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MONGOLIAN TROOPS REPORTED IN NORTH KOREA

Ridgway Visits Front As Reds Push Deeper Into South Korea

City Is Seeking Successor To Hobbs After Dramatic Resignation From Office

Mayor Ralph E. Hanna said this morning that he thinks the present city council should immediately begin receiving applications for a successor to City Manager Tommy Hobbs, but that the appointment should be left up to the next city board.

Hobbs, who has been under constant fire for the past two months, called the city council together in a dramatic finale to his career here to announce his resignation.

Commissioner Leck Coats made the motion for acceptance and Commissioner B. A. Bracey ac-

cepted it. The vote was unanimous. NO REGRETS EXPRESSED Ordinarily, a resolution of regret is adopted by the council when an official resigns, but there was nothing but silence after the vote yesterday, and no official resolution was adopted.

Citing the importance of the morning that he felt the board should immediately begin searching for a successor and should have a list of available men ready by the time the new board takes office on May 21. That is the (Continued On Page Five)

Nine-Point Program Announced By Vann

City Commissioner Earl G. Vann, candidate for Mayor in Dunn's current campaign, today announced "A Nine-Point Program With A Purpose" in his bid for the No. 1 seat at City Hall.

His program ranges from support of the city manager form of government to a balanced budget and no tax increase and includes a city-wide recreation program, equitable distribution of street funds, law enforcement, and close cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce to bring new industry to town.

Mr. Vann is the first of three candidates for mayor to announce a definite program. Mayor Ralph B. Hanna is also opposed by Herman Neighbors in the three-way race.

HIGH MAN TWO YEARS AGO In his campaign for commissioner two years ago, Mr. Vann proved to be a real vote-getter and defeated two other opponents, receiving the largest vote of any candidate for commissioner who had opposed.

Mr. Vann said today that he is conducting an all-out campaign for the office.

Both Mayor Hanna and Mr. Neighbors indicated today that

they will probably have a statement concerning their program within the next few days.

Mayor Hanna said in announcing that he is running on his record.

Following is the text of Mr. Vann's statement announcing his nine-point program:

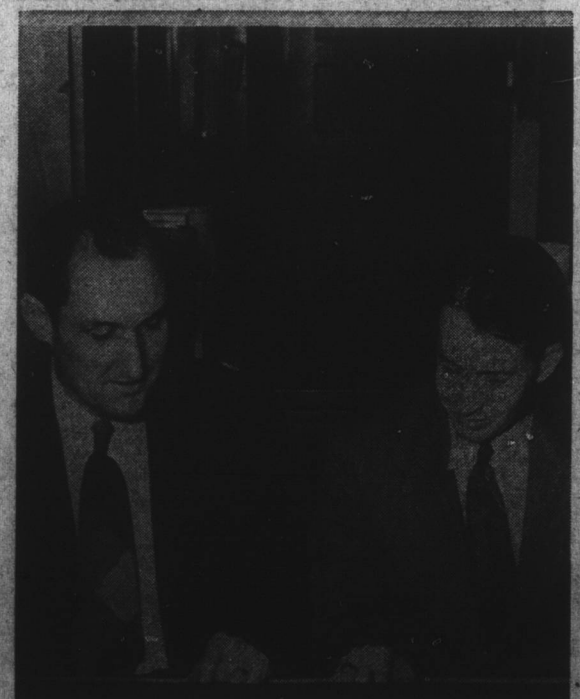
If I am elected as your Mayor, I pledge you my word that I will work faithfully and diligently for the following things:

Continued support of the City Manager Form of Government with the Board setting the policies and the city manager administering the policies.

Cooperation and assistance with all law enforcement officers in upholding the laws of our State and the ordinances of our Town.

An equitable distribution of the approximately \$20,000 the Town of Dunn will get to spend on fixing its streets. The State Highway Commission will pay this amount in cash to the Town of Dunn as a result of the Powell Bill. As Street Commissioner of the Town of Dunn I have watched this bill with great interest until it became law. It now means that citizens with street complaints will (Continued On Page Six)

Dunn Pharmacy Being Enlarged And Remodeled



C. O. WARREN . . . Looking over the blueprints. J. I. THOMAS

Plans for the enlargement, remodeling and modernization of Dunn Pharmacy were announced here this morning by C. O. Warren and J. I. Thomas, owners and operators of the local drug store.

Already, Dunn Pharmacy is one of the most modern drug stores in this section and when the expansion program is completed it will be one of the largest and most modern drug stores in Eastern North Carolina.

Work on the project has already been started and Mr. Warren and Mrs. Thomas said this morning that it should be completed by June 1st.

The size of the store is being increased 25 per cent, from 75 to 100 feet in length and 25 feet wide.

NEW DEPARTMENT ADDED An entirely new prescription department—which will be absolutely the latest word and the only one of its type in this area—is included. (Continued on Page Eight)

Top Commander Says Battle To Be Decisive

TOKYO, April 24—(P)—Rampaging Red armies plunged nearly 10 miles into South Korea in a breakthrough on the central front today and Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway flew to the battlefield to consult his field commanders.

Ridgway, who succeeded Gen. Douglas MacArthur as supreme U. S. and UN commander, told newsmen at the front that he and Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commander of the 8th Army, were "fully confident in the ability of the UN forces on ground, air and sea."

On his return to Tokyo tonight, he said the present battle, raging along a 95-mile front across Korea may be the decisive one.

The communist breakthrough at the center of the line came on the third day of the mounting communist offensive. It was designed to split the 8th Army in two and roll up its flanks.

More than 40,000 Chinese Red troops and horse cavalry poured through a widening hole below Kumhwa, crossed the 38th Parallel and engaged UN forces west of Chunchon after an over-advance of 18 to 20 miles.

The thrust imperiled the vital Seoul-Chunchon supply highway and railway.

LINE ROLLED BACK Other elements of the 250,000-man Chinese and North Korean assault forces rolled back the UN line on either side of the breakthrough, one to 12 miles, the five miles north of the Parallel in (Continued on Page Two)

Little Theatre Plans Progress; Name Is Sought

Plans for the establishment of a Little Theatre in Dunn are progressing in a splendid and rapid manner and an unusual amount of interest has been shown, according to Jim McMillan of Radio Station WCKB, who is spearheading the movement here.

The project already has received the endorsement of local ministers and other leading citizens, as well as the various talent groups.

A meeting of members of the steering committee will be held Thursday morning at 11:30 at the Chamber of Commerce office.

McMillan announced today that a contest is to be conducted to find an appropriate name for the organization. The person who submits the winning name will be given a lifetime membership in the Little Theatre which means, among other things, free admission to all performances.

The Little Theatre is expected to fill the gap caused by the loss of the Cape Fear Festival Association, which is being abandoned after this year.

State News Briefs

RALEIGH, April 24—(P)—John Henry Rogers, 25-year-old Sampson Negro convicted of the rape and murder of Mrs. Eunice Kornegay, placed his last hope for life today in the hands of Gov. Kerr Scott.

Rogers is scheduled to die in the State Prison gas chamber Friday unless the governor intervenes.

The Negro was convicted last October of attacking the 46-year-old woman as she tended a country store alone last July 15. Her badly beaten body was found in a clump of woods across the road from the store.

Attorneys for the Negro appealed from his conviction on grounds that a bloody footprint left on a newspaper in the store was admitted as evidence at his trial.

The Supreme Court upheld the ruling of trial Judge J. Burney that footprints were equally admissible as fingerprints as evidence.

RALEIGH, April 24—(P)—A new search for oil and gas beneath (Continued on Page Eight)



CHAMPS AT TODAY'S BABY BEEF SHOW—Winners were announced a few minutes before noon today in Dunn's fourth annual Four-County Fat Stock Show and Sale. Dan Gardner of Angier, Route 2 is pictured at the left with his Grand Champion Baby Beef; and at the right is Donald Ray Langdon of Angier, Route 2, pictured with his Reserve Champion Beef. These two prize-winning calves were sold this afternoon and brought a mighty fancy price, too. Today's show and sale were acclaimed as the most successful ever staged here and a large crowd was present. (Daily Record Photo)

Winners Are Picked As Fat Stock Show And Sale Begins

Judging got underway Tuesday morning in Dunn's Fourth Annual Fat Stock Show and Sale, with sales set to begin during the afternoon at the Big Four Warehouse off the Benson highway.

Winners were picked in swine classes during the morning by Prof. Earl Hostetler, head of the division of animal husbandry at N. C. State College, who judged the entire showing.

In judging for animals entered by 4-H and Future Farmers of America members, Lenwood Jones walked off with first prize for individual hogs. He was followed in second place by Ed Walters and in third by Bobby Abernathy.

Charles Cameron took top honors with a pen of three swine in the 4-H and FFA class.

In the adult class, an entry from Turlington's Duroc Farm, owned by H. A. Turlington, took individual first prize. Other winners in Duroc judging were Byrd Brothers of Bunnelevel and H. B. Humphrey and Son of Bule's Creek.

In pens of three swine, Freeman Bass of Dunn, Rt. 5, won first place. Others were H. B. Humphrey and Son, second, and Byrd Brothers, third and fourth.

CALVES ARE JUDGED Following judging of the swine entries in the lightweight division for calves were trotted out. Professor Hostetler, commenting that most of the 4-H and FFA calf growers seemed to have gone "light on the feed," gave top ratings to calves owned by Glen Miller of Dunn and Lenwood Jones of Fuquay.

Calves in the lightweight division were those weighing in at less (Continued on Page Eight)

CANDIDATE IN HOSPITAL One of Dunn's candidates has suffered a temporary setback in his campaign.

Ed Tart, candidate for commissioner in Ward No. 11, is in Highsmith Hospital at Fayetteville, where he underwent an emergency appendectomy.

Members of the family said this morning that his condition is satisfactory and he expects to be back on the campaign "firing line" by Thursday or Friday of this week.

Rieve Challenges Mill Management

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 24—(P)—Emil Rieve, national president of the Textile Workers Union of America, yesterday challenged mill management to take all grievances to a new wage stabilization board.

Rieve told more than 800 striking Pacific Mills workers here that "I would recommend to our people that they return to work and let this case be decided by this board."

He said the union would "of course rather deal 'in the old American way, around a bargaining table."

He said even President Truman conceded the National Defense Act could not "stabilize our economy."

Rieve said the president had told him that the best it could hope to do was "stem the tide."

He said the new wage board which President Truman plans to have in operation shortly could take over wage disputes without a prior labor-management agreement.

Renn To Head Legion Post

At a fish fry supper meeting of the Lillington Post No. 28 of the American Legion Friday night, officers for the year 1951-52 were elected, and delegates named to the 1951 convention which will be held in Asheville in June.

The post voted to cooperate with the Dunn Post in sponsoring a Junior Baseball Team for Harnett County, and to make a contribution to help finance same.

Around 75 members were present for the supper and election, and the following officers were elected—Jim Renn, commander; Charles Loving, vice-commander; Brantley Matthews, vice-commander; Prentiss Sloan was re-elected Adjutant of the Post. Delegates to the convention are: Casey Fowler, Jim Renn, Prentiss Sloan, Brantley Matthews and David Blalock.

Escaped Prisoner Caught In S. C.

ROCK HILL, S. C., April 24—(P)—One of the three North Carolina prisoners who escaped from a road gang early yesterday surrendered last night almost as calmly as he had escaped to police officers after being surrounded in a woods near here.

John Cottle was arrested unarmed in the India Hook section, about six miles northwest of here. Officers used dogs and an airplane in a determined search.

Meanwhile, more than 40 law enforcement officers are combing the woods for the two other convicts, Ralph Johnson and Robert Travis.

The two fugitives, along with Cottle, had overpowered a guard on a work detail south of Gastonia and had escaped in a prison truck with the guard and other prisoners locked up in the vehicle.

The men later stopped a car driven by John Edwards of Gastonia and made their way into South Carolina. They robbed Edwards of \$300 besides taking his car.

Charles G. Dawes Dies In Illinois

CHICAGO, April 24—(P)—Charles G. Dawes, the "Hill N' Maria" vice president under Calvin Coolidge, died late last night at his suburban Evanston home of a heart attack. He was 86 years old.

Dawes' death came as he was preparing to make one of his rare public appearances in recent years as honorary chairman of the civic committee to welcome Gen. Douglas MacArthur's visit to Chicago next Thursday.

His wife, Caro, was with him when he died after suffering a coronary thrombosis attack about 10 (Continued on Page Two)

Number Of JPs Raised To 28

By WADE LUCAS RALEIGH, April 24—Governor Scott's office today planned to deposit the personal check of Harnett Representative Carson Gregory for \$70 for 28 commissions as justices of the peace the governor named in Harnett county at the request of Gregory.

The wholesale commissioning came as a result of the discovery that a bill offered by Gregory in the closing days of the 1951 General Assembly naming 23 justices of the peace in Harnett in addition to the five Gregory had previously named in the biennial omnibus magistrates' bill got "lost" in the Senate after Gregory had (Continued on Page Two)

MacArthur Busy Planning Tour Of Midwestern Areas

NEW YORK, April 24—(UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur stayed out of sight again today but was busy making plans for his Midwestern public appearances later this week.

Chicago will give the deposed Far Eastern commander two parades Thursday and a gigantic civic reception at Soldier Field, where MacArthur will make a 10 or 15-minute speech.

"I would not rate it as a major speech," Maj. Gen. Courtney Whitney, MacArthur's secretary, said.

Radio Commentator Henry J. Taylor reported last night that MacArthur almost did not make his historic address to Congress last Thursday.

Some of the troops were said to be from Inner Mongolia, which is under Chinese influence. Other troops were said to be from Outer Mongolia, which is virtually part of Russia.

The reports are not firm enough to justify United States military or diplomatic action. Nevertheless, they fall into a pattern that has caused anxiety to rise.

The reports recalled House Speaker Sam Rayburn's recent warning that troops other than Chinese were massing on the Manchurian border. He said that the nation faced the greatest danger of an "expanded war" since World War II. At the time many congressmen said Rayburn was "crying wolf" to prod passage of a draft bill, but his remarks increased war tension in the Capital.

Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, United Nations commander in Korea, warned Sunday that "miscellaneous so-called volunteers" were ready for action with the communist in Korea. Van Fleet did not elaborate, but Washington officials said they had received these reports:

1. During the winter, the Russians trained Mongolian soldiers and also Japanese war prisoners.

2. Some of the Mongolians "apparently" have entered North Korea and are there now.

3. Two divisions of Mongolians entered North Korea early this year, and then withdrew to the Manchurian side of the Yalu River. There they were joined by a third division, this one definitely from Outer Mongolia. It had been stationed previously at Urga, the Outer Mongolian capital. The soldiers—numbering about 20,000— (Continued On Page Six)

Around Capitol Square

By LYNN NISBET RALEIGH CORRESPONDENT

FIRST HAND—Most of the 300 attendants at the Flood Control Committee meeting were getting first-hand knowledge for the first time of the bigness of the scheme.

Some of them had seen the mad Roanoke run wild and they obviously were pleased to see already its force is being controlled and channeled through concrete and steel sluices. They climbed down a thousand steel steps into the bowels of the great dam, and up again the wooden stepped incline, after being warned by a guide that those with weak hearts or high blood pressure should not attempt the trip. One man stood and watched the waters boil out of a tunnel, angrily beating up small timbers and working itself into a froth of wrath, and commented: "Get mad all you want; you can't do much damage now."

MEETING—The meeting was presided over by Judge W. H. S. Burdwyn, chairman of the committee, who paid tribute to the persistence and energy of Congressman John Kerr, Frank Williams, John Clark, Eric Rodgers and others who had worked for flood control in the Roanoke valley for ten years. Eric Rodgers, secretary of the group, who had arranged the meeting, said he had expected 200. About 300 came, imposing a heavy burden on facilities to feed them. Emergency conditions in Washington prevented attendance of several dignitaries. Telegrams of regret with adequate explanations were read from Senators Clyde Hoey and Willis Smith, Congressman Kerr and (Continued On Page Five)

Burning Japanese Commuter Train Takes 97 Lives

YOKOHAMA, Japan, April 24.—(P)—Ninety-seven persons, including seven U. S. soldiers, were burned to death within minutes today in a fire in an electric commuter train.

Thirty persons were injured, but saved their lives by smashing windows. Only four or five passengers escaped unscathed.

Witnesses said the flames raged from the end of the train from end to end when an overhead power line broke and set fire to the train as it entered a Yokohama station.

"Within three minutes, the car was mostly ash," said Hiroji Oshima, a teletype operator.

American victims were identified by Army dog tags found in the cinders. Their names were not released pending notification of next of kin.

All other fatalities—except for one woman believed a foreigner—were Japanese.

Akiyo Kawabe, a dry goods dealer, said he escaped through a smashed window.

"The car was packed," he said. "The air compressor doors did not open. It was a burning hell."

BULLETINS

PITTSBURGH, April 24—(P)—Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations was reported critically ill in Mercy Hospital today.

LONDON, April 24—(P)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee plugged two gaps in his shaky cabinet today, but a third one opened.

Attlee appointed two new ministers to succeed Aneurin Bevan and Harold Wilson, who resigned in protest against the British Rearmament drive.