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Red Invasion Of Tibet May Swing Indians

Actual Entry Is Still Unconfirmed In Official Channels

BY STEVEN V. DAVID

NEW DELHI, India (AP)—Top Indian officials appeared greatly concerned Saturday night over Communist China's Tibetan invasion order and all possible effect on the middle-ground policies of Prime Minister Nehru's Indian government in East-West affairs.

Diplomats speculated the new Communist show of force might nudge Nehru's government nearer to Western viewpoints. Complications loomed in the United Nations, where India backs Communist China's bid to replace Nationalist China.

India has advised China informally that an invasion of Tibet would "make more difficult" India's efforts in this direction, a foreign ministry source said Saturday. Referring to a rumor at Lake Success that India would drop her backing of Communist China, this spokesman said:

"Government policy will naturally have to be reviewed in the light of the latest developments. However, there is no question of India executing a volte face on about face."

Indian ambassador K. M. Pannikar confirmed in a message Saturday from Peiping, Communist China's capital, that Chinese troops have been ordered to advance into Tibet, the mountainous priest-ruled "roof of the world" on India's Northern frontier.

The Peiping radio announced Tuesday that such an order had been issued, but did not say that was an official act by Mao Tse-Tung's Communist Chinese regime.

Subsequently, dispatches from Calcutta and various Asian Curtain capitals declared a Chinese vanguard had knifed Westward from China's Sikang Province and was well inside Tibet on a mission to "liberate the 3,000,000 Tibetans" from American-British domination and safeguard China's Western borders.

Pannikar reported he had no confirmation that the Chinese actually have crossed the frontier, an Indian

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PEGGY McCORMACK, sparkling Florence State freshman from Sheffield, was elected Sweetheart and Sponsor of the FSTC R.O.T.C. unit for 1950-51. A warm, friendly personality, Miss McCormack was very active in Sheffield High School activities where she was elected to "Who's Who in High School," cheerleader, Citizenship Girl of 1950 for Sheffield High, and was a member of the Latin Club, Home Ec. Club and yearbook staff.

U.S. Troops Spearing Near Manchurian Frontier Trying To Prevent Red Resurgence

Furious Counter-Attacks Are Being Staged By Commies

SEOUL, Sunday (AP) U. S. troops speared to within 41 miles of the Manchurian frontier today in a United Nations drive to drive all Korea before resurgent Red regroup a potent striking force.

Joined by some Chinese Communist troops, the Korean Reds were throwing in furious counter-attacks as U. N. forces closed closer to the border of Manchuria. It was particularly strong in front of the Yalu river boundary of Northwestern Korea.

The Fifth Regiment of the U. S. 24th Division pushed the battle objective to 41 miles by reaching the important road junction of Taechon. U. S. Eighth Army Headquarters announced.

These U. S. and British Commonwealth Brigade troops are thrusting up the Korean West Coast toward the besieged Eighth Army. Headquarters said both should reach the frontier within a week.

From Taechon the U. S. Fifth Regiment can swing Northeast about 14 miles to Kaisong and get on a major paved highway leading to the Manchurian border. Kaisong is 31 miles Southeast of Sakchu where the highway crosses into Manchuria over a power dam across the Yalu.

British Commonwealth troops were moving Northwest on the main coastal road from Kasan, 60 air miles Southeast of the frontier.

The U. S. and British advance is into an area where Chinese prisoners reported from 30,000 to 60,000 Chinese Reds are fighting alongside the North Koreans. There is no confirmation of these figures.

Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, Eighth Army commander, declined comment on the reports of Chinese Communist participation in the Korean war. He indicated, however, that the capture of Chinese Red prisoners had no great significance.

A spokesman at Walker's Headquarters, however, referred to "Chinese and North Korean elements" attempting to block the border drive of the Republic of Korea's First Division. It is operating to the East of the U. S. Fifth Regiment and the British Brigade.

An American adviser with the ROK (Republic of Korea) First Division said after a battle Friday, "we counted 62 dead Chinese in our area."

The Reds were kirking up attacks behind the U. N. lines.

One of the major trouble spots was around Kojo 30 miles South of the East Coast port of Wonsan.

A company of U. S. Marines was reported surrounded Saturday and backed up by about 1,000 cut-off Reds. A later field dispatch spoke only of a Marine platoon and said its survivors had made their way back to the American lines near Kojo.

There was no explanation of the discrepancy. A company usually runs 200 men or more, a platoon 40 to 50.

Fighter planes from the carriers Bodoeng Strait and Sicily set fire to Kojo and raked Red concentrations inside the town. They also hit the railroad town of Tongchon, a mile Northeast of Kojo.

AP correspondent Stan Swinton, with the U. S. First Marine Division, said the Reds had revived their attacks in the Kojo area. But he said the Marines were set for a new attack, expected momentarily. The Reds were identified as remnants of the old North Korean 15th division.

The U. S. Eighth Corps Judge Advocate announced discovery of the bodies of 30 Americans in and beside a derelict, fire damaged, North-bound train. The train was on the Pyongyang-Kaisong, captured Red stronghold, to Kaisong, reported new chief of the ruined North Korean government, near the Manchurian border.

The bodies were found Oct. 22 near Kaipung, about 70 railroad miles North of Pyongyang.

All the Americans had been shot and some had been badly burned as well.

The judge advocate said the evidence indicated that fleeing Reds had killed the Americans and that nine of the bodies were burned later in an American air strike that set fire to the train.

No North Korean dead were found nearby, indicating the Reds escaped from the train before the air strike.

The American survivors were found, so weak from hunger they could only mumble thanks to rescuers. They were removed to a hospital. Their names were not released.

On the West Coast the Fifth Regiment of the U. S. 24th Division ran into heavy Red resistance on its drive North from Kasan. It knocked out four Red tanks and three high velocity guns in the fight to smash through the dug-in Communists.

The British Commonwealth 27th Brigade moved five miles against lessened resistance in its drive from

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Jaycees To Sponsor Voice Of Democracy Contest In Area

The fourth annual Voice of Democracy contest (formerly known in Jaycee activities as the I Speak for Democracy contest) will be the feature event of National Radio Week during the period of Oct. 28-Nov. 4. It is sponsored by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Broadcasters, Radio Manufacturers Association and endorsed by the United States Office of Education, Federal Security Agency and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Locally, the contest will be sponsored by the Florence Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This is a public speaking-radio script contest for high school students to select, by competition, locally, state-wide and nationally four outstanding students who will be selected by national judges to represent the Voice of Democracy in America among school youth.

Purpose of the contest is to give the youth of America an opportunity to express an appreciation for our American way of life and to instill in the minds of others the importance of democracy working for leadership in world affairs.

In the contest conducted last year, approximately 1,500 communities in 48 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of Alaska and Hawaii participated. Each of the four national winners received all-expense paid trips to Washington, D. C., to receive their scholarship awards. Many nationally known dignitaires and statesmen were present to witness the presentations.

It is anticipated the contest this year will reach every community, hamlet and country school. Every available means of publicity has been granted to give this contest the utmost prestige and high level competition.

Junior Chambers of Commerce are not confined to their city-limits in conducting and sponsoring the contest.

Any student in grades 10-11-12, good standing in grades and morally, is eligible to enter.

The basis of judging will be content, 40 points, delivery, 40 points and originality, 20 points. Speeches may be read but they must be limited to five minutes.

School finals must be completed Nov. 10. Each school will furnish a judge or judges to determine the winner. Judges for the Tri-Cities elimination will consist of faculty members in the history and English departments of Florence State Teachers college.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, the winner of each school will compete in the Tri-Cities elimination planned to be held at Sheffield High school before the student body, judges and anyone interested in attending.

Radios will be awarded as the prize for the individual school winner.

Radios will be awarded the three winners in the high schools. Also the winners will have their speeches recorded by radio station WMPT without charge.

Hulen Haddock, 13, Seriously Burned Setting Brush Fire

Hulen Haddock, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Haddock of Florence, route 2, was seriously burned about the face and hands while setting fire to brush in the garden of the Haddock home at about noon on Friday.

According to reports, the boy had poured gasoline on the brush, and when he struck a match to it, it flared up in his face, burning him. Mrs. Julia Hill took him to a local clinic where first aid was administered.

The youth is now resting well at his home.

Eisenhower Holds Meeting With Truman Amid Rumors

BY ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Defense ministers of the 12 North Atlantic treaty nations indicated Saturday night that they had agreed on the prompt appointment of a Supreme Commander of Western Europe's defenses.

They had apparently reached no decision as yet, however, on the controversial question of German rearmament.

The ministers recessed at 6 p. m. Eastern Standard Time after an all-day meeting. They will reconvene at 9:30 a. m. Monday.

Some hours before the session broke up, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, widely expected to be the Supreme Commander of Europe's joint defenses, held a conference with President Truman.

Though no major announcement resulted from this meeting, it did nothing to dispel the belief that the general will get the big job.

"The President didn't put the question to me," Eisenhower told reporters. But he added that Mr. Truman "always knows that I am available for duty."

The defense minister, in a cryptic communique, said the decisions they must take at the current conference "are those necessary to give immediate direction" to the North Atlantic area's "advancing" capabilities for defense.

The communique said the ministers also are required to reach agreement on "further measures to improve these defenses."

The defense committee, the document added, completed the first half of its agenda Saturday.

Thus the defense chiefs apparently reached no decision on such questions as to what role Germany shall be given the task of bulwarking Europe against Russia.

U. S. officials have advocated the use of German units as large as divisions in the international defense force. The French, traditionally fearful of a resurgence of German might, want the German units to be as small as possible and say they should be subject to a European defense minister responsible to a European Assembly.

Without mentioning France, Secretary of Defense Marshall told the defense ministers Saturday that "realistic" action should be taken

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French Facing Hard Choice In Indochina War

Fresh U.S. Arms Arrive For Fight Against Communists

BY SEYMOUR TOPPING

SAIGON, Vietnam, Indochina, (AP) — A hard choice of whether to stand and fight or to fall back through enemy-held mountains appeared developing for the French garrison of Laokay Saturday, even as fresh U. S. arms arrived here for the French fight against the Communist-led Vietminh.

A French military spokesman reported attacks on two outposts of Laokay, an isolated French fortress city on the Red River on the border of Communist China. He said Vietminh shock troops were coming in contact with Fort Hennequin, only two miles East of Laokay and mortar fire had been brought to bear on a small French unit which is withdrawing from Banthiet, four miles farther East.

French warplanes again raked the Vietminh—the field army of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh — with bombs and gunfire. Groups crossing from the East to the West bank of the Red river about 20 miles South of Laokay were among the targets.

The French aircraft carrier Dixmude shipped 80 miles nearer to this capital city with the fifth and largest shipment of American military aid to reach Indochina. A French spokesman said the consignment included 40 U. S. Navy Hellcat fighters, replacement parts and munitions. Recent French reverses on the North Indochina frontier accelerated the American aid program.

The primary tactical problem of the moment was at Laokay, more than 900 miles North of Saigon. There the French garrison, swelled slightly by units withdrawn from outlying posts, awaited encircling Vietminh units flushed by victories that have cleared the French from 400 miles of the frontier.

Attention was focused on the

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U.S. Proposes $250,000,000 Aid To The Philippines If Islands Will Clean House; Land Reformation Included

BY EDWARD E. BOMAR

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States Saturday offered $250,000,000 to help the Philippines over an economic crisis if sweeping reforms are made by the new American-sponsored Far East Republic.

President Truman extended the conditional offer in submitting to Philippine President Elpidio Quirino the findings of an all-American mission of American experts who made a two-month on-the-spot survey of Philippines postwar difficulties.

The group, headed by former Treasury Undersecretary Daniel W. Bell, bluntly blamed Filipinos themselves for most of their troubles.

Inefficiency and even corruption are rife in the government, it said; there is too big a spread between income and outgo, land reforms and other measures are needed.

A $250,000,000 five-year program of U. S. assistance was proposed, to be carried out under the tight supervision of an American technical mission.

The terms were stricter than those required for other countries currently receiving American aid. The United States has expended some $2,000,000,000 since V-J Day in the Philippines, in payments of all kinds mostly without strings.

Immediate reaction in Manila and Washington suggested that the offer would be accepted. President Quirino described the Bell findings as "constructive."

Mr. Truman told Quirino in a letter there must be a definite understanding on the reform measures to be carried out before he asks the U. S. Congress to sanction the aid enterprise.

In submitting the recommendations to the Philippine President at Manila, through Ambassador Myron

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Sheffield Gets 1951 Meeting Of Alabama Firemen

MONTGOMERY, (AP)—Piedmont, Ala., fire chief Thomas E. Parker heads the Alabama State Firemen's Association for 1950-51.

He was elected president at the group's 12th annual convention here Friday. Other officers elected were: Robert Baker, secretary treasurer; T. P. Downs, Montgomery, first district vice president; P. I. Hall, Mobile, second district vice president; H. A. Moon, Tuscaloosa, third district vice president, and Thomas S. Hinton, Attalla, fourth district vice president.

Ed. E. Reid, executive director of the Alabama League of Municipalities, praised the "splendid training program" conducted by local fire departments and State agencies.

The 1951 meeting will be held at Sheffield.

Senator Lodge Advises Red Bloc To Stop Being Afraid

BY FRANCIS W. CARPENTER

LAKE SUCCESS, New York, (AP)—U. S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge told Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky point-blank Saturday the growing American military power is not meant for an offensive against the Soviet Union. He said "every child knows that" and advised the Russian Bloc to "stop being afraid."

Vishinsky told the U. N. political committee he doubted that the United States would stop producing atomic bombs even if the U. N. approved the American-backed plan for atomic control.

In a 2 hour and 15 minute talk, he rejected the majority-approved control plan once more, charged the United States started the war in Korea and is using Japanese troops there now. He also accused the United States of trying to cut up Germany, with backing Fascists in high posts in Austria and with building a string of military bases around the world.

The Russian foreign minister then sat stonily as Lodge answered him in 16 minutes. The American delegate, a member of the Senate foreign relations committee, challenged Vishinsky to prove Americans are using Japanese troops and called on the Russian-Bloc representatives to stop being "conspiratorial and childish." Vishinsky grew brick red with obvious anger when Lodge advised him to stop being afraid.

Firing back at Vishinsky's charge that the United States expenditures for military purposes are fifty times those of pre-World War II days, Lodge told the committee that even if they were far greater the United States military power "would not have an offensive capability against the Soviet Union."

"Every child knows that," he said.

Lodge told Vishinsky that we Americans talk a lot, "too much some times." He said Americans are becoming powerful, but "we are not going to use our power as some others have used it in the past."

Lodge said he had gained "no impression in listening to the debate on Vishinsky's proposals for a ban on atomic bombs, a big power peace pact and a one-third reduction of the armed forces of the Big Five that maybe the Russian Bloc delegate

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Two Lauderdale County Convicts Granted Paroles

MONTGOMERY, (AP)— The State Pardon-Parole Board gave paroles to 20 convicts last week, one a Negro who served only a year of a life term for killing a white man.

The Negro, James Earl Wilder, was convicted last October in Pickens county of charges of shooting Fred Grayson to death. Wilder said Grayson and another white man came to his home early one morning and were beating up his father when he came to his defense.

Two other lifers were released on parols. They were:

Luther Birchfield, sent up from Jefferson county for murder, Oct. 4, 1938, and James Sledge, sentenced from Morgan for a like offense June 18, 1942, were the other lifers released. Both are Negroes.

Included on the new parole list were:

Clarence Eugene Canaday—three cases grand larceny, receiving and concealing stolen property, Lauderdale, Oct. 13, 1949, three years.

William Brown (Negro)—three cases robbery, Lauderdale, Oct. 5, 1946, 30 years.

James Hollie Kelsoe—manslaughter, Limestone, Nov. 18, 1948, eight years.

The Weather

Alabama, Mississippi and extreme Northwest Florida—Partly cloudy and mild today and Monday. General to moderate winds on the Coast. Mostly Southeast and South.

Tennessee — Continued fair and warm today and Monday. Highest 74 to 82 degrees.

Maximum temperature during the 36-hour period ending at 6:30 p.m., Saturday was 80; minimum, 54; no precipitation. Sunset this morning 6:07; sunset this afternoon 4:58. Pickwick Lake reading Saturday morning 8.78 feet compared with Friday's 8.79, a fall of .01 of a foot.