

Allied Armor Rocks Reds; Crosses 38th

TOKYO, Friday, May 25—(AP)—A powerful allied armored task force plunged north across the 38th parallel Thursday and split Communist forces reeling back in defeat in east-central Korea.

The daring 13-mile thrust smashed to the banks of the Choyang river through streams of Reds. Field dispatches promptly labeled it one of the boldest strokes of the Korean war.

"We expect great things of this effort," messaged Lt. Gen. Edward M. Almond, U.S. 10th Corps commander, who ordered the swift attack.

Iran Fixes Deadline On Oil Talks

TEHRAN, Iran, May 24—(AP)—Iran fixed a seven-day deadline for the British-owned Anglo-Iranian Oil Company to start talks on ways of turning over to the government its vast holdings on the Persian Gulf.

A letter from Finance Minister Mohammed Ali Varasteh to company officials here demanded that the company send representatives by May 30 to help work out the oil nationalization program. The deadline was set after the company failed to reply to a similar demand.

If Anglo-Iranian, which has exclusive production rights in the big southern oil fields, fails to comply, the letter said, "the government will have no choice but to act according to its legal duties."

Iran has rejected company proposals that the dispute be settled by arbitration. An informed source said the government has decided also to reject the latest proposal by the British government, which owns 53 per cent of the company stock, to send a top-level diplomatic mission to negotiate the dispute.

One of Premier Mossadegh's right-hand men, Hussein Hassibi, told the newspaper Keihan that if American and British oil experts refuse to work for Iran under the nationalized setup, "we will exploit and operate the oil installations as much as we can ourselves and close down the rest."

Air Force Announces Far East Replacements

WASHINGTON, May 23 (AP)—The Air Force tonight announced the replacements of its two top commanders in the Far East.

Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, who was stricken with a heart attack in Tokyo last week, will be succeeded by Lt. Gen. O. P. Weyland as commander of the Far East Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Frank F. Everest, Assistant Chief of Staff for operations at Air Force headquarters, was named to succeed Lt. Gen. Earle E. Partridge as Fifth Air Force commander in Japan.

George Named Head Of Skull And Bones

Clair George will be president of Skull and Bones next year, Harry Kondourajian, retiring president, announced at a joint Skull and Bones and Parmi Nous banquet last night.

Other officers will be Marc Kimelman, vice-president, and Milton Bernstein, secretary-treasurer. Parmi Nous officers will be announced early next week.

Galas Is Assigned To Fort Hood, Texas

Pvt. Ernest Galas has been assigned to the 1st Armored Division, Ft. Hood, Tex., for basic training after completing processing at the 2053rd Reception Center. Galas was a former student at the College.

Walter C. Snow Dies In Bellefonte

Walter C. Snow, assistant professor of education, died last Sunday in the Centre County Hospital, Bellefonte. Snow, who was 62, had served on the faculty since 1928.

Dark Ages, War Linked By Truman

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—President Truman warned today a third world war might bring a return to the "Dark Ages" and turn American soil into a battlefield. But he expressed the hope that his program and policies will avert such a catastrophe.

He told a news conference that he is "confident"—not "cocky"—as some writers have reported—that his policies are right and have the support of the people of the United States and of the world.

He said he believes the American people have enough intelligence and energy to meet any situation, but he is not willing to take a chance on seeing how they would react under the destruction which another world struggle would bring.

The President volunteered his statement about policies near the end of a lengthy news conference in which he again declined to state whether he will be a candidate again in 1952, but said the season is still open for all who want to run.

7 Germans Guilty Of War Crimes Await Gallows

LANDSBERG, Germany, May 24—(AP)—U.S. constabulary troops armed with machineguns patrolled this Bavarian river town tonight as seven war criminals awaited the call to the gallows, probably early tomorrow.

The men were convicted by a U.S. war crimes court in 1946 and 1947 of various atrocities.

The condemned men were former SS Gen. Oswald Pohl, convicted of directing destruction of the Warsaw ghetto and of being in charge of Nazi concentration camps; Georg Schallermaier, sentenced for concentration camp atrocities; SS Col. Paul Blobel, convicted of ordering the killing of 60,000 persons in a Kiev massacre; Werner Braune, convicted in a massacre of Jews and gypsies; Eric Naumann, commander of a unit which exterminated 3539 persons in three weeks; Otto Ohlendorf, chief of an extermination team charged with killing 90,000 Russians; and Hans Schmidt, former adjutant of Buchenwald.

Thespians Elect Next Year's Officers

Carroll Chapman is the newly-elected president of Thespians. Other officers for the coming year are Frank Lewis, vice-president; John Price, secretary; Marc Kimelman, treasurer; Lou Doroshaw, historian; and Ray Rackowski, member-at-large.

Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commander of the Eighth Army, served notice that the controversial boundary would not prevent his victorious troops from maintaining the initiative and inflicting the maximum number of casualties on the Communists.

However, one frontline officer cautioned the Reds were reinforcing their defense screen—rear guards—all along the east-central front.

More powerful screening forces were being rushed south by the Reds together with supplies, to keep the allies from cutting the main communist withdrawal route.

This report tallied with air observations of Red vehicles moving by night from Chorwon to Hwachon across the central front and well above the 38th parallel. Other Red vehicles were again streaming southward from the Manchurian border into north-west Korea.

Final Rush Seen For Draft Forms

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—There may be a last-minute rush at draft boards tomorrow for applications to take the forthcoming college aptitude tests.

There is no indication, however, that local boards plan to extend their usual closing hours for the day.

Selective Service headquarters said it is up to State directors whether any special arrangements are made for late comers. None of the directors, at a meeting which ended here today, reported plans to stay open late.

College men must mail their application cards, obtainable only from draft boards, so that they will be postmarked not later than midnight Friday.

A LOT OF BULL

PITTSBURGH, May 24—(AP)—Charlie the 1,500 pound Buffalo, who almost killed a policeman four years ago, was shot to death by another policeman today.

The 20-year-old bull, one-time king of South Park's buffalo herd, was killed by police lieutenant John Feehan.

Park attendants ordered Charlie shot after he was badly gored by a younger bull in a fierce battle to regain supremacy of the herd.

A Pittsburgh firm will convert Charlie's carcass into soap.

8.5 Billions Asked For Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON, May 24—(AP)—President Truman asked for \$8,500,000,000 today to help friendly nations throw up "a defensive shield" against Communist Russia.

The Soviet threat is world wide," he said in a message to Congress outlining a broad new foreign aid program. He said the Communist attack may come through "armies marching across frontiers," or by slyer means such as internal subversion, political infiltration, or sabotage.

Accent On Europe

In asking new billions to help puncture Soviet Russia's "dreams of world conquest," Truman said the money will go to speed shipments of American arms and economic aid to nearly 50 friendly countries around the world. These include Formosa, Iran, and other powder keg centers in the global picture, but the heavy accent was on Europe. Nearly two-thirds of the total was sought for arming Atlantic Pact nations.

Slightly over two-thirds of the total, \$6,250,000,000 would be earmarked for military aid. The balance of \$2,250,000,000 would go

for economic help.

Truman said in his message that the new \$8.5-billion foreign program—covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952—is needed to go along with the \$60-billion program for American defense which he has already transmitted to Congress.

Truman made it clear that he regards Europe, with its vast industrial centers, as of paramount importance in the world struggle against Communist aggression.

"The loss of Europe to the Soviet Union would not only be tragic in itself; it would also result in a tremendous shift of world power. It would compel us to convert the United States into an isolated garrison state."

Chiefs Told MacArthur Of Bad Tactics—Bradley

WASHINGTON, May 24—(AP)—Gen. Omar N. Bradley said today that the Pentagon twice warned Gen. Douglas MacArthur last fall to close the wide gap separating his forces in North Korea.

It was through this gap—stretching between the Eighth Army on the west and the 10th Corps in the northeast corner—that many of the Chinese Communists surged in their great winter offensive, inflicting the heaviest American casualties of the war.

House Votes India Money For Grain

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—The House voted today to lend famine-stricken India \$190,000,000 for the purchase of American grain and other foodstuffs.

It refused to require the Indian government to repay the loan in strategic war materials, but directed the economic cooperation administration, which would negotiate terms, to try to get some scarce materials as part of the deal.

In its final form, the House measure requires that the food be purchased in the United States and that at least half of it be transported to India in American vessels. The ECA would have a free hand in arranging credit terms.

Administration leaders managed to defeat by a standing vote of 135 to 103 an amendment by Rep. Cox (D-Ga) to write into the bill a requirement that India agree to repay the loan with substantial quantities of monazite sands, manganese, beryl, cyanite, and jute products, all scarce in the United States and useful in the defense program.

President Truman had asked Congress to make India a gift of the grain, about 2,000,000 tons, as a humanitarian gesture. The gift idea ran into immediate opposition—a great deal of which was traced to India's refusal to join other members of the United Nations in branding Red China an aggressor.

Last Independent Comes Out Today

The last issue of the Independent for the semester will be distributed today featuring an article on West Dorm reaction to the College's new dorm policy.

The issue will also contain a personality sketch on John Laubach, new president of the Association of Independent Men.

Moylan Mills, editor, said yesterday that a new Independent staff would not be selected until next fall.

Small Bomb Explodes In British Embassy

DUBLIN, Ireland, May 24 (AP)—A small bomb exploded in the British embassy tonight amid a shower of printed leaflets warning that "the English King and Queen visit Ireland at the peril of their lives." No one was injured.

The warning referred to the scheduled visit of George VI and Queen Elizabeth to Belfast in Northern Ireland on June 1.

The bomb was wrapped in a paper parcel and tossed through a basement window. It did little damage to the embassy building.

KOREAN CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—A disclosure that there have been 72,679 non-battle casualties in Korea today boosted the total of all U.S. casualties in the Korean war to 141,955.

The new, overall figure came out in testimony by Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Eighty-five percent of the non-battle casualties, pneumonia, automobile accidents, etc., have returned to duty, he said, defending the Defense Department policy of not including those casualties in its public reports.

Bradley, winding up his sixth and last day of testimony in the senate investigation of MacArthur's dismissal, declined to estimate how many Americans were lost as a result of the Far Eastern commander's disposition of his troops.

Acheson Probe Vetoed
With Bradley's testimony ended, Senate investigators voted down after heated debate a move by Sen. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) to call Secretary of State Acheson as the next witness.

Bradley warned in his late testimony that the U.S. and its North Atlantic Treaty allies could not stop a Russian aggression at this time.

"It may be," he said, "that right at this moment we do have more diplomatic commitments than we can carry out militarily."

Buildup West Strength

But he added quickly that this is no reason to back away from the western defense alliance. Instead, Bradley said, this country should work for a buildup of western strength to the point where it could halt a Soviet attack.

Bradley said he thought "from a military point of view" that President Truman was right in firing MacArthur—though he said he thought the general's removal "probably could have been handled better."

House Errs, Taxes \$1.02 Of Dollar

WASHINGTON, May 24—(AP)—House tax experts discovered today that they had voted a \$1.02 tax on \$1. Figuring that this was going a bit too far, even in these times, they decided to make the levy 94.5 cents.

The curious situation resulted from a vote yesterday, when the Democratic majority of the House ways and means committee pushed through an increase of 12½ per cent in the taxes on all individual incomes.

In doing so, they stipulated that there would be a ceiling of 90 per cent on the amount the government could take in taxes from any individual's entire income.

But this limitation would not be enough, in itself, to avert more-than-complete confiscation of the top dollars in income over \$100,000.

That is because each taxpayer, under the committee's plan, would figure his income tax at present rates, then add 12½ per cent to the total computed tax. The present rate on that portion of an individual's income over \$100,000 but below \$150,000 is 89 per cent. Adding 12½ per cent to the tax total computed at that rate would result in a tax of \$1.00125 on each dollar of the upper bracket income. Similarly the effective rate would have been 102.375 per cent on each dollar of income over \$200,000 and before the overall 90 per cent ceiling began to apply.

The committee voted to make the maximum surtax rate 84 per cent, applying to all income over \$80,000. When the 12½ per cent is added to the individual's tax bill, he would be paying an effective rate of 94.5 per cent on each dollar of taxable income over \$80,000.

KOREAN VETS

HARRISBURG, May 24 (AP)—A new Senate bill would extend to veterans of the Korean War employed by the commonwealth and its municipalities all rights given World War Two veterans