

Syngman Rhee Apparently Will Win Fight To Get Truce Team Out of Korea

Dulles' Statement Shows Armistice May Be Defied

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Syngman Rhee apparently is going to win his fight to get the United Nations truce teams out of South Korea.

But it will take a little time, and it may be Rhee's last political victory.

Secretary of State Dulles hinted that the United States will defy the Communists and the terms of the Geneva Armistice and side with Rhee when he said the truce teams may be serving an evil purpose in South Korea.

Dulles hinted that the United States would agree to moves to curb the teams' activities at once. That would bottle up the Polish and Czechoslovak members of the teams, whom the South Koreans call Red spies.

Rhee has been so insistent on getting the truce teams out of South Korea that he has stirred up a hornet's nest with the demonstrations against American military bases where the teams are quartered.

Rhee has used the truce team issue to dramatize his demand that the United States back him in renewing the war in an attempt to unify Korea by force. Perhaps, the elderly president really believes in the possibility of such a war—that once in it, the United States would have to go all the way to the Yalu river this time, even if it meant a big air-sea war with Red China.

May Reflect Frustration

But soberer heads say Rhee's fiery attitude may reflect only his frustration—both over his inability to unite Korea by force and over the economic difficulties which beset his government at home.

For in spite of \$1,000,000,000 worth of American help since the Korean war, South Korea still is in serious economic troubles. The inflation is getting worse. A new official rate for the Korean currency has just been set at 500 won to the dollar against the old rate of 180.

The causes of South Korea's economic troubles are varied and are the subject of bitter disputes between Rhee and the United States.

For one thing, there is a controversy over foreign trade and industrialization. Korea's economy used to depend largely on exporting rice and Japan was the best customer for the rice.

U. S. Doesn't Need Rice

But Rhee's government hates to do business with the Japanese. Instead it wants to buy heavy machinery from the United States and industrialize rapidly.

But the United States has no need for Korean rice. So South Korea is said to have on hand a three-year surplus of rice which she refuses to sell to Japan for consumer goods.

The Reds are using the truce team row as an excuse to needle Rhee and Washington with renewed proposals for an international conference to United Korea. In fact, President Kim Il-Sung of North Korea proposed direct talks with Rhee.

These Red proposals look like window-dressing to most of the world. They haven't a chance of being accepted.

But they are daggers thrust at Rhee. They remind him sharply that one result of the recent summit conference at Geneva is that all plans for settling Asiatic problems by force are out.

Witness To Scan Lineup In Slaying of Boy Scout

Muskegon, Mich. — (U.P.) — A "positive witness" was scheduled to view a lineup of officials of Boy Scout Camp Wabanago today. Police said the report they received from Mrs. Elsie Farrell, who lives near the camp, is the best lead they have in the slaying of little Peter Gorham of Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Farrell has told police she saw a man in a car talking to a boy of Peter's description the day the boy disappeared. They said Mrs. Farrell is "a dependable, positive witness."

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GO HOME, RED—South Korean crowds mass at entrance to causeway leading to Wolmi-do, near Seoul, where Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission teams is housed. The South Koreans are demanding that Communist members leave South Korea. Both South Koreans and U. S. soldiers guarding the team have been injured in the demonstrations.

Chick Hatchings Behind '54 Level

Washington — (U.P.) — In January, chick hatchings were 21 per cent behind the 1954 level. But for the January through July period, the gap is only nine per cent, according to the Department of Agriculture.

Production of turkey poult is running behind the 1954 level for the first seven months of the year, down about two per cent for heavy breeds.

It would have been down more except for extremely large July production. The number of heavy breed turkey poult hatched last month jumped to more than 1,900,000 . . . up more than one-third from the same month a year ago.

Production of light breed poult fell to a total of 2,200,000 . . . down 10 per cent from July, 1954. And for the first seven months of the year, 1955 output of light breed poult is down 25 per cent.

With supplies down, turkey growers can expect better prices this year. But chicken producers have been warned often during the last few months that heavy stocks may push their prices down.

The agriculture department's report on cold storage stocks indicates supplies are backing up in warehouses.

Gallagher Case May Be Ready for Court Verdict

New York — (U.P.) — The case of Sgt. James Gallagher, Brooklyn, New York, may go to an eight-man court late today for a verdict.

Gallagher is charged with the murder of three fellow prisoners and aiding the enemy while a prisoner of war in Korea.

So far, the 23-year-old soldier has denied all accusations. He has only admitted that he was considered, as he put it, the "worst guy" in the prison camp.

Competition Stiff For Cotton Growers

Washington — (U.P.) — American cotton pickers face stiffer competition on the world market during the coming year.

That forecast came from the international cotton advisory committee, reporting that production in other cotton exporting countries is up again this year.

The committee said export prospects should be good with mill demand in most countries expected to remain at a high level. Stocks in the importing countries are at the lowest levels since the effects of World War II.

American production will be down from last year's level, although total cotton stocks in this country are high. And the international cotton committee believes there'll be another new record set in other cotton growing countries.

The new Mexican crop is estimated at 2,200,000 bales . . . up 400,000 bales. While American growers have been cutting their cotton acreage back, plantings are up this season in Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Pakistan and Greece.

The cotton committee said the outlook for cotton consumption around the free world is good. And the group believes production will be closer to consumption than it's been in the last few years.

Fiber Board May Be Atomic Defense

Madison, Wis. — (U.P.) — USDA's Forest Products Laboratory has developed a new board product for atomic defense.

It's a cheap wood fiber building board which looks just like ordinary fiber board. But chemicals added to the fiber will filter out poisonous gas and the radioactive fall-out from an atomic or hydrogen blast.

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