

Ammunition Shortage Charge Touches Off Senate's Wrath

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Pentagon Faces Probe On Matters

By DON WHITHEAD

WASHINGTON — Gen. James A. Van Fleet insisted Friday in the face of top-level military decisions that there has been and still is a serious shortage of ammunition in Korea.

Senators ordered top Pentagon officials to appear next Tuesday for what some of them termed a "showdown."

Van Fleet, former commander of the Eighth Army in Korea, was also with the Senate Armed Services Committee for more than two hours.

When the meeting broke up, the members said the general had much to say about the shortage.

Sen. Cooper (R-Iowa) said Van Fleet had told them that in the caliber of arms, other than small arms, the Army had enough ammunition.

"And he said this shortage still exists," Cooper added.

Chairman McNamara (D-Calif.) announced the committee has requested that Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff, and top civilian officials of the Defense Department appear before it next Tuesday.

QUESTION

Saltzman said he hopes to have Van Fleet present then but that the general has an engagement with the House Armed Services Committee and it is a question whether he can appear.

"We want to know why there has been a shortage in certain kinds of ammunition and what can be done to end it," Saltzman said.

He said Van Fleet insisted Friday that even with existing stocks and ammunition in Korea "we could apply more pressure on the enemy."

"The general said that more munitions and supplies would be needed for an all-out offensive," Saltzman added.

Hunt said it appeared to him there was a difference in interpretation of what is meant by a shortage.

"Van Fleet is talking in a general way in the field about the shortage while the committee is talking in a specific way about the shortage," Hunt said.

On the same day, U.S. planes in the air over North Korea shot down a Soviet MiG-15 and destroyed 30 tons of bombs on Communist troops and supply centers along the battlefield, Crawford reported good results.

The U. S. Fifth Air Force said two-engine B-26 bombers, hampered by overcast skies, destroyed 25 Red trucks, one locomotive and 12 boxcars last night. Allied fighter-bombers destroyed 15 more boxcars in early morning raids.

Ten Become US Citizens

Ten Klamath County residents pledged their allegiance to the United States in a nearly-filled circuit courtroom at the courthouse yesterday (Thursday) afternoon before Judge David R. Vandenberg.

New American citizens are: Patricia Eugenia McBride, from England; Mary Maureen Greene, Ireland; Nettie Joan Britton, England; Anna Polivka, Czechoslovakia; Ada Valerie Hodges, Italy; Luigi Ballo, Italy; Frank Lasselle, France; Doris Evelde Loftsgaard, Canada; Ingeborg Per, Germany; and Nellie Theresa Murphy, Ireland.

On hand for congratulations following the ceremonies were representatives of the Daughters of American Revolution, the American Legion Auxiliary, the League of Women Voters and the Boy Scouts of America.

The Scouts, Explorers, led the entire courtroom in the salute to the American flag.

NEW AMERICANS—10 Klamath residents became American citizens in a nearly-filled circuit courtroom here yesterday afternoon. They are (front) Ada Valerie Hodges, Luigi Ballo; Nellie Theresa Murphy; Mary Maureen Greene; (second row) Frank Lasselle; Ingeborg Per; Nettie Joan Britton; Doris Evelde Loftsgaard and Patricia Eugenia McBride.

—Photo by Floyd

Malenkov Takes Over

Girl Bandit Sits It Out In Prison As World Power Ponders Which Way To Go

IPOH, Malaya (U) — A pouting, hot-tempered Chinese girl awaits the gallows behind the red brick walls of Taping prison here unaware that she is a pawn in the Kremlin's game of power.

The 25-year-old mystery girl, Lee Meng, will die as a grenade-toting Red guerrilla leader unless the Sultan of Perak, ruler of this British-protected Malayan state, rules favorably on her appeal for clemency.

But the strangest bid for her release came from Communist Hungary, which offered to trade Edgar Sanders, a British business-

man serving a 12-year prison term on spying charges, for Lee Meng's freedom.

The offer convinced British officials they had bagged a more important Communist chief than they thought when they captured and convicted Lee Meng last summer.

But from Prime Minister Churchill down, they were not happy about it.

The reason—an embarrassing crossfire from left-wing Laborites in Britain's Parliament, who have appealed for pardon or commutation of the hanging and blasts from the Kremlin's propaganda experts.

Churchill told them Britain was not "bartering a human life."

This curious evidence of Lee Meng's importance to Communism was disconcerting to some Britons and Malaysians who had felt the Chinese girl might be a victim of mistaken identity.

The Sultan is expected to rule any day now on appeals in her behalf.

Vishinsky Stripped Of Ministry

LONDON (U) — Moscow Friday night announced Georgi M. Malenkov as Joseph Stalin's successor at the head of the Soviet government.

He becomes chairman of the Council of Ministers, or Prime Minister.

V. M. Molotov and L. P. Beria were named to lesser posts, while Andrei Y. Vishinsky was stripped of the foreign ministry.

The announcement from Moscow Radio, little more than 24 hours after Stalin died, did not mention Malenkov's new relationship if any to the Communist party which rules Russia, but he was in the No. 1 position to take over Stalin's leadership in that also. He is the first secretary of the party.

NEW CHAIRMAN

The radio disclosed that Marshal Kliment Voroshilov is the new chairman of the Soviet Presidium of the Parliament. He replaces Nikoli M. Shvernik. This is nominally the presidency of the Soviet Union, but has been a figurehead position in the past.

Molotov became foreign minister in place of Vishinsky, resuming the position he gave up to Vishinsky several years ago. Vishinsky becomes the Soviet Union's United Nations delegate.

Molotov, along with Beria, Nikolai Bulganin and Lazar M. Kaganovich, was named a deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers.

It was announced that the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union will convene March 17.

Pudgy, scowling and no friend of the West, Malenkov, 51, became top contender for the job last October when he was chosen to make the keynote speech before the Communist Party congress. He has never been outside the Soviet Union.

As minister of interior, Beria undoubtedly will remain in charge of the dread secret police and the atomic energy program as he was under Stalin.

Molotov, who was foreign minister for years, now returns to that post.

Stalin At A Glance

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW—Stalin dies in Kremlin at 9:50 p.m. Thursday Moscow time (10:50 a.m. PST); body to lie in state in Hall of Columns; Communist Party and government leaders call for continuation of his policies.

WASHINGTON — Eisenhower orders terse "official" condolences to Soviet government; many Congress leaders expect no lessening of tension.

NEW YORK — Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky taking ship for Europe, enroute home in sudden departure from United Nations Assembly.

LONDON — Fear, uncertainty grips West Europe; big worry is that successor may plunge world into hot war.

Legislative Highlights

By The Associated Press Thursday

Joint Ways and Means Committee said it might combine state employee retirement plan with federal social security at this session, giving employees bigger benefits at less cost.

House passed and sent to Senate bill to relieve radio stations of liability for political broadcasts.

House approved and sent to governor two bills to prevent execution of condemned men while their appeals are pending.

Gov. Patterson signed bill to increase state police salaries 12 per cent.

Legislature worried about effect of Supreme Court decision on state's aerial spraying law unconstitutional; fears it might have given many state boards some unconstitutional powers.

Crawford To Head Rotary

TULELAKE — Dan Crawford Sr. is the new president of the Tulelake Rotary Club succeeding Ross Ragland.

Serving with him during 1953-54 will be Don Potter, vice president; Wayne Mayfield, secretary; Bob Thompson, treasurer. Also serving are: Fred Smith, president; Ray Phillips.

The new corps takes office July 1.

The president-elect and secretary-elect will attend the District Assembly at the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley, March 27-29 and the Rotary conference in Red Bluff, May 8-9-10.

PI Show Sets New Dates

PORTLAND — New dates have been set for the 1953 Pacific International Livestock Exposition at North Portland. Persistent demand from livestock exhibitors, and national livestock breed associations has resulted in the Pacific International Livestock show being moved to the dates of Oct. 20 through 24 for the open show. The Junior Show for 4-H and FFA exhibitors will occupy the last three days of that period, Oct. 22, 23 and 24.

This shift in dates will close the previously long gap between the Pacific International and the Cow Palace show at San Francisco. It appears certain that this new arrangement will attract a considerable number of additional exhibitors previously missing the P-I in wait between shows. With the Oregon livestock show immediately following the Cow Palace event this western show circuit is certain to attract more inter-mountain and midwestern exhibitors as well as those from the Pacific Slope. In the opinion of the directors of the Pacific International and breed association representatives.

The proposal now is to hold the show in facilities to be made available adjacent to the Portland Union Stock Yards.

McMinnville Daily Slated

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Second Concert Performance Set

The second in the two-night series of "On to Bellingham" concerts featuring the KUHS ballet, orchestra and choral groups is to begin tonight at 8:15 p.m. in the KUHS auditorium.

The first night's concert was held last night before a good crowd. Benefiting from the performances (fee is \$1 per person) will be the a cappella choir, which needs financial assistance for a trip to Bellingham, Wash., to perform before the Northwest meeting of the National Music Educators Association there later this month.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair through Saturday, with high of 55; low Friday night 33. High yesterday 54. Low last night 32. Forecast last 24 hours 55-33. High Oct. 1 55. Low Oct. 1 33. Normal for period 55-33. Same period last year 55-33.

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