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Fighting Dies Down Over Korea

SEOUL (AP)—American and Chinese divisions virtually sat back on their own muddy battle lines again today in a lull probably resulting from the renewed armistice talks. The two major forces in the Korean War left what little fighting there was to the Republic of Korea and North Korean soldiers. There were only light patrol clashes involving squads and platoons, mainly on the rugged eastern front. Two South Korean raider patrols cracked into North Korean troops in darkness. The ROKs estimated 22 Reds killed in one night and 16 in another. The Eighth Army reported only brief contact between American and Chinese divisions on the Central and Western Fronts. In the air, heavy clouds and rain grounded almost all Allied attack planes. During the night, B-26 light bombers blasted artillery guns shooting at Navy ships off besieged Wonsan. Asked if there is any significant change in the current lull, an Allied officer recalled previous slack periods in 1952 and 1951, but he also conceded the current lull could be tied to the truce talks at Panmunjom. However, both Lt. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Eighth Army commander, and Gen. Mark Clark, U. N. Far East chief, have denied officially there is a holddown on aggressive combat operations while the truce talks are in progress. The U. N. Command also denied back in November, 1951, that it had issued a "seldom fire" order to troops on the front. The order existed then, however, and an armistice seemed possible—as it does now.

Storms Whip Over Nation

By The Associated Press
Stormy weather whipped across wide areas of the central part of the country again Wednesday in the wake of Tuesday's tornadoes and thunderstorms which resulted in the death of five persons and injury to several others. Texas was the hardest hit by the blustery spring storms. Five persons were killed at Kilgore when lightning exploded an oil storage tank, spreading flaming oil over a city block of 15 homes. Tornadoes struck at two small Texas communities, at Helotes near San Antonio and Smithville, in the central part of the state. Eight to 10 persons were reported injured at Helotes and three at Smithville. Several houses were damaged. Rain and strong winds continued from the Dakotas to the Gulf. Rain also fell along the eastern slopes of the Rockies from the Canadian border to Southern Wyoming. Showers and thundershowers were general across Northern Nebraska eastward to the Great Lakes region, in the Southern Plains and the Western Gulf States.

Well King Election On

It was befitting the annual South Union High School student body election today; most of the whoppy "polling" was over the contest of well king. George Knight was opposed for office of student president. The new officers taken over last night will succeed Clay-Ransom, present president. The girls and two boys were battling out with ballots today for prize well leader's post. The boys were Amette Jacobs and Sue Coby, the boys Roger Long and Bob Coby. The voting is conducted as any regular election, with registers, poll clerks and printed ballots.

TOUR

C. W. FA, India (AP)—Adlai Stevenson, 1952 Democratic party candidate for the U.S. presidency, left here Wednesday to tour the giant Damodar Valley reclamation and hydroelectric project now under construction in Bihar State.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy, scattered showers through Thursday. High Thursday 55; low Wednesday night 32. High yesterday 45. Low last night 30. Precip last 24 hours .75. Since Oct. 1 12.58. Normal for period 16.20. Same period last year 14.31.

Search Party Fails To Locate Bodies In Lake

A search party dragging the bottom of Upper Klamath Lake yesterday failed to recover the bodies of two missing persons but did find items lost in the April 8 boating tragedy which claimed three lives. Early on the evening of April 5, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sykes' small cabin cruiser was swamped by a huge wave about 75 yards off the point of Eagle Ridge. Mr. and Mrs. Sykes and two children, Marvin, 12, and Raymond Jr., 11, managed to make shore but two other children, Connie Rae, 4, and Victor, 10, were lost along with Nels Nelson, about 70. Connie Rae's body, wrapped in a life jacket, was recovered about daylight the following morning but the bodies of young Victor and the elderly Nelson are still missing. Yesterday, two witnesses to the tragedy, Bud Rueck and Josephine St. Benedict, were taken to the scene in a boat manned by Deputy Sheriff Dale Matson and Johnny Stewart, Reclamation Bureau employee here. Fred Fleet's cabin cruiser was used for the search. Dragging about 100 yards off the point of Eagle Ridge in approximately 45 feet of water, the searchers recovered a boy's cap, identified as belonging to Victor Sykes, two dish towels and a fishing rod that were on the Sykes boat when it was swamped. The search for the two bodies is to be resumed tomorrow, according to Sheriff Murray Britton. Rueck and Mrs. Benedict were members of a shore fishing party who witnessed the tragedy.

Challenge Of Wills Debated

SALEM (AP)—Persons who try to challenge the wills of dead persons got a warning from the Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday to be slow. The court, upholding a Polk County decision in which the will of the late Verd Hill was sustained, decided that Hill was mentally sound when he gave a big share of his \$47,000 estate to Constance J. Henderson, a niece. Verda Frances Hill, a daughter, sued the niece in an effort to break the will, charging the niece exercised undue influence on Hill, who died Dec. 18, 1950, at the age of 74. She also charged that her father was mentally unsound. Justice Harold J. Warner wrote the opinion, saying: "One who ventures to attack the validity of a will assumes a heavy legal and moral responsibility. It is not for the courts to pry into the secret closets for intimate exposure and the inspection of all who may be curious. "Even though the court may find the charges untrue, as here, there still may linger a shadow of uncertainty as to the mental state of some previously esteemed person who may thereafter be remembered as weak instead of strong in character or in mind, with consequent embarrassment and heartache for those who had cherished his memory."

Winnie In Fresh Row

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill touched off a House of Commons uproar Wednesday by backing a War Office decision to let "Desert Fox" Gen. Erwin Rommel's former right-hand man inspect some of Britain's newest military equipment. Churchill drew sharp labor protests by backing the decision to invite Lt. Gen. Hans Speidel to Britain next week. Speidel, who after the war was West Germany's representative in reararmament negotiations with the Western Allies, is one of 160 Western military men invited to inspect the latest British military equipment for the next two weeks. Churchill told the House: "I do not know of any reason why the former chief of staff of Gen. Rommel should be under any exceptional disability. On the contrary, in the height of the war I paid my tribute to Rommel's outstanding military gifts. I regard his resistance to Hitler tyranny—which cost him his life—as an additional distinction to his memory."

No Clue In Local Mystery

At press time today there had been no new developments in the case of the missing body. Although the case is being popularly referred to as that of the "missing body," there is actually no factual evidence that a body is missing. The intriguing mystery stemmed from the finding Monday of bits of flesh and a man's personal effects in the Southern Pacific railway yard here. At first, it was feared someone had been run over by a train. But Dr. George Adler, county coroner, said he was almost positive the flesh was not human. There remained, however, the evidence of various items of men's clothing, toilet articles and a good quality leather shaving kit found scattered about in the immediate area where the flesh was found. This was some 300 yards west of the S. P. street railway overpass. Yesterday, near the S-P-GN junction, a man's hat was found with heavy blood stains in the silk-lined crown. That is where the case rested this afternoon.

Standards Bureau Probed

WASHINGTON (AP)—A committee of scientists Wednesday began a study of the National Bureau of Standards at the request of Secretary of Commerce Weeks who asked a thorough, objective and impartial examination of its operations. The nine-man committee, whose members were appointed by various scientific organizations, met in Weeks' office. The committee is headed by Dr. M. J. Kelly of Bell Telephone Laboratories, representing the National Academy of Sciences. Weeks announced on April 3 he had asked Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, president of Johns Hopkins University and president of the National Academy of Sciences, to organize the committee "to evaluate the present functions and operations of the National Bureau of Standards in relation to the present national needs."

No Action On Insurance

SALEM (AP)—State Insurance Commissioner Robert Taylor said Wednesday he has taken no action on the application by mutual insurance companies to reduce automobile insurance rates. "We just got the information from the mutual companies last Monday. It's very complicated, and will take us some time to make heads or tails out of it," Taylor said. The rate reductions would be: Twenty-five per cent for cars driven for pleasure, less than 7,500 miles a year, and only by two adults both of whom are at least 25 years old. Twenty per cent for family cars driven principally by adults but with the children permitted to drive up to 25 per cent of the mileage. Youthful drivers without family ties would, under the proposed rates, pay 30 per cent more than at present.

Pendleton Roundup Queen Selected

PENDLETON (AP)—Diana McKay, 17, a descendant of Chief Joseph and of Dr. William Cameron McKay, will be queen of the Pendleton Round-Up this year. She was picked Tuesday night at the annual rodeo festival at the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Named as members of her court for the Sept. 10-12 show were Linnea Sampson, 16; Yvonne Scott, 18; Doris Scott, 17; and Loretta Quampts, 19.

OPERATION

LONDON (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden underwent a second operation Wednesday. The Foreign Office announced that his condition is satisfactory. Fluid causing jaundice was removed. The foreign secretary, 55, was operated on April 12 for removal of gallstones.

Progress In Truce Talks Noted Today

MUNSAN (AP)—Communist truce negotiators suggested Wednesday that 50,000 Allied-held war prisoners who do not want to go home be sent to an unnamed neutral nation in Asia. The Reds also agreed to bargain on the time needed to determine their future. "I think we made some progress," said Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, chief U. N. negotiator. "At least they are not adamant on the time prisoners are to be held in custody." While the Communists did not name a neutral, there were unofficial reports the Reds would nominate India. Observers predicted U. N. negotiators would agree. The Communists have rejected Switzerland as a neutral. At the end of a 64-minute session at Panmunjom the three main points of dispute appeared to shape up like this: 1. The Communists indicated they were ready to bargain on the length of time needed to decide the disposition of prisoners refusing to go home. 2. There appeared to be room for compromise on the Communist nomination of an Asian country—as yet unnamed—as the neutral nation and the Allied nomination of Switzerland. 3. The Communists showed no sign of backing down on their insistence that unwilling prisoners be shipped to the neutral power. The Allies were equally firm in their demand that the prisoners be kept in Korea while their fate is decided. On the last point, a possible compromise was a suggestion to ship Chinese prisoners to the neutral nation and to keep the Korean prisoners in Korea. North Korean Gen. Nam Il said "We are prepared to nominate an Asian neutral nation for the purpose of putting under its custody those prisoners of war not directly repatriated and hold consultation with your side about this matter."

McCarthy To Give Apology

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) said Wednesday he will apologize to Lincoln White, a State Department press officer, for not being on hand for an appointment to question White. White waited outside the doors of a closed-door Senate appropriations subcommittee for an hour and 42 minutes Tuesday before learning that McCarthy, a member of the group who had demanded the right to question him, had left town. McCarthy returned Wednesday and told a reporter: "I didn't know White had been called for yesterday, or if I did know I completely forgot about it. I'm sorry he was kept waiting and I intended to write him a note apologizing for it. "But I still want to question him, and I'll renew the request for his appearance." McCarthy has assailed White's handling of the announcement of the resignation of Charles W. Thayer, former consul general at Munich.

Bride Wins Death Race

SALEM (AP)—A 16-year-old Salem bride of 11 months flew to Denver Tuesday night, hoping to get to the bedside of her soldier husband before he died. She did. His condition Wednesday was "still critical." Betty Barringer and her mother, Mrs. Addie Roth, boarded the plane after being advised that 22-year-old Pvt. William E. Barringer was dying of leukemia at Lowry Air Force Hospital in Denver. The Red Cross, which helped the girl finance the flight, said Barringer was not expected to live more than a few hours. Barringer was hospitalized in England in January. He was being flown from England to Fort Lewis, Wash., several days ago when his condition grew worse, and the plane stopped in Denver to get him to a hospital quickly. DENVER (AP)—Pvt. William Barringer, a leukemia sufferer, was reported in a critical condition Tuesday night at Lowry Air Force Base Hospital after he was taken from a plane here Tuesday. Lowry officials said there has been no change in his condition since his arrival, but declined further details. Barringer's wife, Betty, arrived here at 1:45 a.m. from her home at Salem, and is staying at the guest house at Lowry.

Foreign Aid Budget Cut

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration is reported drafting a foreign aid budget calling for about \$5,800,000,000 in new money from Congress for the next fiscal year. Former President Truman had suggested at least \$7,600,000,000. Officials who disclosed this to a reporter Wednesday said the National Security Council tentatively approved a program of this size at a White House meeting Tuesday. A few hours earlier, these same officials had said the figure would be between \$6,100,000,000 and \$6,300,000,000 but that the specific amount was yet to be determined. The officials asked not to be identified by name. In conferences which lasted late into the night, the amount apparently was scaled down to around \$5,800,000,000. Foreign Aid Director Harold Stassen apparently lost a last-ditch battle in favor of the bigger amounts because of the administration's determination to economize in foreign aid spending.

Confessed Ex-Reds To Stay On Staff

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—The Massachusetts Institute of Technology says it will keep in its staff "without change of status and in good standing"—three professors who admitted they once were Communists. The three professors, Isador Amur, William T. Martin and Norman Levinson, testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee last week they were Communists but quit the party between 1944 and 1946.

Fishing Ban Draws Challenge Today

SALEM (AP)—A State Fish Commission order banning fishing above Bonneville Dam from May 1 to 13 was challenged in Circuit Court Tuesday. Clifford J. Eberhart and George Bachman, commercial fishermen of The Dalles, and John Whiz, Cello Indian, sued to restrain the commission from enforcing the order. They claimed the order is unconstitutional on the ground it grants special privileges to fishermen below the dam, who can operate from April 30 to May 27.

EXTENSION

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Banking Committee approved Wednesday a three-year extension of the government's authority to control exports of strategic goods. Aimed at safeguarding the national security, it is due to expire June 30. The Senate Banking Committee approved a three-year extension Monday.



ON THEIR WAY to the dentist to have a tooth pulled were Mrs. W. F. Burke and her daughter, Sandy. Sandy is the one due for the painful process.

Transport Plane Brings First Of Freed POWs Home

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP)—Thirty-five men released from Korean prisoner of war camps returned Wednesday to their homeland. The giant Air Force plane that brought them from Tokyo landed at this base at 11:30 a. m. (pdt). It had been showering with the sun broke through as the big ship taxied down the long runway. "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" echoed across the field as the Air Force band struck up the welcoming tune. Several hundred persons lined the field, including relatives of some of the repatriated prisoners. The plane, riding a strong tailwind, made the flight from Honolulu in 8 hours 20 minutes. The flight plan had called for about 10 hours. The boys were given a bit of sight-seeing as the pilot swung them over San Francisco Bay. The 35 represented 22 states and Puerto Rico. Nine were in the first group of prisoners the Reds released at the outset of the prisoner exchange at Panmunjom 10 days ago. One, Sgt. Odie Lawley, of Medicine Park, Okla., had been a Red prisoner since Nov. 30, 1950 since he was among U. S. Seventh Division men captured at Changlin Reservoir in Northeast Korea. Maj. Sherod A. Santos, operations officer of the 49th Air Transport Squadron at Hickam Field, Hawaii, piloted the plane. Military buses drew up beside the plane to carry the freed prisoners to the Travis Base hospital. Lunch already had been prepared for the boys at the hospital. It included: Steaks, two inches thick, strawberry shortcake with ice cream, and "absolutely anything else they want to eat." There were no plane-side interviews. An Air Force public relations officer said the men had decided that on their own and "it has nothing at all to do with the military."

B-29 Crash Kills Ten

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—A B-29 bomber simulating combat caught fire and crashed six miles south of its home base Wednesday killing 10 persons. Five parachuted to safety. A witness, Charles Smith Jr., said he saw the crash from a mile and a half away. He said one engine in the right wing was afire. The big four-engine bomber wobbled crazily, nosed down into a near somersault and plowed into the ground. Wreckage was scattered over a wide area. Nine bodies were found in and near the debris when rescuers reached the scene. Later a 10th body was found under a tail section. The B-29 was from Randolph Air Force Base here. Authorities there withheld names of the dead until next of kin could be notified. The B-29—the giant of World War II and first plane to drop the atom bomb—normally carries a crew of 11. Four instructors were aboard the plane. Wednesday, checking the regular crew's proficiency as they took the big craft through combat maneuvers. The B-29 was within two miles of an auxiliary air field when it went down. The Randolph radio tower received a call at 8:35 a.m. that the plane was on fire. That was the last word from it. Five men tumbled out of the plane and their parachutes opened safely, floating them to earth. The other 10 apparently didn't have a chance to clear the B-29 before it crashed into the ground. The cause of the fire had not been determined.

Suicide Of Man Probed

WASHINGTON (AP)—John C. Montgomery, State Department official who committed suicide last Jan. 24, was rejected by the Army in 1942 as a psychoneurotic, suffering from anxiety and emotional upsets, House investigators were told Wednesday. Montgomery's draft record was disclosed by Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey at a hearing into Montgomery's death by a House government operations subcommittee headed by Rep. Brownson (R-Ind.). Montgomery headed the State Department's Finnish desk. He was found hanged at his home in the Georgetown section of Washington and the coroner termed his death a suicide. Brownson said that although Montgomery had been employed in the State Department since 1946, his record of psychoneurosis was not known to department security and administrative officials until after his death. He said the committee wanted to know if there were any other similar cases among department employees filling sensitive positions. He said it is hoped the inquiry would "improve administrative procedures in the department."

Air Force To Hold Officer Personnel

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force hopes to hold at least two-thirds of its reserve officers under the new law which requires reservists to accept commissions of indefinite duration or drop their military standing. More than 80,000 Air Force reserve officers now on active duty have reported their willingness to accept the long term commissions. This represents more than 82 per cent of the 96,900 active reserve officers. All newcomers to the reserves since July 9 last year automatically received the indefinite term commissions.

Recruits At Training Site Spirited Off

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Communist-led Vietnamese troops raided a Vietnamese soldiers' training camp in the heart of the Red River Delta Wednesday and kidnapped 300 Vietnamese recruits. The young Vietnamese had been mobilized for a two-week military instruction course in the Nam Dinh camp, 50 miles southeast of Hanoi. A French Army spokesman said the raid, after midnight, apparently was carried out by the Communist-led Vietnamese with "complicity of the civilian population" of Nam Dinh. The Vietnamese troops were believed to have belonged to the enemy's Division No. 320, long concentrated on the outer fringes of the southeastern rim of the vital Red Delta. The Vietnamese seized were part of those mobilized in the Vietnamese government's drive to put 54 commando battalions into field against the Vietnamese by the end of this year. Vietnamese raiders were reported to have remained within the Nam Dinh area for some time. They pulled out around dawn, then fired mortar shells into the city of 50,000 people, located in the heart of the Red River Delta's rice marketing and textile producing district. French forces immediately took up the hunt for the raiders. In the Laos sector, meantime, the French announced Vietnamese raiders have captured the post of Bannabac, 40 miles north of the royal capital, Luangprabang. It was the second French reverse in the area announced in as many days. Yesterday the French reported the loss of Pakseang, 43 miles northeast of Luangprabang. Though the Vietnamese still had not launched a direct attack on Luangprabang, the Communist leaders appeared to be throwing more and more of their best fighting men into the Laos invasion. Apparently they sought to overrun the little mountain kingdom—90,000 square miles in area—before the heavy seasonal rains start in the next month or two. Already they claimed control of one-third to one-half of Laos, which is one of Indochina's three states, and a neighbor of independent, anti-Communist Thailand. Strong elements of at least four Vietnamese divisions were reported on Laotian soil.

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Jelke Case Witness Free

NEW YORK (AP)—Erica Steel, 25, a prosecution witness in the vice case against Alvin F. Jelke, oleomargarine dealer, walked out of court a free woman Wednesday. She received a sentence of one year in the penitentiary on her plea of guilty to maintaining a public nuisance, but it was suspended pending her good behavior. Presiding Justice Irwin Davidson in Special Sessions Court said the sentence was suspended on recommendation of the state because of her cooperation in the Jelke case. Jelke was sentenced March 27 to three to six years in prison after being convicted on two counts of compulsory prostitution. The state charged that Jelke sent Pat Ward, chief prosecution witness, to Miss Steel and told her to keep Miss Ward busy in prostitution.