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Allies Struggle In Drenching Rain To Rescue Trapped

QUEEN HOMECOMING QUEEN—Treva Stanfield, beautiful blond Sheffield High school senior will reign over the homecoming activities scheduled for this week end. She and her royal court will appear in parade this afternoon and she will be crowned at the Sheffield-Deshler game tonight.

United Nations Line Sags In Northwest Korea Before Heavy Blows By Communists

Downpour Hurting Allies As Airpower Use Is Curtailed

SEOUL, (AP)— Allied forces struggled in a drenching rainstorm tonight to rescue remnants of two trapped American regiments on the sagging United Nations line in Northwest Korea.

The downpour hurt the Allies more than it did the resurgent North Korean Reds and their Chinese Communist comrades. It meant potent U. N. airpower would be curtailed, if not stopped until the weather cleans.

A combined Chinese and Korean Red counterattack had sent the U. N. forces reeling back in virtually every sector of the flaming Northwest front. The Reds, at one point, were only 47 miles North of their fallen capital of Pyongyang.

One U. S. withdrawal—on the West Coast—had piled a tank-led spearhead 50 miles back from its forward advance point 15 miles South of Red China's Manchurian border.

After the downpour Friday evening, Allied forces neither advanced nor retreated.

There was movement on the Northeast front. AP correspondent Jack MacBeth said U. S. First Corps spokesmen described it merely as "jockeying for position."

One unit of the South Korean First Division was reported in contact with the enemy in the Unsan area. Army spokesmen did not elaborate.

The Reds dealt the Allies serious blows throughout the area. Much equipment was captured by the Reds, including 13 American tanks.

Only U. S. Marines in the Northeast were on the offensive. And their thrusts was blunted by a fierce Red encircling move.

U. S. Eighth Army Headquarters called the situation "very serious." A U. S. First Corps spokesman said it was "not so good as it cold be and not as good as we would like it."

However, General MacArthur's spokesman in Tokyo described the [illegible] large-scale enemy defensive action and not a counteroffensive. Two U. S. cavalry regiments are cut off there.

The spokesman said U. N. forces still retained the initiative in North Korea.

The intelligence officer said reinforcements, reorganized units and Winter weather played heavy parts in the Red assault.

These were the developments in the various sectors:

West Coast—The U. S. 24th Division was forced to withdraw as much as 50 road miles to Cheng-Ju to avoid entrapment. British Commonwealth forces fell back there, too. The

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Sheffield Natural Gas Users Will Be Served In Two Weeks

"Within the next two weeks almost all subscribers of the Sheffield natural gas system will be cared for and all critical situations will be relieved," C. L. Beard president of the Sheffield city commission, said this morning.

At present, Mr. Beard said, the Nyhoff section has been completed North of Broadway. This includes the section to which the Village Two houses have been moved. The York Terrace section is also substantially complete.

Next week the area included by Ninth street North to Gordon avenue and Montgomery East to Dover will be completed and week after next the system is expected to be completed from Ninth street to Sixth street and from Pittsburgh to Dover.

"The hardship cases, those who no heating facility other than gas, will be served first," Mr. Beard emphasized.

Those in this category should call immediately Sheffield 2800 and give name and address to Guy Rankin or W. E. Hooper.

"The city commission appreciates the fine spirit of cooperation shown by the people of Sheffield," Mr. Beard said, "and we're doing everything possible to speed natural gas service to all homes."

The crews [illegible] in Sheffield will be cared for," he continued. "The commission hopes that the weather will continue mild and that natural gas users can hold the line a few more days."

GAUGHT WITH THE GOODS—Wednesday morning, acting on a hunch, Lauderdale County Sheriff J. L. Potts, his deputies and local "revenuers" investigated a still and hit the jackpot. They found it in operation with the operator on hand. The still was located off the Gunwaleford road, a quarter of a mile from the Florence city limits and about a quarter of a mile from the mouth of Cypress creek on the west bank. Found operating the still was P. L. Beckwith, alias "Nothie," who gave his address as Florence, route two. After giving the officers considerable chase, Nottie was finally caught. He is now in Lauderdale county jail where he is charged with illegally manufacturing whisky. The still, shown above, is a 100-gallon capacity outfit, and officers state that it is the smallest one discovered since last February. Shown at the scene of the still are those who made the raid and the still operator: From left to right, Louis Fisher, federal agent; Joe Whitaker, chief deputy; Sheriff Potts putting the handcuffs on the operator, "Nothie" Beckwith; Tommy Yielding, federal agent (standing behind the sheriff), and J. W. Patrick, state investigator. (For additional picture see page 12). (Staff Photo).

Harold Stassen Is Wheelhorse In GOP's Drive

Chosen To Rebut President Truman's Campaign Speech

(By The Associated Press)

Harold E. Stassen appeared today to have moved into the wheelhorse position in the final Republican drive toward Tuesday's congressional elections.

Chosen to rebut President Truman's campaign speech from St. Louis tomorrow night, the University of Pennsylvania president went to Columbus yesterday to back Senator Robert A. Taft.

It was his first political appearance there since he battled Taft for Ohio delegates to the Republican National Convention in 1948. Stassen won nine of Ohio's 53 GOP delegates but Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York won the presidential nomination.

In urging Taft's reelection, Stassen said both political parties recognize that "in this hour they need in public position above all else, men of high and unquestionable character, of unflinching courage, of deep sincerity, of conscientious devotion to their task, and of unwavering loyalty to their country."

Taft, he declared, is such a man.

In answering Mr. Truman's speech tomorrow night, Stassen will speak over the Mutual radio network from New Haven, Conn., immediately after the President concludes.

Mr. Truman's address will go out over about 1,200 radio and 72 television stations through a hookup of all the major broadcasting chains. The Democratic National Committee which is laying out about $100,000 for the time estimates that 66,500,000 citizens—the largest American audience in political history—will listen in.

Stassen's talk over 521 stations probably will reach only one fourth as many.

Mr. Truman hasn't given any sign yet about the course his speech will take, but political observers in Washington think he'll contend the results of the Korean war show that venture was a bold, successful step to preserve world peace.

For the GOP, Stassen said in St. Louis that "the national security and hopes for peace had been dis-

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Invasion Of Tibet Is Stirring Up India's Anger

(By The Associated Press)

[illegible] anger at Communist [illegible] invasion of Tibet mounted [illegible] while Moscow boasted that [illegible] attack on the ancient, rug[illegible] land was developing success[illegible]

[illegible] of Communist China's admis[illegible] the United Nations—publish[illegible] texts of notes to Peiping accus[illegible] the Reds of greatly increasing [illegible] drift towards general war.

[illegible] the same time India's Socialist [illegible] leaders urged that the United [illegible] ons at once take over Tibetan [illegible] rs and conduct a plebiscite [illegible] to determine the future of the [illegible] t-ruled country often referred [illegible] "the roof of the world."

[illegible] dia's representative at Lhasa, [illegible] al of Tibet, has advised the [illegible]

New Delhi government that Tibetan forces have fallen back to Pempa Go, 200 miles East of the capital. A Chinese broadcast said Red troops were "heroically overcoming all geographical difficulties" on the march to the [illegible] not give the invaders' position. Peiping—and Moscow, too—claimed the troops were being welcomed everywhere by the Tibetan people.

Moscow's Communist party newspaper, Pravda, published a dispatch telling of the capture of Chamdo, a center on the main caravan route 370 air miles East of Lhasa. It said two British and two Indian officers were among the Chamdo garrison when it was taken prisoner.

Pravda's correspondent, I. Vyokov, said the Ninth Regiment of Tibet's small army went over in a body to the Chinese and "joined in the struggle for the liberation of Tibet." But it also told of battles being waged high in the mountains.

Chamdo's garrison tried to flee but was surrounded and crushed, Pravda said. This garrison previously was described as including 3,000 of Tibet's best troops.

A similar article appeared in the press of the Soviet zone in Germany. This one said Chinese commanders were investigating the role played by the captured British and Indian officers.

India's latest note to Peiping, dated Oct. 31, accused the Chinese Reds of attempting to impose a decision by military force against a peaceful people and without provocation.

India said that in view of the developments its government no longer would advise the Tibetan delegation now in India to proceed to Peiping to negotiate with the Chinese. "Unless the Chinese government thinks it fit to order its troops to halt their advance into Tibet and thus give a chance for peaceful negotiations."

The seven-man Tibetan delegation, now at the border Indian city of Kalimpong, had planned to leave

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Truman Seems Assured Of Greatest Radio Audience

BY JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Truman seemed assured today of the largest American radio and television audience in political history for his St. Louis campaign speech Saturday night.

The Democratic National Committee came up with an estimate that 66,500,000 citizens—roughly 44 per cent of the population—will tune in on about 1,200 radio and 72 television stations to hear the President urge election of a Democratic Congress.

The committee is laying out about $100,000 for the hookup.

Republican National Committee aides discounted the Democratic estimate, commenting that Saturday night isn't the best radio listening time. But they conceded that Wednesday's Blair House assassination attempt has whetted interest in hearing the President.

For their answer to Mr. Truman—to be given by Harold E. Stassen only on the Mutual radio network from New Haven, Conn., immediately after the President concludes—the Republicans could count on an audience probably only one-fourth as big. Stassen's talk will be broadcast by 521 stations.

The President's St. Louis speech will provide most Americans their first opportunity to hear the President since two Puerto Ricans tried to storm Blair House and kill him.

The intense interest aroused by this incident was indicated when Mr. Truman walked into a packed news conference room yesterday and was greeted with applause by the 192 standing reporters.

With a laugh, Mr. Truman said he wasn't running for anything, but that applause would have been welcome in 1948.

His mood became serious, however, when he said he was never in danger, adding that it was terrible that a Secret Service guard had been killed and others wounded in something that was so unnecessary and need never have happened.

The President alternated between cheerfulness over Democratic prospects in next Tuesday's congressional elections and a critical mood toward some newspapers.

He kept up his appearance of being wholly confident that the Democrats will sweep to victory in the

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Federal Agents Push Effort To Draw Fangs Of Puerto Rican Revolutionary Movement

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Federal agents moved on far-flung fronts today to nip any offshoots of the plot to kill President Truman which ended in blood-splattered failure for two Puerto Rican revolutionaries Wednesday.

The President continued to show no emotion at his escape from the guns of two fanatics who were killed, one of them the [illegible] and very steps of his official residence.

But the guard around him was was increased and FBI and Secret Service men moved swiftly in an attempt to track down any of the pair's accomplices who might be dangerous.

Mr. Truman did not take his usual morning walk, but there was no indication he passed it up because of concern for his safety. He had worked late last night on the political speech he will make in St. Louis tomorrow night. Yesterday morning Mr. Truman did take a walk.

About 9:40 a. m. (EST), after working in his office for a while, the President walked from the White House to nearby Emergency Hospital to visit two guards who were wounded in defending him. Just what he said to them was not disclosed. Reporters were not permitted to accompany him to the hospital rooms. White House aides said Mr. Truman would attend funeral services for Leslie Offelt, slain guard, before taking off tomorrow for a speaking engagement in St. Louis.

In New York, the FBI took into custody the 21-year-old widow of Griselio Torresola, the would-be assasin who was killed in front of Blair House. It was learned the young woman was picked up when she visited her home. A search had been under way for her since [illegible]

There were indications that a federal grand jury investigation into the assassination plot may be made in New York. Subpoenas were issued for three Puerto Ricans—one a convicted revolutionist after they were arrested in the apartment of the other conspirator, Oscar Collazo.

If the trio had any role in the plot it was not made clear. There were no indications that any charges were placed against them.

Collazo, 37, was arraigned formally in Washington on a murder charge and held without bond for a hearing on Nov. 21.

The murder charge was the outgrowth of the fatal injury to Leslie Coffelt, one of the White House policemen and Secret Service agents who turned back in a volley of bullets the attempt by Collazo and Torresola to storm the executive residence. Two of Coffelt's colleagues were seriously wounded.

The swarthy Collazo was reported by agents who have been questioning him to consider himself a martyr to the cause of Puerto Rican independence. Both he and

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Excess Profits Tax Fought By U. S. Business

Businessmen Wheeling Up Their Big Guns For Campaign

BY SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK, (AP)— Businessmen are wheeling up their big guns for a last ditch stand in the next two or three weeks against the excess profits tax.

Opponents of the tax fall in two categories: those who think taxing profits is the wrong way to finance rearmament; and those who say their own industries will be unfairly penalized by such a tax.

A week after election the House ways and Means committee meets to hear Treasury Secretary Snyder outline his ideas of how big the tax should be and how it should be applied against various industries. Then the committee will hear business protests, and take up drafting of the tax, as ordered in the tax bill passed before Congress recessed.

Popularly, the excess profits tax is supposed to take all or most of the profit out of rearming the nation.

Businessmen, however, question whether it does. And they bring various charges against it: that it discourages enterprise at the very time the nation needs increased production; that it encourages corporate waste and extravagance; that its administration is a headache, because of its complicated relief clauses for companies unfairly over-taxed.

There's question whether it halts inflation—many charge it actually increases inflation, because it discourages efficiency of production

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Annexation By Florence Upheld

MONTGOMERY, (AP.)— The State Supreme Court has upheld on a technicality a Lauderdale probate court ruling that the City of Florence lawfully annexed certain outlying areas.

The court dismissed an appeal on grounds that attorneys failed to specify how they contend the lower court was wrong.

Owen W. Broadfoot, a resident in the territory North of Florence which the city is seeking to bring into its corporate limits, filed the suit.

He first contested the election in the probate court. The city was successful in having the contest thrown out on a circuit court appeal on grounds the probate court had no jurisdiction.

The Supreme Court in a previous decision reversed the lower court, however, and held the probate could hear the contest.

Probate Judge Herman K. Longshore then held the contest hearing and found the territory was annexed according to law.

He called the election under a local act passed by the 1949 legislature.

Rural Children In Colbert Need Winter Clothing For School

The serious failure of Colbert county's cotton crop this year due to boll weevil and bad weather has made it again necessary for many rural children to secure Winter clothing from citizens of Colbert county or drop out of school.

Guy Hale, attendance supervisor of Colbert county rural schools, reported that the situation is serious among the county's farm families.

Anyone having clothing to give for the relief of these children and enable them to continue in school this year should call Mr. Hale at Tuscumbia 193, the county superintendent of education's office.

Leading Industrialists And Defense Leaders Open Meet

BY STERLING F. GREEN

SEA ISLAND, Ga., (AP)— More than 90 leading industrialists assembled with defense officials here today for a preview of the 1951 munitions program and the cutbacks it may bring to civilian output.

The three-day session of the group, the Business Advisory Committee of the Commerce Department, will be held behind closed doors. Secretary of Commerce Sawyer, presiding, has told reporters that they "will not be welcome."

Industry brought to the meeting a rising concern over pending orders of the National Production Authority which, NPA has said, may curtail by 20 to 30 per cent further use of aluminum and copper in civilian goods.

Protection from anti-trust prosecution arising from industry-wide agreements for the sharing of these materials and the basic defense metal, steel, is urged by many top business men.

This problem topped the program of the opening meeting. Reports were due from two members of the Council's Anti-Trust Committee, John C. Virden of Cleveland and Blackwell Smith of New York.

Legislation has been proposed to give firms which enter allocation

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COFFEE PRICES SLASHED

CLEVELAND, (AP) — The Fisher Bros. Co., a large chain store grocery company, said today coffee had been reduced between two and four cents a pound. The price of the firm's cheapest coffee dropped from 67 cents to 63 cents. The price in the medium range dropped three cents to 65 cents. The highest priced brand went down two cents to 67 cents.

Negro Teachers Urged Counteract Pressure Groups

MONTGOMERY, (AP) — Negro teachers should counteract the work of pressure groups with "zeal, a professional spirit and a spirit of understanding."

That's because pressure groups often play upon dissatisfactions and "imperfections," Dr. E. B. Norton, president of Florence State Teachers College, told a group of Negro teachers here yesterday.

Dr. Norton spoke to some 284 delegates to the annual conference of Jeanes teachers and Negro school principals at the Alabama State College for Negroes.

Retail Merchants Set Store Hours For Yule Season

Store hours of 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday preceding Christmas day were adopted for all Florence business establishments except grocery stores by the advisory council of the local Retail Merchants association during its monthly meeting Thursday noon at the Negley hotel. The grocers group may set its own hours, but it was suggested that they operate from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. on only the Saturday before.

As usual, all members of the association will be open on Wednesday afternoons during the holiday shopping period—from the Wednesday following Thanksgiving, Nov. 19, through the Wednesday preceding Christmas, Dec. 20.

Also at the meeting a report on the progress of plans for the Christmas Jubilee was given by Dick Welch, chairman of the advisory committee for the affair. He said that things are going "very smoothly" and that work is now far ahead of where it was at this time last year. Four of five floats have already been rented and others have been promised, he reported.

The advisory council unanimously endorsed the letter written recently by C. H. Jackson to State Superintendent of Education Eligt W. Terry asking that AEA meetings be held at sometime other than during the preEaster shopping period each year.

R. W. Bozeman, local B. F. Goodrich manager, and Lee Holloway of the Florence Kroger store spoke briefly concerning store hours as established by the Merchants association. Each said that his business would continue to observe the set hours until he is overruled by superior officers in the chain organizations.

UN Ratifies Security On World Basis

Acheson Plan For Veto-Free System Oked By Assembly

By TOM OCHILTREE

NEW YORK, (AP)—The U.N. General Assembly ratified today Secretary of State Acheson's plan for a veto-free system of collective security on a world basis.

Backers of the plan said it was designed to discourage any new Korean-type aggressions.

It will prevent a freezing of U.N. peace preserving activities by a vote in the Security Council.

The resolution calls for a peace patrol to check on the world's trouble spots, the calling of emergency assembly sessions on 24 hours notice and the earmarking and training of military units by member nations for U.N. use.

By overwhelming majorities the Assembly voted down a series of Soviet amendments which would have emasculated the resolution.

Canadian Foreign Minister Lester B. Pearson today criticized Andrei Y. Vishinsky's debating methods in the United Nations and told the Soviet foreign minister "this is the General Assembly and not a purge."

The Canadian referred to Vishinsky's attack yesterday on U. S. delegate John Foster Dulles during the Assembly's debate on an American-backed anti-aggression pro

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The Theatres

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[illegible]OLBERT — "Sunset Boulevard," [illegible] Gloria Swanson, William [illegible]den.

[illegible]USCUMBIAN — "The Avengers," [illegible] John Carroll, Adele Mara.

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[illegible]ILSON DRIVE IN — "Out of [illegible] Blue," with Virginia Mayo and [illegible]orge Brent.

[illegible]ARK VUE DRIVE IN — "A Let[illegible] to Three Wives," with Linda [illegible]rnell and Jeanne Crain.

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[illegible]COLBERT—"The Big Sombrero," [illegible]th Gene Autry. Also "Music in [illegible] Moonlight," with James Ellison.

[illegible]TUSCUMBIAN — "No Sad Songs [illegible] Me," with Margaret Sullavan, [illegible]endell Corey.

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[illegible]WILSON DRIVE IN—"Mirasoulou [illegible]ourney" with Roy Calhoun and [illegible]udrey Long.

[illegible] PARK VUE DRIVE IN — "Brim[illegible]tone," with Rod Cameron and [illegible]drian Booth.

[illegible]KING DRIVE IN — "Geronimo," [illegible]with Preston Foster and Ellen

Florence Schools Set Open House

As part of National Education Week, Nov. 5-11, the faculties of Coffee High school and Florence Junior High school will hold Open House Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

During these hours the parents and friends of the schools are cordially invited to visit with the teachers. Refreshments will be served by members of the faculty and the Coffee High school band will present a program at 8 p.m.

The Florence Elementary school will have its Open House on Wednesday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock.

These Open House events are annual affairs at the Florence schools to let the parents and teachers become better acquainted.

COFFEE GAME MONDAY

The Coffee-Decatur football game, originally scheduled to be played in Decatur tonight, has been postponed due to the rain. The contest is scheduled for Monday night in Decatur at 7:30 o'clock. At press time today the Sheffield-Deshler contest had NOT been postponed. This game is scheduled for 7:30 tonight in Sheffield.

Deadlines For Entering Floats In Xmas Parade

Deadlines for entering floats in the Florence Christmas Parade were announced today by B. E. Raines, chairman of the parade committee.

For reshed floats the last day to enter has been set for Monday, Nov. 6. Organizations who are planning to enter floats they construct themselves have until Nov. 10.

Mr. Baines reports that about 20 floats have been entered thus far and that before the deadlines several more are expected.

The parade will be held Saturday morning, Nov. 25.

The Weather

Alabama—Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms with cooler tonight and in North and West portions this afternoon. Saturday partly cloudy and cool. Moderate South erly winds on the Coast becoming moderate to occasionally fresh Northerly early this afternoon.

Tennessee—Cloudy with occasional rain today and tonight. Lows tonight 40 to 45 West and 50 extreme East portion. Saturday mostly cloudy and rather cool with rain likely extreme East portion.

Mississippi—Cloudy and cool this afternoon and tonight. Occasional showers and thundershowers this afternoon, and in Southeast portion tonight. Saturday partly cloudy and cool. Moderate to occasionally fresh Northerly winds on the Coast.

Maximum temperature for the hour period ending 6:30 o'clock this morning, 76; minimum, 49; 0.13 inches precipitation. Sunrise this morning 6:12 o'clock; sunset tonight 4:53 o'clock. Pickwick lake stood this morning 8.66 compared with Thursday's 8.33 a rise of .33 foot.