

Reds Seek to Resume Kaesong Truce Talks

TOKYO, Thursday, Sept. 20 — (AP) — The Reds' Korean war commanders today proposed immediate resumption of truce talks at controversy-rocked Kaesong, the trouble spot where the Reds broke them off Aug. 23.

There was no immediate official Allied reaction. Unofficially it was favorable.

Peiping radio broadcast a message by North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung and Chinese Red General Peng Teh-Huai

to Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway. The message said "both sides should immediately resume the armistice negotiations at Kaesong."

The Red message was couched in polite terms in contrast with recent fiery blasts.

Allies Receive Note

An Allied liaison team went by helicopters to the Kaesong neutral zone this morning and returned with a note handed over by Red officers. Presumably this was the broadcast message.

The Reds, while yielding to pressure to get the talks going again, nevertheless did not give up on any of their more than a dozen charges of Allied violations of the Kaesong zone.

The Allies have admitted the validity of two, denied the rest, and even accused the Reds of fabricating the others.

Reds Insist on Kaesong

Kim and Peng proposed that the first meeting set up "appropriate machinery" to deal with the previously mentioned unsettled incidents and stipulating and guaranteeing strict agreement on the Kaesong zone neutrality.

Thus the Reds clung fast to Kaesong, the only city of note they hold south of parallel 38. General Ridgway had urged a change of site after charging Red-held Kaesong offered the Reds every chance of manufacturing "incidents."

Lewis Accused Of Taking Coal Industry South

PHILIPSBURG, Pa., Sept. 19 — (AP) — A leader in the central Pennsylvania strip (surface) coal mining business today accused President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers with trying to drive the industry into northern West Virginia.

The charge is made in a statement issued by G. Albert Stewart, executive secretary of the central Pennsylvania open pit mining association. UMW officials had no comment.

Citing a current UMW drive to organize all non-union coal miners in central Pennsylvania, Stewart declared:

"Back of the project to unionize Pennsylvania's strip mine industry is the hope and purpose to deliver its 25,000,000 ton annual coal market to the northern West Virginia coal fields."

"By throwing this tonnage to the southern field either by stopping production or imposing conditions making it impossible to compete with southern coal, Lewis stands to collect over \$7,000,000, at 30 cents a ton, for his precarious welfare fund because northern West Virginia is now under his absolute control."

Trouble Shooter



W. Averell Harriman

Attlee to Let Voters Approve Socialistic Rule

LONDON, Sept. 19 — (AP) — Prime Minister Attlee announced tonight he will let British voters decide in a general election Oct. 25 whether they approve the socialistic rule of his labor party, in power since 1945.

Winston Churchill, 77-year-old chief of the Conservative party, scenting the possibility of a victory, called a meeting of his "shadow cabinet," the men who would become the actual cabinet if the Conservatives win.

The Labor party, facing economic troubles and a serious split in its own ranks over its policies, already was busy on campaign plans for an election which is bound to have mighty repercussions throughout the world.

Speaking to the rationed British public over a nationwide radio hookup, Prime Minister Attlee said:

"For 18 months (since the last general election in February, 1950) the government have carried on the affairs of the country with a very small majority in the House of Commons. I consider that the time has now come to ask the electors for a renewal of confidence in the government and to give it adequate parliamentary support in order to deal with the important issues with which the country is faced at home and abroad."

Reds Strike Hard; Seize Major Hill

U.S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, Thursday, Sept. 20 — (AP) — Red forces struck back hard in eastern Korea Wednesday and seized a key hill in a day of fast action that saw a new flare up of the air war.

Allied jet pilots emerged victorious in three air battles with Russian-made jets high over "MIG Alley" in northwest Korea. As many as 112 jets were engaged. The Red air force lost one jet destroyed and five damaged. No Allied losses were reported.

Heavy Fighting

Heavy ground fighting centered in the rugged eastern hills where a gain or loss is not measured in miles but in altitude.

Korean Communists hurled three savage counterattacks at Allied infantrymen who had won a commanding peak on "heart-break ridge." The third Red charge broke Allied resistance.

It was a bitter blow to foot soldiers who clawed their way to the top Tuesday, carrying the heights in three hours of hand-to-hand combat.

Peak Important

Whoever holds the peak, north of Yangu, commands a five-mile sweep over Red positions in the Soyang river valley to the north.

Wednesday's reverse was only one phase of the hill fights that have become one of the great battles of the Korean war.

Republican House Passes Compromise Tax Program

HARRISBURG, Sept. 19 — (AP) — A last-ditch \$138,250,000 compromise tax program passed the Republican-controlled House tonight, ending a session-long deadlock unless the Senate balks at it.

The vote was largely along party lines on the group of tax bills the House GOP leadership wrapped up as a substitute for the rejected income tax.

Senate Action Set

Sen. John M. Walker, Republican floor leader, said the compromise package would receive immediate consideration of the Senate.

The House-approved levies include a new tax of one per cent on real estate transfers; doubling the state inheritance tax from 10 to 20 per cent on property left to other than direct heirs; collecting the five per cent corporate net income tax for 30 instead of 24 months in the present biennium and closing loopholes in corporation, insurance and inheritance taxes.

Unemployment Aid

Democrats fought the program down the line. Rep. H. G. Andrews, Democratic floor leader, charged the 30-month collection of the corporate net income tax would cost corporations millions of dollars.

At its afternoon session the Senate passed unanimously the administration's unemployment compensation bill which boosts maximum weekly grants from \$25 to \$30 and the minimum level from \$8 to \$10.

OPS Trails Trucks To Check Meat Prices

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19 — (AP) — Special agents of the Office of Price Stabilization have begun trailing trucks of slaughterers and livestock men to check meat prices from farm to butcher shop, a government attorney disclosed today.

Greeks, Turks Seen As NATO Members

OTTAWA, Sept. 19 — (AP) — The admission of Greece and Turkey to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization appeared assured today. The last opposition was reported to have collapsed.

Informed quarters said Danish Foreign Minister Ole Bjorn Kraft had received instructions to support the American proposal. The

other 11 members of the North Atlantic Council previously announced they would accept the two eastern Mediterranean countries as full partners.

A decision was expected in the council either late today or tomorrow morning at the final session of the week-long Ottawa meeting.

The action here must be ratified by the parliaments of the

member countries before Greece and Turkey actually will take their seats, but no difficulties were foreseen.

The admission of the two would bring into the open the delicate problem of changes in the military command structure.

Top military leaders here were reported counting on Turkey to become the pivotal nation in a new Middle East defense system.

House Votes To Increase Mail Rates

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 — (AP) — The House today voted a \$126,000,000 annual increase in postal rates, clearing the way for consideration of a bill boosting the pay of postal workers \$251,000,000 annually. House passage was by voice vote.

The rate increase measure now goes to a Senate-House conference, since it differs sharply from a bill passed by the Senate.

The pay boost in the House postal rates bill won't be effective immediately, since a hike in

INFLATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 — (AP) — The House voted today to mark up the penny postcard to two cents but left the three-cent letter rate unchanged.

second-class rates, applying to newspapers and magazines, would be spread over a three-year period.

The House voted to increase these rates 10 percent annually for three years for a total additional postal revenue of \$12,000,000 in the third year.

The Senate voted an ultimate 30 percent hike in newspaper mailing rates and 60 percent in magazine rates, also spread over three years.

The House postoffice committee recommended a 60 percent boost for magazines and newspapers but the House cut it to 30 percent by a standing vote of 131 to 98.

The Class of 1921 has established a \$30,000 undergraduate scholarship.

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