

FOUR ROK DIVERS PULL BACK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If you like mystery stories, there's a good one in the news these days.

With a truce believed to be just around the corner in Korea, President Eisenhower tells congressional leaders in Washington that he thinks a truce is near despite everything that is happening. The communists are EXPANDING the violent offensive they started yesterday.

They've thrown 60,000 to 70,000 men (six or seven Chinese divisions) into a violent assault along a 20-mile front. They started with 40,000 men in the attack, the dispatches say, with 20,000 in reserve. The news as this is written indicates that they have thrown most of their reserves into the fighting.

How is our side faring? Let General Maxwell Taylor, our commander in Korea, who has just toured the front, tell that. He says this morning:

"The allied troops are behaving extremely well. Some ground has been yielded, with the defense adjusting itself to the new situation. The attack was not unexpected, and the defense is exacting a heavy toll from the enemy."

A point to keep in mind. The entire front under assault by the communists is MANNED BY SOUTH KOREAN TROOPS. Several American artillery and mortar units, plus specialists, are attached to these ROK units, and have been in the thick of the fighting. But the brunt of the fighting is being borne by South Koreans.

Question: Do the commies WANT a truce, and in an effort to get it are they teaching the South Koreans a lesson, showing them what would happen to them if they went it alone without American help?

You recall the saying, I suppose, about Little Tommy Jinks, who observed sagely that "nobody knows what the weaver thinks."

Well, nobody knows what a communist thinks, or how he will go about getting what he wants. The Chinese communists aren't worried about losses of men. It is basic in their philosophy that there will always be plenty more where those who get killed and maimed came from.

Besides, those that die will no longer have to be fed.

In Moscow today, Ivestia (communist mouthpiece newspaper) ridicules the claim made in the West, especially in the Soviet Union, that there is a sign of internal weakness in the Soviet Union.

No such thing, it asserts. Instead, it is a sign of strength.

Well, I don't know much about the way things are run in Russia, but in the United States of America it would certainly be a sign of weakness if President Eisenhower, or should he be called Majority Leader Taft, taken out and shot before a wall.

I still think, despite what Ivestia says, that the liquidation of Mr. Beria is not a sign that everything in the Soviet Union is lovely and the goose is hanging high.

But I wouldn't go so far as to believe that the ruckus means that all our troubles are over. Stalin got where he was by "liquidating" all his opponents, and he succeeded in causing us a lot of trouble over the years.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Partly cloudy to fair through Wednesday. High Wednesday 82; low Tuesday night 48.

High yesterday	90
Low last night	53
Forecast last 24 hours	6
Since Oct. 1	14.87
Normal for period	12.23
Same period last year	17.11



ARSONIST ADMITS GUILT — In Willows, Calif., Stanford Patton (right), an unemployed firefighter, admits to District Attorney Clyde Larimer (left) that he set the forest fire which took 15 lives to that he would get employment. Patton broke down and confessed when confronted with a photo of the charred bodies of men who were trapped in the blaze.

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DRIFTING DUST and sand, reminders of drought, pile up a sand dune ten feet high back of the home of L. R. Riney, a dry land farmer, 16 miles southeast of Brownfield, Tex., in the heart of the Texas drought-stricken country. Sand covers the area where the Rineys normally have a vegetable garden. His pasture is burned up and his cotton crop is lost. Riney is holding onto his 320-acre farm with the help of a disability pension as a World War I veteran and cash from work in Brownfield.

Previous Candidate Grouses as New Reclamation Commissioner Enters

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department, minus a reclamation commissioner for more than four months—chiefly because of a Cuban nickel operation—acquired a new one in about 15 minutes Monday.

Wilbur A. Drexler, a 52-year-old career employee from the Reclamation Bureau's Denver office, was sworn into office less than a quarter of an hour after the White House announced his appointment.

And the White House announcement followed by five minutes the Interior Department's disclosure that the candidacy of Marvin C. Nichols of Fort Worth had been withdrawn.

"The White House staff indicates that my service at Nicao, although the services themselves were of a high order, having been rendered under a previous administration might at some later date be embarrassing to the present administration should I be appointed," Nichols said.

"I can appreciate this point of view, although I do not agree with it," asked about the speed of Drexler's induction, a department spokesman said the new commissioner was eager to get some work done before hurrying off to Denver to confer with Secretary of the Interior McKay Wednesday.

However, the June issue of "Fortune" magazine carried an article critical of the Nicao nickel operation. Nichols during 1952 headed a committee appointed by Jess Larson, former general services administrator, to work out plans for reopening the plant.

This led to reports that Presidential Assistant C. D. Jackson, former editor of Fortune magazine, was blocking the Nichols appointment. Jackson's office denied it.

Nichols' withdrawal letter, made public by McKay's office Monday, said the secretary told him May 8 the Nicao issue—chiefly the awarding of the operating contract—was delaying the appointment.

"The soundness of that award is evidenced by the fact the plant is in successful operation at a saving to the government of between four and five million dollars annually over the only other proposal received," Nichols wrote.

East Zoners Swarm Border For Food

By DON DOANE

BERLIN (AP)—Hundreds of hungry East Berliners gave the lie to Communist claims of ample food today, storming across the sector border to take advantage of a West Berlin food relief program.

Only three days after their Red government scornfully rejected a U. S. offer of 15 million dollars worth of food, the Easterners made a mass rush to buy privately donated stocks sold along one part of the border at a special reduced rate of exchange.

The relief market opened in the borough of Kreuzberg, with West Berlin city funds supplementing private donations of milk and fruit. Within three hours the stocks were gone, though buying was restricted to persons from the immediately adjoining East Berlin neighborhood.

The food was sold at just over one-sixth the normal price.

Kreuzberg's Mayor Willy Kressmann said the relief market will resume operations tomorrow, with potatoes in stock instead of milk and fruit.

Bayonet-Armed Section Hands Thrill Rails

YREKA — Two allegedly dope-crazed section hands who menaced a Southern Pacific telegraph operator at Mt. Hebron with a bayonet and then abducted another worker, were sought throughout Northern California Tuesday.

According to reports received by Sheriff Allen Cotter of Siskiyou County, the two fugitives forced their way into the home of Charles Swinney, Southern Pacific telegraph operator at Mt. Hebron late Sunday night. One of the Mexicans held a World War I bayonet at Swinney's throat while he dressed.

Swinney grappled with his assailants and finally broke away from them. He ran to the railroad station and summoned aid by telephone.

In the meantime, the two section hands, tentatively identified as William Massey and Jose Ramirez, went to a nearby railroad dormitory where they kidnapped Diego Delgado. They forced Delgado to drive them in his car to Shasta Dam. When they stopped at a gas station there, Delgado leaped from the car and fled.

Clarence Champlin, South Pacific special agent at Klamath Falls, is aiding sheriff's deputies in the search for the fugitives.

It is believed the kidnapers had been smoking marijuana.

Pulse-Feeler Finds No Arm, Also No Body

CHILQUIN — "He isn't moving and he's got a knife in his back," gasped two white faced little youngsters who had run all the way to the police station. "We didn't touch him, honest we didn't."

The call came at 8:30 last night. Lewis Jones, chief of police, and Joe Toliver, deputy district attorney who happened to be in the office, rushed to the spot the children pointed out in West Chilquín. There, with his legs on the bank, his head in a ditch was the body.

A half-empty wine bottle lay nearby, a bloody knife in the back, signs of a struggle all around. Jones leaned over to feel for a pulse. Not only no pulse—no arm.

Some practical jokers had rigged a dummy murder.

Council Splits On Paving; High Bidder Likely Winner

A split developed in the City Council Monday night over awarding of street repair contracts.

Despite the fact it was not the low bidder, City Engineer E. A. Thomas recommended to the council that the street repair and paving contract be awarded to Asphalting Co. The low bidder was Bobco Paving Co.

Thomas told the council that on work for the city last year by Bobco was slow and he did not believe that company could complete pending street repair on schedule.

Attorney Don Piper, counsel for Bobco, refuted the city engineer's statement. He said as far as he knew work done last year on Klamath Falls streets by Bobco was perfectly satisfactory and the company would be able to meet any completion schedules set by the city.

Bobco's bid was \$50,525 and Asphalting offered to do the work for \$54,156.

When the council voted on the city engineer's recommendation, the tally was 3 to 2 in favor of the Asphalting bid. Voting for Asphalting were Don Kenyon, Oliver Spiker and Frank Tarr. Opposing were Jimmy Barnes and Wendell Smith.

Smith explained his vote by saying that there was a \$3500 difference in the two bids and that this justified giving the contract to Bobco Paving Co.

The resolution awarding the contract to Asphalting will be voted on again next week.

Bodies From Lost Plane Recovered

By ROY ESSOYAN

HONOLULU (AP) — The Navy transport Barrett radioed Tuesday that an explosion apparently doomed a Transoceanic airliner Saturday night so suddenly that none of the 58 passengers even had time to don a life jacket.

The Barrett, which already has picked up 16 bodies from the shark-infested waters 350 miles east of Wake, said:

"No possible chance to find survivors alive."

The Barrett, heading for Guam Tuesday, reported:

"Cause of the crash believed to be explosion. None bodies recovered were life jackets or showed any evidence of preparing for impending crash."

All but two of the 14 bodies were nude and two had only parts of clothes.

Only one of the four-engined plane's five rafts was found inflated. The others were damaged and two were in numerous pieces.

"Debris and bodies scattered over wide area," the Barrett said. Earlier the transport had radioed:

"Evidence of violent, sudden death with multiple bruises. Previous report of flash burn erroneous. Skin showed water action but hair not burned. Clothing stripped probably by force of impact."

Six military ships and a civilian tanker are continuing the search for bodies through the day.

Barrett crewmen had to battle sharks in recovering the bodies.

Hope for survivors faded rapidly as the Barrett reported sighting the fifth and last raft carried by the ill-fated DC6B plane. The raft was empty.

The Barrett's medical officer aboard the Navy transport said after viewing the scorched and mutilated bodies:

"There is little hope of any survivors."

Dispatches from the Barrett indicated the water was churning with sharks. The rescuers reported they could not retrieve the last three bodies sighted "because of sharks."

The ship said earlier that it was unable to estimate how many bodies were in the immediate vicinity but that parts of bodies had been sighted.

The airliner, bound from Guam to Oakland, Calif., was last heard from at Saturday night, when it reported its position as 325 miles east of Wake. It apparently plunged into the sea minutes later without a chance to send out a distress signal.

Condition of the bodies indicated the plane plunged in flames or exploded soon after crashing into the sea.

A spokesman said the Hawaiian Sea Frontier would continue the air search for at least 24 hours more, with two planes on night search and two others on day search.

Hit-Run Wetback Gets Six Months

A 22-year-old Mexican "wetback" was sentenced to six months in the County Jail Tuesday when he pleaded guilty before District Judge D. E. Van Vactor to hit-and-run driving.

He is Antonio Chavez, who immigration authorities say is in the United States illegally for the third time.

Victim of the accident is Susan Weddle, Chilquín, who was knocked from her bicycle by the car driven by Chavez. She was unconscious for two hours after the accident. She was treated for cuts and bruises by a physician who reported her condition as not serious.

According to District Attorney Frank Alderson, Chavez parked his car on a Chilquín street after the accident and fled to Klamath Falls by train. He was arrested here by state police.

Search On For Lost Spanish Blaze Here

By LYLE DOWNING

Spanish explorers who combed the North American continent for such mythical wonders as the "Fountain of Youth" and the "Seven Cities of Cibola" are believed to have conducted a search of some kind in the Klamath Basin.

It was revealed Tuesday by Mrs. Buena Stone, an authority on Basin history, that shortly before his death, Jackson Kimball, pioneer Klamath Falls lumberman, discovered a blasted tree bearing a Spanish inscription in the Dog Lake region.

Kimball offered to show Mrs. Stone the blasted tree, but before she was able to take advantage of the invitation, Kimball died.

"It is a historical fact," Mrs. Stone declared, "that Spain at one time claimed land as far north as the Forty-fourth Parallel. The Klamath Basin is in the Forty-second Parallel."

"It is also a historical fact," Mrs. Stone continued, "that Spanish expeditions were sent into Northern California by the Spanish government. It is probable they came as far north as the Klamath Basin."

Mrs. Stone explained that she did not press Kimball for further details concerning the blasted tree because she fully expected to accompany him to the site a few days after he mentioned it.

"I got the impression it was in the Dog Lake area," she added. "But that's all I know of the probable location."

If the blasted tree can be located, it will be of particular interest to a group of Basin residents who contend there is a close link between this region and recognized former Spanish territory.

To spur a search for the Spanish blasted tree, The Herald and News is offering \$100 reward to anyone who locates it. In making this offer, Frank Jenkins, publisher of the newspaper, said:

"There is no question but what Spanish explorers visited this section. There is a close link historically between the Basin and the sections of Western America which we usually associate with the Spanish. In fact, General Fremont was camped in the Basin shortly before he marched into California to raise the Stars and Stripes and thereby terminate the Spanish rule."

Less Famous Harry Truman In Our Clunk

Municipal Court records Tuesday showed a man named Harry Truman was sentenced to 30 days in the City Jail for drunkenness.

Police Judge Frank Blackmer said he was certain that the convicted tipple was not a former president of the United States.

Joint School Boards Meet

Members of the joint boards of education of school districts 1 and 2, high school and elementary, met Monday night at the high school, re-elected chairman of the two boards, administered the oath of office to newly elected board members, accepted resignations of teachers, announced new staff members and authorized improvement programs.

Harold B. Ashley was re-elected clerk of the joint boards and two newly elected board members, Mrs. Letha Murphy for the elementary and J. P. Linman for the high school board, were sworn in.

E. S. Robinson was re-elected chairman of the elementary board and Scott Warren of the high school board.

Resignations of Patricia Murphy, fourth grade teacher at Mills, and Ethelyn Caffer, music teacher and librarian at Pelican were accepted. Miss Murphy is to be married during the summer and Mrs. Caffer is moving to Eugene.

Contracts for Betty Mary Hunt, Velda Hedgecock and David Davis were approved for the grade schools. Miss Hunt graduate of the College of Ed. Monmouth will teach special education at Mills. Velda Hedgecock also of Monmouth, will have the primary room at Mills. Davis will receive a later assignment in intermediate class.

He is a graduate of the University of Utah.

Lido D. Botti, graduate of the University of Portland, where he received his MA, will teach English and journalism in the high school. Raymond Labos will receive his MA in August, at the University of Portland and will join the staff of the high school in the fall. Labos has been on the faculty of the university and has taught at University High School, Eugene.

A \$9,011 reconstruction project for the cafeteria at Fairview was authorized with the bid going to Pinniger and Watkins; a second improvement program, the surfacing of Alameda Street with asphalt from Wall to Crescent streets between the canal and the high school building, will be completed this summer. The work will include also a sidewalk on the high school side and concrete curbing. The bid was let to Ray Byrnes, contractor, for \$13,535.90.

Bids on the work were opened by the city July 6 and were submitted to the high school board last night for approval, then returned to the city for final action. Plans and specifications were prepared by E. A. Thomas, city engineer.

Bids, opened for a contract on a new school bus, an addition to the 12 vehicles now in service, were opened and are under discussion. A decision is expected within the next 10 days.

Observers' Anniversary Meet Today

The Ground Observer Corps will celebrate its first anniversary with a public meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the basement of the city library.

"Target Nevada," a colored film on the recent atomic tests in Nevada, will be shown. This is the first official showing here of authentic pictures of the blasts.

Sgt. Harold Wheatley and Sgt. John Bridges, who have come from the Portland filter center to be in charge of this area, will give brief talks.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Local ground observers participated in their first major exercise alert from midnight Saturday until noon Sunday this past weekend. More than 500 planes on the West Coast participated, with Klamath Falls as one of the strategic target points in the exercise.

Planes included B-36's, B-50's, B-29's and B-47's strajets used as aggressors. Jet, F-81 jet and different types, including Vampire jets, were used in friendly forces intercepting potential enemy planes at different locations.

Twelve posts were alerted from the Klamath Falls post with 30 watchers on duty for the 12-hour period at strategic points in the country.

This service is purely voluntary and most of the corps have some member of the family in the armed forces. Busy housewives, veterans and teenagers make up most of the corps. Some of the teenagers ride their bicycles many miles to take part in the work.

John Barker, 2330 Orchard, is supervisor and Mrs. Barker is chief observer. She has a half dozen assistant observers who serve as captains of the week. Edna Hall is correspondent for the group.

More volunteers are needed as some of the corps are giving 16 hours a week service in addition to their fulltime jobs. Hours can be arranged to fit in with individual schedules. Mr. and Mrs. Barker can be called at 8240 by any interested person.

UN Defenses Threatened By New Push

By GEORGE McARTHUR

SEOUL (AP) — Four South Korean divisions pulled back along the rain-soaked Korean East-Central Front Tuesday night and early Wednesday under the impact of unceasing attacks by eight Chinese Red divisions that ripped holes four miles deep at points in the Allied lines.

The outcome of the battle involving more than 100,000 soldiers of both sides was still not clear after more than 24 hours of feverish close hand fighting in driving rain.

Bad weather sharply trimmed urgently needed Allied air support.

Front line dispatches said a South Korean deputy division commander and a regimental commander as well as the U. S. adviser to a retreating South Korean regiment were listed as missing in action.

Positions long fought over in the past two years were in the endangered sector and their possession was in doubt. Among these were Sniper Ridge, Finger Ridge and Capitol Hill, all north and east of Kumhwa.

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, 8th Army commander, said after a first-hand look at the grave situation that ROK defenders were yielding some ground "as the defense re-adjusts itself to the new situation."

Between 60,000 and 70,000 Chinese aimed their sudden assault—the mightiest Red offensive in more than two years—at main-line positions on a 30-mile front east of Kumhwa to the Pukhan River.

Troops from eight Chinese divisions were thrown into the blazing battles in the wake of some of the heaviest Red artillery barrages of the war.

Four Red divisions—about 40,000 men—struck first in rainy darkness just before midnight. Units from the four reserve divisions were fed into the battle as needed.

U. S. officers said Gen. Taylor, in a statement issued after the returned from a visit to the front, said:

"The attack was not unexpected and the defense is extracting a very heavy toll of casualties from the Communists."

There were other withdrawals across the blazing 30-mile East-Central Front.

The 8th Army said earlier that the Chinese had driven at least two miles southward toward the Kumhwa-Kumhwa road network below Kumhwa.

The Chinese made their deepest penetrations at the west and east flanks of the Allies' bulge into Red lines between Kumhwa and Look-out Mountain.

The penetrations at both ends of the front could endanger a big segment of the line.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The freighter Jacob Luckenbach plunged to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean minutes after an early morning collision Tuesday, but all crewmen were rescued, the Coast Guard said.

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