

# Reds Try To Flood Out Allied Forces

TOKYO, Tuesday, April 10—Chinese Communists opened the gates of Korea's third largest dam Monday in a vain attempt to flood out advancing Allied forces on the central front.

Late field dispatches said it looked like the Red maneuver itself was a washout: the Chinese had failed to open enough gates simultaneously to create the deluge they had plotted.

Millions of tons of water for a time lifted the Pukhan river as high as seven and one-half feet in some of its narrower gorges, but by noon it was receding.

### Save Bridge

Alert American MP's and engineers saved a pontoon bridge by disconnecting one end.

A strong United Nations tank force, skirting the flood tide, roared northward in a drive intended to seize the 880-foot long Hwachon dam, six and one-half miles north of the 38th parallel, before the Chinese could do more damage.

The tank force met Red rifle, machinegun and mortar fire as it moved toward the 275-foot high dam, said AP correspondent Tom Bradshaw.

### Little Opposition

Other American, French, Greek, Thai (Siamese) and South Korean units speared toward the southern banks of the 11-mile long reservoir with little opposition.

Red troops were holding well-camouflaged hill positions to the north and in the town of Hwachon itself, which is on the western tip of the reservoir.

Hwachon forms the southeast tip of a triangular defense area where the Communists have concentrated up to 180,000 troops.

# MacArthur To Remain Far East Commander

WASHINGTON, April 9—President Truman was reported today to have ruled out any action against Gen. Douglas MacArthur that would affect MacArthur's standing as supreme commander in the Far East.

The possibility remained that the president might publicly or privately rebuke the general for his open split with the administration—and with United Nations policies—over the conduct of the war with the Chinese Communists.

Also today, House Speaker Rayburn said the Russians are building up strength in a variety of places and Senator McMahon (D-Conn.) agreed with Rayburn that the U. S. is in terrible danger.

MacArthur set off an international uproar, with Truman in the middle of it, by coming out last week in favor of using Chinese Nationalist forces to open a "second front" against the Reds as a means of relieving pressure on U. S. troops in Korea.

### Republicans Back General

Many Republicans strongly backed the general's stand. But from this country's allies abroad, there were quick and sharp protests against any spreading of the Korean war. In some foreign quarters, and from a few Democrats at home, there were demands that MacArthur be removed from his command.

An informed congressional official said today, however, that Mr. Truman doesn't want to do anything that might upset the situation in Japan and thereby give the Russians a chance to demand a bigger share in running Japanese affairs.

### Heads Occupation Army

MacArthur heads the Allied Occupation Force in Japan as well as the United Nations forces fighting in Korea. Russia is one of the Japanese occupation powers. MacArthur has been running Japan so far without taking much advice from the Russians.

Rep. Van Zandt (R-Penn) is drafting a House resolution telling the president he should order MacArthur home to report personally on the Far East.

# Douglas Not In Favor Of Halting RFC

WASHINGTON April 9 (AP)—Senator Douglas (D-Ill.) came out today against abolishing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation he helped to investigate. To kill the agency at this time, he said, "would be like throwing the baby out with the bath."

"The RFC, with all its faults, has served many useful functions—especially in filling a gap in our credit structure," Douglas said. He added that it can continue to serve the public if it is properly conducted.

The Illinois Democrat also called for a higher standard of ethics in the national capital, where he claimed there was too much moral laxity.

"Government work should not be settled at cocktail parties or around dinner tables in hotels," he said.

Douglas' observations were made in an interview to be broadcast tonight in his home state.



IFC Dancers

—Collegian Photo by Boyles

DANCERS at the Interfraternity council ball Friday night crowd around Bandleader Ray Anthony at the Recreation hall bandstand. Most of them seem to be doing more crowding than dancing.

# Truman Asks Committee Members Mobilization Cooperation Rewrite UMT Bill

WASHINGTON, April 9—(AP)—President Truman appealed today for the "complete cooperation of every segment of our population" in the mobilization program.

Mr. Truman made the appeal at the initial meeting of his new mobilization advisory board composed of labor, industry, farm and public members and headed by Economic Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson.

Joseph Short, White House press secretary, told reporters afterwards that Mr. Truman informed the group that "aggression, inflation and relaxation" are the nation's biggest problems.

Asked what Mr. Truman meant by "relaxation" being a problem, Short replied "well, just that in general—he doesn't want the people to let down."

The President discussed two principal situations with the 17-member board:

1. Ways to change the Defense Production act to help do a better job of military rearmament and, at the same time, do a more effective job in controlling inflation. The act expires June 30.

2. The problem of putting the wage stabilization board back into business. It has been inactive since union labor representatives walked out two months ago in protest against mobilization policies.

The discussion on both was general; Mr. Truman supplied no specific recommendations.

## U.S. Asks Israel To Halt Action

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—The United States called on Israel today to cease military action against Syria in the border area where Israel planes bombed a village.

The Israeli government has been told, the State Department announced in the disputed area "in no way justified" the retaliatory bombing.

The incident took place last week in the Shuleh and Tiberias areas.

## Language Dept. Offers Award

The Romance Language department will select a graduating senior as the candidate for a fellowship offered by the Institute de Cultura Hispanica, Madrid. The award will cover room, board, and tuition at a Spanish university.

The Institute will also choose a Spanish student who has a speaking knowledge of English for a graduate assistantship to be awarded by the Romance Language department at the College. This is the first year that this exchange has been made with Spain.

The Penn State student who receives the award must have a speaking knowledge of Spanish and may be required to assist in teaching English at the Spanish university. He will also take graduate work in the field of humanities.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of application, recommendation, and record by the Department of Romance Languages. All interested seniors, preferably Spanish majors, should apply at the language office before April 15. The fellowship becomes effective in September.

## Albania Protests Border Violations

LONDON, April 9—(AP)—Isolated Red satellite Albania has charged in formal protests that her anti-Cominform neighbors, Greece, Yugoslavia and Italy have violated her territory by land, sea, and air in a series of frontier provocations.

The tiny country of Communist premier Col. Gen. Enver Hoxha declared that Moscow-hating Yugoslavia was trying to touch off World War III, and that Italy sent eight flights of planes over her territory.

WASHINGTON, April 9—(AP)—Members of the House Armed Services committee rewrote the universal military training section of their draft bill today in an attempt to ease its passage through the House.

The new version provides for the appointment by President Truman, of a commission to draw up a training and operation plan. The commission would submit it to Congress within six months.

It would then go into the legislative mill to be studied by the House and Senate Armed Services committees, approved by Congress and okayed by the president before becoming effective.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House committee announced after a closed session that the vote on revision was unanimous. Administration leaders apparently made the concession to forestall the substitution bill containing no UMT provisions at all.

Reporters asked Vinson what would happen to UMT if Congress rejected the commission's plan.

"The commission would write a new plan and it would go through the same legislative process," he said.

A reporter wondered what would happen if Congress rejected a second plan, or a third or fourth.

"By that time I would conclude that the country doesn't want UMT," Vinson said.

## May Quiz More Players In Fix

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP)—An Assistant District Attorney said today that basketball players not yet named in the recent fix exposures may be brought in for questioning.

William P. Sirignano, Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan, made the statement outside of court after a hearing of 14 players on bribery charges was postponed until May 14. Sirignano did not elaborate.

## Governor's Wife In Hospital

PHILADELPHIA, April 9—(AP)—Mrs. John S. Fine, wife of Pennsylvania's chief executive, has been detained at University of Pennsylvania Hospital, and will be kept "under observation" for several weeks, hospital authorities reported today. She entered the hospital on Saturday for a routine check. About a month ago she underwent an emergency operation there.

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## Petain Suffers Lung Disease

ILE D'YEUX, France, April 9 (AP)—Marshal Henri Philippe Petain is suffering from a congestion of the lungs in the damp fortress cell where he is serving out a life sentence, it was reported today.

Sources on this bleak Atlantic island said the condition of the 94-year-old World War I hero who headed France's Vichy government in World War II has improved slightly in the last 24 hours. His illness started with a cold.

### Co-Operative

A new cooperative for business women, professional women and graduate students is now being organized. Interested persons may write in care of Collegian Office or PHONE 3456.

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