

Reds Willing to Confer-- If UN Admits Violations

TOKYO, Friday, Sept. 14—(AP)—A Peiping broadcast Thursday night said the Korean cease-fire talks "could start again immediately" and agreement be quickly reached—if the United Nations would take the blame for all the neutrality violations the Reds have charged.

There was no immediate response from Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's headquarters. But the Communist price appeared too high for the Allied commander to accept.

Offer Not Official

The Red offer was not made on an official level. It came during a Peiping broadcast of a dispatch quoting a Communist correspondent in Kaesong.

However, the rigidly controlled propaganda line of Red correspondents frequently had reflected official Red thinking.

Truce Talks Stagnate

The Korean cease-fire talks have stagnated for 23 days. The Chinese charged that an Allied plane bombed, strafed, and dropped jellied gasoline on the conference neutral zone the night before in an attempt to "murder" the Red truce delegation.

Ridgway denied the charge as fraudulent and fabricated. He also rejected 10 other Communist charges of neutrality violations. But his chief negotiator, Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, this week apologized for the accidental strafing of Kaesong at 1:35 a.m. Monday. He said an Allied pilot was off course.

It was this admission that Communist propagandist Wilfred Burchett seized upon in Thursday night's Peiping broadcast. He said:

"General Ridgway cannot think he can wipe off all responsibilities by a half-hearted admission of one 'accidental' incident. Let him deal with all these seriously and the talks can start."

Another Peiping broadcast insisted Ridgway acknowledge that Allied aircraft attacked Kaesong on Aug. 22 and Sept. - and complained:

Britain Buys Tons of Grain From Soviet

LONDON, Sept. 14—(AP)—Brushing off U. S. Congressional criticism of East-West trade, Britain announced tonight the purchase of 1,000,000 tons of grain from Soviet Russia.

The purchase underlined both Britain's precarious shortage of dollars and her intention of taking no part in any economic blockade of the Russian bloc. Payment is to be made in sterling.

In another trade sphere, it was disclosed that Britain has stopped British ships from delivering their cargoes to Iran as part of her cold war against the Iranian government over the oil nationalization issue.

Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison outlined the British position on East-West trade before the National Press Club in Washington shortly before the grain deal was announced here.

Morrison said Britain must continue trade with the Russian bloc if she is to carry her share of the west's rearmament burden. To halt such trade now, he said, might "cut of our nose to spite our face."

The foreign secretary is in Washington for a Big Three conference.

Pitt Oldest Foe

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Fine Pleads For Public Welfare



WILKES-BARRE, Sept. 13—(P)

Gov. John S. Fine flew here from Harrisburg today and addressed the 65th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Commissioners. He reminded his audience he was speaking as one governmental official to a body of similarly elected officials who must be immediately concerned with health and welfare of their constituents regardless of political party or affiliation.

Governor Fine exhorted the convention to do everything possible to maintain the health of every Pennsylvanian.

The chief executive made a plea for the future safety and welfare of all communities and inhabitants with proper, active, and intelligent civilian programs. "In my budget," he said "I asked for 20 million for civilian defense, the bulk of the money to be held in reserve such a catastrophe (continued on page twelve)

Army Teaches GI's Can't Win Gambling

Camp Atterbury, Ind., Sept. 13—(AP)—The Army has added a course in gambling to its basic training at Camp Atterbury. The object is to persuade soldiers that gambling is hard on a slim pocketbook.

"The best game to play is horseshoes," the instructor, Pvt. Tim Mulroy, tells his students.

But for those who persist in gambling, Pvt. Mulroy emphasizes the danger from the professional gambler.

"You can spot 'em by the way they hold the deck of cards when they are dealing," Pvt. Mulroy tells his classes in the Army's special services branch.

"A professional gambler holds his index finger on top of the deck when he deals. It's necessary for him to do this so he can deal the way he wants.

"An amateur's index finger remains at the side of the deck when he deals. It's the natural way to hold a deck."

He advises cutting a deck into

three stacks—"It'll upset any set deck."

The 23-year-old private was plucked out of the ranks to teach the course because he was a professional magician and card trick artist in civilian life.

He shows his GI classes how a professional gambler—or two amateurs working together—can cheat at poker, blackjack or gin rummy.

"Dice," Mulroy tells them, "is the most ridiculous game of them all. A man shouldn't even play with his mother."

"The odds against rolling a seven the first time are 35 to one."

"And the odds are 1,000 to one against you if you're gambling with a professional."

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State Draft Registration To Be Completed Today

HARRISBURG, Sept. 14—(AP)—Registration of all Pennsylvania youth between 18 and 26 years will be completed tomorrow by the Commonwealth's 175 local draft boards.

The draft cleanup is directed primarily at aliens who for various reasons did not register in 1948 or who have reached 18 since that time.

All male aliens who have not previously registered will be required to do so at local offices.

State Selective Service headquarters also announced 1300 men will be called for physical examinations between now and the end of the month to complete September's induction quota of 1503.

The examinations will be conducted at the Altoona, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Wilkes-Barre recruiting stations.

The boards (its number in parenthesis) and the number of men called for examination include:
To Altoona: South Fork (39) 25; Clearfield (48) 30; Somerset (156) 17.

To Philadelphia; Norristown (109) 15;
To Pittsburgh; Uniontown (67)

15; Waynesburg (74) 10; Charleroi (163) 30; Washington (164) 25; Greensburg (167) 20; Monessen (171) 30.

To Wilkes-Barre; Plymouth (93) 30; Milford (148) 15; Laporte (157) 10; Honesdale (166) 10; Tunkhannock (172) 20.

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