

Allied Offensive Pushes Closer To Battered Seoul

TOKYO, Thursday, Feb. 8 (AP)—The Allied offensive today swept close to Seoul and U.S. tanks and artillery hammered at Chinese Red troops backed against the thawing Han river.

Artillery wheeled up within easy firing range of the smashed and almost deserted city, where typhus was reported raging. The Reds before them dug into the last line of hills south of Seoul.

Three tank-tipped task forces for the third straight day Wednesday rolled ahead along this western front in gains of up to two miles. One column drove to within four miles of the Han, which flows past Seoul.

The Eighth Army announced that the two other armored raiding columns struck heavy resistance eight to 10 miles southwest of Seoul. An increasing number of Russian-made mines slowed the advance on this 15th day of the limited United Nations offensive.

The Chinese Communist 50th Army Corps retreated five and one-half miles over a two-day period to new positions less than six miles south of the Han.

Ice which had formed a hard surface over the river wore thin in an early thaw and began to crack.

Log bridges were being thrown across the Han by Communist engineers who feared a sudden thaw would leave them with no escape route to the north.

As menacing as the thaw were the flashing bayonets of U.S. troops as they fought forward with their Turkish allies.

One spectacular American bayonet charge drove Chinese from a vital hill three miles west of Anyang, a small town eight and one-half miles south of Seoul.

Pravda Calls US 'Trickster'

MOSCOW, Feb. 7 (AP)—Pravda charged the United States today with being a skinflint and trickster in its negotiations for a settlement of Russia's lend-lease account.

The Communist party newspaper declared the U.S. State Department intentionally sabotaged the negotiations with usurious demands for an "exorbitant and fabulous sum" and by resorting to "all sorts of artificial tricks" and "aggressive methods." (Secretary of State Acheson rejected the charges at a Washington news conference. Acheson said the United States has done what it could to make a success of the negotiations and has shown great patience in dealing with the case.)

Bill Would Raise Age Of Drivers

HARRISBURG, Feb. 7 (AP)—The minimum age for obtaining a learner's permit or driver's license in Pennsylvania would be increased from 16 to 18 years under a House bill introduced today.

The measure was offered by Rep. Albert S. Readinger (D-Berks).

Another measure offered by Rep. Ray W. Greenwood (R-Wyoming), would place suspension of drivers' licenses on a point system.

Penalty points would be established for each type of driving offense, with suspension periods based on the number of points charged against a violator of the motor vehicle code.

Weekly Casualty Rise Smallest Of Korea War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—The Pentagon yesterday raised its total of announced casualties in Korea to 47,388, an increase of 574 in a week. It was the smallest rise in the count since the first such report was issued August 7.

The total, covering losses of which families had been notified through Friday, Feb. 2, included 7,014 killed in action, 30,941 wounded and 9,433 missing in action.

State Guardsmen May Go Overseas

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., Feb. 7 (AP)—Major General Daniel B. Strickler, commandant of the 28th Infantry Division, said today he "presumed" that a number of soldiers now being transferred from the division "would be sent overseas" this month.

Strickler's statement followed by a day disclosure that an undetermined number from the key-stone division are headed for replacement centers.

The 28th is made up largely of the federalized Pennsylvania National Guard. Its commandant, General Strickler, formerly was Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania.

Said General Strickler: "All the men sent to port replacement centers are basically trained privates and their transfers will not interfere with the division's program. They are 14-week selectees who were sent here for basic training."

Gen. Says UN Strong In Korea

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—The man who commanded the 24th Division through the heaviest fighting so far in Korea says it simply isn't in the Chinese Communists to build up force enough to drive United Nations armies off the peninsula.

The U.N. forces chew up the Red masses too fast for that, Maj. Gen. John H. Church told a news conference today.

At the same time he said there is a "possibility" that the U.N. will drive on North of the 38th parallel. However, he was talking only about possible ability to do that if it is desired, for he added that the decision depends on directives from the U.N. One idea behind that suggestion is that it might keep the way open for a diplomatic settlement.

Church talked with reporters during a stop here on the way from his former Korea command to Fort Benning, Ga., where he will head the army's infantry school. He was commander of the 24th Division from July 22 to Jan. 26. He was given the assignment when Maj. Gen. William F. Dean was reported missing in action.

The general described as "terrific" the casualties inflicted on the Chinese. He estimated their losses as at least 10 men for each one lost by the Allies, and emphasized that his figures covered only losses inflicted by ground forces. Navy shelling and unrelenting air strikes have built that proportion higher.

The president of the Washington Redskins of the National Football League took issue with congressional critics, who have been questioning draft deferments of pro athletes.

ICC Orders Wreck Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered an immediate inquiry into the tragic wreck of the Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train at Woodbridge, N. J.

At least 83 persons were killed and 500 injured last night when the commuter-crowded express, The Broker, leaped the tracks and plunged down an embankment.

The commission announced it will open a public hearing into the causes of the accident at 2 p.m., (Eastern Standard Time) tomorrow. The sessions will be held at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City before Commissioner W. J. Patterson and ICC examiner E. J. Hoy.

Assistant Middlesex county prosecutor Alex Eber said that the crowded Pennsylvania Railroad train was traveling twice its authorized speed when it hurtled off the tracks.

On the basis of preliminary findings, he said, "There are clear indications that speed was involved in the derailment."

He also said there were no caution signals in the immediate vicinity of the newly-built trestle where the train wobbled, then plunged off the side of a 20-foot embankment.

Breakfast Devotions At Wesley Foundation

"Steps To The Cross," a series of breakfasts and devotions sponsored by the Wesley foundation, began this morning at 7 o'clock in the foundation's student center and will continue every Thursday.

This morning's speaker was the Rev. Andrew E. Newcomer of the Presbyterian church, and Luther Harshbarger of the Penn State Christian association will speak next week.

On Feb. 22 the Rev. Douglas Cook, Yale university, will speak; March 1, the Rev. James Reed, Evangelical United Brethren church and March 8, the Rev. Robert Eads, Baptist church.

Holy Communion services will be held March 15.

4-F ATHLETES DEFENDED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—George Preston Marshall said today "it is high time the sports profession rose to fight the current smear in government circles of American athletes."

Acheson Blames World Tension On Red Armies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson today blamed world tension on the massive buildup of Soviet and satellite armed forces and forecast that the West will insist on talking about this at any Big Four meeting.

He charged Russia with following a familiar Moscow propaganda technique in accusing the West of aggressive intent while pressing for a foreign ministers conference to deal chiefly with the rearming of Western Germany.

The secretary said Moscow, in its latest note, moved somewhat grudgingly in the direction of an agreement on the issues to be taken up at the proposed conference. He also increased the prospects that the meeting will eventually be arranged by saying that the U.S., Britain and France will respond with an early reply.

Three Violate Treaty

Without giving figures, Acheson at his news conference declared Eastern European Soviet bloc countries are building up very great armies. He reaffirmed the Western contention that in the case of Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary this was in violation of peace treaty limits.

Senate Group OK's Primary Date Change

HARRISBURG, Feb. 7 (AP)—A Senate committee today proposed Tuesday, July 24, as the date for Pennsylvania's local primary election this year.

The date was written into a bill the military affairs committee is considering to advance the primary date so that Pennsylvanians in the armed services may vote in the primary by absentee ballot. The primary date is Sept. 10 under present law.

Hoover Favors Aid For India

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—Herbert Hoover, frequently a sharp critic of administration policy, joined today in President Truman's drive to put through a vast program for feeding famished India.

The Republican former President gave his advice on the proposal at a White House meeting with Mr. Truman and his top aides. Expressing support for at least the fundamental aim of the program, Hoover told a news conference:

"This has nothing to do with politics, but with our fundamental Christian faith. The United States has never in its history failed to be helpful to a famine-stricken people. It will require some sacrifices from all of us."

Hoover indicated he will be available for future advisory work on the relief project. He refrained from approving specific details of a proposal advanced in some quarters for providing 2,000,000 tons of American grain at a cost of some \$200,000,000 to relieve hunger in India resulting from drought, locusts and other troubles.

On the subject of cost, Hoover commented that India itself has some money to buy food.

Cooperation from the former President was sought by the administration in part for its effect on a Congress which does not feel unanimously generous toward India.

UN Committee Raps Russians

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 7 (AP)—The United Nations political committee buried under landslide votes today the last two Russian charges against the United States still hanging in the U.N. General Assembly. The committee agreed with the United States that the Russian accusations were "baseless."

A Soviet charge that the U.S. committed aggression against Formosa was beaten down, 49 to 5. The Soviet bloc voted alone for it while Yugoslavia, Burma and Indonesia abstained.

The second Soviet defeat was on a resolution asking the General Assembly to condemn the U.S. for bombing Red Chinese territory in Manchuria. The vote was 50 to 5. The Soviet bloc again voted alone for the charges. Afghanistan and Yugoslavia abstained.

Judge Urges—

(Continued from page one) they would get some men over there to run these trains and they would get some soldiers over there to see that the roads operate."

Kennedy made his remark on his arrival in Chicago to testify at the contempt hearing. He said he had worked in Washington until 12:30 a.m. on the strike question and would return immediately after his testimony in Chicago.

Switching operations still were severely crippled in the key rail hubs of Chicago, St. Louis and Peoria, Ill.—the three big gateways for transcontinental rail traffic.

The western and eastern railroads end their runs at Chicago and St. Louis, and freight cars must be switched at these points to continue their transcontinental journey. Some of this traffic normally can be shunted from Chicago to the Peoria and Pekin Union beltline in Peoria, but strikers tied up 70 per cent of the traffic there.

The measure, in addition to changing the date, revives the model soldier vote law in effect during World War II. Elaborate machinery was set up in that law for servicemen and women to apply for absentee ballots, mark them and return them to their home counties.

Returned To Senate The Senate committee, after fixing the primary date, returned the legislation to the Senate itself for a vote next week. The committee dropped an earlier proposed date of June 19 in favor of July 24.

In the House, Gov. John S. Fine's package of civil defense legislation struck a temporary snag in objections by labor groups to the death sentence as the penalty for sabotage.

Both Rep. Charles C. Smith, the Republican floor leader, and Rep. H. G. Andrews, the Democrats' top man in the House, indicated they felt the death penalty severe without an alternative prison sentence or fine at the discretion of the court. They are co-sponsors of the bills.

Cabinet Deadlock Continues The cabinet deadlock simmered as the assembly quit for the week with a showdown due on Tuesday on confirmation of the executive's cabinet.

The dispute revolves around Fine's effort to retain Attorney General Charles J. Margiotti for a time without Senate confirmation. Democrats, holding four votes necessary to confirm appointments, insist that the Governor should send the nomination of his attorney general for confirmation and have held up action on all other cabinet appointments. Republicans have 30 votes with 34 necessary on confirmations.

Fine announced yesterday he would call for a vote in the Senate Tuesday on the cabinet. The Democrats called a caucus for Monday to discuss their position.

Final passage was voted unanimously by the Senate to legislation extending until next July 1, the deadline for filing claims for State veterans' bonus. The former deadline was July 1, 1950.

House Extends Interest On Bonds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP)—A bill to permit holders of Series E government bonds to keep them for more than 10 years and continue to draw interest was passed yesterday by the House.

Passage was by voice vote. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Series E bonds are in small denominations, and are those generally held by the public. Some \$35,000,000 worth are outstanding.

Jury Deliberating In Remington Trial

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP)—A federal jury today began deliberating whether William W. Remington, former \$10,000-a-year government economist, committed perjury in telling a grand jury he never was a Communist.

Federal Judge Gregory F. Noonan told the jury in his charge that the sole issue under the indictment was whether Remington committed perjury in denying Communist party membership.

Information On Summer Camp Jobs Available

Information on summer employment at camps and resorts is now available at the student employment office, 112 Old Main, Allan Reese, director, announced yesterday.

Job information and listings of 250 camps and some resorts are available to both men and women students, Reese said.