

U. S. WINS VICTORY ON KOREA CONFERENCE POINTS

West Berlin Riot Police Battle Reds

Demonstration Against American Food Packages

Second Phase of Distribution Starts

Berlin — (U.P.) — Riot police were called out in West Berlin today to break up a demonstration by 300 invading Communists against the distribution of American "Eisenhower" food packages.

Picked Communist agitators led a mob from East Berlin into the West Berlin sector.

Three strong riot squads of West Berlin police were rushed to the spot. With them went one of the new police water cannon used to break up riots.

Second Phase Opens

Today was the opening day of the second phase of the distribution of the "Eisenhower" food packages.

The Communists in their first move against the highly embarrassing distribution put Berlin "off limits" to all East Germans seeking to reach the city.

Sale of railway tickets to points within 50 miles of the city was banned.

Soviet troops were posted on roads leading to the city, and to the United States and these strict measures were West German governments opened the second phase of a free food distribution program in the American, British and French sectors of Berlin, 110 miles behind the Iron Curtain.

Strong Arm Squads

The ban on railway travel to Berlin was reported by the West Berlin Railway administration.

East Germans who ran the blockade reported that Communist strong arm squads were beating up East Germans who attempted to collect the prized food packages.

In spite of the strict Soviet controls, Western authorities estimated 100,000 East Germans managed to reach West Berlin today.

This brought to nearly three million the number of free food parcels distributed since the program began.

Electric Shock Fatal To Woman

Mrs. Bessie Hodge, 68, of 629 Lozier lane, died at about 6 p.m. yesterday, apparently as the result of an electric shock received from an open light socket, according to Sheriff Howard Gault.

The accident occurred in the bathroom of Mrs. Hodge's home. County officials said Mrs. Hodge had been in the habit of putting her finger in light sockets to determine whether a light bulb had burned out or if the power was off.

They indicated that was apparently what happened last night. Mrs. Hodge was able to walk from the bathroom to a bedroom, where she collapsed and died. Her husband was sitting in an adjoining room, listening to the radio, when the accident occurred. Acting County Coroner Dr. Merle Foland pronounced her dead.

She is survived by her husband, George Wesley Hodge; three daughters, Millie Hodge, Eagle Creek, Ore.; Anna Dale, Medford, and May Tye, Medford; and a son, Willis Hodge, Medford.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL

Chicago 5 12 0
Brooklyn 7 9 1
Klippstein, Hacker and Garagiola; Meyer, Labine and Campanella.

St. Louis 6 11 0
New York 3 6 2
Chambers, Erault, White and Rice; Koso, Corwin, Kennedy and Westrum. Calderona.

Bloodmobile Collection Supplies Local Hospitals With Needed Blood Yesterday

The Red Cross Bloodmobile, here yesterday for Jackson County's regular blood collection program, was "Johnny on the spot" as far as Sacred Heart and Community hospitals were concerned.

Both hospitals were out of blood yesterday, and could get none from the Portland regional blood center, where the supply was so low that it could be used only for extreme emergencies.

Laboratory technicians from both hospitals were on the scene during the collection to pick up blood for use this week in Med-

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Hope Dimmed That Sentenced POWs To Be Released

Reports Contradict Earlier Statements

Panmunjom, Korea — (U.P.) — Newly freed war prisoners dimmed hopes today that the Communists plan to return captives sentenced to long terms in jail for committing "crimes."

They contradicted reports of other men who said the Reds were releasing the prisoners and sending them to nearby Kaesong for repatriation.

Cpl. James R. Westerson, 22, Miami, said the Reds removed about 60 or 70 prisoners from camp No. 3 on Armistice day.

"They took out three truckloads of men," Westerson said. "It must have been about 60 or 70 men there. They didn't announce sentences or anything."

Sent to Jail

Pfc. Nicholas Aramino of Le Roy, N.Y., first American released today, said that he, too, had seen several men taken from camp No. 3 on Armistice day.

Aramino said they had been jailed on false charges and apparently would not be released.

But some of the Americans returning today told conflicting stories on the fate of prisoners jailed for committing "crimes."

Cpl. Charles G. Guidetti, 32, Philadelphia, said Americans sentenced to long prison terms have been processed and now are in nearby Kaesong awaiting repatriation.

400 Are Returned

Cpl. Eugene R. Reilly, 21, New York, said "there are about 45 or 50 of them," in Kaesong.

The Communists returned 400 more prisoners, including 150 Americans, today and received their 50,000th returnee from the United Nations. Thus far, the Reds have liberated 9,419 captives, including 2,276 of the 3,313 Americans listed for release.

Coroner Post Asked For Dr. Merkel

Petitions advocating the appointment of Dr. A. Erin Merkel as coroner were being circulated in Jackson County today.

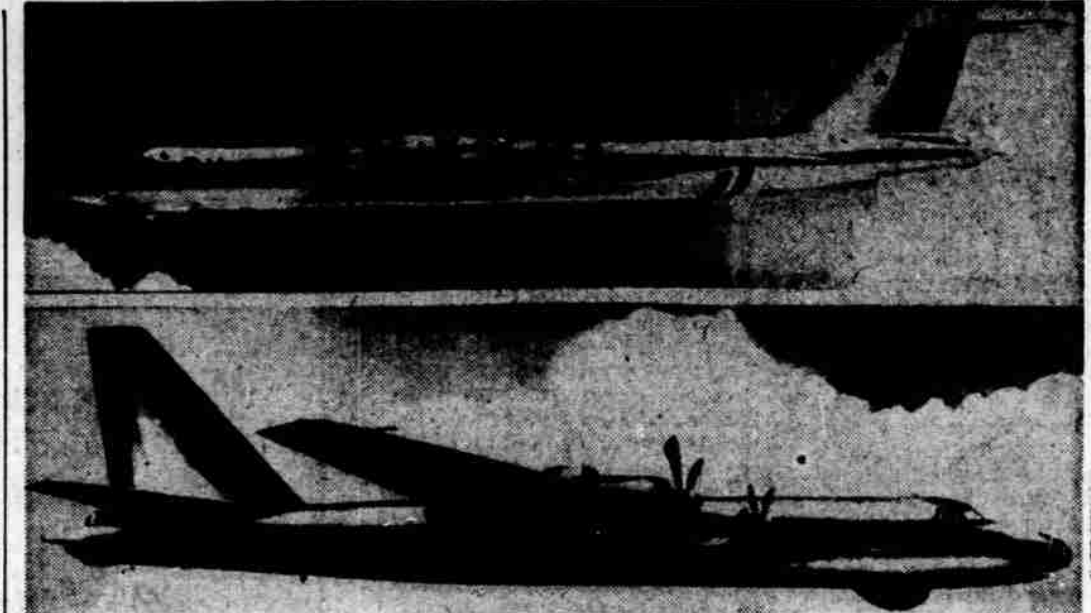
The post is now vacant, following the resignation earlier this week of Dr. M. P. Vogel. The vacancy will be filled by the county court, which will follow the recommendation of the Jackson County Republican Central committee.

The petitions cite the fact that the county's voters last fall elected a physician to the post, and that Dr. Merkel, as county and city health officer, is familiar with the problems of the coroner's job. Since he would draw no additional pay or fees, the county could save money by his appointment, the petitions state.

Dr. Merkel is not seeking the appointment, he said, but has indicated that he will be willing to serve, if asked to do so by the court, until the next election.

Others mentioned for the post include Dr. Merle Foland, who has been a deputy coroner under Dr. Vogel.

Salem — (U.P.) — Gov. Paul Peterson has appointed George W. Harkenrider of Hermiston as a member of the Umatilla county Public Welfare Commission to succeed Mrs. Homer I. Watts of Athena.



AIMED AT MATCHING U. S. Air Force's B-36 intercontinental bomber, Soviet Russia's TUG-75 (top) is designed to carry atom and hydrogen bombs to American cities and return. It is powered by piston engines. Type 31 (bottom), enlarged version of U. S. B-29's is another Soviet long-range bomber supposedly based in Arctic near Alaska. (International Soundphoto)

Ex-Convict Held For Investigation Of 'Abduction'

William Frank Cory, 34, of 735 1/2 B ave., Roseburg, was held in the Medford city jail today for investigation after being arrested at about 7:20 p.m. yesterday by state and city police.

Cory, an ex-convict, was arrested at a police roadblock at the intersection of Clark st. and Central ave. last night after a Shady Cove waitress called state police and told officers a woman at a cafe there stated she was being kidnapped.

The woman, Mrs. Andia Jones, 34, wife of a Roseburg attorney, was with Cory in his car at the time of his arrest.

Didn't Sign Statement

Mrs. Jones returned to Roseburg last night. She left without signing a statement prepared for her by state and city officers.

The statement, composed of information given investigating officers by Mrs. Jones, alleged that Cory found Mrs. Jones alone in her husband's office in Roseburg and forced her to leave with him by threatening her with a pistol.

The statement contains further details of what Mrs. Jones claimed was an abduction, and indicated that Cory drove south on Highway 99 to Canyonville, and across the Canyonville-Tiller road to Shady Cove, where they stopped to eat at the Shack cafe. When Cory went to the washroom, Mrs. Jones told the waitress to call state police, who in turn notified Medford city police.

Said Shot Fired

The statement asserts that Cory fired a shot in the car while threatening Mrs. Cory. A nine-shot .22 caliber pistol was found in the car, police said, and a bullet hole was noted in the upholstery.

Roseburg sources said that no charge had been filed against Cory there at about 9:30 a.m. today. If none is filed, Medford police are considering charging him with illegal possession of a firearm.

France Relaxes Soviet Restrictions

Paris — (U.P.) — France has relaxed restrictions on the movement of Soviet Russian diplomats and journalists in this country, it was announced today, and well informed sources said the United States and Great Britain are expected to take similar action.

Ex-FBI Agent Here For Investigation Of Medford Police

Former FBI Agent Howard I. Bobbitt, Portland, started his investigation of the Medford police department this morning.

The city council yesterday voted unanimously to retain Bobbitt for this job, and approved an emergency expenditure of not more than \$1,000 for the purpose. Bobbitt estimated that the job might take a week, and his fee is \$100 per day plus expenses.

Mayor Diamond Flynn told the investigator the council wants a report on allegations of improper handling of bail money, brutality on the part of police officers, and friction within the department.

The mayor said he feels the investigator's findings should be treated confidentially for the time being, and the council agreed, although Councilman Stanley Jones Jr. stated that any department member accused of specific wrongdoing should be given an opportunity to "face his accuser."

Bobbitt, in describing to the council what he believes will be his approach to the problem, said he will collect whatever information is readily available regarding the present department situation; will study the survey of the department prepared by Sgt. William P. Beall in 1951, and compare its recommendations to present operations to see if they have been followed; will study the department and its operation and question individual members, and then follow up whatever leads develop.

He plans to make a preliminary report to the council at a special meeting probably next Monday noon.

'Wheat from Chaff'

Mayor Flynn, who characterized Bobbitt's job as "separating the wheat from the chaff" in the dispute regarding the department, appealed for the cooperation of the city's residents, the press and the councilmen to aid Bobbitt in bringing in a complete, fair and unbiased report to be presented to the council.

Bobbitt will work closely with City Superintendent Robert A. Duff and City Attorney Frank Farrell, the mayor said, and will be provided with private office space and the assistance of Mrs. Dorothy Snedden, the mayor's secretary.

Bobbitt, who drove to Medford, was delayed en route and the council meeting was delayed until his arrival at about 1:15 p.m. yesterday. He will return to Portland over the week end, and will resume his work Monday morning.

Demand for the investigation arose in July, following the death of a Camp White member after he spent the week end in jail without medical attention, though suffering from a fractured skull.

Grand Jury Investigation

A subsequent investigation by the county grand jury disclosed other questions regarding the department, including the charge that the department was "grossly negligent" in the manner in which they handled the Camp White member, Lester Hurley; that the negligence "is the inevitable result of poor organization, complete absence of routine police procedures, and lack of officers training."

Most of the defects in the department pointed out in the 1951 report still exist, the grand jury stated, and "existing city and police administrative personnel cannot or will not take the steps necessary to the adoption of the Beall recommendations."

The jury recommended the replacement of the present police chief, placing the department under a civil service merit system, the hiring of a trained officer from outside the city for chief, and the reorganization and modernization of the department.

Authorization for the investigation was voted by the council last week.

Weather

FORECAST: Considerable cloudiness through Friday with widely scattered showers in mountain areas. Showers Saturday. Low tonight 52. High Friday 75.

Highest Yesterday 66
Lowest this Morning 44
Prec. to 4:30 a.m. Today 10

Rubber Workers Strike at Eight Firestone Plants

Renewed Violence In Telephone Strike

By UNITED PRESS

CIO rubber workers walked out at Firestone plants in eight cities today as new violence, and threats of violence, broke out in strikes against the Bell Telephone System.

Meanwhile, negotiators worked to settle a dispute between communications workers and the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., with union assurance there will be no unauthorized strike by the nation's long distance telephone operators.

Some 25,000 rubber workers threw up picket lines at midnight at Firestone plants in an attempt to force acceptance of their undisclosed wage and benefit demands.

Violence in Midwest

The walkout hit the big Akron, O., Firestone plant and factories at Fall River, Mass., Pottstown, Pa., Des Moines, Ia., Los Angeles, Noblesville and Newcastles, Ind., and Memphis.

Hijinks as well as violence cropped up in the CIO Communications Workers of America strike against Indiana Bell Telephone Co.

Three Men Arrested

Three men were arrested at Michigan City, Ind., after about 200 angry demonstrators, some of them believed to be CIO Auto Workers, swarmed around the exchange there, breaking windows and throwing firecrackers. At least 50 local and state police restored order.

Moisture League Studies Rainmaking

Officials of the Moisture Conservation League, Inc., reported today that they are contacting weather control companies with a view toward inauguration of a "rain-making" program in the Rogue valley.

Attorneys for the league are contacting North American Weather Consultants, Denver, who have handled cloud seeding experiments for California Oregon Power company; Water Resources Development Corp., Alameda, Calif., and Weather Control Inc., Medford.

They are asking the firms to have representatives speak to league members, telling them what can be done to produce rain for the valley during certain times of the year. The league emphasizes that any rain-making program would take into consideration the fact that some crops could be damaged by rain at certain times of the year.

The league, largely composed of "dry-land" farmers, decided at a meeting last night to seek the information.

Sanity Test Planned For Killer of Girl

Somerville, Mass. — (U.P.) — An attorney said today he would seek a sanity test for Mildred McDonald, 25-year-old stenographer who said she went "plain crazy" and killed her former boy friend's younger sister.

The attorney, Dwight L. Allison, of Belmont, Mass., who was retained by Miss McDonald's family to defend her against a murder charge, indicated he was considering the possibility of an insanity plea.

Miss McDonald confessed in New York yesterday that she fatally shot 14-year-old Mary Di Rocco to death in the di Rocco home here Monday and tried to burn the body.

Airport Hangar, Old Control Tower, Down

The old control tower and hangar building at the Medford municipal airport have been demolished, City Superintendent Robert Duff reported today.

The work is being done by David Chase, Phoenix. His contract with the city calls for demolition to be completed by Sept. 1, and removal of all lumber and other material by Oct. 1.

When the work is completed, the area formerly occupied by the hangar and control tower will be paved by the city and used as a part of the airport taxiway.

Passenger Planes Collide in Air; Tragedy Averted

Safe Landings Made Despite Gaping Holes

Chicago — (U.P.) — A major disaster was narrowly averted when two loaded Convair airliners collided in flight near here and then limped to safe landings with ragged holes torn in their light metal bodies.

A difference of only two or three feet in the location of the holes would have spelled death for some, or all of the 57 passengers and crew aboard the two planes, experts said.

The accident occurred last night at a height of about 11,000 feet when a United Air Lines plane and an American Airlines ship clipped into each other over Michigan City, Ind., about 60 miles of here.

Passengers Pray

Some of the passengers prayed as the wind whistled into the depressurized cabins and one young wife fingered a rosary, but witnesses said most of the passengers were "pretty calm."

The United Air Lines plane, with 27 passengers aboard, made a forced landing at South Bend, Ind.

A six-by-four foot hole was ripped in the top of the plane, its co-pilot's window was shattered and the radio was out of commission.

The American Airlines plane turned back to Chicago and landed safely with its 24 passengers despite a three-foot hole in the understructure of the fuselage, 15 feet from the tail section.

The plane's control cables were missed by only a small margin.

Officials of both airlines said that had there been a difference of about two feet the propellers of one plane probably would have chewed off the tail of the other.

The two-engine planes were both flying east, roughly parallel but the exact circumstances of the collision had not been determined.

The United plane's radio was knocked out and no one at South Bend knew the pilot, Capt. Lewis Brubaker, was landing. His plane had been bound non-stop from Chicago to Cleveland. The American Airlines craft was headed for Detroit.

Southern Oregon Milk Zone Ordered

The Oregon Milk Marketing Administration has ordered Jackson and Josephine counties, and Douglas county east of the coast range, included in a new milk production and marketing zone, it was announced today.

The order, which creates Zone 4, becomes effective Sept. 1.

"... In the judgment of the board the establishment of ... production area is necessary for the stabilization of production of fluid milk in said area and is in the public interest," the board's order said.

Conditions regarding production conditions, costs and problems are similar throughout the area, the board said. It also stated that one zone would "facilitate administration of the milk marketing act in the holding of fewer hearings to determine costs of production and distribution of fluid milk."

The order has no present effect upon milk prices.

The order followed a public hearing on the proposal conducted in Grants Pass last July 14.

Eisenhower Sends Message Of Encouragement To Shah

Denver — (U.P.) — The White House today announced President Eisenhower has sent a message of encouragement to the Shah of Iran in a cable certain to be interpreted as holding promise of American assistance.

"In the spirit of the friendship which has always been the basis for the relations of our two countries," the President cabled the Shah, "I offer you my sincere felicitations on the occasion of your happy return to your country."

The President also extended his "continuing good wishes for every success in your effort to promote the prosperity of your people and to preserve the independence of Iran."

The message was dispatched to U.S. Ambassador Roy Henderson in Iran several days ago for relay to the Shah. The White House last night received word from Henderson that the message had been delivered.

All Major Points Receive Approval From Committee

India Invitation Vote Falls Short

United Nations, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The United Nations today won a down the line victory in the United Nations as the General Assembly's Political Committee approved all major points of its plan for the Korean Political Conference.

Although the committee returned a 27 to 21 vote in favor of inviting India to the conference — an invitation adamantly opposed by the United States — the vote was far short of the two-thirds majority necessary for approval in the General Assembly.

The two-thirds margin in the Assembly will be calculated on the basis of total "yes" and "no" votes. Abstentions will not count.

The Assembly will meet tomorrow to ratify the decision of the 60-nation committee.

Dramatic Votes Taken

In a series of dramatic votes, the U.S. victory developed this way in the committee.

A resolution providing that any country which fought for the U. N. in Korea could be invited to the conference if it desires was approved 41 to 7 with 10 abstentions. The Soviet bloc, joined by Guatemala and Yugoslavia, voted against the measure, which 15 Western nations sponsored, and Argentina and Mexico joined most of the Asian-African bloc in abstaining.

A Soviet attempt to substitute its own conference membership slate for that proposed by the 15 powers was defeated, 41 to 5 with 13 abstentions. The Soviet bloc gave the only support, and Argentina and Mexico again joined most of the Asian-African bloc in abstaining.

A Soviet move to delete from an invitation to the Kremlin a condition, "provided the other side desires it," was defeated 36 to 15 with 8 abstentions. Support for the Soviet effort to remove the condition, which has the effect of labeling the Russians aggressors with the Communist Chinese and North Koreans, came from the Asian-African bloc and Yugoslavia.

The invitation, with the proviso intact, subsequently was approved, 55 to 2 with 2 abstentions.

Invitation to India

The committee split sharply on the invitation to India, but foredoomed its approval in the Assembly.

The vote was a victory for the United States, which had split with Britain and the Commonwealth countries on an invitation to India. U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. contended that the Korean conference should be confined to active belligerents in the war and opposed India on grounds that it had not sent troops.

Culinary Workers Picketing Hotel

Pickets were placed around the Medford hotel today by the Culinary Alliance and Bartenders union, Local 329.

Union officials said the pickets were placed at the hotel "because they have refused to sign a contract, and have refused to pay an increase in wages from 75 cents to 84 cents an hour."

They added that the Medford hotel is the only such establishment in Medford which is not paying union scale.

Medford hotel officials declined to comment on the strike today.

Santa Monica, Calif. — (U.P.) — Singer Helen Forrest, former vocal partner of Dick Haymes, has received an interlocutory divorce decree from actor Paul E. Holahan.