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Allied Spearhead Reaches Manchurian Borde

Lie Quarrel With Stalin Is Revealed

Cause Of Russia's Vetoing Of Bluff Norwegian Is Told

BY STANLEY JOHNSON

LAKE SUCCESS, (AP)—United Nations Headquarters today buzzed with reports that a quarrel in the Kremlin between Prime Minister Stalin and Trygve Lie led to Russia's vetoing of the bluff Norwegian as U. N. Secretary-General.

Lie spent a week in Moscow last May during a swing around the world's great capitals trying to sell a 10-point peace plan designed to solve East-West differences.

His trip was widely denounced in the United States as toadying to the Russians.

Exactly what happened when Lie met Stalin in the fastness of the Kremlin has been a closely guarded secret for more than five months.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jacob A. Malik, however, let some of it out last night.

He told a closed meeting of the Security Council, gathered to try and agree on a new Secretary General, that Lie had declined to adopt some amendments suggested by Stalin and Deputy Premier V. M. Molotov, to the peace plan.

Malik said the Soviet leader wanted the changes to weaken what he called the "pro-American bias" of the plan. He did not explain how the plan showed such a Western orientation nor what the amendments were. Key point of the proposal was for periodic high-level discussions to settle outstanding differences.

Lie declined to comment on the revelation. He was reported to feel that Malik's remarks were made in a supposedly private meeting and were not intended for public distribution.

Another high U. N. official pointed out, however, that Lie had sent Stalin a copy of his proposals long in advance of the Moscow trip. The Soviet leader gave no indication they displeased him, this official

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American May Head Combined Defense Force

Recommendation Is Expected From North Atlantic Pact Chiefs

BY MAX BOYD

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A key U. S. official predicted that North Atlantic Pact Military men will recommend that an American be appointed without delay as Supreme Commander of a combined Western European defense force.

This action was forecast as the North Atlantic military committee prepared to resume this afternoon the momentous implementation session begun Tuesday.

There was much speculation in advance of the meeting that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower may become the Supreme Commander. The Columbia University president, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe during World War Two, told reporters at Indianapolis yesterday that he was coming to Washington within a few days to talk with Defense Department officials. He said he did not know what the department wanted, but added:

"I'm happy and pleased, of course, that the people of Europe have suggested me to head their defense army."

An American official, in close touch with the military committee expressed belief that it will recommend immediate appointment of a Supreme Commander, instead of delaying such a step while first set-

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GRADY CRITICALLY ILL

Friends will regret to learn that Kellie Grady is critically ill at Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital.

At The Theatres

SHOALS — "Sunset Boulevard," with Gloria Swanson, William Holden, Eric Von Stroheim.

PRINCESS & RITZ — "The Black Rose," Technicolor, starring Tyrone Power with Cecile Aubry, Orson Welles.

COLBERT—"Three Little Words," Technicolor, with Fred Astaire, Vera-Ellen, Red Skelton.

TUSCUMBIAN — "Night and the City," with Richard Widmark, Gene Tierney.

NORWOOD — "Ma and Pa Kettle Go To Town," with Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride.

MAJESTIC — "Tarzan and the Slave Girl," with Lex Barker, Vanessa Brown.

JOY LAN DRIVE IN — "Christopher Columbus," with Frederick March and Florence Eldridge.

WILSON DRIVE IN — "High Lonesome," in Technicolor with John Barrymore, Jr.

PARK VUE DRIVE IN — "You Gotta Stay Happy," with Joan Fontaine and James Stewart.

KING DRIVE IN — "Road to Rio," with Bing Crosby and Bob Hope.

THE HOMECOMING PARADE will follow this route on Saturday afternoon as FSTC celebrates its second annual modern football Homecoming. Two bands, twenty-odd floats and many decorated cars will form the largest and most colorful football parade seen in Florence in recent years prior to the Troy game.

McCorvey Asks Demos Support All Nominees

Voters Pledged In Primaries To Aid Party's Choices

MOBILE, (AP)— Gessner T. McCorvey, Alabama Democratic party chairman, today reminded Democratic voters that they pledged themselves in the party primaries to support candidates in the November general election.

McCorvey, a States Rights Democrat leader, urged a heavy vote to show "we Alabama Democrats support wholeheartedly whoever is nominated in our primaries."

He made the appeal in a letter to State and county chairmen.

He referred to the bitter primary fight in which National Democratic Party Loyalists won control of State party machinery from States Rights-ers, and said:

"The doctrine of States Rights is the cornerstone of the Democratic party to which you and I owe our allegiance, as opposed to a strong bureaucratic, centralized government in Washington. We believe in Jeffertonian principles of home rule and local self-government. This is real Democracy."

He added: "by turning out in full force on Nov. 7, we Alabama Demo-

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Now Good Time To Buy Licenses; No Courthouse Lines

A slack in the purchase of business licenses and automobile tags in both Lauderdale and Colbert county is leading probate judges Herman K. Longshore, and John B. Sockwell, to predict a last minute rush at the courthouses.

Judge Sockwell reminded citizens that Tuesday, Oct. 31, is the last day to purchase business licenses. After that date there will be a 15 per cent penalty plus a $1.50 citation to pay in addition to the cost of the license.

He urged those buying business licenses to bring their old license with them when they come to buy. Veterans exempt from business licenses should bring their discharge papers.

Judge Sockwell said that automobile car tag purchases are several days behind last year's purchases at this date. Car tags must be bought by Nov. 15.

Now is the time to buy to avoid the long lines later.

Negro Wanted Since 1947 Is Returned To Lauderdale County

A Negro man wanted for a crime committed in Lauderdale county in 1947, was returned from Tennessee Wednesday and today is in Lauderdale County Jail, Sheriff J. L. Potts reports.

The accused, Edward McDaniel, alias Bad Boy, is charged with assault with intent to murder and he was indicted by the Grand Jury on Aug. 11, 1947. Bond was set at $1000.

He was picked up by police in Elizabethton, Tenn. Sheriff Potts and Roland Romine, of the state highway patrol, drove to Tennessee Friday to get McDaniel. They returned with the prisoner last night.

Gala Days Ahead As FSTC's Homecoming Now At Hand

Gala days are ahead for Florence State Teachers College as' Homecoming week end approaches.

Already street banners and show-window displays in the Florence business district herald the occasion which gets under way with the Freshman formal dance on Friday night and continue through the Florence State Teachers College vs. Troy State Teachers College football game in Coffee stadium on Saturday night.

Reigning over the festivities will be lovely Virginia Sellers, FSTC sophomore, chosen by popular vote of the student body.

Under the slogan, "Lions Nifty, Take Troy in '50," plans have gone forward under the direction of a large campus committee headed by Athletic Director H. A. Flowers to make the 1950 Homecoming even more colorful than last year's.

A mile-long parade, including more than a score of floats and the bands of the State Teachers College and Coffee High school will highlight the down-town activities Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Competition has been keen to plan and construct the most spectacular float as campus organizations vie for a large trophy donated by Dixie Supply Co. for the winner.

Another trophy given annually by the Women's Student Government Association will be awarded the most unusual and attractive dormitory decoration.

Saturday morning, most college departments and offices will be open to receive guests. Registration will begin at 8 and continue through the morning under the direction of Mrs. Otis Peacock. Tours to spots on the campus holding open house will be conducted. Open house will be held in O'Neal Hall, Willingham Hall, Keller Hall, Florence Hall, Apartment Dormitory, Little Dormitory, Wood Avenue House, Student Lodge, Infirmary, Bibb Graves Hall, Kilby Training School, Wesleyan Hall, both the Department of Education and the Home Economics Department in Wesleyan Annex, Gymnasium, Home Management House, Nursery School, Photographic and Ceramics Laboratories, Library, Lion's Den and Striplin Hall.

Classes will be dismissed on Saturday morning as students participate in receiving alumni guests.

At 1:30 p. m. the Florence State Alumni will meet in historic Rogers Hall for a business session, including the election of officers for the

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Pre-Election Predictions In Opposite Directions

(By The Associated Press)

Political weathermen holding their fingers in the wind reported they found it blowing in opposite directions today and gave out predictions in accord with their observations.

With the elections less than two weeks away, there was a swelling of the flood of customary conflicting forecasts from Republicans and Democrats of what will happen.

Senator Brewster of Maine, who heads the GOP senatorial campaign committee, told newsmen the Republicans have "excellent prospects" of picking up the seven net seats they need to win control of the Senate. Chairman William Boyle, Jr., of the Democratic National Committee said the Democrats will make Senate gains. So did Vice President Barkley.

In the House, rival claims from congressional campaign committees shaped up like this:

Republicans—The GOP is bound to take at least 30 House seats from Democrats, and stands a good chance to pick up 55 to 60 seats and take control of that legislative body.

Democrats—It's more likely to be the other way, with President Truman's party upsetting the usual off-year election trends to take away some of the seats that Republicans now hold.

The House line-up now is 250 Democrats, 169 Republicans, 1 American-Labor member, and 6 vacancies due to death.

The Republicans need a net gain of 40 seats to win control.

The GOP claim came in a statement issued last night by Rep. Leonard W. Hall of New York, chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee. Acknowledging that the election figures to be the closest in 10 years, Hall said the Republicans expect to gain at least 30 House seats.

Hall's opposite number, Rep. Kirwan of Ohio, told reporters prospects are that the Democrats will pick up some seats from the Republicans instead of losing any.

Victor Hunt "Cap" Harding, executive director of Kirwan's committee, told newsmen his only fear is

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Sockwell Named To Tuscumbia Chest; Drive Nears Halfway

Leon Sockwell was appointed Monday night to the Tuscumbia Community chest board filling the place vacated by John Moomaw. The appointment was announced at a meeting of the board at the Tuscumbia Community center.

Partial reports from chest campaign committee chairmen placed the chest fund at near the halfway mark in the drive for $8,800.

W. W. Thompson, chairman of the courthouse and doctors and dentists, reported $496 in chest funds. His report is incomplete.

Mrs. W. A. Ware, chairman of manufacturers and clubs, reported $350 from manufacturers and $70 from clubs. Mrs. Bowden Beck completed her report on city schools with $266.48 recorded.

County schools, Mrs. Omer Reed, chairman, reported $126.73 and this report too is incomplete.

J. D. Mitchell, chairman of Southern Railroad employes, has reported $87.50 to this date. Jack Reed, soft drink chairman, reported $30 so far.

Carlton Powell and John Hampton, car dealers and garages, have turned in $69.95 but their work is not finished.

Leon Soekwell, president of the Tuscumbia Young Men's club, who solicited the east business district, turned in $622.25. Charles Martin, Civitan president whose club is soliciting the West section, has not reported yet.

Mrs. Loren Gary, chairman of the residential district, has announced $422.25 contributed, and work in her district is also incomplete. The Tuscumbian and Strand theatres have contributed $100 to the Tuscumbia chest.

There has been no report from the industries committee under Judge John B. Sockwell.

Building Of Structures For Amusements Out

Recreational And Entertainment Purposes Handicapped

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The National Production Authority today banned the building of any new structures for "amusement, recreational or entertainment purposes."

The order, effective at midnight tonight, was aimed to conserve materials for armaments.

Covered by the ban are theaters of all kinds, amusement parks, race tracks, golf courses, night clubs, skating rinks and Summer camps. In all, there are 44 forbidden types of structures.

The NPA administrator, William H. Harrison said in a statement accompanying his action that the banned construction "is of a type which does not further the defense effort, either directly or indirectly, and does not increase the nation's productive capacity."

Persons who start other buildings which do not further the defense drive—even though not on the prohibited list—run the risk of being barred from completion of the building, Harrison said.

Such construction begun after midnight may be halted "even though its commencement at the present time is not forbidden by this order," the production chief specified.

The order applies to federal, State and city recreational projects as well as private buildings.

The NPA simultaneously issued two more orders settling the defense yoke more firmly on the economy.

1. The steel industry was directed to furnish steel for the production of at least 10,000 freight cars a month. This will take upwards of 300,000 tons monthly from the civilian supply.

The car-building program is of six-months' duration, but the mandatory allocation order covers only the first quarter of 1951. This will permit car builders to place orders at once, with steel deliveries beginning in January. Freight cars could

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Credit-Tightening Rules Jolting U.S. Retail Sales

NEW YORK, (AP)— The government's credit-tightening blow against inflation has severely jolted retail sales around the country.

A nation-wide spot-check by the Associated Press disclosed today a highly variegated impact on sales resulting from stiffer installment buying terms imposed last week by the Federal Reserve Board.

One main fact stands out—people have cut back their heavy buying because they haven't got the ready cash for higher down payments or because their incomes are too low to meet the new stepped-up monthly payment terms.

That is exactly what the federal reserve aimed at with its new regulations Oct. 16, which tightened up the previous controls of Sept. 18 by requiring heavier down payments and a shorter time to pay.

After less than two weeks of operating under the new controls, however, the picture is far from uniform. Most heavily involved in sales declines are automobiles, home appliances, television sets and furniture.

And the situation is complicated by such things as war scare buying, automobile model changeovers, color television uncertainties, war shortages, and just plain customer confusion.

For instance, television set sales in New York are reported to be on the skids with some merchants cutting prices to encourage customers, while on the West Coast in San Francisco buyers are rushing to beat the Nov. 1 federal 10 per cent excise tax.

Department store sales reported by the Federal Reserve Board show some key cities little affected by credit controls on total sales, but home appliances and furniture sales dropped by varying amounts.

Hardest hit, all agree, are stores specializing in credit sales on low or no down payments and a long time to repay. They had to raise their requirements, and their particular type of customer was simply priced out of the market.

The biggest outcry has come from automobile dealers of all types. Their opposition was termed "immediate and vident" by the trade paper Automotive News. Estimates of

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Truman Eyes Special Meet For Congress

Extension Of Rent Controls Would Be One Of Objectives

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Truman said today he is considering calling congress into special session in advance of Nov. 27.

Mr. Truman told a news conference that if he decides on a special call to Congress he will issue it when his decision is reached, regardless of whether it is before the election or after it.

When Congress quit last September, it took a recess until Nov. 27.

Word that Mr. Truman might call it back sooner had circulated in Washington even before the President's news conference. Some Republicans took the view that any call issued before the election on Nov. 7 could only be regarded as a political move.

An Associated Press reporter got the report of a possible call from two different sources in a position to know about White House moves.

These sources said a tightening and extension of rent controls was the main item of an emergency program of legislation which Mr. Truman was working on.

At his news conference, Mr. Truman mentioned rent controls, excess profits taxes and Statehood for Hawaii and Alaska as important legislation for Congress.

Mr. Truman said he had discussed with one or two of the congressional leaders, particularly with Vice President Barkley, the question of calling a special session to convene a week or 10 days before Nov. 27.

A reporter wanted to know whether the call would be issued before or after the election.

The President said he would issue the call when and if he makes the decision.

No Evidence Of Open Support By Chinese Reds

Chinese Prisoner Captured In Battle In N Korean Uniform

By LEIF ERICKSON

1ST U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS KOREA, (AP)— A Headquarters spokesman said today "there is no evidence of overt or open support of North Korea by the Chinese Communist Army."

He said a Chinese prisoner captured in a battle near Onjong today was in North Korean uniform as was another Chinese Red taken Wednesday near Unsan by the Republic of Korea (ROK) First Division.

South Korean Army Headquarters earlier said a Chinese Communist

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Mrs. Westmoreland Dies This Morning

Mrs. Alice Call Westmoreland, 74, widow of the late J. E. F. Westmoreland, of 652 North Wood avenue, Florence, died in the Eliza Coffee Memorial hospital at 2:30 o'clock this morning following an illness of three weeks.

A lifelong resident of Florence and member of the First Methodist church, Mrs. Westmoreland is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Frank Longcrier of Burlington, N. C., and Mrs. W. G. Smith of San Antonio, Tex.; two sons, J. E. Westmoreland of Glasgow, Mo., and W. H. West-

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Tharptown Farmer Shot In Mouth As Close Friend Held

RUSSELLVILLE, (AP)— One man was in critical condition in a hospital today and another was in jail following a shooting yesterday afternoon at Tharptown, near here.

Russ Devaney, Tharptown farmer, suffered a bullet wound in the mouth at his home. Hospital attaches said the bullet, apparently from a 22 caliber automatic, lodged in the base of his brain.

Taken into custody shortly after the shooting was Alfie Aycock, a close friend of the victim.

Sheriff Berry Shedd said Aycock reported the shooting to a neighbor saying that an unidentified man had shot the man.

Devaney was rushed to Betty Wilson hospital unconscious. The sheriff said Devaney later regained consciousness and named Aycock as the man who had shot him.

Aycock was taken into custody shortly afterward, the sheriff said.

Retail Credit Group Honors McWilliams

BIRMINGHAM, (AP)— Officers of Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee Associated Retail Credit Bureaus were elected at a tri-state convention yesterday. They were:

Alabama—J. W. Payne, Mobile, president; J. E. Fenn, Birmingham, vice president; Mrs. Corinne J. Fulmer, Tuscaloosa, secretary-treasurer; A. J. Gaut, Sylacauga, Joe P. McWilliams, Florence and J. M. Holloway, Jr., Montgomery, director, and G. M. Gillespie, Huntsville, district director.

S. Korean Patrols Racing Unopposed To South Ban Of Yalu On Uneasy Front

First U.N. Troops To Complete Thrust Up Long Peninsula

SEOUL, (AP)—An Allied spearhead reached Red China's Manchurian border tonight.

South Korean patrols raced unopposed to the South bank of the Yalu river, in the center of the uneasy frontier between North Korea and Manchuria. They were the first U.N. troops to complete the long thrust up the mountainous peninsula.

Other elements of the same division—the Republic of Korea (ROK) Sixth—were reported under attack by Chinese Communists some 50 miles to the south. There was no high Allied confirmation, however.

A U. S. Eighth Army spokesman said "there is no evident of overt or open support of North Korea by the Chinese Communist Army." Two Chinese prisoners, he said, were in North Korean uniform.

The Eighth Army command was making an intensive investigation. One prisoner had reported that 20,000 Red Chinese troops had crossed into North Korea from Manchuria. The other had reported the Chinese were attacking.

The spokesman made it clear that all U.N. forces, including American, can operate anywhere in North Korea that strategy dictates.

There had been reports that troops might stop at the Manchurian border.

And on the East Coast, the Marine First Division spearhead a 50,000-man landing to recapture Wonsan port.

The Korean Military Advisory Group (KMAG) reported the honor of being the first U.N. troops to reach the Manchurian border fell to the Seventh Regiment, ROK Sixth Division.

The division, kicking off Kojang 18 miles South of the border, entered Chosan at 5:30 a.m. today and sent patrols miles further North to the Yalu.

The report that Red Chinese troops had entered the war came from ROK Army Headquarters, which attributed it to ese Communist prisoner.

A South Korean spokesman reported the Chinese prisoners three Chinese Red battalions striking elements of the South Korean Sixth Division East of Onjong about 75 miles north of Pyongyang, the United Nations captured Korean capital.

The spokesman said a ROK commander near Onjong reported his unit was almost surrounded and called for reinforcement. The field commander specify the attackers were Chinese.

Informed sources at U. S. Army Headquarters told AP correspondent Leif Erickson that prisoner reports were being investigated.

Erickson said the Chinese captured by the ROK Sixth Division Thursday was the second group taken in two days, adding:

One taken Wednesday by ROK First Division in the area told interrogators 20,000 Chinese Reds had crossed into Korea.

Onjong is 32 miles South of Kojang, captured earlier in the day by a spearhead of the South Korean Sixth Division. Evidently Red force attacking the town Onjong waited for the main

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Many Americans Saved By Brave South Koreans

50,000-Man Amphib Operation Escaped Reds' Death Trap

BY STAN SWINTON

WONSAN, Korea, (AP)— A lightning ground advance by South Korean troops—faster than United Nations commanders dared expect—probably save a 50,000-man amphibious operation from running into a death trap.

Today that 50,000-man force, spearheaded by the U. S. First Marine Division, began prosaic landings at Wonsan, more than 100 miles behind those still advancing South Koreans.

It now can be revealed that only a military miracle prevented what might have been the blackest page in U. S. military history.

The Marines and 20,000 tough U. S. Seventh Infantry Division doughboys were to have stormed ashore on Oct. 20. The miracle happened when the South Korean Third Division, in a breath-taking advance which strategists believed impossible, captured Wonsan on Oct. 9.

Those troops immediately discovered that Wonsan was a death trap set by the Reds, who had anticipated landings from the sea.

An estimated 3,000 floating mines guarded the sea approaches. A shifting sandbar would have stranded the assault boats offshore, beaches was an elaborate network of trenches. In front of these were barbed wire fields.

General MacArthur, Rear Adm. James H. Doyle, commander of the amphibious operation, and Vice Adm. Arthur D. Struble, U. S. Seventh Fleet Commander, decided on

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Retail Food Prices Offer Mixed Patter

More Popular Pc Cuts Advance M Most Meats Hig

(By The Associated Pre

Changes in retail food pr sented a mixed pattern of downs this week: most me up, with the exception weight chickens; eggs and d ducts about steady; seve produce items lower.

The more popular pork vanced the most. Loin por for example, were up four a pound in many stor the nation, and up as mu to 20 cents in some.

Price-makers for large fo said the pork boosts reflec er wholesale prices in the p or two. They predicted th quotations would start downward again this week next week because wholes already were cutting the deci

"Pork prices dropped to most places during the fi in October," one chain sp said. "We advertised th prices extensively and th surge that followed just abo ed out the available pork, a temporarily tight supply and sending prices up agai

Beef items rose two to f a pound in several large r centers, and lamb and were a little higher. But fr prices of broiling chickens edged a lower in the face of large

Fresh produce workin during the week includes cantaloupes, both Northwe Eastern applies, brussels sp cauliflower. Up a shade

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MORE 100 PERCENTERS

Add to the list of 100 p the name of Moving Picti ators Local No. 347, as ha 100 percent all-out to the L. county Community Chest. chell, co-chairman of t made the announcement t ing.

The Weather

Alabama and Mississip this afternoon, tonight ar A little warmer in North this afternoon. Gentle to variable winds on Coast.

Tennessee—Partly clou and Friday. Not so cool tion tonight, low 50-55 40-45 East portion. Somew er Friday.

Maximum temperature hour period ending 8:30 o morning, 73; minimum, 4 cipitation. Sunrise this mo o'clock; sunset tonight 5:1 Pickwick lake stage this 9.00 feet compared with day's 9.20 feet, a fall of 3