

10TH. CORPS RETREATS TO NEW DEFENSE LINE

Reds Push 20 Miles Through Allied Line

Elements Of 21 Chinese, North Korean Divisions Take Part In Fighting

TOKYO, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Counter-attacking Reds broke through the central Korean front almost to Wonsu today and sent the embattled U. S. 10th Corps reeling back to a new defense line.

The bulk of U. S. and South Korean troops broke contact with the enemy in the latest retreat and up to noon (10 p. m. Monday), the Communist hordes had not reached the new defense line.

Although whereabouts of the new line were a military secret, outnumbered Allied troops in some sectors have fallen back nearly 20 miles since the counter-offensive began Sunday night. Hoengsong, 40 miles north of Wonsu, was abandoned. (Continued On Page Six)

Discrimination Charge Denied

GREENSBORO, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Chapel Hill school officials were on record in Middle District Federal Court today with a flat denial that Chapel Hill school facilities discriminate against Negro pupils.

School Superintendent C. W. Davis and the board of trustees of Chapel Hill Graded Schools filed statement in answer to charges brought by Preston Weaver and other parents of Negro school children at Chapel Hill.

"These defendants expressly deny that it is their custom and practice to deny to the plaintiffs and other Negro children—solely and wholly on account of race and color, education facilities and training—comparable and equal to the educational training and facilities for white children similarly situated," the answer filed here said.

Negro children make up about 45 per cent of Chapel Hill's public school enrollment. State School officials, also defendants in the case, filed denials to the charges earlier. (Continued On Page Six)



CARMEN TROUPE—Some of the players who will appear in the Grass Roots Opera Company's production of "Carmen" at Campbell College this month are shown above. From left to right, they are: William Allen as Remendado; Marie Van Hoy as Mercedes; Sophia Steffan as Carmen; Justin Carter as Frasquita and John DeVogt as Cancairo. The single performance will be given Feb. 20 at 8 p. m.

Marriage Ends Opera "Carmen" Coming To Ring Quarrel Campbell College Feb. 20

A wartime romance, stalemated for five years, was brought to a happy conclusion in Lillington Monday. While he was stationed with the Army in Florida during World War II, Edward Mario Cerni of 585 Washington St., Boston, Mass., met Miss Jennifer Margaret Vance of 1446 Wolf St., Jacksonville, Fla. After knowing Miss Vance for some time, Cerni asked her to marry him.

To clinch the deal he gave her an engagement ring and, later, a wedding ring. But the war ended, and the marriage somehow didn't come off. Cerni returned to Boston after his discharge to enter the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. After a while the projected flier at matrimony melted away and five years slipped by.

ASKED FOR RINGS With an eye to his investment, (Continued On Page Seven)

May Have Vote On April 14

A vote on the projected city manager form of government will come April 14 if a bill introduced into the Senate last night by Senator J. Robert Young is passed.

The bill was one of three affecting Dunn which the Harnett legislator dropped into the Senate hopper. The other two are concerned with the creation of a bird sanctuary here and forbidding ad valorem tax levies in the county on sweet potatoes, peanuts and tobacco held for curing or processing by the producer.

RETURN TO OLD SYSTEM Under the vote bill, the city will return to the Mayor-council form of government which existed before the present city manager-mayor-council plan was instituted in 1950. (Continued On Page Seven)

BULLETINS

HONG KONG, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Chinese Communists shelled the tanker Caltex II, owned by the Texas Company and flying the British flag, as the ship passed Lintin Island in the Pearl River Estuary today en route to Hong Kong.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Union teachers today picketed public schools, closed by a janitors strike since Jan. 23, and halted a general reopening arranged by Gov. Luther Youngdahl.

Pickets, members of the American Federation of Labor Men Teachers' and Women Teachers' Union, showed up at schools throughout the city within an hour of scheduled class opening time, 8:30 a. m. (CST. 9:30 a. m. EST.)

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 13.—(UP)—New snowslides killed at least six persons in the Italian Alps today, raising the two-day toll to 16 dead and 17 missing. The missing were presumed dead.

This raised the avalanche toll in the deadliest winter in Alpine history to 297 dead or missing in Switzerland, Austria and Italy.

Mayor Takes Issue Over Jury Petition

Mayor Ralph E. Hanna this morning took sharp issue with Duncan C. Wilson, a Dunn attorney who yesterday charged that the city council's opposition to the jury system in the Dunn Recorder's Court arose "because it interferes with the town's revenue."

"Even Mr. Wilson ought to know," said Mayor Hanna, "that the town receives more revenue when a case is tried in the local court than when it is transferred to Superior Court."

CITIZENS OPPOSE JURY

Mayor Hanna said the city council advocates abolition of the jury trial system in the local court "because of the disgraceful manner in which it is operated and because we know that 90 per cent of our citizens are opposed to it."

The mayor cited the fact that in 16 out of 17 drunken driving cases the defendant was acquitted, and pointed out that, "Most of them were Dunn's cases." Yesterday, Attorney Wilson presented State Senator J. Robert Young a petition bearing 37 names of citizens asking Mr. Young not to carry out a request by the Dunn council to secure legislation abolishing the jury system.

Mayor Hanna declared today that if Wilson had shown the proper (Continued On Page Seven)

Four Sentenced In Morals Case

Two Benson residents—a 40-year-old man and a 27-year-old girl—were given suspended sentences and fines in the Cumberland County Court yesterday, along with two others, on charges of aiding and abetting prostitution.

W. M. Benson, 40, of Benson, was given 12 months on the roads and commitment to issue at any time in five years and fined \$100 and costs, and the girl, Melna Hodges, was given 12 months in jail, assigned to State prison in Raleigh, commitment to issue at any time in five years and fined \$100 and costs.

OTHERS INVOLVED The two other defendants in the case were: Charles Engle, 50, (Continued On Page Five)

FBI Identifies Third Man Involved In Bank Robbery

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Special Agent Charles Brown of the FBI today identified the third suspect in the \$44,000 robbery of the Bank of Granite Quarry as William Odell Black, 22, of Kannapolis.

Brown said Black was one of the trio that stuck up the bank yesterday, escaped in a borrowed car and stole another in their flight from the FBI, State Highway Patrolmen and local officers.

He said officers were seeking Black in two states. The other two gunmen, Kenneth Eugene Jackson, 20, of Kannapolis, and James Josey, 18, of Granite Quarry, were captured last night by State Highway Patrolmen and both have admitted their part in the robbery.

TWO ARRAIGNED Jackson and Josey were arraigned last night before U.S. Commissioner James Wagener of Salisbury and bound over for the April term of federal court there. About \$15,000 of the stolen money, (Continued On Page Six)

Scott Speaks To Delegates

ASHVILLE, Feb. 13.—(UP)—A speech by Gov. W. Kerr Scott highlighted today's session of the 15th annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau after the delegates were told to stand on their own feet instead of depending on the government to solve their problems.

Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, administrative director of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau, told the convention last night to "stop hollering there ought to be a law" when something did not go to suit them.

She criticized "a growing American tendency to depend on the government" and urged farm leaders to keep their independence. "We should shoulder our own responsibilities to do everything we can for ourselves through organizations like the Farm Bureau, cooperating on work which we cannot do alone," she said.

NEED 16,000,000 BALES Earlier, Read P. Dunn, Jr., director of foreign trade of the National Cotton Council, said the United States needs 16,000,000 bales of cotton this year.

"The achievement of this goal will truly be the atom bomb that cotton needs to protect its markets (Continued On Page Four)

FREE HAND — Senator Willis Smith was clearing with majority leader E. W. McFarland about probable doings in the Senate early this week. Senator Smith was billed to speak at the Farm Bureau convention at Asheville Wednesday night and wanted to know if he would be needed on the Senate floor before Thursday morning. "No," said Senator McFarland. "There will not be any matters of consequence on the floor all week. I told them Republicans they could have the week to get rid of some of their stuff and we'll take up important business again next Monday."

DIVERSITY — Some Tar Heel boosters were apologizing to Senator and Mrs. McFarland for greeting them with snow and ice on their first visit to this State, since they were accustomed to such hot weather in Arizona. The McFarlands proved to be as good boosters for the variety and diversity of climate in their state as were the North Carolinians. They pointed out that in comparative weather bureau reports, Yuma is one of the hottest places in the nation and Flagstaff one of the coldest. Prescott is a mile high, and you still have to go up hill to Flagstaff. Southern Arizona is a winter resort area, while the northern part of the state is filled with summer resorts. As (Continued From Page Five)

Man Held On Three Charges After Wreck

Passenger Unconscious After Wreck; Theft Of Car Denied By Driver

Ennis Smith, 30, of Dunn, Rt. 5, was facing multiple charges today after he allegedly drove through a stop sign and wrecked a stolen automobile.

A passenger in the automobile, James Manning Hawthcock, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Manning Hawthcock, is in the Dunn Hospital in a serious condition. He was still unconscious this morning.

Smith told State Patrolman David Matthews that he ran the car into a ditch and wrecked it in an effort to avoid hitting two small children who ran across the road in front of the car.

SAYS CAR STOLEN The automobile was stolen from Roy C. Tyndall at Jesse Tart's Mill in Dunn. Smith maintained that Tyndall gave him permission to drive the car, but Tyndall claimed the car was taken without his knowledge. Tyndall signed the warrant charging Smith with larceny.

Smith was also charged with running past the stop sign at Mingo school, where the accident happened, and with driving without a license. His license had expired. He was placed under \$200 bond (Continued On Page Four)

Tribute to Lincoln



A SERVICE MAN and woman visit the Lincoln Memorial Building in Washington to pay tribute to the Great Emancipator, on the 142nd anniversary of his birth. (Defense Dept. Photo from International)

McArthur Hedges On Crossing Of Border

TOKYO, Feb. 13.—(UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today on his return from a flying trip to the Korean front that any talk of crossing the 38th Parallel in force at the present time is "purely academic."

From a military standpoint we must materially reduce the existing superiority of our Chinese Communist enemy. Before we can seriously consider conducting major operations north of that geographic line," MacArthur said in a statement.

The statement was issued at 9 p. m. Tokyo time (7 a. m. EST), some 24 hours after the Chinese and North Korean Communists had launched their powerful offensive against the United Nations central front.

REJECTS UN PROPOSALS MacArthur rejected suggestions that the UN forces establish a line across the narrow waist of Korea and said the U. S. Army had achieved local tactical successes.

"We must not fall into the error of evaluating such tactical successes as decisively leading the enemy's defeat just a many errors in assessing our strategic withdrawals in the face of Communist China's commitment to war as a decisive defeat inflicted upon us," MacArthur said.

"What the future has in store in Korea continues to be largely dependent upon international considerations and decisions not yet known here," MacArthur said.

"Meanwhile the command is doing everything that could reasonably be expected of it.

EXPLAINS STRATEGY "Our field strategy, initiated upon Communist China's entry into the war, and involving a rapid withdrawal to lengthen the enemy's supply lines with a resultant pyramiding of his logistical difficulties (Continued On Page Six)

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