

Las Vegas Shaken by Atomic Blast; Troops Escape Injury

Reds, U.N. Closer To Buffer OK

MUNSAN, Korea, (U)—A United Nations briefing officer said tonight the Allies and Reds are in "general agreement" on the Eastern half of a neutral zone for a Korean armistice.

Negotiators are "nearer to agreement on a buffer zone than ever before," said Lt. Col. L. G. Hill, the briefing officer.

But he emphasized agreement on the zone would not end the shooting. Hill said:

"There is a possibility the war will go on for a long time afterward."

The buffer zone is only the first point of a proposed armistice. If the battle line changes substantially after an agreement is reached on a buffer zone, Hill said, it probably would have to be negotiated all over again.

Red China's Peiping radio said the Reds' new proposal contains "the greatest possible concession" the Communists can make on a buffer zone.

Oregon Prison Break Foiled

SALEM, (U)—A score of convicts failed in a prison break last night after locking up seven unarmored guards and an engineer.

Nine were in solitary today awaiting Warden Virgil O'Malley's announcement of punishment which the prison discipline committee will recommend late today. Deputy Warden Gene Halley heads that committee.

Alert Guard Nips Armed Cons' Plan

The break attempt, coming as the men filed out of the dining room at 6:20 p.m., failed because an unsuspecting guard saw them huddled behind the control room and the turnkey, in an area where construction is under way.

The guard, Maurice Folquet, shouted at the men to get back inside. The men—armed with knives, ice picks and carved wooden pistols—went back quietly and the escape try was ended.

O'Malley said the ringleaders were John Omar Pinson, who murdered a state patrolman and made one over-the-wall escape; Wayne Lee, convicted of murder in connection with a Portland bank robbery; and Dupree Poe, who murdered a Silverton police chief 20 years ago.

Six others were active in attempting the break and presumably others joined.

However, 400 others loomed about unguarded, sitting in their unlocked cells or in the corridors. They made no attempt to join in the break.

O'Malley, who became warden only six weeks ago, said this was the way things happened:

"As the men filed out of the dining room after the evening meal, those planning the escape picked off the guards one by one. They also hustled chief engineer Wendell Rambo into a cell. Then with the guards' keys they locked them in and headed through the new construction area toward the turnkey."

It was there that Folquet saw them and ordered them back.

Animal Antics Win Headlines

Just like people, animals sometimes do the strangest things. And yesterday they outdid themselves in a burst of headline happenings.

Almost everywhere you looked, animals were in the news.

An Arkansas posse tramped through the rugged Ouachita National forest after a leopard, two black bears, a polar bear and six rhesus monkeys—escapes from a circus.

Two bull moose, locked in horn-to-horn combat, started a big air-rescue operation with elements of drama up in Alaska. The audience included a batch of wolves and ravens, with food in mind.

TRAIN BLOCK

Ten elevated-subway trains in Philadelphia ran behind schedule because a cocker spaniel took a walk for 20 blocks on the train tracks.

A little ole fox turned up the other day in the Massachusetts state house, of all places. Yesterday they caught him after he was weakened by ammonia fumes.

Near Dedham, Me., a 300-pound bear and a truck collided. One of the vehicle's passengers, Amos Wilson, grabbed an ax, chased the bear 500 feet and killed it.

A dog named Skippy surprised the Roger Fossum household in Morris, Minn.

Eight months ago the Fossums moved to Morris from Seattle and gave Skippy to a neighbor boy. Sunday there was a scratching at the front door of the Fossum home. It was Skippy—1800 miles from Seattle.

SEIZED

Twelve more dogs made the news in Louisville. A grocer had the prized bulldogs seized to cover Mrs. Margaret Hoagland's \$239 grocery bill. But Mrs. Hoagland will keep the dogs for a while, anyway. The sheriff appointed her as a special bailiff to care for them at her home.

So much for the small fry. Let's return to the kingdom of the wild beasts.

The Arkansas safari continued last night long after it became dark and cold. But the hunters stayed pretty close to the highway. They shot and killed one leopard yesterday.

The beasts escaped from the Camp Bros. circus when a truck overturned about 15 miles northwest of Mt. Ida. On Tuesday one of the circus lions killed a nine-year-old girl, Maria de la Luez, a member of the troupe.

As widespread as was this mountain search, it didn't compare in scope with the one conducted by agents of the U.S. fish and wildlife service in Alaska.

An agent saw two moose locked in battle in a remote area 20 miles south of Fairbanks Monday. They still were there Tuesday.

RESCUE

So yesterday fish and wildlife agents landed their plane near the scene and separated the animals.

One stomped away into the woods. The other had died of a broken neck.

As the fight raged, the wolves and ravens waited patiently.

But not the herd of female moose, over which the combat apparently began.

They left.

Byrd Blasts Truman Acts

SELMA, Ala., (U)—Sen. Byrd (D-Va.) in a bitter attack on the Truman administration, said today only "an immediate uprising of political virility in the South" will save the Democratic party.

"I am calling on you to save the Democratic party from elements now in control who have debauched its principles and made it a party of political expediency, one of its chief articles of trade being the peddling of political influence," Byrd said.

ACTION

Urging that the anti-Truman forces in the Southern states "keep themselves free to take whatever effective action may be necessary" to assure Pres. Truman's defeat if he seeks reelection, the Virginia senator added:

"It is my firm belief that the Democrats of the South will not permit the Trumanites to press down upon the brow of America the un-Democratic crown of waste, of socialism, and of dictation from Washington."

Byrd spoke out in a speech prepared for the annual meeting of the Dallas county farm bureau. The barbecue gathering had been billed as in part a caucus of anti-Truman Southern Democrats, but Byrd was the only nationally prominent figure on hand.

CHANGES

Asserting that only the Southern wing of the party can prevent the downfall of the democracy and all of the freedoms we hold dear," Byrd said it must act at next year's party convention for:

Restoration of a rule, abolished in 1936, which required a two-thirds majority for selection of the national ticket; elimination of the 1948 civil rights plank; "reaffirmation of states' rights"; and endorsement of "the true principles of the Democratic party."

Driver Jailed, Said Reckless

Frank Hill, 37-year-old Mitchell, Ore., logger, was put in the county jail last night by state police on charge of reckless driving.

Officers said he almost caused three bad accidents by speeding along U.S. 97 and S. Riverside at 70 miles an hour and passing cars on curves and the crest of hills.

A patrol car took chase when Hill reportedly passed it on a curve and almost hit an oncoming car head-on.

Hill was also cited for not having an operator's license.

Police also reported the arrest of Bennie Ray Starr, 19, 2700 Delaware for violation of the basic rule—speeding 45 in a 25-mile zone on Shasta way last night.

Prophetic Nags Win Races

NEW ORLEANS, (U)—There was prophetic handwriting on the wall of many a bookie joint here last night on the eve of the new federal gambling tax.

Three winning horses were Excise Tax, Curtain Time and For Rent.

The first two won at Garden State, the third at Pimlico.

State Jobless Benefits Down

SALEM, (U)—State unemployment benefits this year are less than half those of last year, the state unemployment compensation commission said today.

The commission said benefits paid so far this year totaled \$3,985,800, compared with \$18,564,296 in the first 10 months of last year.

Payments during October totaled \$564,105, which was 16 percent more than in October, 1950, and 25 percent more than in September.

Resort City Rocked By Bomb Shock

LAS VEGAS, Nev., (U)—U.S. army troops were exposed today to an atomic blast for the first time, and came off without casualties and with knowledge which may prove "greater than anticipated."

Official confirmation of the troop's participation in today's blast, which was so strong that it cracked store windows in this city more than 75 miles away, came from Maj. Gen. William B. Kean, commanding the army's third corps.

Another army spokesman, declining to be quoted by name, said "this is the one test in which troops will be involved. This was taken to indicate that the army is satisfied with what it learned and will not participate in further AEC experiments here."

The blast went off at 7:30 a.m. and sent a giant white cloud mushrooming over the Yucca Flat test center in the desert northwest of here.

CONCUSSION

Seven minutes later Las Vegas was shaken by the concussion. Police switchboards were flooded with calls from anxious residents, some of whom described the rattling jar as stronger than in a series of atomic tests last winter.

Windows were broken in at least three stores on downtown Fremont Street, and the AEC quickly posted notices saying residents suffering damage could file claims.

The test of Gen. Kean's announcement of the army phase of the experiments follows:

"Army combat troops and service troops, together with a large number of military observers representing the army, navy and marine corps, participated today in a nuclear detonation."

"This participation involved observation of the effects on test items and equipment, and observation of psychological and physiological reaction."

"There were no casualties and no injuries to any of the personnel involved as a result of the detonation."

SUCCESSFUL

"This first step toward military tactical employment of the nuclear weapon was most successful. It has every indication of producing effective results which, when evaluated, be greater than anticipated. Through this operation, an appreciable forward step has been taken toward relating military tactics to the employment of atomic weapons."

The results, when analyzed and tabulated, should have considerable effect upon army doctrine, training and military education."

Polio Strikes Here Again

Klamath county's fifth polio victim this year was taken to Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene early today for treatment, by ambulance driver Jim Kaler.

Five-year-old Dennis Augustus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Augustus, 4816 Glimax, was admitted to Hillside hospital Tuesday.

The illness was diagnosed yesterday as being polio. The child is said to have paralysis of the right leg.

9 O'clock Special

ON THEIR WAY to Klamath Union high school when photographed on Main street this morning were Boyd Sprague (left) and Dick Swanson.



JESSIE LEE LONG

OTI Names Grid Game Queen Today

By FRANK JENKINS

Beatty, Nevada, midway on Highway 95, the main route from Reno to Las Vegas. There's a creek here, with a trickle of water in it. Result—an oasis in the dark gray, barren desert, then which there is nothing more attractive on earth.

Beside the highway, flanked by cottonwood trees, is a tiny coffee shop. That calls for a pause.

There are two men in the shop, the proprietor and a customer. Both have the deep tan of the desert. The customer is just leaning into a hamburger sandwich. He has the friendliness of the desert. After the first deep bite, he looks up. His eyes are bright blue, with smile wrinkles at the corners.

"When you haven't any teeth," he grins, "ground meat goes pretty good."

"You have no teeth," I query.

"Yeah," he answers. "I got a swell set of 'em. Bought 'em from a dentist in Reno three years ago. I keep 'em in a bureau drawer. They cost me \$150, but you can have 'em for two cents. That's more'n they're worth to me. I'd rather have the darned things in my bureau drawer than in my mouth."

At this point the proprietor chimed in: "I've got half a set," he says. "I bought 'em in Mexico City, but I hadn't any more than got away from there when I bit into a seed and broke the upper plate. I'm going back, maybe this winter, and I'll see if I can't get me a new set of uppers from the man that made 'em."

"Not that I need 'em much," he added. "I can eat a sirloin steak and enjoy it. All you have to do is to harden up your gums."

"Yep," the customer agrees. "It's surprising what you can do that way. Me, I'm a hard rock miner, and I get along pretty well with flapjacks and bacon, but a little ground meat goes good when you come into town. You seem to get so much out of it."

"You work for yourself?" I questioned.

"I sure do," he said with conviction. "None of this workin' for wages for me. You're bossed by the boss of the works and you're bossed by the boss of the union. Workin' for myself, I'm bossed by nobody and I do as I please."

"That's right," the coffee shop proprietor put in. "When you work for yourself, you don't hafta know how to anybody."

"You own your mine?" I asked.

"I lease it," he said. "Got a five year lease, but I'm givin' it up. I got \$3,000 out of one pocket and \$1,100 out of another. I think maybe it's about petered out. I called up my partner on the phone the other day and he said come on into Reno, there's a new car 'wallin' for you here. I'm goin' to pick it up and head out into the hills again. I know another good lease way up toward Elko."

"That's the way it is in this business. There's always something better over in the next range of hills. Always will be, I reckon. Nevada's got a lot of gold in it for them that can find it."

"This is good coffee," I said to the proprietor.

He smiled in a pleased way. "That's what a lot of people tell me," he said. "I like to give good value to my customers. Makes me feel good."

Contentment? Everybody wants it. Fewer and fewer people in the cities, it seems to me, are finding it. But this hard rock miner and this coffee shop proprietor have it in abundant measure.

Maybe that's what the wide deserts and the purple mountains do to the people who live in them and love them.

Weather

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SHOOTING HOURS

November 2

OREGON

Open noon Close 4:00

CALIFORNIA

Open 6:14 Close 4:00

First 'Copter Attack Staged

U.S. 8TH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, (U)—U.S. marines successfully raided a Red Korean guerrilla stronghold behind United Nations lines in the first true helicopter combat attack ever made, the marines announced today.

The attack was made Saturday. The news was withheld until today for security reasons.

The announcement came as light snow and cold rain chilled combat troops along the battle fronts. The quiet was shattered during the night by a thundering 100 ton B-29 bomb raid.

Thirty-three volunteers made the flying marine raid. Two helicopters carried them seven miles over to the guerrillas' mountain fortress. The airborne raiders landed on a mountain top. They hid in the wild peaks and struck the next day.

Under cover of a frosty ground haze they charged three huts, headquarters of a band of 130 North Korean Reds operating from a mountain hideout.

In the subsequent fight, a spokesman said, the marines "believe they broke up this stronghold."

Prineville Has Costly Blaze

PRINEVILLE, (U)—Fire swept through a downtown grocery store here early today and unofficial estimates placed loss at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Firemen fighting the blaze in 5-degree cold, held the flames to the Marketer, owned by H. T. Jallings. There was smoke damage, though, in the Eagles lodge hall on the second floor.

Smoke damage also was believed likely in the furniture stock in the J. A. Maya building next door.

The building housing the grocery store, a concrete block structure, is owned by Lee Grimes of Bend. Cause of the fire was not determined. Firemen were called about 1:45 a.m. when girls, returning from a Halloween party, saw flames.

FATAL TRACTOR ACCIDENT

VANCOUVER, Wash., (U)—A man was killed Wednesday north of here when crushed by a tractor while clearing brush. Coroner Paul Mylan said Luverne Lechtenberg, 39, Camas, Wash., apparently was caught in one of the tracks of the tractor he was operating as he stepped off the machine while it was still in gear.

ACRE OF CAKE

Part of the first layer of what is billed as the "world's largest cake" is shown above with OTI baking instructor Vernon Harless. Harless' bake class is preparing the giant cake for an added attraction of the OTI homecoming festivities. The cake, marking film star Roy Rogers' birthday, is to be cut and handed out free to youngsters in front of the Pine Tree theater Saturday morning. The huge cake is to be seven by ten feet, 40 inches high and weigh approximately 800 pounds.



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