



KOREAN WINTER SETS IN — A pistol-packing Marine tanker puts his weight to a broom to clean off his snow-covered M-46 tank in preparation for a patrol into enemy territory. Heavy snows blanketed the Korean terrain sending temperatures diving towards zero degrees.

WSB Action Handled By Public Group

WASHINGTON (AP) — With 12,000 wage boosts awaiting approval, the government prodded its limping wage stabilization program back into action today to accommodate unions and employers.

Administration of the entire pay controls setup was changed over the week end when President Truman, departing of getting industry men back into service on the Wage Stabilization Board, turned the problem over to Economic Stabilizer, Roger I. Putnam.

Putnam, whose own resignation takes him out of government in a few days, turned the situation over to Chairman Charles C. Killingsworth and three other public members of the WSB. They were empowered to carry on wage controls.

Instead of the WSB with equal numbers of members representing the public, industry and labor, Killingsworth and his three public members are to administer wage controls. They asked the labor members to stand by for "advice" in handling future cases.

It seemed probable that, although Putnam held out hope for wooing industry men back to posts on the wage board, pay curbs in the five weeks until the new Republican administration comes into power will be handled by Killingsworth's wholly government-

Parents Erase 'Death Pit'

LEVITTOWN, N. Y. (AP) — An army of Levittown parents—with shovels and bulldozers for weapons, the lives of their children for a spur—early today erased "Death Pit" from their community's backyard.

For 16 hours straight they had toiled, many on their lone day off from work. Their muscles ached and their hands were sore. But they plodded wearily home with fear no longer gnawing at their hearts.

It was a fear they first felt last Monday when a landslide at a rain-filled excavation smothered a 7-year-old boy. It was a fear intensified Friday after a 4-year-old boy drowned in the same pit.

Yesterday, Levittown parents grabbed shovels and marched on the pit, which is just across this Long Island community's boundary in Hicksville, N. Y. The pit, used to catch rain water, was part of a housing development construction job.

The men and teen-agers took

their shovels and attacked the 30-foot sand pit while a small pump was installed to drain the 14-foot-deep, 72-by-72-foot hole alongside the pit.

Soon someone spotted two bulldozers nearby on the construction job. A parent said he could operate the big machine. Then another driver was found and the bulldozers were "borrowed."

While the men toiled away—at times 150 strong—their wives kept up a steady supply of coffee and sandwiches. Several women even took a turn on the shovels, and others marched around the pit with signs.

The signs expressed the thoughts uppermost in everyone's mind. One read: "Your child may be next."

A watchman on the construction job watched and said nothing. Neither did his employers. The police, too, kept away.

However, the owner of one bulldozer showed up in the afternoon and took it away, saying he had not authorized its use.

It grew dark but the parents toiled on, determined that their children would not be endangered by the pit again.

The Levittown fire department sent a truck with floodlights. Other townspeople parked their automobiles around the pit and trained the car lights on the excavation. Shortly after midnight the work was done.

Fire Sweeps Kansas City

KANSAS CITY (AP) — A fire in downtown Kansas City sent more than 500 guests scurrying from three large hotels yesterday.

The flames destroyed a two-story building housing a restaurant and a cleaners and damaged the New Yorker and State Hotels. Smoke damage occurred at the Phillips Hotel.

Several persons became ill from smoke which settled thickly over downtown district but no one was injured dangerously.

Damage was estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000.

LONDON SNOW

LONDON (AP) — The season's first real snow fell over London this morning. The fall measured 1 to 3 inches.

BOY GETS BLOOD

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Thirteen-year-old Gary Miller is alive today because Children's Hospital has given him 300 pints of blood.

He received his 300th yesterday. Gary was born with a blood disease called hypoplastic anemia. It was first noticed when he was only 7 weeks old. Pale and listless, he received his first transfusion then. Every time he feels overly tired and starts to get pale, he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Miller, know he is ready for another transfusion.

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McCarthy Plans More Attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) made it clear yesterday his personal campaign against subversives and security risks will continue during the next session of Congress.

McCarthy, a controversial figure throughout the last several years with his charges the Truman administration had Reds in key posts, will be chairman of the Senate Committee on Government Operations in the new GOP Congress.

He said in a radio interview that whether his committee goes into the Communist question depends on what steps the subcommittee now headed by Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.) takes along similar lines. In any case, he indicated his personal campaign is not at an end.

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