

CHINESE GIVE REASON FOR ENTERING WAR

Broadcast Says Reds Willing To Talk Peace

TOKYO, Wednesday, July 4.—A Peiping broadcast said today that Communist China entered the Korean War largely to protect Manchuria and is willing to talk about a lasting peace if the American "threat" to her frontier is removed.

The broadcast was recorded a few hours after the United Nations agreed to Communist proposals for cease-fire negotiations in Korea and suggested a preliminary meeting on the battlefield Thursday to arrange details.

FIGHTING BREAKS OUT.—But meantime fighting broke out at both ends of the Korean battle-line.

Allied and Communist artillery fought a three-hour duel Tuesday on the eastern front. One Allied officer said, "we never encountered anything like it in the way of counter-battery fire."

Peiping's broadcast was not in reply to Allied Commander Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, who sought to speed up cease-fire talks by starting them tomorrow instead of between July 10 and 15 as the Reds proposed.

Regarding the desire of the peoples of the world for peace and the repeated warnings of the Chinese people, the American government . . . ordered its invasion troops to cross the 38th Parallel, and made a fierce and headlong drive toward the Yalu and Tumen rivers on the Chinese boundary.

"The Chinese people, of course, could not sit idly by in the face of such a serious situation, which

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Army Unit Arrives In Lillington

The 301st Logistical Command, under the leadership of General Crump Garvin, has arrived at its field command post near Lillington to perform a key role in the forthcoming joint Army-Air Force exercise, "Southern Pine."

This unit's station is at Camp Rucker, Alabama, although it has been at Fort Bragg for the past two weeks awaiting movement into the maneuver area.

Mission of the 301st will be to direct support for all major Army elements engaged in the maneuver. The command will function as the US Third Army Service Command (ASCOM) supporting the US Third Field Army and its attached units.

In addition, a detachment of men and officers selected from the 301st headquarters will function as the Aggressor Service Command (AGSCOM) at Camp Mackall under the command of Colonel Donald P. Wylie during the joint exercise.

General Garvin, commanding the unit, gained wide experience as commanding general of the 2nd Logistical Command in Korea during World War II.

The 301st will direct the entire supply operation for the maneuver.

Firms, Offices Will Close On Wednesday.—The wheels of commerce will roll to a halt tomorrow as business firms and public offices close down for the annual Fourth of July celebration.

Dunn's two banks and the U. S. Post Office will be shut down for the holiday. The city council last night granted a one-day respite for city workers—except policemen, whose holidays are few and infrequent.

Retail businesses—with the exception of restaurants and some filling stations—will also shut down for the holiday.

Yesterday the county commissioners voted to close county offices tomorrow to observe the national holiday.

The office has been vacant since May 31, when City Manager Tommie Hobbs resigned to enter the Navy.

Commissioners Raise Pay Of 60 County Employees, Slash Four Cents Off Tax Rate

1951-52 Budget Of \$1,177,260 Gets Approval

Harnett County tax rate yesterday was set at \$1.30 on the \$100 property evaluation, four cents less than last year, and at the same time 60 county officials received approximately 10 per cent salary increases.

The raises, which are retroactive to July 1, will range from \$10 to \$15 a month for all types of work and will mark the first overall adjustment ever made in salaries of Harnett County employees.

Both commissioners approved a \$1,177,260 budget for the 1951-52 fiscal year.

SCHOOLS GET FUNDS

The largest chunk of county money will be fed into the school system. Schools will get over \$450,000 during the coming year, of which \$225,570 will be earmarked for current expenses, \$129,690 for capital outlay and \$94,740 applied to debt service.

Other items of expense will be: General, poor and health fund: \$75,790; Old age assistance: \$203,750; Aid to dependent children: \$47,000; Township road fund: \$30,000; Special district No. 2, Averasboro Township, \$10,600.

Completion of the school building program, which will make possible reduction of the levy for school purposes from 68 to 64 cents, will be responsible for the cut in the property tax.

Herbert Carson said. An increase in property valuation was reported from the office of the tax supervisor as over \$2,000,000, pushing the county evaluation from \$43 to \$46 million, will make possible the salary increase.

HOLDINGS INCREASE VALUE

The increased evaluations were credited to a sharp rise in the number of farm implements, household appliances and furniture, construction and various new personal properties. Real estate property was reevaluated in 1948.

Salary raises will effect the three elected officials—the clerk of court, the sheriff and the

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Lamm Asks For Postponement

Attorneys for Carl Lamm advised The Record this morning that they would request a postponement in the hearing scheduled to be given the young radio announcer today in Johnston County Recorder's Court at Smithfield.

Lamm, the popular Country Mayor of Dunn Radio Station WCKB, is free under a \$2,500 bond on charges of assaulting and attempting to rape Mrs. E. N. Snipes, wife of a Benson policeman.

ASSAULT CHARGED

The woman claims that Lamm assaulted her with his "hands and fist" on June 22 and attempted to force her into illicit relations with him. The warrant was sworn out five days later. Lamm says there is no foundation for the charges and professes absolute innocence.

Lamm's attorneys said today that postponement would be necessary for them to complete their preparation of the defense.

CONTRACTS PLACED

Wilson testified that \$25,000,000 in military orders have been placed since the Korean war began and that contracts are now being awarded at a rate of \$3,500,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 a month. Deliveries and construction activity have reached \$1,500,000,000 a month, he said, and will climb to \$4,000,000,000 a month within a year.

He told the senators that he is not satisfied with progress in production. He recited steps being taken.

BULLETINS

NEW YORK, July 3.—(AP)—Four missing members of the American Communist Party Politburo failed to appear in federal court for jailing today, and their \$80,000 bail was ordered forfeited.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, July 3.—(AP)—The government announced today it has demanded the recall of three United States diplomats on the grounds they helped Archbishop Josef Groess in an alleged plot to overthrow the Communist regime.

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, July 3.—(AP)—Associated Press Correspondent William N. Oatis, on trial for espionage, returned to the stand today to denounce his Western newspaper colleagues and Western diplomats in Prague as spies.

Negroes Saved, Then Jailed, By Good Samaritan

A Good Samaritan saved the lives of four Fayetteville Negroes last night, then turned into an avenging angel and gave them a push toward the jailhouse.

Cpl. R. F. Williamson, new commander of the Harnett-Lee Highway Patrol unit, found two of the Negroes unconscious and the other two in semi-conscious condition in a stalled car near Godwin.

Investigating, he found that the four Negroes had been overcome by carbon monoxide gas which had leaked through the floorboards of the car from the engine manifold.

FINDS WHISKEY CACHE.—While hauling the four men out of the car, Corporal Williamson found something else—a dozen half-gallon jars of illegal moonshine whiskey.

The four men—Walter Perkins, 23, driver of the car, John Charles Marshall, 20, Johnnie McSwain, Jr., 25, and Herbert Leonard McNeill, 28—were turned over to ATU agents today for prosecution.

All four were charged with transportation and possession of non tax-paid whiskey.

Corporal Williamson said that the men were groggy and nauseated from the effects of the gas, but that they had not been drinking. Since it was raining, the windows of the car were up, acting to hold the poisonous gas which is tasteless and odorless—inside the auto, he said.

Meanwhile, the four men, grateful for being saved from the possible death, were nonetheless chagrined that their benefactor wore a badge on his shirt.

GENERAL FUND INCREASED

RALEIGH, July 3.—(UP)—Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw reported to Gov. Kerr Scott today that the State's General Fund income for the fiscal year which ended June 30 totaled \$130,600,000, an increase of \$27,600,000 over the previous fiscal year.

General Fund collections for the fiscal year, he said, were more than 21 per cent above the 1949-50 fiscal year.

The increase was "mainly realized in our income and sales tax," Shaw explained.

City Manager Still Sought

Mayor Ralph E. Hanna said today that the town hopes to secure a city manager by August 1. He disclosed that a total of 16 applications have been received from cities in this and other states.

At the meeting last night, he said the applications were studied and that the field was narrowed down to three who are now under consideration.

VISIT APPLICANTS.—City officials are expected to visit these applicants and interview them before making a decision.

Last month, the post was offered to a well-known city manager in another North Carolina town but he rejected the offer two hours before the city council met to make his appointment official.

The office has been vacant since May 31, when City Manager Tommie Hobbs resigned to enter the Navy.

Price Ceiling May Be Placed On Pork

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(UP)—Price Stabilizer Michael V. DiSalle said today he may place ceiling prices on pork by the end of the month.

DiSalle is prohibited from putting price ceilings on farm commodities until their prices reach parity with the national fair price for farmers. Hogs are now selling at 99 per cent of parity, he noted.

"If hogs reach parity we might be able to place ceilings" in pork, he said at a news conference. The next parity report is due July 29, DiSalle told reporters that at least some manufacturers will have to go through with price rollbacks despite the fact that Congress, in extending the Defense Production Act for 31 days, banned further rollbacks this month.

\$34,000 MANUFACTURERS.—About 24,000 manufacturers—one-ninth of the nation's total—have filed with DiSalle's agency price ceilings computed under the manufacturers' regulation which was scheduled to take effect July 2, DiSalle estimated.

Of this number, those who also took some steps to put the new prices into effect before July 1 must stick to them, he said. But he thought that most of the new price ceilings would be increased rather than rollbacks.

DiSalle said that during July his general policy will be to "maintain the status quo" in prices.

But he warned that if all he can do is grant increase, the nation will have "continuously higher" prices.

FIGHT FOR ROLLBACKS

He said that he is still going to fight to get his rollback authority in new Defense Production legislation.

He said he is "going to see to it that Congress is informed" of what the effect will be if it does not have rollback power. Asked if he could "live with" the current prices.

Bad Luck Dogs Driver

Elton Barefoot of Lillington, Rt. 1, has an occupational hazard which would break a lesser man.

The 28-year-old employe of the John A. Senter Brick Company has found that the trucks he drives have a nasty tendency to hit—or be hit by—other vehicles.

Barefoot's latest escapade occurred around 9 p. m. Friday night when he rammed a tractor on Highway 201 about 400 feet from Matthews Store.

The accident came three days after another truck hooked a wheel on a machine he was driving while both vehicles were crossing the bridge over the Cape Fear River near Lillington.

OUTCOME AWAITED.—At the time Barefoot was awaiting the outcome of an investigation into a wreck which happened earlier this spring. Involved were Barefoot and Lillington Attorney Nell McK. Salmon.

Barefoot told Highway Patrolman R. B. Leonard Friday night that he mistook the tractor, driven by Mike Wade, 35, of Lillington, Rt. 1, for an automobile parked by the side of the road.

He explained that the glare of the tractor's lights confused him. Both machines were going north

Armistice Not To Affect U. S. Defense Plans

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson told Congress today that an armistice in Korea would have no effect on the defense mobilization program.

He urged a tax increase to keep the program on a pay-as-we-go basis and said it would be unwise to do less than the \$10,000,000,000 tax hike requested by President Truman.

Wilson testified before the Senate Finance Committee, which is considering Truman's request and the House-approved bill to increase taxes only \$7,200,000,000.

Wilson admitted under questioning of senators that "if there is no war," a tax burden like the one now contemplated would "wreck" the economy in the long run.

REDUCTION FORESEEN.—Again using the qualifying phrase—"if there is no war"—Wilson said that by 1955 taxes and government spending will have to be reduced "substantially."

He said he wanted to emphasize that the defense program must continue to go forward, that military requirements must be fulfilled on schedule, and that these goals must be achieved "without weakening our economic structure."

"Some of you may be wondering what effect a truce in Korea will have upon our defense mobilization program if current negotiations are successful," Wilson said. "The answer is it will have no effect."

"Our defense mobilization must be based not upon the Korean fighting but upon what we know to be the ultimate aims and present tactics of the Soviet Union. Until we know that there is a genuine change in the long-term aims of World Communism, we cannot afford to slow the pace of our own defense buildup and our aid to other countries.

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WHEELS COLLIDE

The left rear wheels of the vehicles met and the trucks crashed. Damage to Barefoot's truck was \$600, and to Tall's, \$500.

Tall explained to Patrolman Paul G. Albright that he pulled out from behind an Army truck to see if the bridge was clear for passing when he hit Barefoot's machine. He was booked for careless and reckless driving.

Box score so far for the jinxed truck driver stands at: three Senter trucks banged up, one tractor badly mangled, another truck damaged and one automobile put out of commission.

But so far Barefoot has managed to escape without serious injury.