

Eisenhower Calls Truman's Korea Policy 'Soviet Trap'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower blistered the Truman administration's foreign policy last night, and declared that the truce talks in Korea were a "Soviet trap."

The Republican candidate for president said the negotiations in Panmunjom were designed to gain time for the Communists, that they have repaired their military position, and today are half again as strong as they were when the talks started.

85 Killed In British Rail Wreck

HARROW, Eng. (AP) — Two speeding express trains piled up with a thunderous roar against a commuters' local at the Harrow station yesterday and killed 85 persons in a blitz-like scene of blood, wreckage and hissing steam.

At least 170 were injured in the train collision.

Officials said the death toll might climb above 120 in this worst British railway disaster since 227 persons were killed and 246 injured in a collision of two passenger trains and a troop train at Gratna, Scotland, May 15, 1915.

The tremendous impact hurled two big locomotives across the jam packed station platform, mowing down scores of waiting passengers.

The wreckage erupted into a mound 55 feet high which tore away large sections of an overhead footpath and spilled pedestrians into the cauldron below.

Rescue workers, many of them veterans of wartime air raids, were still digging in the wreckage for survivors and dead eight hours after the crash. Some tore at the twisted, telescoped coaches with their bare hands.

The severe wreck came at the height of the morning rush hour.

Graduate Killed In Auto Accident

Lt. Marion Paul Wojtowicz of Altoona, 52, was killed Saturday in an automobile accident near Columbus, Tex.

Lt. Wojtowicz was graduated from the College with a B.S. in hotel administration. He had been in the ROTC while in college and was called to active duty in May. He had been stationed at Lackland Air Force base since Aug. 25.

Official word of his death was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wojtowicz, in a telegram Sunday from the commanding general at the Lackland base.

Superfort Missing Off North Japan

TOKYO, Thursday, Oct. 8 (AP)—Armed U.S. jets Wednesday guarded planes which swept the seas off Northern Japan hunting for a Superfort that vanished after being approached by a plane from Russian territory.

Only an oil slick off the northeast coast of Hokkaido was found, but the search was pressing despite bad weather.

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“The Soviet trap was perfectly conceived, perfectly timed, perfectly sprung,” he said.

“The Communist military position has been repaired. Beyond that, it has probably been made half again as strong. We came to realize that we have been swindled.”

The San Francisco speech was one of the key addresses in Eisenhower's whole campaign for the presidency.

Eisenhower spoke in a tense hour, when it appeared the biggest Communist military action in more than a year had been launched in Korea.

Eisenhower pointed heavy guns at three major objectives in his San Francisco address.

1. He bitterly criticized and ridiculed the courses the administration has been following since the end of World War II, pouring particular scorn on Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

2. He explained, and defended, his own part in the making of these policies, and his role, as Army chief of staff, at the time the "defense perimeter" in Asia was drawn. President Truman has accused Eisenhower of now attempting to disavow his role in these vast decisions.

3. He laid down his ideas for meeting the menace of the cold war, and turning it to the advantage of the free world.

Taft, HST Vie for Farm Vote

SHENANDOAH, Ia. (AP)—On a sun drenched football field rimmed by hot dog stands, the President of the United States, fought an old fashioned battle of words today with the top campaigner for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

And judging from the applause that crackled from the packed wooden bleachers in this staunchly Republican Iowa town, Robert A. Taft of Ohio was an easy winner over Harry S. Truman in this unusual round of the struggle for the nation's bread basket vote.

Taft was applauded at least half a dozen times oftener than the President, and at the end got an ovation far louder than the wave of hand clapping for Truman.

Tens of thousands crammed the tree shaded streets of Shenandoah for the speech making and the free pancakes that are an annual feature of the town's Harvest Festival.

Truman, waving cheerily, rode at the head of a parade.

Taft, just as cheerily waving, rode far to the rear. Lt. Dave Herrick of the state patrol estimated the crowd at 25,000 to 30,000.

But this was no holiday afternoon's entertainment.

A chance crossing of the two speakers' campaign paths turned it into a chips down fight for the farm vote that carried Truman himself to victory four years ago. And in the audience were farmers from four of the leading agricultural states.

Reds Stopped Near Seoul; Fresh Troops Battle on

SEOUL (AP)—The big Chinese push jarred to a halt Wednesday in a carnage of casualties on a peak guarding the road to Seoul, but the Reds threw fresh hundreds into the flaming battle.

South Korean infantry at the point of the bayonet drove the Chinese from the summit of White Horse Hill, about 50 miles north of this Korean capital, and stood firm against a storm of counterattacks, field dispatches said.

Both sides poured thousands of infantrymen and dozens of tanks into the struggle for White Horse and nearby Arrowhead Ridge, where U.S. Second Division and French troops withstood the shock of human sea attacks.

An American officer said one division alone in this western sector had inflicted about 3000 casualties on the Chinese since the Reds opened their big drive Monday night.

The U.S. Eighth Army communique reported that two of seven outposts hills overrun Monday when 15,000 Reds struck along two thirds of the Korean

front had been recaptured. Later tactical summaries indicated, however, that the Reds had rewon the positions.

Heavy fighting also broke out on the Central Front around Finger Ridge, where the Communists occupied two positions in the first onslaught Monday.

Eighth Army troops stormed back up the heights Tuesday night but lost them again in a battle of small arms and hand grenades Wednesday morning.

Stevenson Raps Ike For Soft Backbone

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Gov. Adlai Stevenson rapped Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower last night as grasping for votes with an about-face on European policy—and displaying lack of backbone with a nameless endorsement of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin.

“My opponent,” Stevenson said, “has been worrying about my funnybone. I'm worrying about his backbone.”

Attacked Ike
The raking attack on the general and senator closed out the Democratic presidential nominee's campaign for Wisconsin and 12 electoral votes.

In an address prepared for delivery at the Milwaukee Arena, Stevenson went after Eisenhower this way on American policy in Europe:

“No other issue reveals more strikingly the tactics in this election of the Republican leadership—the use of one man's good name to camouflage a bad record, and that man's willingness to compromise his own views in opportunistic grasping for support in this election.”

Slap At McCarthy
Stevenson said his GOP rival actively backed every development in U.S. policy toward Europe from 1945 to 1952, then became a presidential candidate and “overnight he changed his mind about what he stood for.”

The Democratic nominee backed into his slap at the Eisenhower alliance with the controversial McCarthy by giving a plug by name to Thomas E. Fairchild, the Democrat running against McCarthy for the Senate, and other party nominees on the state ticket. He also attacked GOP Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio and William E. Jenner of Indiana.

Kennan's Policy Armistice Talks Okayed by U.S. Near Collapse

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States told Russia yesterday that Ambassador George F. Kennan spoke “accurately and in moderate language” when he gave the description of Moscow life which the Kremlin used as a reason to demand his recall.

At the same time Secretary of State Acheson made it clear that the Kennan affair alone will not lead this government to send Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin home or to break diplomatic relations.

He told Sen. Knowland (R-Calif) in a telegram that many other grave considerations would enter into such a decision. He added, however, that all phases of relations with Moscow will continue under examination. Knowland had demanded Zarubin's ouster and withdrawal of “recognition” from Russia in connection with the Kennan action.

Czechs Permit Oatis to Speak To U.S. Official

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Czechoslovak jailors of William N. Oatis, Associated Press correspondent, have permitted him to have a second meeting with an American Embassy official, Secretary of State Acheson disclosed today.

The newsman is held on a “spy” conviction which the American government has denounced as a frameup.

At the meeting, which took place yesterday at police headquarters in Prague, Oatis was assured that he has “not been forgotten” and that efforts to obtain his release are being pressed, Acheson said.

The Embassy official, Counselor Nat B. King, reported that Oatis “appeared in about the same physical and mental condition as when he was last seen” by Ambassador Ellis O. Briggs on April 30. Oatis said at that time that his health was good.

These have been the only conferences the Czechs have allowed Oatis to have with American representatives since the newsman was first imprisoned nearly 18 months ago.

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The long and frustrating Korean armistice negotiations today appeared to be nearer collapse than at any time since they began on July 10, 1951.

The Allied decision yesterday to call an indefinite recess was made on “higher authority” and came at a time when fighting in Korea reached its fiercest pitch in a year.

A special North Korean broadcast heard in Tokyo referred to “the failure” of the negotiations, charged that the Allies ignored a new Red offer, and declared responsibility “lies on the U. S.”

It complained that the Allied delegation walked out while the new Red plan was being explained. Text of the broadcast showed, however, the Communists had not budged from their position that all prisoners of war must be repatriated, the last major issue remaining.

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