

DEWEY MAY TAKE PART IN PEACE TALKS

Red Build-Up Reported On War Front



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UN Forces Hit By Attack In Hwachon Area

8th ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, July 6—A reinforced Communist battalion hit United Nations forces on the east-central front today in the heaviest enemy attack since the Allies offered to discuss a cease-fire.

An 8th Army communique said the Reds—probably 800 to 1,000 strong—attacked UN troops forward of the main Allied line north of Hwachon and forced them to withdraw after a 45-minute battle.

Only light patrol skirmishes and occasional artillery duels were reported along the remainder of the 100-mile front.

350,000 TROOPS READY — Meanwhile United Nations officers reported that the Chinese have 350,000 troops ready for an attack on the west central front if cease-fire negotiations fail.

"We are just waiting for the politics of this thing to work out," an officer said. "If we do not get a cease fire we will have a fight on our hands."

The core of the Chinese Red force was reported to be in the immediate vicinity of the old Chonwon-Kumhwa-Pyongyang triangle.

An Allied tank-infantry patrol entered Pyongang, northern apex of the triangle, without opposition today.

By increased motor traffic behind the Chinese lines indicated the Reds are reinforcing their troops, officers said.

READY FOR ATTACK — "We had planned on a strong Chinese attack before we heard about the cease-fire negotiations," an officer said. "That is why we took control of the key mountains in the triangle."

The Communists appeared to be moving hundreds of truck loads of fresh supplies and perhaps troops toward the front despite the apparent truce.

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CHECKING MOISTURE — W. C. Sparkman of Lumberton is shown here checking the moisture content of a load of wheat bought in Dunn for the Farmers Cooperative Exchange.

Sparkman and Grain Buyer R. H. Roberts, also of Lumberton, have taken over the Farmers Warehouse on U. S. 301 south of town as a grain-buying station for the FCX.

So far this year, Roberts said, 100,000 bushels of corn, 12,000 bushels of oats and 18,000 bushels of wheat have been bought by them in Dunn alone.

Sunday Trip To Korea Planned By GOP Leader

TOKYO, July 6—(UP)—Thomas E. Dewey, governor of New York and titular head of the Republican Party, will fly to Korea Sunday and there was speculation that he might take part in Korean peace talks.

Dewey came here as a private citizen, albeit with President Truman's blessings. Korea was not on his original itinerary and some quarters believed his visit to the embattled peninsula at this time was more than a coincidence.

MAY NEGOTIATE — Speculation grew that he might be asked to become one of the UN negotiators at an eventual conference to arrange a peaceful political settlement in Korea, but official sources sought to discourage such talk.

Dewey spent most of yesterday with Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme UN commander, and may confer with him again tomorrow.

Dewey in a speech today endorsed a Pacific mutual defense pact to parallel the Atlantic Pact.

Dewey, making the first speech of his 25,000-mile nine-country far-eastern tour, said: "Through the United Nations we are welding an inviolable partnership of strength among free nations."

MUTUAL DEFENSE SOUGHT — "Even as the Japanese peace treaty progresses, we are already discussing arrangements for mutual defense in order to assure the liberty and progress of the free peoples of the Pacific."

These arrangements which have already been announced by my government include other nations of the Pacific as the North Atlantic Treaty includes the nations of Western Europe. Let me report to you that the nations of the North Atlantic Treaty are growing stronger every day.

Dewey, who spoke before the Japanese-American Society, arrived here Wednesday on the first leg of a six week trip which he said is to make him more valuable in the U. S. in shaping bi-partisan foreign policy.

There have been rumors he might be preparing to succeed Dean Acheson as the next U. S. Secretary of State.

CITES CONTROVERSY — The twice-defeated Republican presidential candidate, one of the first advocates of a bi-partisan foreign policy, cited the MacArthur-Dewey controversy and the debate on the defense of West-

Wreck Brings \$100 Fine For Driver — Lister Maylon Lockamy, 21-year-old sailor of Clinton, R. I., was given a six-month suspended sentence and fined \$100 and costs in the Dunn Recorder's Court yesterday on charges growing out of a serious auto accident here last Saturday afternoon.

City Judge H. Paul Strickland found him guilty of careless and reckless driving after hearing the testimony of several witnesses.

LADY BADLY HURT — Mrs. Edwidge Norris, 70-year-old Dunn woman, is in the Dunn Hospital still in a serious condition as the result of the accident. (Continued On Page 4)

301st HQ Moves Into County

Headquarters of the 301st Logistic Command moved into its field command post four miles east of Lillington on the Prison Farm Road last week end.

Under the command of Major Gen. Crump Garvin, the 301st, acting as Third Field Army Service Command (3ASCOM), will direct the support activities of all service units located in Harnett County during the Joint Army-Air Force Exercise Southern Pine, to be held from Aug. 13 to Sept. 2.

TO ABANDON THEATRE — Since its arrival at Fort Bragg during the first week of June, the 301st has maintained an advance command post in the Lyric Theatre in Lillington to direct the advance parties of units arriving in the area.

With the establishment of the 3ASCOM command post near the Prison Farm, this temporary post will be closed and the theatre building utilized as the Headquarters of the 815th Army Postal unit.

Approximately 400 officers and enlisted men of the unit moved from Fort Bragg into the tent city. The bivouac area will contain its own telephone center, Post Exchange, recreation areas and field kitchen.

From this area the staff of the Headquarters will eventually direct the activities of 120 units of the seven technical services: Engineer, Quartermaster, Signal, Chemical, Ordnance, Medical and Transportation plus administrative services such as Military Police and Adjutant General Corps.

RALEIGH, July 6—(UP)—Hog markets: Fayetteville: Steady at 22.50 for good and choice 180-240 lb. barrows and gilts. Washington: Slightly stronger at 22.25.

Dunn: Steady at 22.25. Lumberton, Rocky Mount, Kinross: Slightly weaker at 22.25. Greenville: Steady at 22.50.

Lillington Business Firm Opens Saturday — Free prizes will be offered Saturday when S. S. Adcock's Lillington Auto Supply company opens at its new building on Main St. in Lillington.

Some lucky persons will walk away with free wrist watches, spotlights or garden hoses after the drawing at 3 p. m. Winners do not have to be present to win, Adcock pointed out.

Build by Contractor J. B. Cameron of Broadway, the new store will feature merchandise which includes also appliances, furniture and home furnishings.

Local Nursery Is Destroyed By Fire

Fire destroyed the Dunn Evergreen Nursery building on the old Fairground Road this morning in a two-hour blaze which gutted the interior of the concrete-block edifice.

Dense smoke and barricaded doors kept Dunn firemen from getting to the interior of the building to quench the flames at their source, Howard M. Lee, secretary-treasurer of the Fire Department said.

Cause of the fire was an electric motor, located in the rear of the building, which became overheated and burst into flame, Lee added.

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Since no fire hydrant was near the building, which is located a half-mile from the city limits, the three fire trucks had to make frequent trips to the nearest source of water during the battle with the flames.

Lee stated that the fire might possibly have been controlled and put out if the firemen could have broken down the doors to get into the building.

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These Little Things

BY HOOVER ADAMS

LITTLE NOTES ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Something unusual in the way of births happened here Monday when Mrs. Vaughan Rutuff, the former Betty Ryals, gave birth to a fine baby boy.

The boy was born on Betty's birthday. Vaughan, the father, was also born on his mother's birthday.

And, to make it complete, Dr. Marvin B. Poole, the attending physician, was also born on his mother's birthday.

"It was a wonderful birthday present," declared Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ryals.

LITTLE NOTES: Dr. Glenn Hooper is a smooth operator who knows how to handle children. He can yank out their teeth and almost make them like it. But first, he has to bribe them. If they're good, he gives them a ticket for an ice cream cone at Butler and Carroll's Drug Store.

Chief Knopener Herbert B. Taylor is making plans for a bigger and better "Little World Series" this year.

Mince McLinn reports that fishing is still good. "I enjoy it even when I don't catch any fish," declared the good-natured business-man.

The highway patrol, pleased by the lack of accidents on the Fourth of July, is urging citizens not to get careless this weekend. There'll be a lot of traffic with vacationers returning home.

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WASHINGTON, July 6—The Chinese and North Korean Communists announced late tonight their acceptance of Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's promise of safe conduct for their cease fire convoy and all preparations for talks were completed.

NEW YORK, July 6—A federal court judge sent millionaire Frederick Vanderbilt Field to jail today for refusing to reveal the names of persons who put up bail money for four fugitive Communist leaders.

WASHINGTON, July 6—The Army today said Communist casualties in Korea are now estimated at 1,191,423 from the beginning of the war through June 25—exactly one year.

Reds Prepare City For Peace Pow-Wow

TOKYO, July 6.—(UP)—Communist troops repaired Kaesong's city hall today for Korean armistice talks which United Nations quarters hope will bring a cease-fire by the end of next week.

Arrangements for preliminary cease-fire discussions Sunday were completed in a final radio exchange between Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme UN commander, and his North Korean and Chinese counterparts.

Ridgway wound up the exchange with a message at 1:30 p. m. (11:30 p. m. Thursday EDT). Each side has guaranteed safe-conduct of the other's delegation to Kaesong, a mile and a half south of the 38th Parallel on the western front.

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Lamm Hearing Is Set For Tuesday

Deputy Court Clerk H. E. Cannady of Smithfield said today that the hearing to be given Carl Lamm on charges of assault and attempted rape has been set for Tuesday morning in the Johnston County Recorder's Court.

It was scheduled to be held last Tuesday, but was postponed at the request of Defense Attorney Larry Wood.

Lamm, the "Country Mayor" of Radio Station WCKB, was indicted by Mrs. E. N. Snipes, wife of a Benson policeman, who charged that Lamm attacked her and attempted to rape her. He is free under \$2,500 bond.

The popular radio announcer, claiming innocence, has asked the public to withhold judgment on him "until the true facts have been disclosed."

Vice Recorder F. H. Brooks will preside at the hearing.

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