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TANK-LED TASK FORCE REACHES HAN RIVER

Push To Han Climaxes 16-Day Offensive

100,000 Man Red Force Cut To 20,000 In Allied Drive On Korean Capital

TOKYO, Feb. 9.—A steel-tipped U. S. task force lunged to the Han River opposite Seoul's southern outskirts today in hot pursuit of fleeing Chinese Reds.

Simultaneously, American infantry outran their own tank support southwest of Seoul and swept within one mile of the industrial suburb of Yongdungpo and within three and one-half miles of Seoul itself.

RED FORCES DECIMATED

The thrust clamped tighter the jaws of a massive Allied death trap around the remnants of a 100,000-man Communist army on the south bank of the Han. Fewer than 20,000 Reds remain, and almost all had lost the will to fight.

Task Force Myers from the U. S. 3rd Division radioed at 5:15 p. m. (3:15 a. m. that it had reached the Han at the eastern end of a big loop in the river just southeast of the former Korean capital without a fight.

The loop encloses a sand spit on the southern outskirts of Seoul. It was there that the U. S. 7th Division crossed the Han last September to join the successful 8th Army assault on the city.

"We are getting ready to wash our feet in the Han," Capt. Arthur W. Myers of Lander, Wis., the task force commander, jubilantly reported from his lead tank.

On Korea's east coast, south Korean forces swept through Kangnung, 17 miles south of the 38th Parallel, also without a fight. They reported that some 3,000 North Koreans were captured.

RECORD LATE

Since the first week The Daily Record began publication, its press time has not varied as much as a half hour.

Near the end of the long press run yesterday, however, a gear was stripped in the big press on which The Record is printed and publication was delayed for several hours.

It is the policy of The Record to go to press on time—usually a little early—and we extremely regret this mechanical difficulty which delayed delivery of your paper.

Around Capitol Square

By LYNN NISBET RALEIGH CORRESPONDENT

SCHOOLS — The public school system of North Carolina is not in as good condition as it could be, or as good as many public spirited citizens sincerely wish it to be. Neither is it in the deplorable state of near disintegration pictured by some zealous speakers on public programs sponsored by the United Forces for Education at numerous points throughout the State. It can be stated with assurance that the public schools will operate this year and next on approximate level of operations for the immediate past school year. With equal certainty it can be predicted that the current General Assembly will appropriate sufficient money to carry on at approximate levels, which means the school appropriation will be substantially above recommendations of the Advisory Budget Commission and far below the admittedly fantastic goals set by some of the school folk.

COURT DOCKET IS VERY LIGHT

The Dunn Recorder's Court had an unusually light docket yesterday, according to a report today from Assistant City Clerk Clayton Black.

David Johnson, charged with assault, was given six months suspended for two years on payment of \$10 fine and costs, was ordered to stay away from the premises of Lillie Jane Cook and remain of good behavior.

James Lee Paison and Mrs. Charles Elghamith, charged with speeding, were taxed with court costs of \$11.15.

Also tried were four cases of public drunkenness.

Building Permits Hit \$33,500 In January

Byrd Promises Budget Fight

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(UP)—Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D. Va., today picked up President Truman's challenge to congress to chop his \$71,600,000,000 budget.

"I accept the challenge," Byrd said. "I think we can do a great deal if we follow the public sentiment which is very strong to reduce all non-essential spending."

Byrd has claimed that \$9,100,000,000 can be slashed from the President's spending program for fiscal 1952.

Truman said yesterday that Democrats and Republicans are perfectly welcome to try to cut the budget. He said the same Congressmen tried last year but ended up adding \$1,000,000,000.

ELSEWHERE IN CONGRESS RFC—Truman's outburst against a Senate subcommittee may spur the investigators to hold even more hearings than planned on favoritism and influence in the Reconstruction Finance Corp., an informed source said.

The subcommittee's report last week named White House Personnel Adviser Donald S. Dawson as attempting to influence RFC lending policies. Truman said the report was assigned.

BAER TOPS REST — Permits for new construction totaling \$21,500 and for \$12,000 repair work were issued last month by City Building Inspector Mann Norris.

His report has been filed with City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs. Permits were issued for various types of projects ranging from repairs to a church to burial of an oil tank and removal of a residence from one block to another.

Largest permit was for \$7,000, issued to Aaron Jackson on West Cumberland Street.

Following is a list of the permits: BAER TOPS REST

Louis Baer Department Store, E. Broad St. additions and repairs, \$2,000; Louis Baer and Company, N. Clinton Ave., \$5,000 for additions and repairs; Louis Baer Livestock Co., E. Surles St., \$1,500 for new construction; Alfred Blalock, \$800 for removal of the old Andrews house from E. Broad St. to E. Edgerton.

Glad Tidings Church, S. Magnolia Ave., \$3,000 for repairs; Otis Jackson, N. Wautuga, \$4,000 new construction; G. F. Pope, E. Edgerton St., \$2,000 for repairs; Herman Hookfield, burial of oil tank on E. Broad; Aaron Jackson, W. Cumberland St., \$7,000 new construction; Lonnie Wright, E. Johnson St., \$25,000 new construction.

Norris reported plumbing inspections at the following places: Frances Lilly, N. Sampson St., Jimmy Nassif, E. Divine; George Joseph, N. King; Otis Jackson, N. Wautuga; J. M. Suggs, W. Barrington; Tom Shaw, N. Elm Ave. and Thomas Brewington, E. Cumberland.

Erwin May Be Incorporated

RALEIGH, Feb. 9.—Possibility that Erwin in Harnett county may soon become incorporated now that Erwin Cotton Mills Company is selling its houses there to residents of the town was envisioned by Harnett Senator J. Robert Young in a remark made at a meeting of the Senate appropriations committee.

The bill under discussion was the one signed by Young and 38 other senators of the 60-member Senate to give towns and cities of the State \$5,000,000 more than the \$2,500,000 they now get every year from the State Highway Commission for maintenance of streets in incorporated municipalities.

WOULD LEAVE ERWIN OUT — In event the bill passes, Erwin which is not incorporated, would not share in the big street fund which the majority of the senators and the State League of Municipalities want distributed on a population basis on the 1950 census.

Erwin street, that form a part of the State Highway Commission's system are now cared for by the highway commission.

Sponsors of the Senat bill have decided to allocate the road money if they get it on the basis of \$3.50 per resident on the basis of the 1950 census. This has, according to Senator Young, a population now of about 6,800 would get \$23,800 yearly to help maintain its streets.

And should a bill offered by Vance's Representative Fred Royser and 21 other House members for a Statewide referendum on the question of the State taking over all the city and town streets in event the voters favor an increase of another cent in the State tax on gasoline Dunn might, like other municipalities in the State, get more or less than under the bill Senator Young is helping support.

CAMP LEJEUNE, Feb. 9.—(UP)—Six Marines drowned near here Wednesday when an amphibious landing craft sank during landing maneuvers were identified today.

The bodies of the marines were recovered shortly after the tragedy.



DUNN STUDENTS HONORED—Pictured here are Miss Rita Fleishman and J. K. Adcox, Mr. Dunn High and Miss Dunn High for 1951. They were hailed last night at annual Stunt Night exercises held at the local school. Miss Fleishman, one of the most popular students at Dunn High, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fleishman. Mr. Adcox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Adcox. A large crowd was on hand for the event.

Work-Or-Be-Fired Order Puts Halt To Rail Switchmen's Strike

Request Turnpike Authority

RALEIGH, Feb. 9.—(UP)—A special turnpike study committee recommended today that the General Assembly set up a turnpike authority with powers to build a proposed toll road through Piedmont North Carolina.

The legislation would be purely permissive, Committee Chairman Orton A. Boren of Greensboro said. It would be taken advantage of only in the event that the need for a turnpike and its feasibility from a financial standpoint should be clearly demonstrated.

Boren's group agreed with the State Highway Commission that the proposed toll road is presently financially impossible. But it said it thought changing traffic conditions would make the project feasible later.

The committee was set up by Gov. Kerr Scott a year ago to study the possibilities of the Piedmont toll road. The road would be built at no cost to the state by floating bonds payable from toll revenue.

Roof Caves In While Fire Razes Government Building

ANSING, Mich., Feb. 9.—(UP)—The roof of the \$3,500,000 Michigan State Office Building caved in early today while firemen battled flames in sub-zero weather for the second straight day.

State Fire Marshal Arnold Renner said the blaze started about noon yesterday in a mimeographing room where military and defense highway plans were being put on film. He discounted the possibility of sabotage and said a discarded wire probably started the fire.

Renner said he believed firemen had confined the fire to the top floor of the seven-story building, but the flames still were out of control at 5 a. m.

DAMAGE MAY HIT \$2,000,000 — The fire destroyed irreplaceable state records and officials estimated the damage would reach at least \$2,000,000.

Five firefighters were overcome by smoke. Two of them—fire Chief Hugh Fisher and State Police Capt. Larry Meahan—were hospitalized.

Some 5,000 tons of water pouring into the 32-year-old, U-shaped building each minute began freezing and expanding the walls to the cracking point. Plaster broke off in great chunks on all but the bottom floor of the building, forcing firemen to retreat slowly.

Renner said the only access to the building was through a narrow stairway and three outmoded elevators and that firemen could not get to the top floor when the blaze started.

Eight towers ring the building, (Continued on Page 7)

McFarland Will Make Top-Level Speech At J-J Dinner

RALEIGH, Feb. 9.—(UP)—Some 600 North Carolinians will eat turkey here tomorrow night at \$50 a plate.

The occasion will be the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner of the state democratic party.

Sen. E. W. McFarland, D. Ariz., Senate majority leader, will deliver the main address on "Where America Stands Today." His speech will be broadcast on a national radio hookup and the National Democratic Committee has described it as a top-level national and international address.

Sen. Clyde Hoyt will introduce McFarland and most of the Tar Heel national legislative delegation is expected to attend.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(UP)—Postmaster Jesse M. Doniphan today lifted all restrictions on mail which had been imposed because of the rail strike.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(UP)—The government exempted from its construction ban today radio and television stations, newspaper plants and printing establishments used for publishing books or magazines.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 9.—(UP)—The number of dead from an explosion at the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company plant stood at 11 today and doctors feared that more of the 55 persons injured might die.

The explosion yesterday, caused by leaking butane gas, smashed walls and heavy machinery at the plant.

Road Injuries, Accidents Hit New High Mark In 1950

RALEIGH, Feb. 9.—(UP)—Traffic accidents and injuries set all-time highs in 1950 and fatalities were the second highest since World War II, the State Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

The department said highway fatalities jumped 17 per cent over 1949 and were the sixth highest in the last 20 years. The total was 998. Some 12,352 persons were injured in the year's 28,252 reported accidents.

The year 1941 set the all-time traffic death record in North Carolina with 1,286 fatalities. The post-war high was set in 1946 when 1,028 persons died. Other years which topped 1950 were 1935 with 1,066, 1936 with 1,026, and 1937 with 1,123.

The Motor Vehicles Department reported that drunken driving again headed the list of violations causing suspension of drivers licenses in January of this year. A total of 791 persons were convicted of the offense, compared with 640 for January of 1950.

Driving after their licenses were revoked convicted 84 persons. Eighteen were found guilty of driving after their licenses were suspended. Aiding and abetting in drunken driving was charged in 10 cases.

Johnston, who lives at 809 W. Broad St., is married and has one child.

J. E. Johnson Joins Force

James Edward Johnson has been hired by the City of Dunn to assist the Police Department in improved enforcement of parking laws in the metered section of the business district.

He will assume his new duties Tuesday, according to Chief George Arthur Jackson and City Manager R. Thomas Hobbs, who made the announcement jointly.

Johnson is now assistant manager of the Dunn Theater, Educated in local public schools, he is a veteran of two years service in the Navy.

His appointment was approved Monday at the last meeting of the City Council. The council responded to a demand for an additional man to work the metered area in order to get better and fairer regulation of parking spaces in the business district.

Cafe Thieves Were Hungry

Thieves broke into Russell Dorman's S. and S. Grill on the Fayetteville highway last night, but apparently their only motive was to satisfy their hunger on a cold night.

Russell said the only merchandise he found missing was chewing gum, candy and Pepsi Cola.

But he also found that they had dipped into his hot dogs, mustard and rolls.

Gregory Sets State Record In Cow Sale

Representative Carson Gregory set a new high price State record for Holstein cows when he sold an animal for \$800 at a recent auction, County Agent C. R. Ammons reported today.

The cow was one of the herd which Gregory sold when he got rid of his dairy farm at Angier, R. 2, Jan. 19. The routes and good will were sold to Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine of Raleigh.

The first 50 cows in Gregory's herd of 80 went for an average of \$415 per head, Ammons said. The overall average, including three-week-old calves up to full-grown animals, was \$320 per head.

Dr. W. T. Scarborough of Raleigh organized and conducted the sale of registered Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey, and High Grade Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey cattle.

WAS GOOD SALE — "This, in my opinion, was one of the best-organized, advertised and developed dispersal sales it has been my privilege to see," Ammons stated.

Buyers were present from North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina. Cattle from the sale went to various parts of the State.

Help Your Favorite Contestant During The High-Vote Period

By BILL & DOBIE GUPTON Contest Editors

Starting last Saturday morning, and continuing throughout the week, to and including Saturday night, Feb. 10, the Record will issue special ballots good for 12,500 extra votes on each and every two year subscription (or extension of previous contest subscription payment to the full limit) turned in by contestants between these dates, as stated in opening announcement of this subscription drive and as completely outlined elsewhere in this issue of the Record.

This special extra-vote offer is good only during "Booster Week" and applies to both new and renewal subscriptions or extensions from previous contest subscriptions to full two year limit. Here is a golden opportunity for early or late starters to swell their vote to commanding proportions in an effort to win one of the major prizes in this subscription campaign.

Dorman expressed belief the crime was committed by young boys.

Every contestant is working hard and is extremely confident of an opportunity to land among the big prize winners. The contest has over five more weeks to run, thus

WINS — contest provides equal opportunities for every entrant and contestant. Regardless of the status of most any contestant at this point in the contest, there is still ample time to reach an enviable position among the big prize winners. And "Booster Week" provides just that added impetus that may place any name at the top. It is truly anybody's race.

SURFACE HARDLY SCRATCHED — In the vast trade territory covered by the Record, and considering the fact that about 17 contestants have entered this big prize subscription race, the opportunity to secure new and renewal subscriptions is unlimited. It would take months to cover this territory completely with the handful of contestants entered.

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Contest "Booster Week" Will End In