

31 Communist POWs Die in Koje Battle

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Weather
FORECAST: Occasional light showers this evening. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight 46; high Wednesday 70-75. Temp. Highest Yesterday 70. Lowest this Morning 46. Precip. To 4:30 A.M. Today 0.

President Requests Legislation To OK Steel Industry Seizure

'Properly Drafted' Law Would Assure Steel Production

President Appears Before Congress

Washington (U.P.) — The Senate Republican Policy committee decided Tuesday to oppose any move to give President Truman any emergency steel seizure powers, at least until after he has invoked the Taft-Hartley law in the steel dispute.

Washington (U.P.) — President Truman asked congress Tuesday to enact legislation authorizing the government to seize the steel industry and run it until the contract dispute is settled.

Mr. Truman, in an extraordinary personal appearance before a joint session of congress, said a "properly drafted" seizure law can assure steel production, treat both parties "fairly" and encourage collective bargaining.

"I hope the congress will act quickly," Mr. Truman said. "The issue of peace or war hangs in the balance, and steel is a vital element in the outcome."

"The issue is squarely up to congress," the president said. "I hope the congress will meet it by enacting fair and effective legislation."

Mr. Truman said use of the Taft-Hartley law injunction would be "grossly unfair" to the 650,000 striking CIO United Steelworkers because they had postponed their walkout many times before finally striking June 2.

If, however, congress wants to obtain an injunction against the strike, the president said, it should direct the president to seek such a court order without waiting for the appointment and report of a fact finding board as required by the Taft-Hartley law.

The Taft-Hartley approach, Mr. Truman said, would be "unwise, unfair, and quite possibly ineffective."

Mr. Truman went before the joint session of congress 16 hours after the steel negotiations collapsed at the White House Monday night.

Some Plants to Resume
While the nine-day-old strike of the 650,000 Steelworkers went on, preparations were rushed to resume production at steel plants turning out the goods for the defense effort.

Acting Defense Mobilizer John R. Steelman called government officials to a meeting to decide which plants should reopen to provide the critical needs of the Korean war.

CIO President Philip Murray promised Monday night that workers would return to the plants the government deems necessary to keep running to turn out war goods. The Steelworkers walked out June 2, minutes after the Supreme Court nullified Mr. Truman's April 8 seizure of the industry.

Portland (U.P.) — Curtis M. Everts Jr., Oregon state sanitary engineer, has been named president-elect of the western branch of the American Public Health Association.

Thunderstorms Skirt Valley Monday, Trace of Rain Falls

Thunderstorms skirted the Rogue valley yesterday, the weather bureau said today. One lightning strike near the Creeks Guard station on Elk creek set fire to a snag, which was put out by state forest patrolmen, the patrol office reported. They reported this morning that snow was falling at higher elevations in the northern part of the county.

There was little rain throughout the area yesterday, although a heavy hailstorm was reported at Redding. Medford had a trace of rain yesterday, as did Eugene and Portland. Early today, 0.4 of an inch fell at the weather bureau here.



IT WENT IN HERE — "I don't see anything," says 4-year-old Frances Langner as she looks down the throat of her cousin Beverly Langer, 3, in Minneapolis. The Fire Department rescue squad had better luck, they extracted a butterscotch ball which had lodged in Beverly's windpipe.

General MacArthur Keynote Speaker at Republican Conclave

Chicago (U.P.) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur Tuesday accepted the position of keynote speaker for the GOP National Convention opening here July 7, a spokesman for the party's Committee on Arrangements announced.

Chicago (U.P.) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur supporting Sen. Robert A. Taft for the Republican nomination, was named keynote speaker Tuesday for the GOP National Convention over the protests of supporters of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Bulling Tactics Charged
Ralph Calk, Oregon national committeeman, charged that Taft's supporters had "bulled" through a slate of convention officials "who, he said, could influence the convention machinery regardless of tradition and the wishes of other presidential candidates." MacArthur is an avowed supporter of Taft.

Calk charged that the slate of officers selected was not neutral toward the various candidates.

The 46-member committee named Walter Hallanan of West Virginia temporary chairman and Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr., Mass., was recommended for permanent chairman.

Few 'Noes' Voiced
A spokesman for the convention arrangements committee said that Hallanan was elected unanimously and that only a scattering of "noes" was voiced when MacArthur's name was submitted as the keynote speaker.

MacArthur's name was the only name submitted for the keynote. Eisenhower supporters said Monday they did not have a chance in naming a keynote.

Martin's acceptance by the convention as permanent chairman virtually is assured, since he has held the post in three previous conventions.

C. W. (Bill) Anthon was the only candidate for election to the school board post which is being vacated by Otto Bohnert. Bohnert has served two full terms on the board.

The filing period for candidates closed yesterday, and the election will be June 16.

Culinary Union Head Resigns Job June 30
Harold Teeple, business agent and secretary of AFL Local 329, Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union, said today he is resigning his position with the union effective June 30 "due to conditions beyond my control."

Teeple resigned last week from the Central Labor Council. He was in charge of negotiations with the employees at Kim's restaurant where pickets were in effect from May 2 to May 24 until called off following a union-employee conference at the restaurant.

Gen. Clark Favors Bombing of China If Talks Collapse

Tokyo (U.P.) — Gen. Mark W. Clark said Tuesday the United Nations should bomb Red China if the truce talks break down and the Communists unleash their 2,000-plane Air Force in support of a new offensive in Korea.

The supreme U. N. commander said there was "nothing new" in the message sent him Monday by the Communist high command in North Korea, and that there still was no military sign of an offensive in the "immediate future."

Expects Air Power Use
But he said he had "reason to expect" that the Communists would use all available air power if they renew all-out war.

For the time being at least the truce talks will go on. Clark and his delegates in Panmunjom rejected the Red demand that they cut short the U. N.-declared three-day recess, but the talks will resume Wednesday as originally scheduled.

Clark told the United Press in an exclusive interview that he was preparing an answer to the Communist letter "after closely studying the motives behind it."

The letter was signed by Gen. Kim Il Sung, North Korean premier and supreme commander, and Gen. Peng Tsi Hual, commander of the Chinese "volunteers."

Personal Opinion
Clark said it was his personal opinion that a Communist air offensive should be countered "with no holds barred."

"So far the Reds have used their planes almost entirely to intercept U. N. fighter-bombers deep in North Korea. They have made no major effort against Allied ground troops or rear areas."

"If the enemy, as he has in his past offensives, attacks largely with ground forces and fails to implement his full air capability," Clark said, "it is likely our air operations will be restricted to Korea for the same reasons as before."

"If on the other hand, he strikes with his full air strength, that's another story."

At Disadvantage
"Since his past offensives have failed, partly due to lack of air support, we have reason to expect he would throw his full air strength into any future full-scale offensive. If the restrictions were not lifted, we would be at a serious disadvantage."

Clark, who visited the front last week, said the Reds have used the 11-month lull of the truce negotiations to double their air and ground strength. They now have an estimated 1,000,000 men in the field, outnumbering the Allies two and one half to one.

He said they have "sufficient supplies and ammunition stockpiled in forward areas to mount a powerful offensive."

Circus Opens Here For One-Day Stand At Fairgrounds

Clyde Beatty's wild animal circus opened its two-show, one-day stand here today. Its evening performance is set for 8 o'clock this evening.

The railroad show played in Ashland Monday, and is due in Grants Pass tomorrow. The acres of canvas and the hundreds of animals were moved to the Jackson county fairgrounds from Ashland during the night, and the chore of setting up the circus all over again began early this morning.

It was done by the highly mobile and efficient army of men, machines and elephants which the circus has developed over the years. Some of the methods have changed (a mobile piledriver has the job of pounding the stakes for the big top), but many of the traditional ways are the same (four-man sledhammer crews drive stakes for the smaller tents).

Still Use Elephants
Tractors now are used to pull some of the wagons, but the elephants still are kept busy, spotting the wagons, pushing up the big tent center poles, and hoisting the tons of canvas.

The show itself, it is claimed by advance publicity agents, is better this year than ever before, with Beatty himself and his famous wild animal training act as the main attraction. In addition clowns, horses, aerial acts, acrobats, spectacle shows and all the other glitter and glamor of the sawdust circle are on hand.

The Medford Lions club is a sponsor of the circus this year, and will receive a percentage of the ticket sales.

Fanatic Prisoners Forced To Give Up In Savage Battle

American Killed By Enemy Spear

Koje Island, Korea (U.P.) — Tough American paratroopers whipped 6,400 fanatic Communist war prisoners into submission Tuesday in a savage battle of tanks, bayonets, flamethrowers and bare fists against primitive spears and arrows.

It was announced officially that one American soldier was killed when a spear severed a vein. Thirty-one prisoners were killed. Fourteen Americans and 139 prisoners were wounded.

Reds Kill Own Men
Twelve prisoners died of spear wounds inflicted by their own fanatical Red commissars because they refused to fight or tried to obey the Allied order to move out of Compound 78 into smaller 500-man enclosures.

The battle raged for two and one-half hours in Compound 76, center of resistance for the island's 80,000 prisoners.

Tanks and flame-throwers led the way as the paratroopers surged through holes cut in the barbed wire around the compound. Communist were dug into trenches or barricaded in compound buildings.

Stones Bounce Off Tanks
A shower of stones, spears and arrows from home-made bows bounced harmlessly off three tanks which spearheaded the attack.

Twelve other tanks with flame throwers and 90-millimeter guns stood outside, their crews ready.

Confederate Rebel yells and the paratroopers rallying cry "airborne!" mingled with the screams and chants of defiant Communists as troops of the 187th Regimental Combat Team hit the Red lines.

The victory in Compound 76, the Red "Headquarters," convinced nearly 12,000 prisoners in two adjoining compounds — 77 and 78 — that resistance was futile.

The troops moved 12,759 prisoners into the smaller compounds. They shifted 6,410 from Compound 76 and 6,349 from Compound 78. The 6,288 inmates of Compound 77, whose spokesman already has said they will obey, will be moved Wednesday.

It was announced only nine anti-Communist were found alive in compounds 76 and 78. **Secret Tunnel Found**

The paratroopers seized 15 Red commissars, found a secret tunnel linking Compound 76 and 77 and captured "battle plans" the Communists had prepared for breaking out and escaping into the hills.

Many of the Communists apparently attempting to surrender, were killed by their own leaders.

"The Communist leaders have done their best to goad us into using force," Brig. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner, camp commander who directed the operation of splitting up the compounds, said.

"If there must be bloodshed, let there be bloodshed. After all, this is war," he said.

Blood Donors Sought For Visit Next Week

Appointments are being accepted now for blood donations during the bloodmobile visit scheduled June 18 from 1 to 6 p.m., at the Medford Elks temple, according to blood program officials of the Jackson County Red Cross. Appointments may be made by telephoning 3-3813.

Since there was no visit during May in the Medford area, blood officials urge all citizens in the area who can donate a pint of their blood. "Collections for the nation as a whole have dropped off," an official observed, "so an extra effort on each person's part is needed to keep the local program up to its past high turnout."

Funeral Arrangements Pending for Child

Funeral arrangements for Robert Studebaker, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Studebaker, 717 South Peach street, are being delayed pending word from his parents, relatives said today.

The child died of injuries received June 5 in an automobile accident at Rock Springs, Wyo. His parents, a brother, Douglas, and a sister, Barbara, were hospitalized at Rock Springs following the accident.

In addition to his parents and brother, Douglas, and a sister, Barbara, were hospitalized at Rock Springs following the accident.

In addition to his parents and brother and sister, the child is survived by an aunt, Mrs. Gertrude Bishop, Medford.

Per funeral home is in charge of arrangements.



THAT OL' HOT POTATO—Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall, speaking at Atlanta, Ga., was handed this potato. Mr. Arnall's office figuratively dropped the "hot potato" recently by lifting the price ceiling after widespread black marketing of the hard-to-get staple.

Second Largest Wheat Crop on Record Seen In Estimate for 1952

Washington (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department predicted Tuesday that American farmers will raise 1,326,157,000 bushels of wheat in 1952, the second largest crop on record.

First 1952 Estimate
The estimate was the department's first of total wheat production for 1952. The total was made up of an estimated winter wheat output of 1,060,298,000 bushels and expected production

of 265,859,000 bushels of spring-planted wheat.

Only the crops of 1947 beat the all-wheat crop forecast. The department said its spring wheat estimate was based largely on farmers' planting intentions reported last March. The crop reporters' June prediction for fall-planted winter wheat was up from the 986,468,000 bushels indicated last month.

Fall Crop Damaged
Last year's fall-planted winter wheat crop, damaged by rain and floods, was a small 645,469,000 bushels compared to 10-year average output of 799,977,000 bushels. The estimated spring wheat crop compares with output last year of 342,005,000 bushels and 10-year average of 284,887,000 bushels.

School Board Here Has One Candidate To Fill Vacancy

Only one candidate formally entered the race for a position on the Medford city school board by the 5 p.m. deadline yesterday, city schools officials reported today. He is Otto A. Ewaldsen, 20 Ross court.

Ewaldsen will win the June 16 election by default unless sufficient support develops for a write-in candidate. Persons casting a write-in ballot must write in the name and place an X before it to have the vote counted.

The election, to be held in the girls' gymnasium at the senior high school from 2 to 8 p.m. next Monday, will name the successor to E. Ronald Rice, 302 Vancouver avenue, whose term expires July 1 and who is not a candidate for reelection. The person elected will serve for a five-year term.

One member of the five-man board is elected each year. Present members of the board, who will serve during the coming year, are Mrs. Stephen Nye, chairman, Mrs. Moore Hamilton, Frank Bash and Edward Branchfield. Board members will meet on or about July 1 to elect chairman and vice-chairman for the coming year.

BULLETINS

Berlin (U.P.) — A Russian soldier and a Communist policeman kidnaped two West German press association correspondents from the British sector of Berlin Tuesday night.

Washington (U.P.) — Attorney General James P. McGranery Tuesday ordered a five-year review of Justice Department affairs from coast to coast.

Wall Street Leans Toward Eisenhower, Figures Given by Taft Men Disclose

Washington (U.P.) — Sen. Robert A. Taft's campaign headquarters said Tuesday a poll of leading bankers and brokers showed that "Wall Street is for Eisenhower."

It said that Rogers C. Dunn survey polled 1,800 Wall Street financial leaders on their preference for the Republican nomination. Of 1,008 replying, 557 preferred Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and 421 favored Taft.

The statement was the first direct attempt by the Taft headquarters to pin the "Wall Street" label to the Eisenhower presidential campaign. Some of Taft's supporters have been following that line for some time.

Of the Dunn poll, Rep. Howard H. Buffett, R-Ne. director of the Taft campaign Speakers' Bureau, said:

"Generally speaking, we do not put much credence in polls but this particular poll cannot be ignored. It shows clearly the truth of what we have been contending, that Wall Street is for Eisenhower and Main Street is for Taft."

He expects to meet with Pennsylvania delegates at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh on still undetermined dates. Both the Eisenhower and Taft camps have strength in Pennsylvania's 70-member delegation, but a bloc of 25 or more looks to the still uncommitted Gov. John S. Fine for leadership.

Fine had a three-hour talk with Eisenhower in New York Sunday. He emphasized that he had made no commitments to support the general.