

Reds Clamp Siege Around Seoul As May Day Offensive Threatens

Allied Stand Will Be Made Before Capital

TOKYO, April 30—(AP)—The Chinese Reds clamped a 30-mile siege arc on ruined Seoul today and rushed up reinforcements for a major assault on the city, probably tonight or tomorrow.

Chinese patrols felt out Allied strength all around the perimeter, at one point only four miles from Seoul, in preparation for the expected May Day offensive. They found United Nations forces determined to defend the former capital.

More than 400 United Nations guns and hundreds of planes poured death and destruction on communist troops and supplies. The Reds moved into line for the attack from the Han River north-west of Seoul to the Han's junction with the Pukhan River nearly 20 miles east of the city.

The U. S. heavy cruiser Toledo standing offshore at Inchon added its eight-inch guns to the UN bombardment and the British cruiser Belfast stood by to help if needed.

SUPPLY TRUCKS BOMBED Allied fighters and bombers spotted a record 3,360 Communist trucks and other vehicles on the move behind the fighting fronts last night and early today. They attacked 1,000 of them and destroyed or damaged at least 220.

Ground fighting went into a lull yesterday as the communists halted their advance at least temporarily to bring up reinforcements for the estimated 70,000 troops they lost in the first phase of their spring offensive last week.

No more than minor probing attacks were reported from the lower (Continued On Page Two)

Daughters Spring Surprise Party For Cromarries

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Cromarrie, Jr. had decided definitely not to have any sort of observance of their 25th wedding anniversary Friday night.

They talked about it several weeks ago, finally decided against it, and had all but forgotten the event.

But Meredith, their 11-year-old daughter, had other ideas. She didn't like it a bit when her mother and father had decided to pass up such an important anniversary.

So Meredith went to work, started inviting guests, ordering punch, flowers and making the other arrangements.

Since boys and girls have surprise birthday parties, she figured it would be fine to have a surprise silver anniversary party for her parents.

She was careful when she invited guests to remind them that it was to be a surprise.

Finally, Meredith's older sisters, Patsy, and Elizabeth Ravey found out about the arrangements she was making and started helping her. But they had to first promise Meredith she wouldn't let Mom and Dad know about it.

And they didn't find out about it until they got home Friday night—and were they surprised! They were late getting home and managed to get dressed just before the first guests arrived.

They felt a little like administering a first-class spanking to Meredith, but were so grateful for the thought they just couldn't do it.

Meredith had everything arranged—with beautiful decorations, lime ice punch, nuts and mints—and even a three-tiered wedding cake topped by a miniature bride and groom.

Among those present were three (Continued On Page Five)

Approval Of \$40 1/2 Billion War Budget Sought By Truman

WASHINGTON, April 30—(AP)—President Truman asked Congress today to approve \$40,500,000,000 in military spending in the 1952 fiscal year—starting this July 1—to help prevent "another and more frightful global war."

He submitted a military budget calling for \$61,104,254,390 in new appropriations, but some \$20,600,000,000 of this would not be spent until later years.

The president said that if Russia starts World War III, his proposed budget will enable the nation's armed forces to "halt the enemy's forces and strike back decisively at the center of the enemy's power."

The recommended funds, he said, "will carry forward the rapid build-up in military strength upon which our nation embarked when the aggression in Korea showed that the Soviet rulers were willing to push the world to the brink of a general war to get what they want."

The president said today's estimates do not alter materially the total 1952 spending budget of \$71,000,000,000 he submitted to Congress early in January. At that time he estimated 1952 military spending at \$41,000,000,000 but did not give de-

tailed figures. Today's presentation gave the first break-down of proposed military spending in the coming year:

Army—\$15,700,000,000. Navy, including Marine Corps—\$11,400,000,000. Air Force—\$13,000,000,000. Office of the Defense Secretary—\$400,000,000.

The proposed funds, the president said, would permit maintaining and equipping an armed force of 3,500,000 during the 1952 fiscal year. It would provide for:

BUDGET PROVISIONS Army—1,531,000 men in 18 divisions plus separate combat and supporting units; plus 295,000 National Guard and 190,000 organized reserves not on full-time active duty.

Navy—90,000 men and 1,161 ships; 192,000 Marines, including 21-3 divisions. The Navy and Marines will have a total of 195,337 organized reserves.

Air Force—959,000 men and a continued buildup toward 95 groups. The Air Force now has 81 groups and expects to reach the 95-group goal in the latter half of next year. (Continued On Page Six)

MacArthur Takes Back Seat On Visit To Wife's Home

MURFREESBORO, Tenn., April 30—(AP)—The MacArthur came to Murfreesboro today and for the first time in a long while, the general played second fiddle.

It was Mrs. Jean Faircloth MacArthur's day in the middle Tennessee country town where she grew up. She brought her famous husband and her 13-year-old son, Arthur, back to meet the home folks 14 years to the day after she and Gen. Douglas MacArthur were married in New York on April 30, 1937.

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Acheson Makes Policy Speech On Far East

WASHINGTON, April 30—(AP)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today the United States must "meet and repel the enemy" in Korea but at the same time avoid committing America's major forces in a war against Soviet satellites.

Rejecting more aggressive measures proposed by supporters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Acheson said:

"We are going to hold to our course in Korea with firm determination." The secretary spoke before the 39th annual meeting of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., a major foe of Acheson on Far Eastern policy, was to answer the Secretary of State later today from the same platform.

Acheson said United Nations intervention in Korea already had achieved major accomplishments and there now are two ways in which the Korean situation may develop:

POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS "One is that the fighting may spread despite our efforts to limit it," he said. "Further acts of the aggressor could touch off world war."

"If this happens, the responsibility for it will rest squarely on the Kremlin and its agents in Peking." He said the other outcome is that "the fighting may be brought to an end in Korea."

"The best way to do this is for us to continue firm in our determination to meet and repel the enemy until it becomes clear to him that his aggression cannot pay," the secretary went on. "There must be an end to the fighting, there must be concrete measures against the renewal of the attack, and there must be an abandonment by the enemy of his attempt to conquer the Republic of Korea."

This reiteration of U. S. terms (Continued on Page 7)

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But primarily it was Jean MacArthur homecoming to the town that quickly forgave her for marrying a Yankee soldier. Here, where she went to college and joined the local chapters of the (Continued on Page Two)

Vogeler And Family Leave For America

VIENNA, Austria, April 30—(AP)—American Businessman Robert A. Vogeler and his family left today for the United States.

Freed only Saturday by the Hungarian communist government after 17 months in prison, Vogeler, took off by plane with his attractive blonde wife, Lucille, and their two children, Bobby, 11, and Billy, 9.

State News Briefs

GREENSBORO, April 30—(AP)—A Senate investigator arrives here at headquarters of the Southern Textile strike today to study charges that:

(1) Pickets are intimidating workers. (2) Workers are intimidating pickets.

Curtis E. Thompson, staff member of the Senate subcommittee on labor and labor management relations, was sent to the scene at the request of Herman Cone, president of the Cone Mills chain.

The company charged that striking CIO textile workers had used "threats, coercion, violence and intimidation against employees who desire to work."

Union officials blamed repeated violence in the month-old South-wide strike on company strikebreakers and non-strikers carrying guns through picket lines.

Police Chief Floyd Whitman of Wake Forest, said he expected to make several arrests today as an aftermath of the gun battle at the Royal Cotton Mills Friday night in which three persons were slightly injured.

Violence also has been reported at other North Carolina cities and (Continued On Page Two)

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Benson Will Stage Mule Day Event

Missouri canaries and beautiful girls will again be the feature attracting this fall when Benson stages his annual Mule Days Festival and Rodeo.

Dates to the event have been set tentatively at Sept. 6 through 8. The event was scheduled last Tuesday at a meeting of the Benson (Continued On Page Six)

Record High Vote Predicted In Balloting For Mayor, Council



FREE COFFEE FOR THE WEARY CANDIDATES — Jack Hemmingway, operator of the Soda Shop, today was making good his promise to give all the candidates free coffee on election day. All day long, they could enjoy free coffee on the house and a group of them are shown here doing just that. Mr. Hemmingway is shown here chatting with candidates. Left to right are: Candidates Jesse H. Capps, Ralph E. Hanna, J. Leon Godwin, L. L. Coats, B. A. Bracey, R. G. Tart, J. V. (Crow) Bass, Joe A. Wilkins, Lewis C. Godwin and Earl G. Vann. Two of the candidates, Herman Neighbors, and Emple D. Hall, weren't present when the picture was made, but drank their share of the free coffee during the day, anyway. The young lady assisting Mr. Hemmingway is Miss Frances Warren, Hemmingway's coffee is the only thing free for the candidates during the entire campaign. Hemmingway says he'll also have free aspirin for the losers tonight. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

Sunny Weather Greeters Voters In Local Biennial Election

Dunn Attorney's Relative Held By China Reds

J. Shepard Bryan, prominent Dunn attorney and city solicitor, received word today that one of his kinsmen, Attorney Robert T. Bryan, has been arrested by the Communists in Shanghai, China and held in jail incommunicado since February 11.

The Shanghai attorney, a former resident of Wilmington and son of R. T. Bryan, Sr., for 50 years a distinguished Baptist missionary in China, formerly served as Solicitor General of the International Settlement in Shanghai.

He is charged by the Communists with the crime of prosecuting several Communists in Shanghai in 1927-28 during the time he was solicitor general.

The Dunn attorney received this information today from the jailed relative's son, Kedar Bryan, who attended the University of North Carolina as a roommate of J. Shepard Bryan, Jr. of Dunn. Kedar is now attached to the U. S. Department of Commerce and assigned to duties relating to commerce with the Republic of China.

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Britain Will OK Bombing Of Chinese Bases

LONDON, April 30—(UP)—Britain has decided to drop its opposition to the bombing of Manchurian bases if the Reds step up their air activity in Korea, official quarters said today.

Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison was understood to have done a complete about-face on some controversial facets of British policy in the Far East.

Officials said he would make suggestions to the cabinet this week which "differ profoundly" from British policy last December, when Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee and President Truman failed to agree on the Far East.

Morrison was said to have made known his determination to seek an understanding on the accumulation of rifts and misunderstandings which tend to jeopardize Anglo-American relations.

Two of the principal stumbling blocks to Anglo-American unity in the Far East have been the American request to the 13 nations fighting for the United Nations in Korea for approval of "when and (Continued on Page 7)

Firemen Douse Mattress Blaze

A burning mattress in a house at 113 Jackson St. brought out the Dunn Fire Department Saturday morning at 9:38.

Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the department, reported that the blaze was doused quickly. There was no extensive damage.

James Bethea, Negro resident at the house was away from home at the time of the fire. The house is owned by C. J. Hanna and Son and Dr. W. W. Stanfield.

Rumor That Patrol Will Intervene In Erwin Unconfirmed

Rumors that the State Highway Patrol would be moved into Erwin to curb further outbreaks of violence received no confirmation from Governor W. Kerr Scott's office this morning.

John Marshall, private secretary to the governor, told a Daily Record correspondent in Raleigh that so such move would be made unless Sheriff W. E. Salmon asks the chief executive for help.

Acts of violence noted in the strike last week included the overturning of a car and the firing of explosive charges in the yards of three non-strikers early Friday morning.

A scuffle at the gate before one plant Thursday brought a charge (Continued On Page Six)

Around Capitol Square

By LYNN NISBET RALEIGH CORRESPONDENT

REPONSE—The governor's office has had heavy mail for the past two or three days, a large portion of it dealing with the Washington date line story quoting Governor Scott as saying he thought President Truman would run again and pledging support of the Har Hood executive. Correspondence on this subject had been expected. What the office staff was not prepared for was the large number of letters from out of the State. A great many have come from Virginia, several from other Southern states, but New England postmarks show on a surprisingly large number of the envelopes. The comment runs about 90 per cent unfavorable, some of the envelopes containing only a newspaper clipping with a subject word or two on the margin.

STAND PAT—This County's turb Governor Scott. He stated at his press conference Thursday what he had implied in Washington, that he is basing his prediction on long range reaction rather than an immediate reaction. He stated that he was not making any statement on this subject. (Continued on Page 7)

SEABOARD MEET—Seaboard communication officials today (AP) will meet in Raleigh to discuss the proposed merger of the Seaboard and Norfolk Southern lines. The meeting will be held at the Seaboard Hotel. (Continued on Page 7)

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, April 30—(AP)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson urged today that the Korean War be contained within Korea and Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., from the same platform that such a policy is "utopian and suicidal."

GREENSBORO, April 30—(AP)—More than a dozen strikebound textile mills throughout the South staged a drive today to re-open plants with non-strikers and new hands, but CIO officials charged that the back-to-work drive was a failure.