

## Hope Seen For Formula Okay With Both Rhee And Allies

By ROBERT EUNSON

TOKYO (AP)—The possibility that a formula is being reached which will settle differences between President Syngman Rhee and the United States over a Korean armistice was seen today.

Rhee may drop his opposition to a truce if the U. S. concludes an agreement to rush to his aid if South Korea is attacked again.

A highly-placed South Korean source indicated today that a two-month-old Rhee may drop two of his demands that are now blocking an armistice if the U. S. agrees to the third—a firm military defense pact.

"That is the one point the President will never back down on," the source said. "He may give in on the other two points"—immediate withdrawal of Allied and Chinese forces and a three-month time limit on a political conference—"but he will never give in on the defense pact."

If Rhee were to drop his other two demands, which are almost certainly beyond the power of the U. S. to grant, it seemed likely that Rhee and Special Presidential Envoy Walter S. Robertson could easily hammer out a suitable security pact in their current secret talks in Seoul.

This could mean the withdrawal of Rhee's opposition to the signing of an armistice to end the bloody war, now in its fourth year.

The source, an extremely reliable one, said "it doesn't matter whether they decide to write the pact before or after the armistice is signed. Rhee may agree to wait until after an armistice. But he is demanding, and will continue to demand, that there be a firm military alliance with the United States guaranteeing South Korea against further Communist aggression."

The source said Rhee and other top South Korean officials had been pressing for such a defense pact for more than a year, both in Washington and through U. N. military leaders in Tokyo.

Rhee and Robertson have been meeting secretly. The assistant secretary of state is in Korea as a representative of President Eisenhower and attempting to convince Rhee that an armistice is necessary.

An American source said the U. S. probably could guarantee to defend Rhee's country, but that Eisenhower wasn't going along with ROK demands to withdraw Allied forces from Korea.

"With an investment of 125,000 battle casualties, the United States isn't about to withdraw from Korea," the American source said.

"The moral principle is too strong. Rhee is going to have to put up with American soldiers in his country until we feel the situation is safe enough to withdraw," the source said.

What Robertson was telling Rhee, it was understood, was that by demanding that American soldiers leave Korea and by insisting on incidents against the Allies he was playing right into the hands of the Communists.

The Communists hold the whip hand when Rhee turned loose those 27,000 anti-Communist prisoners he gave the Reds the opportunity to stall off a truce signing as long as they desire.

"They will play this record as long as they feel it is doing them any good," an American State Department source said.

"It is much more important for the Reds to split the West than get an armistice. If they think they have really driven a wedge between the United States and the Republic of Korea they might stall a truce indefinitely."

Not-So-Nice Austrian Takes Advantage Of Fear Of Russ

By DORIAN FALK

VIENNA June 26 (AP)—Soviet gestures toward Austria have brought happiness to the Austrians, but have failed so far to reduce the distrust and the fear which most Austrians have of everybody and everything connected with the Russians.

The Soviets recently relaxed traffic controls in the zone, police chiefs who have been disloyal to their government and granted other minor concessions. There were festivals in some places dancing in the streets and many

Our Boys Given Cracks At House Gavel-Wielding

WASHINGTON (AP)—It isn't often that Pacific Northwest members of Congress get to preside over House sessions, but it happened to two Oregonians this week.

Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) was picked by speaker Martin to rule over the House when it considered legislation to give a million tons of wheat to Pakistan. He was in the chair more than five hours.

Rep. Norblad (R-Ore.) wielded the gavel briefly the same day.

House Okays Ike Defense Changes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Saturday approved President Eisenhower's Defense Department rule-making plan, vesting added power in the secretary of defense and the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

Action came after 10 hours of debate Friday and Saturday which a determined group of Republicans and Democrats assailed part of the plan as tending toward a "military dictatorship."

The changes now go into effect automatically next Monday at midnight.

Japs, N. Koreans Protest With Fists

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese and North Koreans protesting the use of a training area by U. S. military forces attacked two American officers Friday, the Army said Saturday.

Both officers were seriously hurt, but neither was seriously hurt.

The Army identified the two as Lt. Col. D. C. Murray, Dumont, N. H., and Lt. Col. H. E. Link, Enamel Wash.

The incident occurred near Anka about 100 miles northwest of Tokyo.

The Army said "neither officer sustained more than minor bruises and both were on duty today."

15 More Years For Kidnaping Cons

SALEM (AP)—The four convicts who kidnaped a State Highway Commission employee during their escape April 13 were given additional 15-year prison sentences Friday.

The men are Marcellus Winters, Charles Smith, Roy Barber and William Smith. They escaped in a Highway Commission automobile, forcing Edmund Meola, Highway Commission landscape engineer, to accompany them. They were recaptured in Newberg after two hours of freedom.

Circuit Judge George R. Duncan sentenced them.

FAST FLIGHT

NEW YORK (AP)—Horace C. Boren, of Dallas, Tex., has set a new record of 29 hours and 16 minutes for an around-the-world flight aboard commercial airlines.

Boren completed his globe-girdling flight Thursday at Idlewild Airport, arriving there at 2:51 p. m. (est.) on a Northwest Airlines plane. He took off from Idlewild last Sunday at 11:35 a. m. (est.).

## Some Pasadena Folks Itch; Ex-Rats Blamed

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Some folks here have the itch. City Health Officer Wilbur J. Menke Jr., scratching around for an explanation, came up with this: In a recent city-wide cleanup campaign, called operation junkyard, many substandard structures were pulled down. The pied piper result was that a lot of rats left town.

But rat mites are lingering on. Deprived of their rat hosts, the microscopic insects are attacking humans for their blood drink. The symptoms are itchy, hive-like irritations on arms, legs, abdomen and back—and intense itching.

About a dozen cases have been reported.

## Jap Isle Has Worst Flood

TOKYO (AP)—Modern Japan's most disastrous flood left almost 1,000 persons dead or missing Saturday as angry waters covered whole villages and forced thousands to hills and rooftops on the southern island of Kyushu.

National police described as unprecedented the toll of 252 known dead, 703 missing and 725 hurt as rivers swollen by a three-day cloudburst swept over parts of the northern half of the island—an area roughly the size of Massachusetts.

Japanese press reports said 458 inhabitants were believed lost in a village where the Chikugo River burst its banks and swept away 193 houses.

No American casualties were reported and there was only minor damage at three U. S. air bases. U. S. military units plucked in with manpower, medicine, planes and boats to help feed and evacuate some 610,000 inhabitants of the stricken area.

Twenty-two inmates broke from a jail at Kurume, a city in the northern part of the island. Police said the flood wrecked at least 32 million dollars' worth of buildings and farmland.

The weekend forecast was for continued showers. Two spots on Northern Kyushu got 17 inches of rain in 24 hours.

Railway and other transportation facilities were paralyzed. In Fukuoka Prefecture, where the Chikugo and Yabe Rivers have broken through embankments in many places.

Full Moon Lures Nude Wife Up Tree

ENID, Okla. (AP)—A 27-year-old Enid housewife, who sleepwalks at midnight when the moon is full, was found nude early Saturday, clinging to a tree.

Police answered a call from her distraught husband, who was unable to find his wife.

The wife said she was walking in her sleep and it was always when the moon is full and around midnight.

Police reported the following events: The husband, an employee of a utility company, found his wife missing from her bed shortly after midnight.

He searched the neighborhood and was unable to find her. Alarmed, he called Enid police who also started searching the area.

The woman was spotted in the tree as a full moon illuminated the scene.

The woman, still asleep, was nude and clinging to a limb 20 feet in the air. The fire department was called and rescuers working silently so that the woman wouldn't be startled, stretched a life net under the tree.

The husband then climbed the tree, carefully wrapped his wife around his waist and gently awakened her.

She fell into the net and he followed, grabbing his frightened wife before she could run off and hurt herself.

The husband reported later his wife was extremely nervous but apparently none the worse for her experience. However, he said he would watch her a little closer when the moon is full.

Hells Group Intervenes

PORTLAND (AP)—The National Hells Canyon Association, a group of interests opposed to the Idaho Power Co.'s plans for hydro-electric development of the Snake River, reported Friday it had filed a petition to intervene in a Federal Power Commission hearing.

The hearing, set for July 7 in Washington, D. C., will be on the Idaho firm's application for a permit to build Oxbow Dam.

If the association's petition is approved, it will be permitted to examine witnesses and introduce testimony.

Joining in the request to intervene are eight Washington public utility districts.



VERA ARNOLD, inventor of cloison painting and jewelry making, will conduct classes in the summer workshop sponsored by the Klamath Art Assoc., at the YMCA during the first two weeks in July.

## Klamath Firemen Lowest In Pay, Highest In Ability

By WAI ACE MYERS

Of 13 cities in Oregon with over 10,000 population but smaller than Portland, Klamath Falls Fire Department is ranked at the top in effectiveness and at the bottom in firemen's pay scale.

The Klamath Falls firemen are a bit disgruntled over this situation. They think they have a fairly substantial pay boost. Last Monday night, 11 of the firemen went before City Council with this request and were told they should take their request to the City Budget Committee. This, the firemen now plan to do.

The tentative new budget that has been drafted by the Budget Committee already gives the firemen an additional \$1,500 in pay. But the men say when this is spread over a year it will amount to only about \$5 per man per month. They don't think that is enough.

One thing the firemen particularly don't like is the rather wide differential between policemen's and firemen's pay. The policemen receive \$10 more per month in salary and an additional \$30 per month clothing allowance. Although the official pay scales show the policemen as being paid only \$10 more per month than the firemen in actual salary, the firemen think that \$30 per month clothing allowance the policemen receive does not go altogether for clothing; in other words, at least a part of the \$30

clothing pay should be regarded as additional salary. The firemen stress they do not begrudge the policemen any money they receive. Fireman Pete Sider says: "We think the policemen deserve every cent they get. . . But we think we deserve more than we are getting."

The firemen figure their pay now amounts to about 92 cents per hour, considerably less than is paid for common labor. And, they point out, a common laborer is not under the threat of injury or loss of life in his work. Nor is the common laborer required to have anything like the specialized training required of a good fireman.

Working a 72-hour week, the firemen say they have little time to do outside work to bolster their incomes. Doing outside work is further complicated by the firemen's work schedule; they serve on a 24 hours on, 24 hours off basis, so that their days off do not fall on the same day each week. If a fireman on duty 72 hours per week does manage to do some outside work he has very little time at home.

"We like our work. . . We're proud to be firemen because we know we are performing a valuable service. But we would like to make a decent living and still have a little time at home."

O & C Bills Introduced

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Guy Cordon and Rep. Harris Ellsworth introduced their long-awaited O & C Lands legislation in Congress Friday.

The bills—which concern some 460,000 acres of timber claimed jointly by the Department of Interior and the Forest Service, and another half million acres in which the two agencies have joint holdings—are designed to end a controversy over administration and jurisdiction.

Seven million dollars, receipts from past timber sales, have been held by the government pending solution of the controversy. If

these receipts were to be distributed under the Interior Department as O & C Lands, Oregon Counties would receive 75 per cent of the total. If they were distributed as Forest Service lands, the counties would receive only 25 per cent.

Under the Ellsworth and Cordon bills, receipts from the disputed lands would be apportioned under the O & C formula but the Forest Service would administer the lands.

The bill also would require the two agencies to exchange their holdings to eliminate intermingling jurisdiction.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE with United Air Lines will wind up on July 1 for Harold Cray (right) who announced his retirement on that date. Robert E. Johnson, vice president, will take over the duties of sales vice president on Cray's retirement. Cray says that he will remain with the company as a consultant and to carry out special assignments. Cray and his wife plan an air tour of Europe in July.

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## Gradual Remover Of Dog's Tail Sought by Owner

NASHVILLE (AP)—James Sadler has offered a \$50 reward for proof against the character who has been removing his puppy's tail—gradually.

Sadler came home Tuesday to find Pedro, his half-Chihuahua, half-terrier puppy, had lost half his tail.

Wednesday, daughter Sandra phoned him to wall, "It's happened again." Half the remaining tail had been cut off.

By the time Sadler got home Wednesday night the knife-wielder had struck a third time.

Now Pedro has barely enough of a tail left to support a bandage.

Oregon VFW Picks Officers

THE DALLES (AP)—Thomas B. Campbell, Portland, is the new commander of the Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Other officers elected at the group's encampment here Friday: Ron Dicken, Molalla, senior vice commander; Gary Hanson, Dallas, junior vice commander; Dr. James R. Brown, Pendleton, surgeon; John Schum, Portland, elected adjutant; Maynard Wilson, Cottage Grove, re-elected judge advocate; Sherman Wilson, North Bend, chaplain; William Ashworth, Portland, representative to the national council.

Auxiliary officers: Cecile Hafer, Portland, president; Clarence Henderson, Portland, senior vice president; Patti Hopkins, Rogue River, junior vice president; Lillian Stanton, Netarts, treasurer; Lois Eldridge, Prineville, chaplain; Edna Stowe, Elgin, conductress; Iris Mittis, Molalla, guard.

Purvine Book In Spotlight

Winston Purvine, director of Oregon Technical Institute here, has drawn the national education spotlight to OTI through a new book published by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The book, "The operation of a Local Program of Trade and Industrial Education," is a series of articles on the various phases of vocational education.

Vocational leaders throughout the nation were invited to submit articles on these various phases. In each instance, two persons were asked to write on the same topic so that the best parts of each offering could be combined in a single article.

Purvine's topic was "The Local Director of Vocational Education." His lengthy article must have been outstanding for it was published in its entirety without any insertions from other sources.

Purvine included in the article some of the vocational training ideas he has more or less pioneered at OTI. These include such things as the employment of an industrial arts program to ferret out hidden talents—"pre-vocational exploration" and use as a selective factor.

Purvine also explained the use of the Operating Manual which he has compiled for vocational work.

(Since the manual was introduced at OTI there have been many requests for it from other vocational schools across the nation.)

Truman Of Rhee; 'I Like The Old Man'

NEW YORK (AP)—Former President Truman said Saturday of Syngman Rhee, the South Korean president, "I like the old man; he's a patriot."

Truman declined to comment directly concerning the Korean truce situation in talking with newsmen on his arrival here by train from Philadelphia.

Ag Chief Pledges US Action To Save 'Foundation Herds'

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson told drought-stricken farmers of the Southwest today the government will act to save cattle needed to maintain foundation herds for future beef supplies.

Stating a shortage of feed was forcing many livestockmen to sell herds, the secretary declared it would be "a calamity for the whole country if foundation herds were forced into liquidation."

"You need feed, and we want to help you get it," said the Cabinet officer in a speech prepared for a meeting of the American Cotton Congress.

Benson came here yesterday to address the cotton group and to check on a drought that has been described as the worst in the history of the Southwest.

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2. Offer of government-owned feed at prices as "low as we are permitted" by law.

3. Provision of emergency and more liberal credit for farmers needing financial help.

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He said "we must give our sober attention to the task of developing further improvements" to that existing farm-aid program "that farmers can rely on for stability, prosperity and parity of living in the present circumstances of the national economy."

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Sen. Jenner Sights New Fields For Investigation

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Jenner (R-Ind.) confirmed Friday his Senate internal security subcommittee plans to resume soon an investigation of alleged Communist infiltration of labor unions.

The subcommittee Thursday completed its schedule of public hearings in a search for evidence of Communist penetration of the government. With a one-time high State Department official contending that Red infiltration of that agency has been "massive" and that "the effect is still being felt."

The testimony came from J. Anthony Panich, a deputy assistant secretary of state in 1945-47. Jenner said in an interview he plans to discuss with Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) whether a Senate investigation of Communist lawyers who practice before government agencies is needed, and if so, who should run it.

NOT ABOVE THE LAW

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)—The Swedish Supreme Court found Minister of the Interior Gunnar Hedlund guilty of careless income tax declaration Thursday and fined him 1400 Krona (\$270).

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