

By FRANK JENKINS

Bob Prazier, a member of the news staff of the Eugene Register-Guard, has been doing some graduate study at Harvard with the idea of improving his standing in the chosen craft (they won't let us call newspapering a profession yet, but maybe, for better or worse, that will come in time.)

He has finished his stint of study and is heading homeward through the Deep South. By way of trying out his newly acquired "kills," he has been describing Southern foods — especially such old Southern standbys as grits, hushpuppies and fried catfish — which, by the way, is properly pronounced ca-a-t-i-f-i-sh, sort of lingering on the vowels instead of biting them off short and spitting them out quick. He doesn't think much of any of 'em — too much fried stuff, he says. Hard on the stomach and all that. He complains that they serve grits with fried eggs, and he thinks that's no proper use for corn.

If that's all he's worrying about, I'll guarantee to find plenty of b'n'e and bread Southerners who will agree with him heartily on that point, holding that the only proper use for corn is as a principal ingredient of Bou-bon.

Even hominy, they claim, which is a sort of Mother Lode from which grits come, is a sinful waste of a magnificent raw material.

As to hushpuppies, which he dismisses with the scornful observation that they are "globs of corn meal overcooked in deep fat," he walls that they are further debauched by being eaten too often with catfish, "which," he says, "anywhere in the South are considered trash fish."

That crack arouses the ire of the Salem Statesman, which says testily:

"At that, we balk. We wouldn't quarrel with Bob on grits and hushpuppies, though we have found them quite palatable, but when he calls catfish 'trash fish' he betrays his ignorance. Catfish is excellent eating, its flesh white and delicate and well flavored. It is not coarse and bony like the real trash fish — carp and buffalo and suckers. A Mississippi river channel catfish provides a really delectable dish."

I can go along with that — to the end of the road. Especially if the channel cat weighed upwards of forty pounds, so that after having disposed of the head (no mean task in itself) you can cut the rest of the critter up into thick slices, which you roll in corn meal (made of WHITE corn) and fry in bacon fat preferably.

Boy! After six or eight slices of it, you push back from the table feeling that this is a wonderful world to live in.

It isn't just the eating of a channel cat that is a delectable-to-be cat Statesman's word. The catching thereof is an altogether charming part of the adventure.

You "jug" for them — or at least you used to. How do you "jug" for a fish? Well, a channel cat is quite a large chunk of fishmeal. A mere cork, isn't enough to attach to your line. You tie a jug to it as a float, so that when Ol' Mistah Cat takes a bite at the bait (salt pork or anything that comes handy) he'll make a real splash in the water — enough to wake you up if you chance to be dozing, which as like as not you will be.

When the jug begins to bounce up and down in the water, you hold of your line — a good, heavy one — and haul lustily until your prey comes flapping out of the mudbank. If you are greedy, you put out a "riot-line," which is a LOT of jugs tied to a line, each with a baited hook dangling from it. You then wait lustily until all the jugs begin to bob and haul 'em in wholesale.

No, Bob, you shouldn't run down catfish. You'll get people to thinking you don't know real food when you encounter it. With or without hushpuppies, I'd say offhand, had practically dropped out of the food vocabulary until Plaster of Paris came along a while back to do a statue of Snuffy Smith. That brought 'em back into the public prints.

Oregon U Okays Colored People Organization

EUGENE (AP) — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is going to get a University of Oregon campus chapter. The university's student affairs committee reversed itself Thursday night and voted the charter.

The action followed sharp criticism from the university's faculty senate. The senate report said action by the student affairs committee, made up of eight faculty members and four students, "damaged the best interests of the university."

The charter had been denied on the ground that the NAACP was an "action" rather than an "educational" group, and was more under national than local direction.

Under the reversal of policy, the 35 members, previously unrecognized, now will be able to use campus facilities. Although the NAACP's membership is small, the petition for recognition was signed by more than 500 students.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Clearing Friday night and fair Saturday. High Saturday 67; low Friday night 40.

High yesterday	61
Low last night	33
Precip. last 24 hours	0
Since Oct. 1	14.12
Normal for period	11.17
Same period last year	15.17

Chinese Drive Fails to Take Outpost Guarding Seoul Road

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Palmerton Closing Door

Big Chinese Slaughter: 8 Turks Ran Up, Bayoneted Everybody

WESTERN FRONT, Korea (AP) —

"It was just like a big slaughter," the weary tank gunner said grimly. "Every time we would hit the top of Vegas part of a body would go flying somewhere, a piece this way and a piece that way."

Marine Sgt. William J. Costello of Chicago was resting briefly after firing high velocity shells into Red troops swarming up the slopes of outpost Vegas in Western Korea.

The Marine tanks were perched on the main Allied line, firing down on Vegas, defended by bayonet-wielding Turks.

"The Goonies (Chinese) were walking with their rifles slung over their shoulders," Costello said. "Through my scope I could see them plainly. They were wearing new clothes and acted like they were going to a picnic. If you hit them they would not stop. They

kept coming across the open to Vegas."

"We were firing 20 yards above the top of Vegas. They were hitting the tanks keeping the Chinese off Vegas from both sides, back and front. I watched the Turks pull a bayonet charge up Vegas right after we threw three Willie Peters (white phosphorous shells) into a bunker. About eight Turks ran up there and bayoneted everybody in sight and got back down again."

"They are Number One fighters. They have lots of guts. I saw the tank in the next position being hit by 120 mortars so much it started the tank rocking. I got about an hour's sleep last night and about an hour the night before because I was on the line."

Pfc. Thomas A. Alameda, 19, Stockton, Calif., is a leader on one of the tanks.

"This is the worst action we've

been in since we've been on the line," he said.

Private Sgt. Richard M. Lucas, 21, Santa Rosa, Calif., a tank commander, said:

"When the Goonies were on Vegas this morning we noticed they reinforced up the reverse slope. The men came in groups and we were catching them out in the open 10 or 15 at a time. It was like shooting ducks in a rain barrel. We were sniping at them with our 9-millimeter gun. There was a slit and the Goonies had to run in front of it. I aimed at the opening and led them. A little like shooting anything. When we were sniping at them it was just like playing a game."

"They would sprint across and we would shoot. But we always got them. We got about 30 or 35. When we hit them they went all over the place. I could see parts of bodies flying. I could make them out."

Closed-Door Negotiations Currently On

By WALLACE MYERS

Rumors that Palmerton Lumber Company operations might be curtailed or stopped completely were strongly spiked today by owners and operators of the firm.

Both the Palmerton and Weidner interests, joint owners of the firm now operated by Weidner, denied there was any thought of closing shop or shutdown of the business.

The rumors probably stemmed from close-door conferences now being held in apparent attempt to reconcile a long and bitter battle between the Palmerton and Weidner interests. Principals in the fight have been Loren Palmerton and D. A. Weidner.

Weidner, a Chicago man, is head of the Weidner Lumber Company, a sales firm. Until late May of last year, Weidner's Chicago firm sold most of the Palmerton products and Palmerton managed the production end here. Differences arose between the two men, resulting in Weidner's selling managerial control from Palmerton.

Early this year, Palmerton sued in Circuit Court here to have Weidner removed as manager of the Palmerton Company. Judge William East came here from Eugene to hear the case. The case was completed in mid-April but East has still not announced his decision.

Actual nature of the conferences under way here today was not announced but both camps admitted they were trying to close negotiations having to do with a change in the Palmerton company operations.

Weidner, with his aides clustered about him in his private office at Palmerton Company headquarters, said: "We're working on something. I may be able to give you some news later today. One thing is certain, so far as I'm concerned, there is no thought of any business curtailment."

At the offices of Farrens and Maxwell, Palmerton's attorneys, Atty. Dick Maxwell emerged from a conference room long enough to add Palmerton's denial to any contemplated business shutdown. Maxwell also readily admitted negotiations "having to do with operations" were in progress.

Asked if there was hope for an agreeable outcome of the brewing deal, Maxwell said nothing but smiled broadly.

NOT OPPOSED

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida said Friday his government would not oppose admission of Communist China to the United Nations.

Diamond Lake Resort Opens

All facilities for guests, including the dining hall, cabins, room, opened for the season today at the Diamond Lake Resort.

Roads into the lake are in good condition, free of snow and there is still snow on the lake.

The lake was opened May 15 for fishing.

Eugene Loggers' Visit to Scene Of Happier Days

Two Eugene loggers who told Municipal Judge Frank Blackmer they wanted to "visit the scene of happier days" when they came to Klamath Falls, were very unhappy in court Friday morning.

One of the loggers, Don Northey, drew a \$100 fine and a 30-day jail sentence when he pleaded guilty to drunk driving. The other defendant, Berk Jacques was found guilty of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He was given the alternative of paying \$40 fine or serving 20 days in jail.

"We used to live here when we were kids," Northey told the court. "We came back to visit the scene of happier days."

The two men were arrested by city police on 6th St. near the viaduct.

GOP Economy Strikes Abe Lincoln, Even

VICTORIA, B. C. (AP) — The United States consulate in Victoria, established in 1862 under Abraham Lincoln, closed its doors Friday.

Closure of the office here is part of cut-costs program being followed by the new Republican administration.

Roundup Rodeo Ticket Sales

Klamath Basin Roundup Association President Henry (Hank) Ring announced today advance ticket sales for this year's 3-day rodeo would start Monday. A ticket sales booth will be set up temporarily at 619 Klamath, through courtesy of Coler's Exchange.

The downtown ticket sales are usual this year. Ring explained this was being done because the volume of early requests demanded an unusually early interest in securing choice seats.

Because of several new features being added to this year's Roundup program, directors hope that for the third successive year a new attendance record will be set. This hope is bolstered by the fact that this year's advance advertising program is being extended far out of the confines of the Klamath Basin.

Tickets are to remain on sale at Coler's on Klamath Avenue until a suitable spot for a downtown headquarters can be found for the Roundup.

Auto Workers Pacts Okayed

DETROIT (AP) — A new, higher wage agreement reached with the first of the "independent" automakers and with one supplier firm, the CIO United Auto Workers concentrated today on altering their still unexpired contract with Briggs Manufacturing Company.

While they were pressing for alterations in their contracts, which legally can run to mid-1955, the UAW's top brass, however, had bumped into a snag in its attempts to settle a local wage dispute at Muncie, Ind.

Leaders of striking Local 387 of the UAW refused Thursday night to submit to a vote of its 4,300 members a settlement agreed upon in Detroit by UAW's international officers. The local represents employees of the Warner near division of the Borg-Warner Corp. and their strike, which started April 20, has idled 40,000 in such independents as Nash, Willys, Kaiser-Frazer and Studebaker.

The independents depend upon Borg-Warner for transmissions and other parts. The strike started over production standards and incentive pay.

Nash-Kelvinator was the "independent" which agreed overnight to alter its contract, giving workers everything wage-wise that General Motors, Chrysler and Ford already had given.



DONALD AND KATHLEEN SMITH were en route to Sacred Heart Academy this morning to pick up their report cards, signaling the end of the school terms.

Taft, Ike Avoiding Party-Splitting Break on Korea

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower and Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) today avoided any party-splitting break in their relations despite some fundamental differences over U. S. policies in Korea and the Far East.

The White House took the initiative only a few hours after Eisenhower had said at a news conference that "No," he did not agree with Taft's assertion that the U. S. "might as well forget the United Nations as far as the Korean War is concerned."

Taft was publicly silent about the President's disavowal of the Ohioan's proposal that the U. S. withdraw "from all further peace negotiations in Korea" if present truce talks fail. Aides said Taft would not comment for several days, if at all.

But Robert A. Taft Jr., the senator's son, noted in a telephone interview from Cincinnati that Taft had said in his Tuesday night speech he was giving only his personal views on the Far Eastern situation and had said these views were not intended "as any criticism of what is being done or not done."

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Bulletin

Clifford Jenkins, recently appointed manager of the Tulaleke Growers Association, was reported missing this afternoon. Jenkins left here alone yesterday afternoon to drive to Gold Beach to load his furniture. His wife notified Tulaleke persons this afternoon Jenkins had not arrived home.

Klamath Pioneer Visits Daughter

Mrs. George Grizzle, Klamath County pioneer, has returned from a trip north to Washington, where she visited at Peckwood with a daughter, Mrs. Mike (Thelma) Latta and grandson, Douglas, who are leaving soon to join Mr. Latta at Anchorage, Alaska, where they will make their home for the present.

Latta is employed on the highway now under construction between Seward and Anchorage. Mrs. Latta spent some time in Alaska last year. The family are former Klamath Falls residents.

Mrs. Grizzle also visited Soap Lake and came home by way of the Grand Coulee Dam and the Columbia ferry crossing at Maryhill Castle.

She was accompanied North by Mrs. Jerry Murphy, No. 10th Street who visited a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Calhoun, former local residents, now living at Ephrata, Wash.

CLOSE EARLY

The Herald and News advertising, business and news departments will close at 12 noon Saturday due to the holiday.

U.S., Turks Yield 2 Hills In Red Drive

By GEORGE MARATHUR

SEOUL (AP) — The big Chinese spring drive forced U. S. and Turkish troops from two outpost hills Friday but the Red waves beat in vain against the Hook, a major position nearby guarding the ancient invasion road to Seoul 30 miles south.

(The British War Office in an unusual communique announced in London that British troops inflicted a "smashing defeat" on the Reds at the Hook. It estimated the attacking force at a brigade, 6,000 to 7,000 men. Field dispatches put the number at about 1,500.)

A total of 15,000 Chinese Reds were attacking in the west and on the central front in their greatest offensive effort since last October, but they made little progress despite heavy casualties.

U. S. and Turkish troops pulled back from bitterly-contested outposts Vegas and Elko Friday night.

A front-line dispatch said Allied artillery at once loosed a furious bombardment on the two scarred heights. Chinese guns replied and the artillery duel raged beneath a full moon.

The Chinese Communists, striking with 8,500 men in the west while mounting a 6,500 man drive in the center, thus had seized three outpost hills east of the truce town of Panmunjom. The third was Carson, which fell Thursday night.

The weary Americans and Turks pulled back on orders after more than 24 hours of bloody fighting, often with the bayonet.

Savage artillery pounding from both sides had ripped up trenches, bunkers and fox holes on Vegas and Elko.

AP correspondent Forrest Edwards reported a five-mile front along the row of hills guarding the road to Seoul was "one big cloud of dust, smoke and exploding shells."

Marine tanks stood on the main line positions and poured hundreds of high velocity shells into the ranks of the oncoming Reds. Waves of fighting-bombers hurled bombs and flaming jelled gasoline on the attackers.

The five-mile front stretched from a point about five miles northeast of Panmunjom through the Hook to the western position of the Hook, which is 10 miles northeast of the truce town.

British Commonwealth troops last were reported standing firm on the Hook, where two Chinese battalions, about 1,500, were hurled back.

U. S. Sabre jets shot down two Communist MIGs, probably destroyed another and damaged three in sky battles over North Korea. The kills put Sabre pilots within 11 planes of the one-month record for the Korean War.

The two MIGs were downed by Lt. Col. George U. Ruddell of Eugene, Ore., who now has seven kills, and Lt. Robert H. Erdman, Fairbairn, N. J., his first claim. Marine tanks firing from main line Allied positions poured hundreds of high velocity shells into the Red ranks, while waves of fighter-bombers unloaded 168,000 pounds of high explosives and napalm on the Red side of the battlefield.

On the East-Central Front, where the Reds grabbed several outposts in a 6,500 man attack Wednesday night, South Koreans were battling Friday to re-capture a key position on Bloody Ridge.

ROKs also counterattacked in the Finger Ridge area where the Reds held two smaller outposts, the Army said.

The two-front attack in the West and on the East-Central Front is the biggest since the battles for the Kumhwa Ridges last October.

Reds Reject Plan To Free Red POW's

MUNSAN (AP) — The Communists rejected outright at least one major reported concession of a new Allied truce plan submitted in secret sessions Monday at Panmunjom, it was disclosed Friday.

The plan had been called a "how or never" offer by many sources and the Reds had been expected to answer it at next Monday's meeting, first after a week-long recess.

The Communists turned down on the spot an Allied proposal that ultimate disposition of any Red prisoners who refuse to go home be left to the United Nations.

The Allies had insisted previously that these prisoners be freed if they still balk after a limited, post-armistice period of Red "explanations."

However, excerpts of Monday's meeting quoted North Korean Gen. Nam Il as saying the Reds won't accept either proposal. He made it clear the Communists don't like the new plan or the old one.

Some 48,500 prisoners in Allied camps have refused to go back to Communism. The Reds have proposed that the fate of those unmoved by "explanations" be left to a post-armistice political conference.

Nam said it is "inconceivable" that the Allies propose turning over any Red prisoners to the U. N., which he labeled "a belligerent itself."

The U. N. General Assembly on Dec. 5, 1952, approved an armistice plan drafted by India which provided that final disposition of unwilling prisoners be left to the U. N.

The excerpt was revealed in a letter which Maj. Gen. Chui Duk Shin, South Korean truce delegate, delivered Thursday to the senior allied delegate, Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr. Although not made public, the letter was obtained from reliable sources which can not be identified.

The Allied plan, still under official secrecy, has ranked South Korea as a Government officials have threatened to boycott the truce talks and possibly fight on alone unless the plan is killed or revised.

There were cries of "appeasement" of the Communists and a "sellout" of South Korea.

In his letter to Harrison, Chui specifically called on the U. N. truce delegation to:

1. Transmit to "the policy making authority" the opinion and recommendations in his letter.

2. Withdraw the latest Allied truce proposal and prepare a new proposal after the talks are resumed Monday.

3. Grant "full consultation" well in advance to the Republic of Korea in the preparation of the new proposal.

SPIRITS WERE SOARING in schools today as students toed the line to take off on their 3-months vacation gallop. When the Herald and News photographer asked a group at Alta-

mont Junior High School how it felt to be winding up a school term today, papers also soared with squeals of glee from the boys and girls.

