

# Koje, Tokyo Riots Staged by Reds

PUSAN, Korea, Friday, Feb. 22—(P)—One American soldier and 69 "Korean civilian internees were killed Monday in a Communist-led riot at a Kojé Island stockade, U. S. authorities said today.

The authorities said about 1500 inmates of the compound

## Reds Stall Truce Talks; Jets Clash

MUNSAN, Korea, Friday, Feb. 22—(AP)—Communist insistence on Russia as a "neutral" inspector tightened the Korean truce talk deadlock Thursday, and an Allied broadcast laid the blame on Moscow.

The United Nations staff officers for the first time Thursday told the Communists why Russia was unacceptable as one of six neutral nations which would provide teams for supervising an armistice.

It was Russia's "record of past participation" in Korea. While this was not elaborated, it was obviously a reference to Russia's arming of the North Koreans for war and its supply of guns, tanks, and planes have been flowing since the conflict.

SEOUL, Friday, Feb. 22—(AP)—U. S. Sabre jets Thursday flushed 80 Communist MIG jets from the overcast over northwest Korea and shot down two, bringing their week's bag to 10. The clash was brief but furious.

Action was light along most of the 155-mile front. North Korean troops ambushed an Allied patrol near the east coast, but it was extricated after a fight that lasted an hour and 15 minutes. Reinforcements that came to the patrol's rescue also were pinned down for a time.

## Bandit Shot By Angry Mob

MIDDLETON, Tenn., Feb. 21—(AP)—A furious gunfight erupted in this little southwest Tennessee town today when a gunman tried to hold up the bank. The mass fire of angry citizens cut him down.

The bandit and a hostage backed nervously out of the bank of Middleton into what witnesses described as another "battle of Shiloh." Both were wounded.

The FBI identified the gunman as Robert H. Bondurant of Memphis, Tenn. He was charged with bank robbery. He was taken to a clinic at nearby Bolivar for treatment.

It was the second attempted holdup within a month. F. Lester Simpson, cashier, was shot in the finger when he tried to slam the vault door behind him and lock the bandit away from the money.

Simpson said he succeeded in locking himself inside the vault, but had to open up and pitch out bundles of money when the gunman seized a customer, W. D. Sasser Jr., and threatened to kill him.

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## Eisenhower Entered In Oregon Primary



WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—The name of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was entered in Oregon's Republican presidential primary today, assuring a test of strength with Gen. Douglas MacArthur and possibly four others.

The filing was authorized by Senator Lodge (R-Mass.) in his capacity as national campaign manager of the Eisenhower-For-President organization.

The Oregon primary will be held May 16. The 18 delegates to the GOP national convention to be elected there will be bound to support the winner of the preference contest and to use their best efforts to bring about his nomination.

One unusual feature about the Oregon law is that once a candidate's name is filed by petition he cannot withdraw.

## General Assembly Costs 2½ Million

HARRISBURG, Feb. 21—(AP)—The 1951 General Assembly, longest since colonial days, cost upwards of 2½ million dollars, fiscal records showed today.

The auditor general's department reported expenses amounting to 1½ million for the House, and about \$650,000 for the Senate. The flood of bills introduced during the marathon session incurred printing costs of \$500,000. The job has not yet been completed.

A breakdown of House expenses showed some \$620,000 paid out in salaries to the 207 members, while the salary bill for the 50 Senators amounted to \$150,000.

attacked U.S. security troops with steel pickets, wooden clubs, barbed wire flails, black jacks, metal tent pole spikes, iron pipes, rocks, and knives.

One American soldier was wounded, 22 suffered minor injuries, and 142 inmates were wounded.

The Communist-planned and led riot followed entrance of the U.S. soldiers into the compound as a normal guard to keep order while United Nations personnel proceeded with individual questioning which allows civilian internees "complete privacy of expression," said the authorities.

They said "it was evident the Communist compound leaders were determined to block this procedure and to attempt by violence to disrupt the orderly screening of the civilian internees."

TOKYO, Friday, Feb. 22—(AP)—Communists in Tokyo and other Japanese cities Thursday staged the biggest series of riots and anti-American demonstrations since the outset of the occupation. Simultaneously the Peiping radio broadcast what it called a Japanese Communist Party manifesto declaring the "traitorous" Japanese government "must be overthrown."

Before order was restored at nightfall, thousands of Japanese Communists and sympathizers had stormed through Tokyo's streets. They battled police with rocks, tear gas bombs, and fists.

At least 14 Japanese policemen had been injured. Approximately 11,300 policemen were mobilized, few arrests were made, however.

## Mine Production Halted

HYDEN, Ky., Feb. 21—(AP)—Four hundred pickets of the United Mine Workers marched into this non-unionized mountain area today and laid siege to two coal mines.

Production at both pits, which normally employ 60 men each, was tied up.

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# NATO Ponders New Defense

LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 21—(P)—The Atlantic pact ministers pondered today the possibility of revamping European defense plans in the light of the shift of Soviet pressure to Asia.

Foreign, defense, and finance ministers of the 14 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) met here behind closed doors to hear top-level reports on the Soviet Union and its latest world policies.

## Labor Costs Investigated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(P)—Senate investigators discovered today that mechanics have been drawing wages at a rate of \$17,000 a year on a highly secret air base project near the North Pole, while laborers have been earning \$13,000.

Questions by Downey Rice, counsel for a Senate watchdog committee, also brought out that the workers collected more than three million dollars in pay before even reaching the job.

Rice said the workmen drew most of this while en route north in aircraft or aboard a ship which spent 42 days working its way through an ice sheet six to seven feet thick.

The North Pole project is so secret that only guarded references were made to it at a public hearing conducted by a subcommittee probing charges of waste in manpower and money on a chain of overseas bases being constructed for the air force.

## Cold War Slackens

U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson was reported to have told the NATO council there are good chances for a Korean armistice before spring. But, far from cheering the NATO partners, Acheson's statement was said to have stirred up fears that such an armistice will free the Communists to undertake new adventures elsewhere in Asia.

Reports of increased Soviet attention there and a slackening of Russian cold war activities in Europe caused the ministers to consider at length the possibility of scaling down plans for 50 to 60 European divisions by the end of 1952 and nearly double that by the end of 1954.

## Air Bases Planned

Top priority went to Eisenhower's demand that work on defensive air bases strung across Europe and North Africa get started before the 1952 season is lost. The military chiefs plan to build 21 air bases in France and Morocco and possibly a total of 60 European and North African bases.

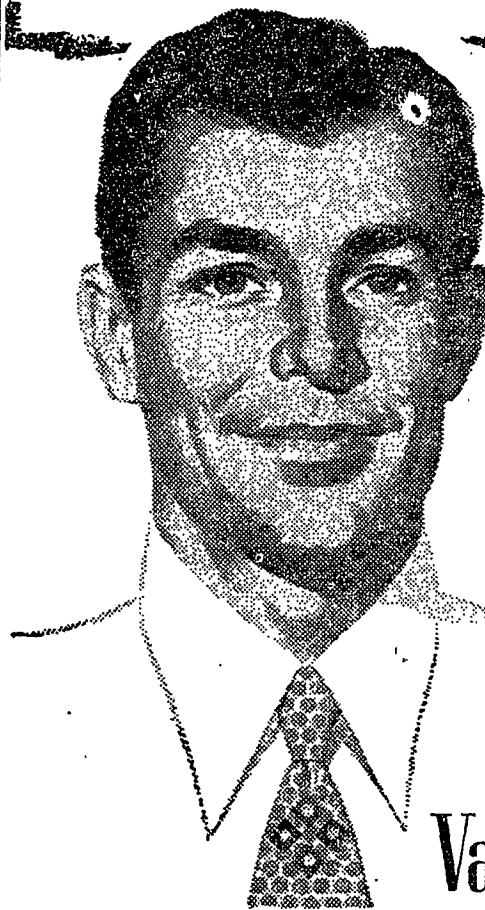
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