

Reds Propagandize Seoul Capture Before Christmas

SEOUL, Friday, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Communists boasted by radio and frontline loudspeakers today they would be in Seoul by Christmas.

The Allies answered with a pulverizing smash at a huge enemy troop concentration area near the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, 115 miles northwest of Seoul.

The communist propaganda brags were supplemented by the rare appearance of a Communist plane over the quiet front. It dropped leaflets hitting the theme: "Yankee, go home."

70 Buildings Destroyed

Answering words with bombs, waves of Allied fighter-bombers winged through 10-degree above zero cold and pounded the Red troop area 20 miles south of Pyongyang.

More than 70 buildings were destroyed and 30 damaged by waves of bombers laying down a carpet of high explosives, the Air Force said.

Speedy Sabre jets flashed on north in a protective screen and knocked down one MIG jet and damaged another. The MIG shot down was credited to Lt. James Low of Sausalito, Calif., ranking jet ace in Korea with nine.

Fighter-bombers also swarmed over the front, hitting enemy installations. On the ground, only patrol action was reported in the numbing cold.

The enemy leaflet-dropping plane circled high over the Central Front Wednesday and yesterday without Allied opposition. Its mission was a part of the new Communist propaganda campaign, which in the main left Allied officers as cold as the Korean winter.

Air Force Busy

The Communists also dug up some old phonograph recordings of Christmas carols by American singers in an obvious effort to make the soldiers homesick and lower their morale.

The Fifth Air Force and the Eighth Army daily pick out likely Red targets for saturation-type plastering in groups of 40 to 70 planes. These blasts shift from one division sector to another. Planes of all the United Nations Command forces in the war participate.

Ike to Talk In Congress After Oath

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (AP)—President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower indicated today he may follow up his inauguration by speaking to Congress on his legislative program and the state of the Union.

Word that Eisenhower is considering this possibility came from Rep. Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts after Martin attended the first of a series of conferences the President-elect has scheduled with Republican congressional leaders.

Little Clue to Details

The address "naturally will deal with his legislative program and the state of the Union," Martin told a news conference at Eisenhower's Hotel Commodore headquarters.

The first Eisenhower congressional conference gave little clue to the details of the legislative program, except that Martin said the main emphasis would be on reducing federal spending.

Martin, slated to be speaker of the House in the new Congress, said the discussion dealt with general outlines of a program and not with specific legislation.

Similar Conference Planned

Attending the conference with Martin were Rep. Charles Halleck of Indiana, prospective House majority leader, and Rep. Leslie C. Arends of Illinois, slated to become the House "whip."

Eisenhower is planning a similar conference with Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio and other GOP senatorial leaders after Christmas.

Martin, asked whether the program would result in a tax reduction, said today's conference did not deal directly with that topic. "We've got to see about reducing spending before we get around to taxes," he said.

He said the main objective of the next Congress would be a balanced budget, but "I am not precluding any tax reduction."

Martin told a questioner there was some discussion whether to extend wage-price control authority, due to expire in the spring, but that no decision was reached.

Record London Fog Blamed for 1500 Deaths

LONDON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The recent record fogs that blacked out London killed up to 1500 Britons, a government spokesman indicated today.

Health Minister Iain MacLeod told the House of Commons deaths in London during the foggy week ending Saturday totalled 4703 compared with 1852 the corresponding week of 1951.

"The cold weather had already caused some increase, but a large part of these increases must be attributed to fog," MacLeod said.

Duff Next Governor?

HARRISBURG, Dec. 18 (AP)—State Sen. M. Harvey Taylor, Republican state chairman, today expressed the hope that U.S. Sen. James H. Duff (R-Pa.) would run for governor in 1954.

NEA Criticizes 'Pressurized' Midget Sports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The National Education Association today struck out at what it called high pressure sports competition among youngsters of elementary or junior high school age.

A special committee, completing a three-year study, condemned such things as Little League baseball, "little" bowl games, midget football, and "biddy" basketball for youngster 12-years old or younger.

For real mites, by the way, there's even "iddy biddy" basketball.

The committee said highly organized competition, patterned after high school and college sports, gives youngsters an exaggerated idea of the importance of sports and may even be harmful to them.

The views of the committee were summed up in a 46-page booklet entitled: "Desirable Athletic Competition for Children."

These views were amplified by the committee's chairman, Simon A. McNeely, at a news conference. McNeely is a specialist on health and recreation for the U.S. Office of Education.

According to McNeely, highly organized sports for youngsters have grown rapidly since the war.

HST Promotes Tubby

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—President Truman today promoted Roger Tubby 42, a native of Peru, Vt., to serve as his \$18,000-a-year press secretary for the remainder of the Truman administration.

Operation Succeeds On Siamese Twins

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 (AP)—The newly divided Brodie Siamese twins went separate ways today after their historic operation, one becoming conscious but the other taking a turn for the worse and then improving only slightly.

Rodney Dee, favored for "survival of the fittest" by choice of surgeons, who separated him from his bigger twin brother, regained consciousness with a cry and a smile this morning.

Condition 'Precarious'

His twin, Roger Lee, whose brain circulation was impaired by the operation—the 13th on the twins—suffered one relapse but then showed a slight gain.

Surgeons said, however, his condition still is "precarious."

The latest bulletin on the condition of the twins, issued by the University of Illinois at 1:45 p.m. CST, today, gave this report:

"Rodney: Has regained consciousness. Cries and smiles. Condition is stable. Seems to be good. "Roger: Still in very precarious

condition, although respiration and other vital factors have improved slightly during the morning."

Only One Saggital Sinus

This improvement cheered surgeons who yesterday had to make one of the most difficult decisions they ever faced.

At the height of the 12 hour and 40 minutes operation, they discovered their earlier fears were well founded. There was only one saggital sinus, the main passage-way or vein draining blood back from both brains.

This called for an immediate choice. The incision could be made to give one twin or the other the vital vein.

Russian Newspaper Blasts State Judge

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 18 (AP)—The battle of a Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice against Communism reached international proportions today. The Soviet government newspaper, Izvestia, compared him to a jackass and he replied in kind.

Izvestia attacked Justice Michael A. Musmanno because, it said he attempted to bar the performance of the fifth symphony of American Roy Harris at a Pittsburgh musical festival.

Compared in Russian Fable

The symphony was dedicated in 1943 during World War II to "the heroic and freedom loving peoples of our great ally, The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

The newspaper compared Musmanno to the jackass in a Russian fable which tried to force a night-ingle to learn how to sing from a rooster.

Musmanno retored:

"Izvestia is a fable itself and understands truth as much as a jackass can understand Shakespeare. Izvestia, quoting fables, is like a jackass that believes it is singing opera because it varies the loudness of its braying."

Audience Rebuffed Musmanno

Izvestia said Musmanno first demanded the festival committee remove the work from its program, and then demanded the removal of the dedication. After failing both times, the newspaper said, Musmanno forbade the audience to applaud, ordering it to "sit on its hands."

The newspaper said the Pittsburgh audience rebuffed Musmanno by giving tremendous applause to the Harris work.

Harris's symphony was performed Nov. 26 and set off a still raging storm of argument. Musmanno, however, did not order the work barred from the program. He merely asked the audience to "sit on its hands" when the symphony was played.

Construction Outlay Cut By NATO

PARIS, Dec. 18, (AP)—The hard-up Atlantic Allies wound up their four-day conference today by agreeing to emphasize quality rather than numbers in building their 1953 barricades for Western Europe.

In the face of warnings by their highest military commanders that Europe remains wide open to attack, the council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) nearly halved the program for construction of airfields, radar screens, roads, bridges, and other defense structures next year.

The 32 ministers of foreign affairs, finance, and defense of the 14 nations voted to build \$224,000,000 worth of top priority works, as against the \$428,000,000 requested by the military committee.

The council announced it also had agreed to:

1. Revise its basic strategy to insure defense of the Balkans and Turkey.
2. Build up its economics so it can stand up to the burden of rearmament.
3. Support France in the war against Communist led armies in Indochina without physically joining the battle.
4. Hurry up the project for the six-nation European army in which German ground, air, and sea units would be included.

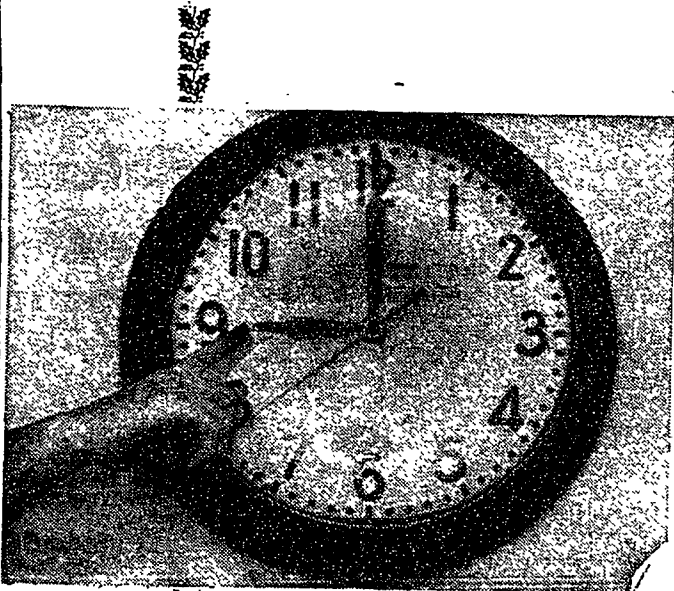
U.S. Assails Russia

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 18 (AP)—The United States assailed Russia today for blocking an Austrian independence treaty. It accused the Russians of imperialistic aims and urged the UN to throw its moral weight behind a move for a four-power settlement on Austria.

Health Research Is Radio Topic

The school health research program conducted under the direction of Dr. William G. Mather, professor of rural sociology, will be the subject of a radio broadcast 7:30 to 8 p.m. tomorrow over NBC.

The program will concern the study by the Social Science Research Center which attempts to discover factors causing the low per cent of follow-ups of school health examinations and develops methods to improve the per cent of follow-ups.



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