

Gen. Ridgway to Propose 3-Nation Truce Team

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—(AP)—The Joint Chiefs of Staff have authorized Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway to propose Sweden, Norway, and Switzerland as members of international truce inspection teams in Korea if and when armistice negotiations reach the point for such a proposal.

The State Department has notified each of those governments of this authorization and has asked their views on the matter. Officials believe they will agree to serve.

Truce Talks Indicate Compromise

MUNSAN, Korea, Saturday, Dec. 15—(AP)—Allied and Communist truce negotiators return to Panmunjom today amid indications of cautious compromise on two thorny issues—prisoner exchange and troop rotation.

Today's sessions were slated for 11 a.m. (9 p.m., EST, Friday). Twelve days remain to meet the agreed-upon Dec. 27 deadline for an armistice.

Friday's talks produced these two developments which could lead to some agreement:

1. An Allied spokesman said the United Nations delegation would be "more receptive" to discussing bulk exchange of prisoners, providing the Reds produce a "reasonably accurate" total figure of war prisoners they are believed to hold.

2. The Communist delegation gave ground on the UN desire to continue home rotation of troops during an armistice.

On the prisoner issue, Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, Allied spokesman, said negotiators would "listen with more favor" to Communist demands for an all-for-all exchange should the Reds produce a list. Negotiators would "listen with more favor" to Communist demands for an all-for-all exchange should the Reds produce a list.

"We have no intention of withholding prisoners simply because we have more than they do," Nuckols added.

Oliphant Testifies Against 'Man of Mystery'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—(AP)—Charles Oliphant testified today that Henry W. Grunewald, Washington man of mystery, once told him he was helping Senator Styles Bridges (R-N.H.) on a tax case said to involve "at least six figures."

The case was against H. H. Klein of Baltimore, Oliphant said, and involved a jeopardy tax assessment.

"Tears are often the telescope through which men see far into heaven."—Beecher

Responsible authorities who disclosed these developments said they were of a precautionary nature and did not mean the United States government feels that an agreement with the Communist Command on a Korean cease fire is necessarily imminent.

'Non-belligerent' Members
Assistant Secretary of State John D. Hickerson called in the Swiss, Swedish, and Norwegian envoys to Washington yesterday. In the words of one official he "alerted them" on the possibility that their governments may be asked to assign officers to serve on the inspection teams in event of an armistice.

Hickerson was reported to have told the ambassadors that the United States prefers to describe United Nations members which might serve in this capacity as "non-belligerent" in relation to the Korean war rather than "neutral". The Communists in the Panmunjon negotiations have been talking about teams composed of representatives of "neutral" nations.

Quick Agreement
Hickerson also was reported to have advised the envoys that, theoretically at least, agreement on remaining truce problems could be reached quickly. He stressed, however, that there were still tremendous obstacles.

Pershing Rifles Initiates 48

Forty-eight pledges were recently initiated into Pershing Rifles at a banquet at the Allencrest Tea Room.

Col. Lucien E. Bolduc, professor of army science and tactics, congratulated the pledges on being accepted by the national Army honorary and pointed out the advantages that the organization would give them now as cadets, and later as officers of the United States Army and Air Force.

Cadet Capt. Raymond Johnson, State College, acted as toastmaster.

Maj. William H. Cox and Maj. John Dougherty, both of the United States Army, and 1st Lt. Edward Peach and 1st Lt. David Wirshorn, United States Air Force, were initiated as honorary members.

Sabre Jets Down MIG, Damage 3

SEOUL, Korea, Saturday, Dec. 15—(AP)—U. S. Sabre jets destroyed one Red-nosed MIG-15 Friday and damaged three, but Communist ground fire downed three Allied fighters, the Fifth Air Force reported.

On the battlefield, an Allied raiding party shot up Communist positions in the western sector northwest of Korangpo. Light patrol contact was reported elsewhere.

Warships and carrier planes pounded northeast Korea coastal supply lines.

Air Force Reports
Forty-eight American Sabres clashed with more than 100 MIG's in a 25-minute dogfight over northwest Korea—one of two air battles Friday. One MIG was listed as shot down and two damaged in the first fight and a third damaged in a smaller afternoon clash.

The Air Force reported all Sabres returned safely to base.

However, it said Communist anti-aircraft fire knocked down an F-80 Shooting Star, F-84 Thunderjet, and a propeller-driven F-51 Mustang. It was one of the worst single-day losses during the entire war.

Allied Planes
The Communist north Korean communique, broadcast by the Pyongyang radio, reported only two Allied planes were downed by ground fire. But the Reds asserted four Sabres were shot down and three damaged by Communist fighters.

The Allied planes downed by Red ground fire were among hundreds of fighter-bombers which struck Communist artillery positions and supply lines in clear weather. Fifth Air Force planes flew 663 sorties up until nightfall Friday.

Murphy Will Confer Soon With Truman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—(AP)—Judge Thomas F. Murphy, towering New York crime-buster, is coming to Washington to confer with President Truman amid reports that he will play a key role in a drive to quash corruption in the government.

Murphy had an appointment with President Truman at 3:30 p.m. traffic here.

The New Yorker is now expected to see the President tomorrow or Monday.

In New York, Murphy termed "a million miles from the truth" a report that he had agreed to serve on an anti-corruption commission to be created by President Truman.

"Up to now I haven't accepted anything," Murphy added. He made no comment, however, on reports that he would see President Truman tomorrow or Monday.

Meanwhile, President Truman moved closer to the Saturday night deadline he set for drastic action in the nationwide tax scandals. New demands arose for Cabinet dismissals and hints of new sensations developed on Capitol Hill.

State Draft Quota 4228 in February

HARRISBURG, Dec. 14—(AP)—Pennsylvania's draft quota for February has been set at 4228 men.

The national draft call for February was fixed at 55,000 men with 41,000 earmarked for the Army and the remainder for the Marine Corps.

Col. Henry M. Gross, state draft director, said the February quota is somewhat higher than the state's call for the 3898 for January because credits for key-stone men entering federal service with the 28th Infantry Division are almost exhausted.

PRR Veep Hits Union

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—(AP)—J. M. Symes, operating vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, testified today that the nation's railroads are the victims of a "vicious rivalry" among railroad unions.


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