REDS CLAIM U. S. SHOT FIRST

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In The Day's News

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Grim news:

The Russians shoot at—and apparently SHOOT DOWN—an American plane on weather patrol over international waters in the Sea of Japan near Vladivostok. The shooting was by Russian fighter planes which attacked WITHOUT WARNING.

The Russians assert that our plane flew over Russian territory. We assert that it DID NOT.

Grim suspicion:

The incident occurred somewhere around November 6 or 7. A day or so later, Russia DECORATED a couple of her pilots. In a similar incident up in the Baltic a year or more ago, a couple of Russian pilots were given the same decoration.

Is Moscow establishing a special reward for the shooting down of American planes?

If so, why?

Are the Moscow communists so sure of their own readiness to handle it if it happened that they would LIKE to provoke us into starting a war before we are ready?

By itself, the first incident up in the Baltic could have been just a case of trigger-happiness. The decoration awarded to the Russian pilots then could have been merely the Russian way of saying that their men THOUGHT they were right and should be made to know that their alertness and readiness was not displeasing to their government.

But when it happens twice in the same way, it looks like evidence of a deliberate purpose of some sort.

That brings up another question that is not lacking in grimness: How well prepared ARE we?

This is from Washington:

"Senator Morse said today THE UNITED STATES STILL LACKS THE AIR POWER NECESSARY TO RISK SPREADING THE KOREAN WAR BY STRIKING AT RED CHINA BASES IN MANCHURIA."

That reminds us of General Vandenberg's statement that other day that red China is now one of the major air powers of the world. Only a little while ago (practically a matter of months) red China had no air power at all. What she has now has come from Russia.

Russia's production capacity must be pretty good.

Let's get back to Senator Morse—who is a member of the senate armed services committee and as such has access to the best information available. He went on:

"Top military advisers have told us for months past that we do not have air supremacy either in Asia or in Europe."

Without air supremacy, how can we use even our atomic strength as effectively as we would need to use it if we were precipitated overnight into all-out war?

Senator Morse added:

"I am opposed to expanding the war until we can control the air."

Whether or not one agrees with Senator Morse on ALL issues, it isn't hard to agree with him on that one.

This much is plain:

Until we get strong enough to handle any situation that may arise, we'd better proceed with considerable caution. Incidents such as this one in the Sea of Japan and the other one up in the Baltic are hard to swallow. But if we should let our anger at them overcome our judgment it might be just what our enemy wants.

Above all else, we'd better quit fooling around and buckle down grimly and seriously to the business of GETTING MILITARILY STRONG. As long as there is any doubt about our ability to win a war if one should start, our position in world affairs will be a weak one.

Kidnap Suspects Free On Bail

SACRAMENTO, Calif., (AP) — Two 17-year-old St. Paul, Minn., youths charged with kidnaping an Oregon truck driver, were free on $1000 bail today.

A federal judge yesterday reduced bail for the two youths, Buford F. Faust and William C. England, from $5000.

They already have faced trial once on a federal kidnaping charge. That trial ended November 9 in a deadlocked jury.

They will be tried again December 13 on a charge of forcing James R. Edwards, the truck driver, to drive them from Southern Oregon to Northern California.

In their first trial the youths contended that Edwards made immoral advances to them.

Lady Cops To Lay Down Rules

NEW ORLEANS, (AP) — Women will soon be whistling at male motorists in this deep south town.

The first women traffic cops will go on duty in the business district on December 15.

The city commission voted yesterday to employ 32 women to regulate traffic during peak hours.

To get on the force a woman must be five feet three inches tall, with weight in proportion, and between the ages of 25 and 45. Good health and character also are required.

SHOOTING HOURS

November 25
Open 6:40 Close 3:38

November 26
Open 6:41 Close 3:38

PARADE PATROL — Boy Scouts handled many of the big balloons in today's parade. Above (l to r) grooming their charge are Robert Luse Jr., Troop 42, Billy Burk, Troop 6, and Alan Hahn, Troop 42.

Reds Hurl Fresh Attack

Allies Hold Line With Artillery

By JOHN RANDOLPH

SEOUL, Korea, (AP)—Reds hurled thousand-man attacks at United Nations outposts in four sectors but today had made no major change in the fighting front that may become the basis for a cease-fire line in Korea.

An allied officer said the attacks were designed to wipe out small U.N. outposts in front of the main United Nations line.

"They came at us two or three to one, to surround small units on hills, then tried to kill as many as possible," he said.

He called it a change from the Reds' "human sea" wave attacks of the past.

The Red tactics apparently were to bleed the U.N. forces at night, then pull back before daylight out of range of Allied fighter planes and artillery.

STILL HIT

"But even in the dark firepower still chews them up," the officer said. "That's why you can hear our artillery going so hard."

The heaviest Red attack came on the Western front west of Yonchon.

Two Chinese battalions knocked U.N. forces off a hill on "Little Gibraltar" ridge Friday night but fresh Allies counterattacked in subfreezing temperatures and by dawn Saturday had regained the peak. At the end of the daylight hours Saturday the Allies held three of the four hills on the crest that looks something like the rock that guards the western entrance to the Mediterranean.

The Reds threw in a battalion of reserves Saturday at nightfall and the fighting raged on in the darkness.

Red battalions of about 1000 men each hurled hit-and-run attacks in darkness early Saurday at United Nation outposts north of Yanggu, northwest of the Punchbowl and south of Kosong on the East coast.

With a cease-fire line under study at Panmunjom, it was obvious that both sides were making an extreme effort to win "Little Gibraltar," which dominates a large sector of the Western front and guarantees the safety of the line it defends.

MBS Regrets Speech Error

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The Mutual Broadcasting company last night expressed "regrets" for an error it made in reporting Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg's remarks about the possible effect of Korean developments on U. S. air war policy toward enemy sanctuaries in Manchuria.

In advance of a broadcast Thursday night of a recorded interview with the air force chief of staff, Mutual distributed press release quoting Vandenberg as having said:

"The outcome of the present truce negotiatons holds the key to whether we will continue fighting a war of half-way measures in Korea-a war which, at present, halts our air power at the Yalu river and gives the enemy sanctuary in Manchuria.

The air force followed this up with what it described as the exact questions and Vandenberg's answers on the point. They read:

Reporter: "Gen. Vandenberg, can we go on fighting the Korean war with half-way measures—that side of the Yalu river, and giving the enemy air force sanctuary in Manchuria?"

Vandenberg: "I would believe the answer to that question would depend upon whether or not an armistice will be agreed upon soon.

Reporter: "You think the outcome of these present negotiations at this point may determine that whole question?"

Vandenberg: "I would think they would have a great bearing on it, yes."

U.N., Red Officers Making Progress On Buffer Zone

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN

MUNSAN, Korea, (AP)—United Nations and Communist staff officers today pinpointed half the 145-mile cease-fire line across Korea.

A U. N. spokesman said Allied military experts hope to complete the job tomorrow but "couldn't make any guarantees."

The spokesman, Lt. Col. Howard Levie, indicated that if the staff officers are unable to map the entire battle line Sunday, the joint cease-fire subcommittees will take over. This apparently means the full truce delegations cannot approve the buffer zone clause before Monday.

The staff officers meet in Panmunom for the third time at 10 a. m. (5 p.m. pst Saturday).

If they fail to reach complete agreement "it's not to be considered a failure," Levie said. He explained that subdelegates have far more latitude and would be able to make quick decisions.

The staff officers met for more than five hours Saturday. Levie said they agreed on 65 to 70 miles of cease-fire line.

Levie said progress was being made when the session adjourned.

"Our staff officers expect to go back tomorrow and make considerable progress right from the beginning because both sides will have had an opportunity to get the latest information from the front lines," he said.

While progress was made Saturday, Levie acknowledged there were "certain areas of major difference."

There were strong indications that most of these areas are on the Western end of the battle line where the Chinese have hurled attack after attack at United Nations troops dug in on strategic hills west of Yonchon.

Levie said a "major" difference would involve five miles of territory or a strategic terrain point.

Knife Wounds Beatty Man

A Klamath Indian, Stanley John, 25, of Beatty, is recuperating in Klamath Valley hospital from an abdominal stab wound, and Indian service officers are looking for his assailant.

Officer Lawrence Gowdy this morning said the knife-wielder has been identified as Harold Davis of Beatty.

Gowdy said Davis, also an Indian, when apprehended will be charged with assault with intent to kill and face prosecution in federal court at Portland.

According to Gowdy, John, along with Augustine Smith, was knifed in an affray at 3:30 yesterday morning at Paiute camp on the reservation near Beatty.

Smith received a two-inch deep knife wound in the throat which required seven stiches to be closed.

Smith was treated at the Klamath Agency and released to his home at Beatty.

London Fogs Out Of Running Now

NEW ORLEANS, (AP)—Let London quit bragging about its pea soup fogs. Louisiana has some that would make "London fogs pea-green with envy."

You can take the word of an English woman — actress Judith Fellows—for that.

She and her husband, Gibson Cowan, feature writer for the London Sunday News, completed a 2600 mile canoe trip down the Mississippi river yesterday.

And the weather?

"Well," the Britishers said, "You Americans have no right to say anything about our weather."

They said they ran into heavy rains and snow, and Mrs. Cowan said, "just outside of Baton Rouge, La., we ran into a fog which would have made our London fogs pea-green with envy."

In the Upper Mississippi, they added, they struggled around beaver dams, log jams, shallows and rapids; in the lower river, they were plagued by mosquitoes.

Swan Killing Leads To Fine

A woman informer's tip to state police led to the fining yesterday of Albert R. Peters, 302 Davision, for the admitted killing of a swan. Peters was fined $100, with $70 suspended, in district court.

Yesterday morning, the woman, whom police did not identify, told police she and her husband had seen "one or two men" kill a swan at Spring lake on the morning of November 21. She had the license number of the men's car and gave it to police.

The license trail led to Peters, whom police say admitted killing the swan.

Sneak Attack Clobbers Reds

EASTERN FRONT, Korea, (AP)—An Allied patrol that crept three miles into enemy yesterday early today reported it killed at least 52 North Koreans by actual count as they huddled around fires in 12-above-zero weather.

Plodding through six inches of snow, the patrol arrived at 5:30 a. m., undetected, amid a group of North Korean bunkers.

On signal, the men dropped grenades down the flues. The explosions and the exultant yells of the South Korean patrolmen aroused a Red company on a hill. This company charged in the half-light of dawn, but patrol members said it was "slaughtered" by two machine guns which the raiders had set up in advance.

The patrol's only casualties were listed as 11 wounded.

KLAMATH COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS and Health Assoc. Christmas seal sale is now well under way, headed by Mrs. C. M. Howie, left, shown with Dr. Seth M. Kerron, county health officer, and Mrs. Eric Majors, executive secretary.

MRS. CECILE OTTO (above), 4030 Bisbee, was a member of the Eagles drum corps in today's Christmas parade.

Atrocity Slaying List In Korea Soars To 8000 As Ridgway Report Issued

PARIS, (AP)—The possible total of American prisoners slain by Communists in Korea has been raised to 8000 in a newly disclosed report from Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme allied commander in the Far East, to the United Nations security council.

That is 2000 more than previously indicated.

The disclosure, made in one of the U.- N. commander's regular semi-monthly reports, was submitted to the U. N. by the U. S. delegation along with two other reports on November 12. It covers the period from August 16 to August 31.

Ridgway's statement, declaring that as of July 20, 1951, "Approximately 8000 United States military personnel have been reported killed as war crimes victims," apparently was delivered two days before Col. James M. Hanley said the Reds had killed about 5500 American and 290 other Allied prisoners. Col. Hanley is chief of the 8th army's war crimes investigation section.

The report, as disclosed in Washington last night, was described as saying exact evidence obtained through July 20 numbered some 400 killings. The 8000 total was described as uncomfirmed reports from various sources and in various forms.

Here is what the Ridgway report said about the atrocities:

"Documentation and investigation of reported war crimes incidents are continuing. As of July 20, 1951, approximately 8000 United States military personnel have been reported killed as war crimes victims. Of this number, approximately 7000 were reported killed by the North Koreans and the remainder by the Chinese Communists.

"Approximately 15,000 South Koreans, of whom 14,000 were civilians, have been reported killed in other incidents. This figure does not include deaths reported in Seoul Taejon and other places occupied by enemy forces. Of the South Korean deaths, approximately 200 have been reported killed by the Chinese Communists and the remainder by the North Koreans.

"As of July 31, 1951, a total of 400 active cases were on file with the United Nations command and 126 suspects were in custody. Documentation and investigation of some cases progressed to a point where these cases are ready for trial in the event such is directed."

Football Scores

Princeton	13
Dartmouth	0
Virginia	46
W & M	0
Penn	7
Cornell	0
Mich. State	45
Colorado	7
Yale	21
Harvard	21
Columbia	29
Brown	14
Syracuse	26
Boston U	19
Holy Cross	41
Temple	7
Colgate	26
Rutgers	21
So. Carolina	21
Wake Forest	6
Fordham	41
NYU	0
Michigan	7
Ohio State	0
Notre Dame	20
Iowa	20
Duke	19
No. Carolina	7
Illinois	3
Northwestern	0

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and northern California: Increasing cloudiness tonight and tomorrow. Low tonight 24, high tomorrow 45.

(Additional Weather on Page 3.)

Jail Stay "Impressive"

TULSA, Okla., (AP) — What Jim Kimbrell saw during his 24 hours in prison made the 19-year-old admitted armed robber solemnly vow never to violate the law again.

District Judge W. Lee Johnson took him at his word yesterday after a unique experiment and granted his request for clemency—five years on probation.

The judge sent him to the state penitentiary at McAlester for a day before deciding the case. And Kimbrell said it was "much worse than I imagined."

Before releasing the defendant, Judge Johnson lectured:

"Now it depends upon you whether you are big enough and man enough for this bold experiment to work. The public is going to want to know over the years what happens to Kimbrell—and you will be responsible for others getting such a chance."

No Action Requested By America

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Russia claims that the American patrol bomber which Soviet fighters fired on in the Far East opened fire first when the Red fliers sought to force it to land. The American plane has been missing since the encounter.

The Russian charge was disclosed today with publication by the state department of the protest which Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko handed to American diplomat Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., in Moscow, November 7.

This country countered in Paris today with an accusation in the United Nations that Soviet aircraft attacked the patrol craft without warning while it was flying over international waters off Siberia.

The Russian version was that the twin-engine bomber flew over the Soviet border in the area of Cape Ostrovnaya, on the Sea of Japan, about 80 miles east of Vladivostok at 10:10 a.m. Vladivostok time, November 2.

SOVIET AIMS

Two fighter planes approached the aircraft "with the intention of forcing the American plane which had violated Soviet state frontiers to land on a Soviet airport," Gromyko told Cumming.

"The American airplane opened fire on them," the protest continued. "The Soviet airplanes were forced to open return fire, after which the American airplane went off in the direction of the sea and disappeared."

The sharply different American account was set forth in a report from Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's U.N. command, delivered to U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lie at the general assembly meeting.

The aim in Paris apparently was to forestall any Russian move in the U.N. This country did not ask for any action on the report.

Ridgway asserted the plane was on a route that did not approach closer than 40 miles to Russian territory and the crew had strict orders not to get closer than 20 miles under any circumstances. He accused the Soviets of having "intercepted and attacked (the American bomber) without warning while over international waters, and furthermore, while well outside of 20 miles from the Russian coast line."

State department officials said it was impossible to cite all the supporting evidence for Ridgway's assertion that the Russian border had not been violated and that the plane was far at sea because this involves "classified reports" in the defense department. However, they said such evidence exists.

American authorities had kept the presumed loss of the plane and its 10-man crew secret until yesterday.

U.S. Tippers Get Lesson from Arab

DAYTON, O., (AP) — Wright-Patterson air force base thought its protocol problems were over when Misha Al Abdul Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia headed for New York Thanksgiving Day. The prince, who is Saudi Arabian defense minister, had toured the base.

But yesterday it was revealed one of his secretaries pressed a roll of bills totaling $500 into a base policeman's hand just before the party took off.

Stammered the policeman

"It's impossible, I can't accept anything like this."

Replied the secretary:

"You can't refuse. The prince insists you take it for all the police."

The officer, who during the prince's visit, helped direct one of the tightest security rings ever set up since the end of world war two, was advised to turn the money over to Brig. Gen. Joseph Morris, base commander.

No one is saying—for the moment, at least—what's eventually going to happen to it.

Administration Sets New Record

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The Truman administration has collected more taxes from the American people than all previous administrations put together, according to the U. S. chamber of commerce.

The chamber said in a statement yesterday that the present administration's income from taxpayers has surpassed that of all earlier regimes combined by some $8,000,000,000.

Declaring that its figures were compiled from official treasury records, the chamber said net receipts of the federal government from 1789 through mid-1945 were $245,200,000,000 compared with $262,600,000,000 during the Truman administration.

Huge Crowd Turns Out To Take In Christmas Parade

A crowd of approximately 10,000 Klamath folks stood along Main street (mostly the sunny side) this morning watching a half-hour parade of perhaps the most unusual novelties ever shown here.

Some 150 Boy Scouts labored to pull horns of dragons and giant june-bugs under decorations set up by city street department workers last week, as the Eagles and KUHS music groups, plus a junior high band, provided rhythm for the balloons and novelties.

Overhead a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter buzzed the city after refueling at the airport during a trip to Port Angeles, Washington. As far as is known, Santa Claus was not aboard.

Parade Marshal Bob Robbins had asked motorists to refrain from parking on Main street. However, Main street was lined with cars.

The Klamath Falls 20-30 club passed out some 6000 candy canes to youngsters.

Traffic was jammed for a half hour after the parade's finish, and sidewalks literally sagged under the weight of pedestrians. Many downtown stores locked their doors during the parade, but opened afterwards for business.

The parade, sponsored by the Klamath Merchants Assoc., was put on by the Giant Balloon Parades, Inc., of Newark, N.J., and perhaps the best-liked feature was an 85-foot dragon carried by 30 scouts.

Noah's Ark, a giant hippopotamus and Mrs. Santa Claus also graced the street. The balloons were returned to Modoc practice field after the parade, and there were deflated.