

UN Forces Advance In Central Offensive

TOKYO, Friday, Feb. 23—(AP)—Nearly 100,000 United Nations troops, including four American divisions, gained up to 12 miles Thursday in a powerful offensive against Chinese and North Korean Communists imbedded in the wet brown hills of central Korea.

The attack, involving both the Ninth and Tenth Corps of the U. S. Eighth Army, stretched along a 55-mile-wide battlefield. "Operations Killer"—personally ordered by General MacArthur only two days ago—sent an estimated 60,000 American troops slogging northward through the Korean mud, together with Allied forces from Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Korea.

One Republic of Korea (ROK) division sliced through a mountain pass within 35 miles of the 38th parallel.

Opposition was spotty. Some North Koreans were pulling back rapidly in near panic. At other points, stubborn pockets of Chinese held firm in deep foxholes and barricaded dugouts.

Chinese Hold or Die

An estimated 40,000 Communists were in the line, including at least one fresh Chinese division under orders to hold or die.

The battlefield stretched from Yangpyong in the west, thence eastward to a point north of Wonju and continued southeastward to positions three miles south of Pyongchang in the wild mountain country of interior Korea.

Yangpyong is 27 air miles east of Seoul and a like distance from Wonju in the center. Pyongchang is 25 air miles east of Wonju.

Allied Objective

The first objective of the powerful Allied offensive apparently was Hoengsong, ten miles north of Wonju. Steel claws were closing slowly on Hoengsong Thursday night from both east and west, while a third U. N. force smashed from the south head-on into defending Reds.

Behind the Allied advance came huge convoys of trucks, guns and tanks, lumbering through slushy mud over narrow mountain roads.

House Gets New Draft Compromise

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) of the House Armed Services committee today introduced a compromise bill calling for drafting boys of 18 and a half years. It bears tentative committee sanction.

However, another round of hearings on the bitterly debated subject opens up Monday. Final committee action is expected early next month. The present draft law expires in July.

The bill is designed to prevent any youth being sent into combat or overseas before his 19th birthday. It provides four months basic training. Leave and travel time is presumed to occupy the other two months.

Like a bill approved by the Senate Armed Services committee and awaiting action in the Senate, the proposed House measure would stretch the present period of draft service from 21 to 26 months.

The Senate bill permits induction of youths of 18, provided all available young men in the 19 through 25 years bracket are called first.

Both bills differ from the original Pentagon proposal which called for lowering the draft age to 18, without restrictions, and providing for a system of universal training.

A main objective of both Senate and House bills is to set up a universal training program.

Cops Off Duty? School Holiday

BALTIMORE, Feb. 22—(AP)—An impatient motorist called police headquarters at the height of a two-alarm fire today to ask why no cops were around to ease a traffic jam near the blaze.

"At this hour, all our officers are on duty by the schools," explained the voice of the law.

"This is Washington's birthday," the motorist reminded him. "No school today."

Within a few minutes five squad cars arrived to direct the traffic.

Chase Charges Trainmen Were 'Black-Jacked'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—A railway labor leader today bitterly denounced government handling of the rail dispute and declared White House Aide John R. Steelman once indicated President Truman would "ram a settlement down our throat."

W.E.B. Chase, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, also told the Senate Labor committee:

"I never thought I'd be in the position of being black-jacked in the east wing of the White House, but that has been my experience."

The office of Steelman, assistant to Mr. Truman, is in the east wing. Steelman has played a leading role in trying to arrange a settlement of the two-year-old stormy dispute between the railroad operating unions and the carriers. The workers are demanding higher pay and revision of working conditions.

Before Chase testified, the committee—which is investigating the dispute—got a demand from Roy O. Hughes, President of the Order of Railway Conductors, that the government impound the carriers profits during the period of federal control. He contended it would help spur a settlement. The roads were seized by the government last August.

Chase's union of trainmen was fined \$75,000 in federal court here Monday after pleading guilty to contempt of court charges stemming from "sick" strikes of yard switchmen this winter. The same union recently was fined \$25,000 in Chicago for a work stoppage there.

Johnston Claims He Will Break Wage Deadlock

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—(AP)—Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston asserted today he would shatter the deadlock over a wage formula for the immediate emergency without further notice to labor leaders.

Concluding a three-hour meeting with the four chiefs of the United Labor Policy Committee (ULPC), Johnston said he had heard "all their gripes" and had learned a lot.

But he told reporters he would make his own decision, notify Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson what it was, and then announce it. But he made it clear that under Defense Mobilization act he considers he is the one to settle the impasse.

Meanwhile, two senators offered to propose public hearings if it would help solve a dispute in which labor leaders have challenged the handling of the mobilization program as unfair.

O'Brien To Talk

J. F. O'Brien, professor of public speaking at the College, will address the teachers from six central Pennsylvania counties at a one-day speech workshop for high school teachers at Gettysburg college today. The topic of his speech will be "Speech As a Social Tool."

students. Students enrolled for session beginning in the middle of February and ending in the middle of the next December. A fee of \$100 covered costs of tuition, room, board, washing, fuel, and light for the whole session. However, life wasn't all a bowl of cherries, for each student was required to work three hours on the farm daily.

O'Brien Denies Records Withheld In N.Y. 'Fixes'

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (AP)—A newspaper report of a fix involving every metropolitan basketball team that played in Madison Square Garden last season was denied today by New York's former top policeman.

The Brooklyn Eagle said wiretap recordings of such a fix were in the hands of police more than a year ago but the evidence was suppressed by some unnamed high authority.

Former Police Commissioner William P. O'Brien, who was in charge of the department then, replied:

"I want to make a general denial that any recordings were ever suppressed. To my knowledge, no recordings were ever made. Positively none were ever called to my attention."

Earlier, O'Brien's successor, police commissioner Thomas F. Murphy—in office only five months—said he had no information on such evidence of its suppression.

But he asked Chief Inspector August Flath to dig into the files and see what he could find.

The Eagle described the evidence as 40 wiretap recordings made during the 1949-50 basketball season.

Bulletin

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (AP)—Another basketball honor—the national major college scoring leadership—was taken from Long Island University's Sherman White today as a result of the fixing scandal.

This week, White overtook Temple's Bill Mlkvy, and swept into the lead with an average of 27.7 points per game. That was on the basis of games through last Saturday. Mlkvy dropped to second, with a 26.7 average.

The NCAB, making note that White had taken the lead with a record-breaking average, said at the same time that his performance would be stricken from the books.

The newspaper said the wiretaps indicated a huge fix "involving every metropolitan team that played in Madison Square Garden."

The Eagle did not say who allegedly suppressed the wiretaps but referred only to a "higher authority." The newspaper added: "The publication of this data, it was said, would result in driving every college team in the city out of the Garden."

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan, in the midst of a probe into the latest and biggest of four college basketball scandals since 1945, said he knew nothing of any such evidence.

Hogan has said that wiretaps helped him crack the present college fix case involving eight players from Long Island University, City College of New York, and New York University.

Auto Firm—

(Continued from page one) The subcommittee's inquiry drew an admission today from RFC Director William E. Willett that he helped an old friend of his obtain a \$300,000 RFC loan by personally assigning the RFC examiner who made the recommendations on the application.

The friend is C. Edward Rowe, principal owner of the Harrington and Richardson Arms company of Worcester, Mass. Rowe subsequently joined the RFC directorate and is now vice chairman of the board.

Senator Douglas (D-Ill) asked Willett if he had not departed from regular procedure in personally assigning the examiner.

"Yes sir, it is very unusual," Willett said. "... I did it as a personal favor to Judge Rowe. Judge Rowe has been a personal friend of mine for years."

The loan was made to Harrington and Richardson last April 10. Willett said it was a good loan and already had been repaid in full.

The enrollment of students of the Pennsylvania State College for the fall semester of 1950 ranked 20th among the nation's colleges.

Temperance Forces Suffer If Primary Date Moved Up

HARRISBURG, Feb. 22—(AP)—Pennsylvania temperance forces will suffer more than liquor interests this year if legislation changing the primary election date from Sept. 11 to July 24 is passed.

That is the opinion of Grant Peterson, President of the Retail Liquor Dealers of Pennsylvania.

The primary date change is proposed in order to grant key-stone servicemen and women time to vote by absentee ballot. The bill is now before the senate for final passage.

Peterson said the July 24 primary date will mean a reduced time limit for dry forces to work

up sentiment for local option contests over the question of sale of liquor and beer.

Since local option petitions must be filed 60 days before the date of the primary election, passage of the absentee voting bill would mean that such petitions would have to be filed no later than May 24.

"This wouldn't hurt us nearly as much as the dry forces," Peterson commented.

Liquor interests concentrate most of their effort in maintaining present grounds, while temperance groups aim at adding more dry communities to their ranks.

College Marks 96th Birthday Celebration

By PAUL BEIGHLEY

You couldn't tell it from walking around the campus. No one would know if you asked him. But nevertheless yesterday was an important day in Penn State history.

For yesterday, Feb. 22, 1951, was the 96th birthday anniversary of the Pennsylvania State college.

It was back on Feb. 22, 1855, that Governor Pollock signed the bill granting the charter to the "Farmer's High school." The granting of the charter marked the successful end to the efforts of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural society to establish an agricultural school.

Start of Era

But rather than the end, it was the beginning—the beginning of hard work to get the school built and on its feet, and the beginning of an era of progress.

Almost immediately after the charter was granted, offers of land donations poured in from all over the state. But it wasn't till Sept. 12, 1855, that a site for the new school was adopted. The

board of trustees set up by the charter met at that time and decided to accept the offer of 200 acres of land from Gen. James Irvin of Centre county.

In Isolated Area

The land offered by General Irvin was located in an isolated area in the exact geographical center of the state—a site which President Sparks later termed as "equally inaccessible from all parts of it." The site was thought to be desirable by many, however, because it was away from the distractions and temptations of city life.

The new school opened Feb. 16, 1859, with the enrollment of 119

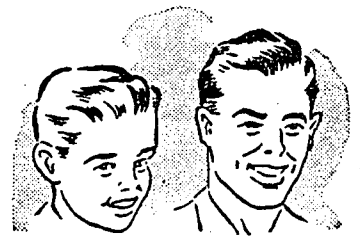
Britain Hits Selection Of U.S. Admiral

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Winston Churchill stirred the House of Commons today by charging Britain had been "brushed out of the way" with the nomination of an American Admiral to command Atlantic Pact sea forces.

The Conservative leader asked Prime Minister Attlee indignantly: "Was there not a British Admiral capable of discharging these functions?"

Churchill's sharp questioning of Attlee roused the House to fever pitch. Other Conservatives and some Laborite members shouted queries across the chamber, cheered and booed.

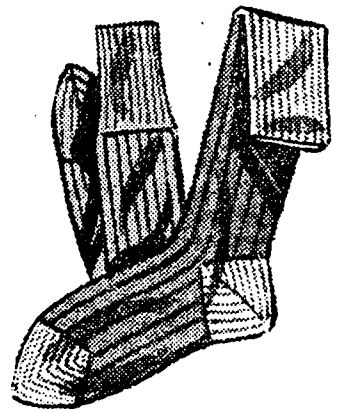
The Prime Minister declined to disclose the man named, but it has been known here for days that Vice Adm. William N. Fecteler, now Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Atlantic fleet with headquarters in Norfolk, Va., is the nominee.



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