

Red Defenses Crack In E. Central Korea

TOKYO, Wednesday, Feb. 28 (AP)—U.S. Seventh division tanks and infantry crumpled Korean Communist defenses in East-Central Korea Tuesday and pursued the fleeing Reds into wild, uncharted mountains.

A field dispatch said one regiment of the Seventh smashed through the Korean main line of resistance. It followed up relentlessly, sweeping the Reds from hills and valleys north of Pangnim, 25 miles east of Hoengsong.

West of the Seventh division drive, the U.S. Second division stopped five Korean Communist counterattacks in three hours.

While the North Korean main line of resistance broke in the east, some 110,000 Chinese Communist troops were firmly imbedded in trenches and foxholes along the rest of the 100-mile front from Hoengsong in the center westward through Seoul to the Yellow sea.

First Marines Return

The U.S. First Marine division, in the battle line for the first time since it was evacuated from the Hungnam beachhead two months ago, was being held up at Hoengsong by determined Chinese.

A field dispatch reported Chinese demolition squads slipped into Hoengsong and blew up the bridge on its southern outskirts.

Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Eighth Army commander, announced the Marines were attacking in the center in his seven-day old drive.

After the leathernecks withdrew from the Changjin reservoir in northeastern Korea under "annihilation attacks" from nine Chinese divisions, they were assigned to clean out guerrilla pockets behind the front lines.

Marines Await Support

The Marines jumped off from Wonju when the Eighth Army offensive began Feb. 21 and drove ten miles to Hoengsong in two days. Since then they have held high ground south and southeast of Hoengsong, 35 miles south of the 38th parallel, awaiting for Allied units on their flanks to come up abreast.

The Chinese 66th Army holds the hills north of the town commanding an important highway running to Hongchon 22 miles south of parallel 38, where the Reds have concentrated in strength.

Czech Purge Ousts 169,544

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 27 (AP)—The Czechoslovak Communist party punctuated its charges of Titoism against Dr. Vlado Clementis and four other former party leaders today with the disclosure 169,544 party members have been ousted since Sept. 1 in a continuing purge.

The membership of 2,025,318 has been cut 8.4 per cent in this biggest housecleaning since the Communists won power in Czechoslovakia three years ago. Examinations of 52,466 members and candidates are still in progress.

The details were disclosed with publication of a report that Deputy Secretary-General Josef Frank gave the Communist party Central Committee here last Thursday. Frank said the test had resulted in the exposure of Mrs. Marie Svermova and Otto Sling—two who are held with Clementis—and other "agents of the class enemy."

As a result of it also, he said, thousands of Communist officials in district and regional secretariats were shifted around or fired because they had not done their jobs right.

Extended Forecast

Extended forecast for the period Wednesday, Feb. 28 through Sunday, March 4: Eastern Pennsylvania, eastern New York and mid-Atlantic states: Temperature will average near or a little above normal northern sections and four to six degrees above normal central and southern section; rather cold Wednesday and Thursday, but milder rest of the period, especially central and southern sections; some rain likely Friday and again Sunday, totaling about a half inch. Western Pennsylvania, western New York, Ohio, and West Virginia: rather cold Wednesday and Thursday, but milder rest of period with temperatures averaging two to four degrees above normal; some rain likely Thursday night or Friday and again Sunday, totaling one-half to three-quarters inch.

Fine May Ask Pa. Corporation Tax Increase

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27 (AP)—Gov. John S. Fine told industrial leaders of Pennsylvania tonight he may ask the 1951 legislature to increase corporation taxes.

It was Fine's first official pronouncement on what new or increased taxes will be required to meet the need for \$120,000,000 to \$130,000,000 in additional revenue in the next two years.

"Slight" Increase

The governor said the corporation tax increase would be "slight." The Commonwealth now collects a four per cent tax on corporate net income and a five-mill levy on capital stock.

"We may find it necessary," Fine said, "to defray a part of needed additional revenues by slightly increasing the corporate tax. If we can avoid the imposition of further taxes in industry, we will do so. If not, you may rest assured the increase will be light."

Discussing taxes at the annual dinner of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers association, Fine said additional levies will be kept at a minimum.

Demands Defeat

Senator Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.) demanded defeat for President Truman's tax program which he called "the very height of fiscal irresponsibility."

Church Groups Of Pa. Attempt To Defeat Bill

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27 (AP)—Church forces of Pennsylvania set out today to defeat a bill in the General Assembly that would legalize horse race betting in the state.

They have been successful in three previous sessions but Rep. Frank Costa (R-Phila.), co-sponsor of the pending legislation, thinks it has a better chance at the 1951 session.

The bill would set up a state racing commission, authorize construction of three race tracks and permit pari-mutuel betting. The state would get six percent of the take from the machines. It could become effective only after a state-wide referendum.

Sassman Leads Opposition

Ira Sassman, general secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, sounded the call for church and allied forces to organize opposition against legalized horse race betting.

"It is felt that gambling in any form is a poor stewardship of the state's resources," Sassman told a reporter.

Price Controls Eased By OPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The government today unfroze the retail prices of clothing, furniture, rugs, lamps, drygoods and household textiles, and clamped a new freeze on the retailer's "margin" between what he pays and what he receives.

Many price increases are due to result, as retailers pass to their customers price rises already made by wholesalers.

Officials also say they expect some price cuts. Price Director Michael V. DiSalle told reporters, "my guess is that the roll-backs will be greater than the roll-forwards"—but he admitted that this view is not shared by all his aides.

DiSalle's Office of Price Stabilization (OPS), in 34,000 carefully chosen words, issued the first of a series of "margin-type" orders designed to put price con-

President Wants Penny Post Card Hiked To 2 Cents

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—President Truman today strongly urged Congress to wipe out the penny postal card, an American institution for 79 years.

The President said citizens should pay two cents each to mail the four billion cards that pour through the post office every year.

This was one of five major steps to hike postal rates recommended by Truman in a special message to lawmakers. Altogether, his proposals would boost postal fees by \$287,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning in July.

The President predicted a \$521,000,000 deficit for the Postal department next year unless the increases are approved. It's "unreasonable and unfair" for all taxpayers to bear this burden for certain mail users—such as publishers and advertisers—who benefit most from postal service, Truman contended.

Controls on a "fairer and more workable" basis than could be expected from the freeze of Jan. 25.

Senators Trace Coat In RFC Loan Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Senators traced the history of a \$9,540 mink coat today in their investigation of alleged political influence in RFC lending. They discovered:

1—The coat belongs to Mrs. E. Merl Young, a White House stenographer.

2—It came from the stock of Gunther-Jackel, a New York firm of furriers which applied for a \$175,000 RFC loan but didn't get it.

3—It was paid for initially by Joseph H. Rosenbaum, a Washington lawyer who represented the furriers when they obtained tentative approval of their loan application April 3, 1950.

Related Before Subcommittee

This set of circumstances, related in testimony before the Senate Banking subcommittee, caused chairman Fulbright (D-Ark.) to state that the transaction appeared to be "part of a widespread pattern of activities" linking the names of Rosenbaum and Mrs. Young's husband around the fringes of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Both men have been mentioned frequently in the inquiry as wielders of influence in negotiations for big government loans.

Testifying alternately today, they described how Rosenbaum had done Young a whole series of handsome favors in other financial deals.

Asked "Brutal" Questions

Asking what he called "brutal questions," Senator Douglas (D-Ill.) inquired of Rosenbaum whether he expected Young to steer clients to the Rosenbaum firm and then use his political influence in their behalf.

The lawyer said nothing like that was involved.

Fulbright suggested it would be "highly immoral" if Young didn't do something to recompense Rosenbaum.

And Douglas, pointing up figures mentioned in the testimony, said it appeared that Young had increased his liabilities by around \$80,000 in the last year, not counting the mortgage of his home.

Troops To Europe Means Trouble For U.S.—Hoover

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Former President Hoover said today the plan to send four American divisions to Europe "will most likely lead" to a land war with "utmost jeopardy" to the United States.

Hoover insisted that air and sea power is the only hope for Europe's defense at this time; that Russia could pound across the continent to the English channel in 20 days.

Testifying in the Senate hearing on the hotly-debated issue of sending American foot soldiers to join a North Atlantic treaty force

air and naval power of the United States and Britain so as to overwhelm Russia in case of attack."

Obligation To Europe

Hoover agreed when it was suggested the U.S. has an obligation to western Europe, but he denied contentions that this country needs Europe in order to survive. "This country can be protected," he said.

The big caucus room broke into heavy applause as the only living ex-President concluded a prepared statement. He testified before the Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees which soon will recommend to the Senate a policy concerning the dispatch of troops.

Shortly before Hoover appeared, Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the Republican floor leader, testified that air power, rather than land troops, was Europe's best defense and deterrent to war.



Herbert Hoover

to guard against Russian attack, the former President said it might take 125 divisions to defend western Europe on the ground.

Agreeing that it would be "pretty hard on the United States" if Russia overran Europe, Hoover counseled:

Must Decide First

"But you can't do everything. You have got to decide what you can do. I can see no hope of an adequate stopping of Russia by land armies at the present moment."

He pleaded this course:

"There is only one real salvation for Europe at the present moment. That is to build up the

Pre-Med Group To Hear Frings Speak On Jobs

"Opportunities for Premedical Graduates Who Didn't Attend Medical School," will be the topic of a speech by Dr. H. W. Frings at the meeting of the Premedical society tonight at 8 o'clock in 317 Willard.

Dr. Frings is assistant professor of entomology at the College. His speech will be one of a series sponsored by the society.

Other speakers who will speak on topics pertinent to medical students are the assistant dean of the University of Pennsylvania Medical school and the assistant dean of the University of Pittsburgh Medical school. They will speak on March 9 and May 2 respectively.

The society, which has been on campus for about 25 years, was officially recognized when it filed a charter with the Dean of Men last month. No one knows exactly when it originated, William De-Crease, president of the society, said.

This is the first time the society has really been alive, De-Crease said. The organization, which numbers about 100 members, adopted a new constitution this year. In addition, it has succeeded in obtaining a section of the chemistry and physics library in Pond laboratory for premedical students.

Officers of the society are: William DeCrease, president; Bernard Yurick, vice-president; Robert Jones, secretary; and David Bronstein, treasurer.

Riding Club Has Critique Today

The Riding club is sponsoring a Critique of Horsemanship at 7:30 p.m. today in the pavilion.

Leader of the critique will be Capt. Vladimir S. Littauer, a riding authority from Syosset, Long Island. It will be conducted for both beginning and advanced riders.

Captain Littauer has produced movies on horsemanship and is the author of several books on the subject. His latest is "Be a Better Horseman."

The captain is sponsor and judge of the National Women's Athletic association. This association formulates rules and regulations for women athletics. It has recently organized a special chapter for horsemanship.

In State College, Captain Littauer will be the house guest of Capt. Gregory Gagarin, adviser to the Riding club.

All interested persons may attend the meeting.

Wage Increase Put Into Effect

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston tonight ordered the 10 per cent "catch up" wage formula into effect at once and asked the Wage Stabilization board to approve promptly seven amendments further liberalizing the wage ceiling.

Johnston told a news conference he "hoped" his action would bring the board's three labor members, who have walked out, back to the board, but AFL President William Green already had discounted the possibility.

The formula, designed to replace the present wage freeze, provides that pay increases shall be limited to 10 per cent above the levels of Jan. 15, 1950.

It was approved by public and industry members of the Wage board.

One labor leader contacted immediately after Johnston's announcement said that a return of the labor members to the wage board was "unlikely." Earlier, before Johnston had acted, AFL President William Green had predicted that labor would find such a solution "unsatisfactory."

The AFL chief declared that Johnston himself should use his power to liberalize the formula, without throwing the question into the board for consideration and possibly a long-delayed decision.

Nine EE Students Attend Confabs

Nine electrical engineering students attended the annual dinner meeting and student conferences on the America Institute of Electrical Engineers in Pittsburgh Monday.

At the afternoon session Joseph Stanzone presided, and Albert Fegley presented a paper on "Power Supplies and Arc-Over Protection for Electrostatic Precipitation."

Other students attending were Vito Angerson, Lee Barnett, Robert Funk, Donald Gible, Daniel McDade, Raymond Shultz Jr., and John Skoogland.