

Partly cloudy and warm tonight and Thursday with widely scattered afternoon thundershowers.

REDS AGREE TO SUNDAY TRUCE TALK

Conference Set In Kaesong To Arrange Cease-Fire Talk

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TOKYO, July 4.—The Communist command agreed tonight to a battlefield conference in Korea to arrange cease-fire talks, but asked that it be postponed from Thursday to Sunday.

Battered Reds Retreat From Key Mountains

5TH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, July 4.—(UP)—Battered Chinese Reds retreated from the key Sobang Mountains on the central front today after losing 1,500 dead and wounded in a bitter four-day battle.

The Reds staggered back to a new defense line in the vicinity of Pyonggang, 29 miles north of the 38th Parallel at the apex of the old Communist "iron triangle," under merciless Allied air and artillery bombardment.

However, a front-line officer said the enemy retreat was orderly and "definitely not a rout."

FOURTH OF JULY VICTORY

It was a Fourth of July victory for the 8th Army, and may prove to be the last major battle of the war. Arrangements for a cease-fire conference were underway.

Doughboys took the highest peak in the mountain chain yesterday and held it against a Communist counter-attack last night. The Reds had been expected to fight as ferociously as ever to hold the remaining heights, but suddenly broke contact and pulled back north during the morning.

UN casualties in the four-day battle were said to be "moderate" despite the savage fighting. Sweated-soaked infantrymen had to dig the Reds out with bayonets and grenades when the enemy's deep rock and log bunkers proved impervious to shells and bombs.

Simultaneously with the Communist withdrawal below Pyonggang, Communist artillery and mortar fire decreased sharply along the remainder of the 100-mile battlefield.

REDS WERE CRIPPLED

Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, commander of UN ground forces, (Continued on Page 7)

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme United Nations commander, was expected to accept the postponement, even though it means a formal armistice parley cannot begin before July 10 at the earliest.

Chinese Nationalist intelligence reports suggested the request for a delay might be due to urgent conferences in Moscow between Chinese Communist leaders and high Soviet officials.

CONFERENCE REPORTED

One report said Chinese President Mao Tse-Tung is consulting Soviet Premier Josef Stalin on Korean developments, especially on what steps to take at the formal cease-fire parley.

Another report reaching Taipei, Formosa seat of the Nationalist government, was that Mao is accompanied by Premier Chou En-Lai, but the presence of neither in Moscow could be confirmed.

Simultaneously with the Chinese acceptance of Ridgway's proposal for a preliminary battlefield conference, Communist resistance slackened on the fighting front.

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The Communist reply to Ridgway's proposal for a preliminary battlefield conference came at 7 p. m. (5 a. m. EDT), July 28 1-2 hours after the UN commander's message was broadcast.

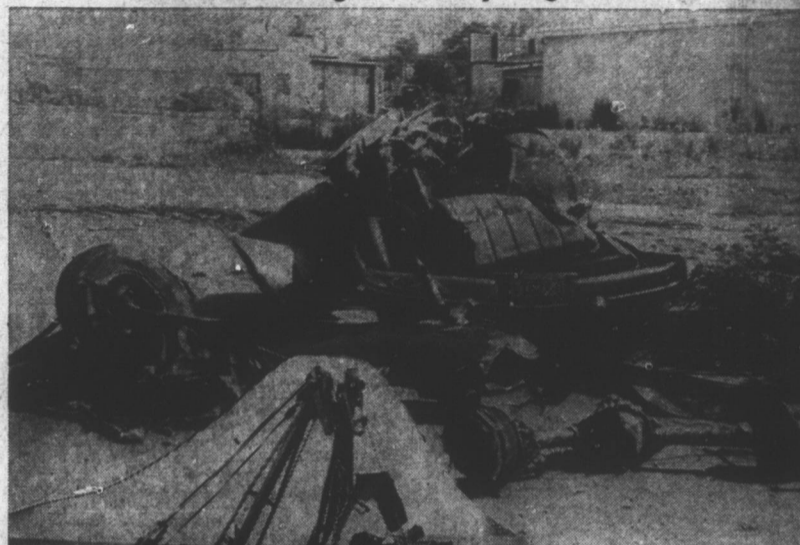
REPLY TO BROADCAST

The reply was broadcast by Peking and Pyongyang capitals of Red China and North Korea, and was signed by Gen. Peng Teh-Huai, commander of the Chinese "volunteers" in Korea, and Kim Il Sung, North Korean premier and commander in chief.

The Communists agreed to all Ridgway's conditions for the preliminary meeting at Kaesong, 112 miles south of the 38th Parallel on the western front, except the date.

Ridgway had proposed that the meeting be held Thursday, but the Communists asked a delay until (Continued on Page 7)

Train Wins Right-Of-Way Argument



ALL THAT WAS LEFT — Here's all that's left of what was an automobile until an Atlantic Coast Line train hit it early this morning at a crossing at Wade. The car, owned by Carl Roberson, a blind man, had stopped on the track and the driver was attempting to push it off when the train came along. The cow-catcher on the train was also damaged and had to be cut off by the Machine and Welding Company when the train stopped in Dunn. The name of the driver was not known. Nobody was injured. This picture was made this morning at Lee's Truck Terminal, whose wrecker pulled it in.

Pastor, Family At Junaluska

Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Early and son, Virgil, are spending this week at Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly. The Rev. Mr. Early is attending the "School of Evangelism" for the Methodist Church. He was appointed to attend this meeting by Rev. E. B. Fisher, District Superintendent of the Raleigh District. The pastor will return to Dunn Saturday and fill the pulpit at Divine Street Methodist Church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

FLAYING SAFE

Holiday vacationers throughout the State were apparently playing it safe and sound during Independence Day. No highway deaths were reported up till noon by the State Highway Patrol, although 18 persons were injured in road mishaps. In the Dunn area, neither Dunn Hospital or the local police department reported any mishaps through auto wrecks, drownings or accidents.



GET A HORSE—A familiar sight to most Erwin residents is the puzzling machine shown above, affectionately dubbed "The Doodlebug" for want of a more definite name. Made and owned by "O" Beard, Erwin village watchman, the machine is used chiefly as a tractor, but can also be pressed into service as an automobile. The Doodlebug, powered by a nine-horsepower hayloader engine, is the product of four years' effort on the part of Beard. Statistically, it is just a shade over five feet long, stands three-and-a-half feet high, gets from 40 to 50 miles to the gallon and has the biggest and loudest air horn in Harnett County. Cost of the machine, which was completed four years ago, was about \$400—more than \$200 of which was spent on the one-cylinder engine. The Doodlebug can be fitted, through a switch of its chain-drive pulleys, for either plowing or the highway. (Daily Record Photo by T. M. Stewart.)

Czech Court Gives Oatis 10-Year Term

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, July 4.—(UP)—A Communist state court sentenced Associated Press Correspondent William N. Oatis to 10 years in prison today as an American spy.

Three Czechoslovak citizens formerly employed by the Associated Press in Prague were convicted with Oatis of espionage and sentenced to prison terms ranging from 16 to 20 years.

All four defendants accepted their sentences without appeal. They had been liable to the death penalty.

Oatis, a 37-year-old American citizen from Marion, Ind., will be expelled from Czechoslovakia on his release from prison. He will be eligible for release for good behavior after completing half of his sentence.

CHARGED WITH SABOTAGE

He was charged specifically with political, military and economic sabotage and complicity in the murder of a Czech army officer. He was not asked to plead, but admitted his guilt under questioning during two days on the witness stand.

His three Czech colleagues pleaded guilty to the same charges and likewise confessed on the witness stand. Tomas Svoboda was sentenced to 20 years in prison, Pavel

Wojdinek to 18 years and Peter Munta to 16 years.

The three Czechs also were stripped of their civil rights and their property was confiscated.

Oatis made his final plea on the second day of his trial yesterday. "I am sorry I committed the crime of espionage," he told the five-man court in Pantrac Prison. "I did not do it because I am an enemy of the working class. I came from the working class. I did it because I listened to the wrong orders from above. I harmed myself, I harmed my friends, I harmed the republic, I harmed the cause of peace, and I helped the cause of war."

He said the state security organs had "behaved with great consideration" toward him and the court had shown him every courtesy.

He spoke haltingly, but without any sign of emotion. His defense counsel said Oatis was "the victim of a merciless capitalist effort."

SMITH IS WOUNDED

The Defense Department has reported Pvt. Sheriff G. Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheriff G. G. Smith, Sr. of Bunnlevel, Route 1, as wounded in action.

'Smoke Watcher' Warns Of Attack On Washington

WINSTON-SALEM, July 4.—(UP)—Simon the Smoke Watcher walked toward Washington today to warn President Truman the Washington Monument will be attacked Dec. 18.

Simon, who said he is 187 years old, stopped here briefly on his journey from Mirrah (The Secret Place). He said it was in the mountains, but was so secret he could not say in what state.

The little old man was carrying a black pot from which white smoke bellowed up in clouds. He put his face down into the smoke to take a peek—just in case.

He explained he had to keep watching because once the smoke told about something it wouldn't repeat. He is still unhappy about missing the Lustranias.

VISIONS LAST AN HOUR

Really important visions last about an hour, he said, so he can take a peek once an hour and keep up. Smaller visions may last only a minute.

"There's always been a smoke watcher since the third generation of Man," Simon said. "After God threw Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, he declared He had been too hard on them. So he made one of their grandchildren a smoke watcher and gave him the power to see future things in the smoke."

Smoke watchers live a long time, he said, because they don't work too busy watching the smoke—and because they can foresee danger. (Continued on Page 7)

Army Unit Begins Issuing Supplies To 8,000 Troops

The 448th Quartermaster Base Depot, stationed in Dunn, has 8,000 troops already stationed in the Dunn-Lillingston area. Colonel Murdoch K. Godwin, the commanding officer, disclosed this morning.

Only about 25 tons of supplies are being issued daily at present, but the amount will increase to 700 tons per day when the rest of the 80,000 troops arrive in the area.

Issuance of supplies here began yesterday. Previously the approximately 50 units stationed in the area have been drawing supplies from Fort Bragg.

MOBE TROOPS COMING

Colonel Godwin estimated that approximately 9,000 more service troops will arrive in the area prior to the beginning of maneuvers on August 13.

There was no holiday at the big tobacco warehouses here today. Troops were as busy as bees receiving and sending out supplies.

STILL OPERATOR IS BOUND OVER

Edna Norris, 32, of Dunn, Rt. 3, captured in a raid by Federal ATU agents and Cumberland County ABC officers, was bound over to U. S. District Court under \$500 bond at a preliminary hearing held here before Mrs. George Arthur Jackson, local U. S. Commissioner.

The officers destroyed a 200-gallon submarine type still in Black River and arrested Norris on charges of manufacturing non-tax-paid whiskey.

They destroyed 300 gallons of mash at the still located about a half mile from the Cooper bridge on South River. Operators were preparing to operate the still at the time of arrest. No other arrests were made.

REHAU, Germany, July 4.—(UP)—A German border policeman was killed by Czech machinegun fire yesterday when he tried to arrest a border-crosser who fired at him with a pistol, Bavarian frontier police said today.

Peeper Picked Wrong Window To Do Peeping

If Robert Jackson, a Negro soldier in Lillingston on army maneuvers, wanted to play at being a "Peeping Tom" Saturday night, he was a poor picker.

Jackson was convicted yesterday in Harnett Recorder's Court of peeping into the windows of the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Taylor on 12th St.

Taylor, a Lillingston attorney, is the son of Judge Floyd Taylor who sentenced Jackson to 90 days in jail.

Chief of Police W. F. Heckaday and Constable Fletcher Bethune testified they found the soldier near the Taylor residence after the Taylors had called police. Officers said Mrs. Taylor told them the man peeped into several windows on two sides of the house.

Jackson denied the accusation. He said an unidentified white man paid him five dollars to secure whiskey in Shawtown, and that he thought the Taylor home was the place he was to meet him. When "the man" failed to show up Jackson said he decided to look inside for him.

Britain Shelves Evacuation Plans

LONDON, July 4.—(UP)—Britain has shelved plans to remove her oil workers from Iran and will "sit it out" unless violence breaks out, a government spokesman said today.

The cabinet was said to have changed its previous policy on advice from its ambassador in Tehran, Sir Francis Shepherd, and Eric Drake, managed director of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company in Abadan.

Opposition leader Winston Churchill will be briefed on the new policy in a meeting with Prime Minister Clement Attlee tonight. Churchill asked for the meeting, his second secret session with Attlee on the Iranian oil crisis.

DECISION STILL STANDS. Officials said the decision to close down operations in Iran still stands. (Continued on Page 7)

Dunn Man's Father Dies

Mayor William S. Terrell, Jr., 59, of Norlina, father of Major William S. Terrell, III, of Dunn, died at his home Monday night after an illness of three weeks.

Major Terrell, who married the former Margaret Johnson of Dunn, was enroute home by plane from Paris when his father died.

Mr. Terrell was the son of the late William Solomon and Annie Harris Terrell of Warren Plains. He was a member of the Warren Plains Baptist Church, a member of Johnson Caswell Masonic Lodge of the JOUAM and the BARA of Norlina.

Until his recent illness, he held a position with the Seaboard Railroad and at the time of his death was serving his second term as mayor of Norlina.

Surviving are his wife, the former Susie Belle Weaver; a son, Major Terrell; two daughters, Mrs. Glenn J. Radcliff of Warren Plains and Mrs. G. O. Stille, Jr. of Norlina; one sister, Mrs. John F. Taylor of Raleigh; two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Warren Plains Baptist Church. Other arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of Major Terrell.

Mrs. Terrell is a sister of the late Otis Warren of Dunn. It was not known whether or not Mrs. Terrell was flying back with her husband.

CONVICT FARELORED. Governor Scott has paroled the men convicted in separate cases last year in Harnett County.

A parole was granted to John H. Harts, 34, convicted at the 1948 term of serving 10 years in Harnett of having been convicted to farm over 100 acres.

John D. Black, 34, was given the same term of 10 years given from seven to ten years.

Americans Take Time Out To Celebrate 4th

By UNITED PRESS

Millions of Americans headed for the open country today for their annual Independence Day picnics and fishing trips.

Safety experts urged the holiday celebrants to observe a safe and sane Fourth, warning that 130 persons would die in traffic crashes unless drivers exercised exceptional care.

Only a scattering of accidental deaths had been reported across the country early today.

TRAVEL IS HEAVY

Highways were crowded, with bumper-to-bumper traffic reported.

District Governor To Address Rotarians

District Rotary Governor David Britt of Fairmont will address the Dunn club Friday night at 8:30. It was announced today by Principal A. B. Johnson.

This will be the district governor's official visit of the year to the local club. At 5 o'clock, he will hold an assembly with President Johnson and other new officers of the club.

Britt is a prominent attorney at Fairmont and has been a leader in Rotary for a number of years. He is expected to address the club members on the program of activity for the year.

near the big cities, bus, train and airline travel also was heavy.

The holiday was especially joyful because peace was so close that it could almost be felt in the air.

But citizens, nevertheless, were mindful of the men still dying in Korea as the nation celebrated the 175th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Philadelphia, birthplace of U. S. freedom, reenacted the signing of the Declaration in an elaborate pageant in Independence Square.

President Truman was scheduled to address a patriotic rally at Washington Monument in the Capital. And the American Legion staged a huge celebration, addressed by National Commander Erle Cocks, at Chicago.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Altogether, more than 10,000 communities across the land held special observances with the traditional oratory, band music and fireworks in courthouse squares and city parks.

The weather generally was good. It was muggy, with some thunder showers in the East, but the West had fair weather.

Despite the holiday, residents of New Mexico and the Pacific Northwest prayed for rain to help stop ravaging forest fires. Instead, the (Continued on Page 7)

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, July 4.—(UP)—Senate Democratic Leader Ernest W. McFarland said today the Senate investigation of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's dismissal showed that military decisions must be made "on a global basis" and not for a single theatre.

DANVILLE, Va., July 4.—(UP)—Tobacco export firms here said they had received private cables informing them the British government will step up flue-cured tobacco purchases 15 per cent this fall.

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