

American Bombers Stab Enemy in North Korea

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — U.S. fighter-bombers Wednesday cut north Korean rail lines in 52 places, the Fifth Air Force announced.

Pilots said they killed 10 Red troops in an attack on a rail line near Sariwon, north of Haeju on North Korea's West coast and 17 more in close support smashes along the battlefield.

The Air Force also said its planes destroyed two anti-aircraft weapons and six field pieces.

Division Gets Quick Shift

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind. (AP) — Units of the 31st (Dixie) Division could have fought a battle in Southern Indiana Tuesday after being in San Angelo, Tex., only 24 hours earlier.

About 2,000 troops of the division were flown to Camp Atterbury Monday in the start of the biggest airlift ever attempted in the Western Hemisphere.

They brought howitzers, trucks and other equipment with them in a steady stream of C-124 Globemasters, C-119 Flying Boxcars and C-46 Curtiss Commando transports. Conditions failed to stop the 18th Air Force operation. The big planes quickly refueled and went back to Texas for another load.

Brig. Gen. Lacey V. Murrow, commanding the 434th Troop Carrier Wing, said "the operation is running smoothly at both ends" after the first day of the three-day airlift. A forecast of clearing, warming weather indicated easier flying conditions Tuesday.

About 9,000 troops and nearly 1,700 tons of equipment will be hoisted from Texas to Indiana in the operation. Another 4,000 troops of the 31st are leaving Camp Bowie, Tex., by motor convoy. It will take them about a week to make the trip.

The troops arriving in the murky weather of the first day's flights were sun-browned from "Exercise Lonsorn" maneuvers.

Although they probably could have fought soon after landing, they boarded buses instead and were taken 12 miles to hot meals and permanent barracks.

Woman, 81, Dies Mother Survives

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — Mrs. Teofila Smatko of nearby Nanticoke, a native of Poland, who came to this country at the age of 2, died Monday.

Among her survivors is her mother, Mrs. Anna Pluta. Both lost their husbands in mine accidents within a year of each other more than 50 years ago.

Mrs. Smatko was 81; her mother is 102.



Young Fliers' Shortage Seen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Gen. Carl A. Spaatz says the nation is dangerously short of youngsters who want to fly.

The former chief of the U. S. Air Force said demands by youths for flying instruction are critically below the level needed to sustain a major air power. Writing in "Flying" magazine, he called this "alarming."

Spaatz blamed slackened interest on the loss of "a whole generation of air-minded teenagers who, too young for service in World War II, were rather abruptly brushed off."

"That situation can never be quite corrected," said Spaatz, now chairman of the National Executive Board of the Civil Air Patrol. "These young people of World War II have now outgrown the golden age in the making of an aviator — the teens."

Probate Court Has Rice Day

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — It was "rice" day in probate court Tuesday.

The judge was George E. Rice. One of the principals was Mrs. Mildred Rice of Millbury.

The other principal was her husband, Edward W. Rice.

Edward's attorney was Benjamin J. Rice.

Mrs. Rice was granted \$30 a week temporary support from her husband pending a hearing on a separate support suit.

Murder Has Ironic Twist

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A convicted murderer's defense will be financed by the estate of his victim.

The ironic postscript to the death of Allen B. Friedman was revealed when an inventory of his \$77,644 estate was filed in superior court Tuesday.

Friedman's widow, Blanche, formally assigned \$8,000 of her inheritance to pay for the defense of Elbert Raymond Belote, who was convicted of first degree murder March 21.

The widow testified Belote had been her lover.

COPY CATS—Not to be outdone by United Nations MP's at Panmunjom, Korea, Communists erected their own guard shanties. They painted them candy-striped orange, white and olive drab (top). When the Reds realized that UN correspondents were laughing at the circus effect they repainted a somber brown (lower photo). The trees were planted to give the site a touch of spring.

AT&T Earnings Show Increase

NEW YORK (AP) — Net income of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. for the quarter ended March 31 totalled \$87,050,000 compared with \$80,808,223 in the like 1951 quarter, the company reported Tuesday.

Per share earnings, however, declined to \$1.59 from \$2.78 in the corresponding period a year ago because of the larger number of shares outstanding.

Net income for the 12 months ended March 31 amounted to \$333,180,000 or \$10.36 a share against \$303,221,827 or \$10.75 a share in the preceding 12 months, when the number of shares was smaller.

Guard Scorns Tough Climb

BOSTON (AP) — Patrolman William R. Welch recently completed his third year of duty at historic Bunker Hill monument.

Tuesday night he revealed he has never been to the top of the monument, a climb negotiated by hundreds of visitors daily.

The 52-year-old patrolman is on duty six nights a week and can recite with great facility the monument's history and its 294 steps.

How come, he never has been to the top?

"Well," he says, "every time I look up there and think of making that climb, I say to myself, 'Bill, old boy, not tonight.'"

Youth Faces Murder Trial

EUGENE (AP) — A 15-year-old boy, Elmer Harlan Belcher, will face trial here May 12 on a first degree murder charge.

Appearing in circuit court Tuesday he entered a plea of innocent to the April 4 gun shot slaying of Mary Ellen Campbell, 18, a deaf mute.

Her body was found April 5 near her Cottage Grove home. She had been shot with a .22 caliber pistol.

After questioning Belcher about the shooting, District Attorney C. E. Luckey said the boy had lured the girl into the woods to pick wildflowers and then had shot her because his friends had teased him about her pregnancy.

The girl, who never had attended school and was not able to speak, was five months pregnant. There was a bouquet of wildflowers in her hand when the body was found.

Luckey said an Oregon law requires an innocent plea to a charge of first degree murder.

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Merrill Hi News
By YVONNE CONNER AND EDNA MAE REEVES

We played our first league baseball game with Bohanna last Friday. We won with a score of 13 to 12. It was a very exciting game. Monday was game night. The seniors were in charge of the game. This was the last of the games for this year.

Arlene Lentler and Joleah Miller will participate in the Elk's discussion group at Mallin this evening. The topic being discussed is the United Nations.

We play Sacred Heart Academy Friday. It will be our second league game this year.

Services Need More Dentists
MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The armed forces in need of a shrinking supply of dentists and by July 1 will start calling up those in priority three, says Brig. Gen. Louis Renfrow.

Renfrow, deputy director of Selective Service, said Tuesday that the pool of priority one and two dentists is diminishing rapidly.

Dentists in all three categories have been trained partly or entirely at government expense and have had less than the required amount of military service after professional training.

Priority three includes all dentists, except veterans, who are under 30 years of age and veterans if their service was prior to dentistry training.

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