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Korean Reds Mass For Fresh Drive On Taegu

BLAST DESTROYS CALIFORNIA CHEMICAL PLANT—A large ball of flame towers upward and fire fighters dash for cover as huge quantities of chemicals explode at a warehouse of the Western Associates, Inc., a chemical firm at San Carlos, Calif. The warehouse was destroyed. A. C. Carlton, Sr., spokesman for the firm, said the company had been working on a $150,000 government contract but "was not working on specifically military" assignments. (AP Wirephoto).

Americans And South Koreans Launch Attack

Assault Is Pointed Northward Along The East Coast

BY DON HUTH

U. S. Eighth Army Headquarters in Korea, Sunday, (AP)—A general attack was begun today by American and South Korean forces jumping off Northward along the Pohang-Kigye line of the East Coast of South Korea.

The attack was made by the South Korean Third Division and American units which were not identified.

The South Koreans and GIs pointed their assault Northward along the East Coast and along a ridge running from Kigye parallel to the Coast.

Kigye is nine air miles Northwest of Pohang, the second most important United Nations port in Korea. It was recaptured from the Reds Friday.

An Eighth Army spokesman said other American and South Korean units were attacking Northwest of Taegu along a highway from Indong.

He said he lacked details on this action but presumed it was separate from the American-South Korean thrust in the Kumhwa area Northwest of Taegu. Indong is 18 miles Northwest of Taegu and seven Northwest of Kumhwa.

Red artillery shells dropped into Taegu Saturday night for the second time and hit the same railroad yard as in the first shelling Friday. Two South Koreans were killed in Saturday night's shelling.

Associated Press correspondent Jack MacBeth reported the U. S. 24th Infantry Division and Marines were mopping up the Changnyong pulse Southwest of Taegu. The North Korean Fourth Division was reported decimated in the three-day Army-Marine action with only a few managing to escape back to the West bank of the Naktong river.

24th Division spokesman quoted a Communist prisoner as saying the Fourth Division required 37 days to come from the Manchurian border to the Naktong front because of

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LUMBER STACKS BURNED

BIRMINGHAM, (AP) — Stacks of lumber valued at between $25,000 and $30,000 burned Saturday at the Wilborn Woodworking Building Co. on the Westside. Manager C. E. Wilborn said the fire started at one corner of the plant and engulfed it in minutes. Firemen battled the blaze more than an hour. Its origin was not determined. The billowing smoke and flames attracted hundreds of spectators.

MAMA'S HOME—Mickey Potmesil, 3 (left), and his brother, Bobby, 4½, show their joy at their mother's arrival home in Oakland, Calif., after two years hospitalization as a polio victim. The mother, Mrs. Phyllis Potmesil, who was stricken with polio in November of 1948, was able to come home when a local club contributed a portable iron lung to the hospital. (AP Wirephoto).

Waiting Orders To March Against American Supply Base; Offensive Blunted

American And South Korean Forces Stage Attack Of Their Own

TOKYO, Sunday, (AP)—A 50,000-man striking force of Korean Communists was reported today massed North of Taegu, key American supply base, waiting orders to march.

Ahead of this menacing force was the spearhead of Reds which drove within 10 miles of Taegu before South Koreans and a "fire brigade" of Americans blunted it. Resistance in that sector today disappeared—but American leaders were cautious.

While keeping a wary eye on this as yet withheld big push, the U. S. Eighth Army Headquarters today sent American and South Korean forces to fire attack in the sector immediately to the East. This drive on the East anchor of the 120-mile battle perimeter was launched by the South Korean Third Division and unidentified American units from the Pohang-Kigye line.

Pohang is the port city on the East Coast recaptured two days ago by the South Koreans. Kigye is nine miles West and slightly North of Pohang.

Twenty-three miles Southwest of Taegu another Communist menace melted in a bloody flut. Hundreds of bodies were found on hills seized by U. S. Marines as the Leathernecks and elements of the 24th Infantry Division drove against 12,000 Reds who had massed on the East bank of the Naktong near Changnyong.

Officers said today that few of the Reds got back to the West bank.

Maj. Gen. John H. Church told newsmen that "we have the whole sector under control" and that the Reds' Fourth Division there had "been soundly beaten."

"The blood of the enemy stained the river where soldier were caught by planes while swimming or fording."

The American military assessment of the Changnyong action was that the Red Korean Fourth Division had been eliminated as a fighting force after one of the most intensive battles of the war.

The main threat remained North of Taegu where the appearance of a probing spearhead only 10 miles away was followed by orders that the more than 500,000 civilians leave the city entirely to the military. South Korea's government also abandoned it as a provisional capital. Red shells struck Taegu Saturday night, hitting the railroad yard and killing two South Koreans.

The spearhead's forced retreat and lessening pressure on other fronts added up to a remarkable defensive victory. But there was no apparent feeling at General MacArthur's Headquarters in Tokyo or at U. S. Eighth Army Headquarters in Korea that the Reds have given up their offensive.

Their units still appeared to be probing for any weak spots through which to hurl the might of 50,000 troops.

Another possible menace was posed in the extreme South—in the

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Mitchell Boy's Condition Said Still Critical

Accidentally Shot While At Play In Tuscumbia Saturday

Buddy Mitchell, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell, Spring Valley, remained in Colbert County hospital Saturday night, his condition listed as critical.

He was accidentally shot with a .22 caliber rifle at 300 North Dickson st., Tuscumbia, Saturday morning at about 11 o'clock where

Buddy Mitchell

he was visiting a friend, Charles Raymond Cook, 9.

Charles Raymond, son of Raymond Cook, said that the two had been playing with some paint on the sidewalk and that young Mitchell's face and hands became smeared.

The two went into the house searching for turpentine and found the rifle in a store room.

Charles Raymond said that Buddy picked up the gun, looked at it, and handed it to him. During the change of hands the gun was fired.

The bullet entered Buddy's left side, lodging in the pelvis. He was taken to Colbert County hospital in a Brown-Service ambulance and an emergency operation was performed.

The boy suffered a punctured intestine and physicians were unable as yet to extract the bullet.

Buddy was visiting his aunt and uncle, Colbert County Probate Judge John B. Sockwell and Mrs. Sockwell. His parents were at their home in Spring Valley at the time of the mishap.

Belgian Communists Blaming Monarchists For Death Party Leader; Ask Vengeance

LIEGE, Belgium, (AP)—Belgium's Communist party blamed pro-Leopoldists Saturday night for the assassination of the party president, Julien Lahaut, and issued an angry call for vengeance.

A party manifesto urged all the country's workers to "get together to disarm the murderers and stop Fascism." It demanded mass demonstrations throughout this nerve-wracked country, which has just weathered a violent crisis. The division of the nation with the return of King Leopold III to the throne almost started a Civil War.

The 66-year-old Communist President was shot down Friday night at the doorstep of his suburban home. Lahaut's wife said the assassins were two young men, one of whom pumped two bullets into Lahaut's head and one into his body.

The attack was made only a few hours after Belgium's Parliament completed approval of the first government to serve under Crown Prince Baudouin, to whom Leopold delegated the royal powers in order to stop civil strife. The new premier, Joseph Pholien, quickly addressed a radio message to the nation deploring the killing.

"The government stigmatizes this odious crime, which has so terribly upset all good citizens," said the premier, head of the all-Social Christian (Catholic) party cabinet which supports the Royalists.

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N. Korean Targets Are Hammered By U. S. B-29 Bombers

TOKYO, (AP)—Ninety B-29 bombers hammered North Korean targets Saturday with nearly 800 tons of bombs.

The war's second-heaviest air smash, it centered on the key Communist port and manufacturing city of Chongjin, less than 60 miles from the Russian-North Korean border.

In three waves, 60 of the big planes smashed Chongjin's important railroad marshalling yards and the vast Mitsubishi iron works, one of the most modern metal-producing factories in Asia.

They dumped 550 tons of explosives in a 45-minute attack.

The other 30 planes plastered Hamhung, 130 miles North of the 38th Parallel.

U. S. jet fighters went after North Korean communications and B-26 light bombers singled out similar targets in 30 night intruder missions.

Associated Press photographer Max Desfor said in a dispatch, From Fifth Air Force Headquarters that U. S. Mustang fighters strafed schoolhouses where the Reds have been concentrating troops and supplies.

The strike at Chongjin was eclipsed only by the B-29 smash last Wednesday on the Communist ground troop buildup in the Waegwan area of the central front.

"Clouds of dust and debris and many small fires covered the rail center," reported Lt. Col. Joseph D. White, Alhambra, Calif., in telling of the Chongjin attack.

"Our whole bomb load struck the railroad shops and marshalling

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Lauderdale To Plan Defenses In Case Of War

Meet To Be Held Tuesday Evening At The Elks Lodge

Articles concerning civilian defense in case of war and enemy attack on American cities have appeared in all major publications within the past few weeks and Lauderdale county, under the supervision of the American National Red Cross, has made concrete plans to meet the county's needs in case of any eventuality.

Gordon Esterline, Safety Service chairman of Southeastern Area, American National Red Cross, will be in Florence Tuesday night to meet with representatives from the city, county, industries, schools, the American Legion, V.F.W., P.T.A. groups, county agent's office, Farm Bureau, and each community within the Lauderdale county Red Cross chapter's jurisdiction, to plan the program for civilian defense.

The meeting will be held Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 in the Red

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O. Z. Brown Enters Muscle Shoals City Commission Race

O. Z. Brown announced Saturday his candidacy for the city commission of Muscle Shoals City subject to the Sept. 18 municipal election.

Mr. Brown, residing on a 10-acre farm in Muscle Shoals City, and a resident of this district for the past 30 years, said that he is running as an independent candidate to bring a new deal in the policies of the administration of Muscle Shoals City affairs.

Featured in his platform are advocacy of a grammar school to be located in the Highland park area and construction of a municipal swimming pool in Steenson Hollow.

Mr. Brown pointed out that he has never before been connected with the city administration of Muscle Shoals City.

A former member of the American Accounting association, a national association of cost accountants, an active accountant and auditor, and cashier for a local bank, Mr. Brown feels that he is well qualified to discharge the duties of city commissioner of Muscle Shoals City in an efficient manner.

Mr. Brown requests the consideration of his qualifications to serve as commissioner of Muscle Shoals City and the support of the voters in the coming election.

At The Theatres

SHOALS & STRAND — "Nancy Goes to Rio," Technicolor, with Jane Powell, Ann Sothern, Barry Sullivan.

PRINCESS—"Chinatown at Midnight," with Hurd Hatfield and Jean Willes.

COLBERT — "The Yellow Cab Man," with Red Skelton, Gloria de Haven.

MAJESTIC — "Red, Hot and Blue," with Betty Hutton and Victor Mature.

RITZ — "Manhandled," with Dorothy Lamour, Dan Duryea.

NORWOOD — "Louisa," with Ronald Reagan and Charles Coburn.

JOY LAN DRIVE IN — "Prince of Foxes," with Tyrone Power and Wanda Hendrix.

KING DRIVE IN — "The Baron of Arizona," with Vincent Price and Ellen Drew.

WILSON DRIVE IN — "Too Late for Tears," with Lizabeth Scott and Dan Duryea.

PARK VUE DRIVE IN — "Are You With It?" with Donald O'Connor and Olga San Juan.

Agriculture Will Dominate North Alabama State Fair

Plans have been virtually completed for the 16th annual North Alabama State Fair to be held at Fair Park in Florence Sept. 18-23, it was announced today by C. H. Jackson, fair secretary.

"This is more than ever a farmer's fair," Mr. Jackson, said, "with ever-increasing emphasis being placed on livestock and farm products. New barns have been built west of the exhibit hall to take care of larger displays and additional classes that have been added. It is our sincere hope that everyone, young and old, who visits the fair, will see these livestock and agricultural exhibits."

Fair catalogs for the 1950 fair may be obtained at all seed stores, Sharp and Killen Department store, the county agent's office, Corner Drug Store, the Chamber of Commerce and The Florence Herald, it was stated.

In expanding the cattle classes at the fair, the showing this year will parallel those set by three national breeders association. The American Hereford Association will add 25 percent to the local prizes in Hereford competition, and the American Shorthorn and Aberdeen-Angus Association will each add 20 percent to their respective classification winners.

There will be 21 free acts before the grandstand for two shows daily, afternoon and evenings, beginning at 1:30 for the matinee show and 7:30 p. m. nightly. Music for the shows will be furnished by the famous Toby Gunn, master of the Hammond electric organ.

Monday and Tuesday have again been designated as industrial days with workers in local plants being guests of their employers on these two days. Friday, Sept. 22, will be school day in accordance with past custom, teachers and students being admitted for 30 cents tax paid until 4:30 p. m. No advance has been made in admission charges over previous years. Parking space has been virtually doubled with the additional grounds near the swimming pool being graded and made ready for the record crowds expected at this year's fair. City buses will maintain a continuous schedule, it was stated.

A statement by the management follows:

"As the years have slipped by since our first fair in 1935, there has been a constant growth in the institution and a general widening of its services. The 1950 version will leave little to be imagined. The livestock, the agricultural, industrial, and commercial exhibits, the educational and entertainment features and the fellowship encountered, will be impressive and long remembered. Each visitor to the fair this year can be sure that a 'show window' for the community, your fair will be 'tops'. It will reflect and illustrate the vast improvements made in all the worthwhile activities in which people engage.

"Standing as a symbol of our love and pride in our rich land and what it produces, our fine livestock, our

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Street Department Worker Fatally Shot By His Wife

William Clyde Dunn, 44, an employee of the Sheffield street department, was shot and killed at about 4:29 o'clock Saturday afternoon at his home, the old Midway Inn, at Nyhoff street and Nathan boulevard, according to Sheffield police reports.

His wife, Mrs. Leona Dunn, was booked on a charge of murder and lodged in the Colbert county jail.

Dunn was carried to Colbert County hospital by Brown-Service ambulance where he was pronounced dead on arrival. He was killed by a single shot from a .25 caliber automatic pistol that entered the right side of his chest.

TO PRAY FOR PEACE

TROY, (AP)—Church chimes will remind the citizens of Troy to pray for peace each day at 11:55 a. m. The First Baptist church Saturday announced plans for the daily call to prayer.

Demos Denounce Efforts To 'Trim' U. S. Consumers

BY MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON, (AP) — A Senate Republican leader declared Saturday that lack of confidence in the Truman Administration is mainly responsible for a stack of proposed changes in the Senate anti-inflation bill.

Senator Milikin (R-Colo) made the assertion as Senate Democratic chiefs predicted defeat for all of what President Truman called "crippling" and "special privilege" amendments in a chiding letter about the bill's progress.

The Senate will vote on the measure Monday.

It would give Mr. Truman an almost free hand to invoke wage-price-rationing controls whenever he sees fit. It also would authorize credit and production controls. The House already has given overwhelming approval to a similar bill.

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Pentagon Wonders Just How Long War Can Be Considered "Just Korean Affair..."

BY ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON, (AP)— Some top ranking military leaders are wondering whether we are fighting only North Koreans or soldiers from other Communist nations—and how much longer this war can be considered "just a Korean affair."

This growing worry, heightened by news that the North Korean invading forces may be getting set for still another assault on the Naktong river line, sounded an ominous note at the end of a week which had been the best of the war for the defenders.

It was a week in which there had been no serious reverses (even if no big victory) for the U. S.-South Korean soldiers manning the defense.

The deep suspicion of the Pentagon about where the North Koreans are getting manpower to replace losses now estimated at 50,000 men and to enable a continuing build-up of strength seemed to have support in developments outside the military command post here.

First, there is the comment of Senator Wiley (R-Wis), a member of the Senate foreign relations committee, to reporters. He said this: Congressmen members have been informed that a crack Communist force of 200,000 is moving Northward in China toward the Korean border. This force is composed largely of Koreans "trained in Manchuria by the Russians."

Then there was a dispatch from the front which had bearing on the reports of the presence of outlanders or foreign-trained troops among the Korean Red Army.

Photographs found on the bodies of enemy dead in the Southern sector of the front showed these soldiers to be Red Army uniforms. Other material found on the bodies indicated the homes of some of them were in Manchuria.

A few weeks ago the Pentagon announced that Russian nationals were known to be serving as advisers attached to at least one North Korean unit.

One of the handy devices for explaning the enemy's capability of offsetting battle losses and expanding his Army has been to say that the North Korean Communists are conscripting both North and South Koreans. That undoubtedly accounts for much of it, but not all. Nor does it explain how the enemy apparently continues to have at least a nucleus of veterans, highly skilled troops, who fight like veterans.

Friday morning Pentagon briefing officers found some reason for encouragement in the fact that during the past week the enemy had been unable to launch a substantial offensive and that his forces did not seem to display the vigor of the earlier weeks of fighting.

However, a few hours later Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters said that it had information which seemed to indicate the Korean Reds were massing four divisions for a new assault. The suspected build-up seemed to be along the Naktong river line, West of the city of Taegu. That rail-highway communications hub is of high importance.

The threat to Taegu had been critical earlier in the week, when 40,000 Red troops massed as part of a two-pronged drive on the city. The

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Negro Troops Serving Dual Purpose In Korean Warfare

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Valiant American Negro troops fighting under the United Nations flag in Korea are helping to win more than strategic hilltops in the struggle with Communism.

In the opinion of Washington psychological warfare experts they are also helping to win the battle against Communist propaganda: They are dramatic proof that the war is not a "white man's war."

This is an extremely important point for the non-Communist alliance, and one which will shortly be bolstered by the addition to U. N. field forces of native Asian troops. The Philippines are sending 5,000 men and Thailand 4,000.

To understand why these forces are so important aside from the additional military strength they furnish, it is necessary to take a look at the aims and methods of Communist propaganda as it is now being laid down in a steady barrage from Moscow, Peiping (Red China) and Pyongyang (Red Korea).

The major aim of this propaganda is to split the non-Communist world and particularly to split off the nations of Asia from the Western powers.

In striving for this objective the Communists have used two major weapons—(1) The claim that the U. N. forces in Korea are really the tools of Yankee imperialism and (2) The arguments of racism: that it is the white man's guns and bombs are once more slaughtering the people of Asia in a drive for new colonial oppression.

Broadly, therefore, the Communists are trying to draw a color line in the struggle. This is a timely application of an established Soviet method of attack on the United States that goes back far beyond the beginning of the Korean war.

Even during World War II, when Moscow-Washington relations were at their best, there was a story in the Russian capital that dramatized the point.

An American visitor was on a guided tour through one of the Soviet aircraft factories. He was shown first the manufacture of airframes and engines, then taken through an assembly section and finally escorted to an enclosure where finished planes were lined up. Though the Russian guide said they were complete they had no propellers.

The American pointed this out and asked, "where are the propellers?"

"Oh, yes," said the Russian, "and what about the Negro problem in the United States?"

The Russians have always harped on the "Negro problem" when they wanted to cover their own confusion or shortcomings, when they hoped to drive a wedge among the people in this country or when they wanted to draw a color line unfavorable to the United States abroad.

This has recently cropped up in their intensified worldwide cam-

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135 In Colbert Get Draft Call For Physicals

Board Lists 23 Men It Cannot Contact; Asks Them To Report

A total of 135 Colbert county youths will report for pre-induction physical examination at Gadsden during August and September, Mrs. Clara P. Caddell, of Colbert county selective service office, reported Friday.

The only call for induction, however, is set for Sept. 29 when 15 of this group will leave for military service. The present length of service for inductees is 21 months.

Preinduction calls have been sent to 15 men for Aug. 29; 30 men report Aug. 31; and 90 leave for physicals Sept. 11.

The board is having difficulty locating 23 men whose addresses

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Boys Spend Night In Jail As Trip Ends With Wreck

Jimmy Green, 18, and Tommy Green, 19, of Russellville, spent Friday night in the Colbert county jail, the former charged with reckless driving and the latter with public intoxication, as the result of an accident late Friday afternoon about 2½ miles south of the Tuscumbia city limits on U. S. Highway 43.

Their car, a 1940 Dodge coupe, was damaged to the extent of $300, the Florence office of the State Highway Patrol reported.

The two were travelling north in the car, with Jimmy at the wheel, at about 5:45 o'clock in the afternoon. They lost control of the vehicle coming down this side of Russellville mountain, and it ran off the road into a wooded area.

Jimmy suffered a cut in the back of his head, caused by an automobile jack which was in the car, and bruises. Tommy received only bruises. Both were given first aid treatment.

Saturday morning their father paid their fines to Colbert county law enforcement officers, and the two were released from jail.

"Helluva Licking" Given Crack Red Outfit By Marines

BY JACK MACBETH

WITH U. S. 24TH DIVISION O NAKTONG RIVER BULGE, Ko REA, (AP)— Frontline officers sa Saturday they believe "a few" of th 12,000 Red troops in the Changnyon bridgehead escaped across the Na tong river after taking "a hellu licking" from a joint U. S. Marin Infantry counterattack.

One Communist division was b lieved disintegrated in the clearc American victory.

Hundreds of enemy bodies we sighted on the top of hills taken a bloody three-day engagement.

Maj. Gen. John H. Church, co mander of the joint Marine-infan attack at Changnyong, said "we h the whole sector under control."

There was still a little mopping to do.

The strategically important Am ican win sent a feeling of triun along the 30-mile front.

Changnyong is 23 air miles So west of Taegu, where civilians h been ordered evacuated to m

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The Weather

Alabama, Louisiana, Mississi and extreme Northwest Flori Partly cloudy today and Mon day; moderate variable w on the coast.

Tennessee—Today partly cle and cooler, preceded by scatt showers extreme East portion morning.

Maximum temperature for th hour period ending 6:30 o'clock urday night, 90; minimum, 6 precipitation. Sunrise this mo 5:12 o'clock; sunset tonight 6:46 o'clock. Pickwick lake stage urday morning 10.95 compared Friday's 11.35 a fall of .40 feet