day for filing for the post. The election is on Monday, June 16.

Anhorn seeks the post being vacated by Otto Bohnert whose term expires. Bohnert has served two full terms on the board. Anhorn has resided at Central Point since 1939. He is a farmer and business manager for Faber's Farmers' supply. He has five children and three sons will be in school next fall. His wife is a former Central Point school teacher. The candidate has been active in sports activities here. He got his schooling in South Dakota and came to Oregon in 1938, living first at Grants Pass.

GROUP TO ELECT
Southern Oregon Historical society officers will be elected during an annual meeting of the society Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the county courthouse. Annual reports also will be given, officers of the group stated today.

Death of Mrs. Nelson Reported From Salem

Mrs. Mamie Louise Nelson, 80, long-time Jackson county resident, died this morning in Salem, according to word received here. She was the mother of Mrs. Myrtle P. Lee, curator of the Jacksonville museum.

Mrs. Nelson was born Feb. 20, 1872 in Jacksonville, the daughter of Silas J. and Mary Elizabeth Day, early pioneers of this area.

In addition to Mrs. Lee, she is survived by a granddaughter, Mrs. Audrey Mitchell, Albuquerque, N. M., and three great grandchildren.

Peril funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Chicken House Roof No Hazard to Plane

Salem—(U.P.)—An airplane used in dusting crops in the Lake Labish area north of Salem skimmed too low and took the roof off a chicken house, county authorities said Monday.

But the plane quickly regained its balance and went merrily on its dusting way, apparently no worse for the mishap.

BULLETIN

Washington—(U.P.)—The Senate Monday passed by a roll call vote of 59 to 11 a compromise \$6,431,249,750 foreign aid bill for military, economic and technical aid to the free world.

President Wants No Legislation At Present Time

Both Sides Believed Agreeing to Terms

Washington—(U.P.)—Top government officials predicted the steel strike would be settled Monday, apparently on terms close to those recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

Optimism for quick settlement was dramatized when President Truman asked the Senate to withhold any legislative action on the steel dispute. Mr. Truman wrote Vice-President Alben W. Barkley that any Senate intervention in the dispute "might be very harmful" at this stage.

Reasonable Hope
The President said there is a "reasonable hope" contract negotiations will be successful.

Informed sources said negotiators for the major steel companies would present a wrap-up offer when they met representatives of the CIO Steelworkers union at 3 p.m. (PST) for the fifth straight day.

Both sides reportedly had agreed on a two-year contract term, as compared with 18 months recommended by the Wage Stabilization Board.

Sunday Pay Discussed
By comparison with the WSB's wage recommendations of a 26.1 cent hourly package raise it appeared the final "package" would be closer to 21 or 22 cents.

Sources close to the negotiations said the wage issue was still open on the question of Sunday "premium pay."

As Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman called the negotiators back into session, the bitterly-fought union shop issue shaped up as a major block, but there was official confidence it would be resolved.

Morse Shrugs Off Omission of Name On GOP Listings

Salem—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse, one of Oregon's Eisenhower-pledged delegates to the Republican national convention, was passed by Saturday when the delegation met to elect its officers and name Oregon representatives on convention committees.

But in a prepared statement released in Washington Sunday, Morse shrugged off the omission of his name from committee and officer rosters. He said "I do not propose to let any differences of opinion which have developed within the Oregon delegation to cause me to lose sight of the importance of having the delegation work in complete unity in the interests of nominating Eisenhower, thereby assuring a much-needed Republican victory in November."

Hatfield Named
Oregon Republicans had expected that Morse would be named to the platform committee of the convention as one of Oregon's representatives. But Mark Hatfield, a state representative from Salem, was named instead by a vote of 13 to 5.

Morse declared "Mark Hatfield is a very able young man and a very good friend of mine. I shall be glad to assist him in any way I can at the Chicago convention."

He added: "The Oregon delegation as well as every other Republican in Oregon must not lose sight of the all-important job the delegation has to do in Chicago, namely help nominate Eisenhower."

Battered Lumber Schooner Reaches Safety at Coquille

Bandon, Ore.—(U.P.)—The Coast Guard officers and insurance underwriters swarmed through the battered Cynthia Olson Monday to determine extent of damage caused the 300-foot lumber schooner when she went aground early Sunday on a sandbar at entrance to the Coquille river.

The Coast Guard Cutter Bonham out of Coos Bay and the tug Port of Bandon put lines aboard the Olson and skidded her about 800 feet into the river. The ship still was on the sand Monday but the Coast Guard said she was in no danger.

Coast Guard inspectors from Seattle were en route by plane to inspect the damaged ship. The Coast Guard said the Olson's propeller was damaged and she had taken on some water but none of the 28-member crew had been removed. The 391-foot vessel was pulled from the bar at high tide shortly before midnight Sunday night by the Coast Guard cutter and the tug.

The successful effort came after part of the Olson's cargo of 3,000,000 feet of lumber had been thrown over the side and the 28-man crew prepared to abandon ship by means of breeches buoy.