

Partly cloudy with scattered afternoon and evening showers today through Thursday. Not quite so hot today. Little temperature change tonight and Thursday.

AGREEMENT ON CEASE-FIRE TALKS CLOSER

U. S. Military Manpower May Be Increased

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman and the two top members of his cabinet were on record today with strong warnings that it may be necessary to increase America's military manpower regardless of what happens in Korea.

Here is the picture as they outlined it: President Truman, in his mid-year economic report to Congress, said the size of the armed forces may have to be increased beyond the present goal of 3,500,000. The manpower act now authorizes the armed forces to go up to 5,000,000 but the present spending goal is 3,500,000.

NO DECISION YET Defense Secretary George C. Marshall told a news conference that there have been some discussions of the necessity of increasing the size of the armed forces. He said a decision would not be made until October, when discussions will open on the budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1952.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson speaking last night in Detroit, said that Russia and her satellites had ground forces totaling about 9,000,000 men. He said Russia had 4,000,000 and the Chinese Communists 3,500,000 and Russia's European satellites about 1,500,000.

Acheson said the Kremlin has 20,000 first line aircraft, about four or five times as many as the United States has. Acheson said the United States and its allies do not have to match Russia and her satellites man for man, but that they have a long way to go before being properly prepared to meet aggression.

CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION If Truman and his top advisers are preparing the public for a sizeable increase in military manpower, they can expect stubborn opposition from some quarters in Congress, particularly over additional money and the probable necessity of calling up more draftees.

Asked about plans to increase the size of the Air Force, Marshall said the Defense Department is building toward a production capacity that could produce a 180-wing force. The Air Force now is shooting for 95 wings by the fall of 1952, but has declined to say how many aircraft this would involve or to breakdown the number of wings in fighters and bombers.

Until this talk started, top officials had been saying that it was more important at this time to increase industrial capacity and buy and build such items as tanks, planes and heavy arms.

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CANNING TIME IN RURAL HARNETT — Enough peach preserves to sweeten a barrel of biscuits will come out of this batch of raw material being processed on the J. M. Godwin farm on Dunn, R. I. 5. The whole Godwin family, aided by a visiting friend, pitched in to peel the fruit and remove the pits prior to cooking and canning. Seated left to right, are Godwin, son James Edward, daughters Edna Gray Godwin and Mary Frances Godwin, Pvt. Shelton Harris, soldier on leave who dropped in on the family; and Mrs. Godwin. Larry Corbett Godwin, seated among the peach baskets, was sampling his father's produce at the time the picture was snapped by Record Staff photographer T. M. Stewart.

Presence Of Atomic Shells In Korea Is Denied By Army

ADVANCE BASE, Korea. — (AP) — Published reports in the United States that atomic shells have been furnished to front line United Nations artillery units were met with stony silence in official headquarters here today.

One brigadier general expressed complete disbelief in the reports, which said the atomic weapons had been tried out successfully in Nevada tests and then shipped to the Korean front.

Another brigadier general, William P. Nichols, deputy chief of information for the Air Force, offered this guarded opinion: "There has been no official announcement that I know of concerning atomic artillery ammunition. If there were such ammunition, I doubt if a preliminary announcement would be made."

One phase of the persistent rumor said the surprise visit to Korea last month of Defense Secretary George C. Marshall was in connection with the first supply of the new ammunition to the U. N. forces. This was challenged directly by a major who accompanied Marshall to his front line conference.

Lee Is Hit CARTHAGE. — (UP) — A baby tornado whipped through a half-mile section of farm country near here yesterday, damaging crops and property on three farms.

High winds and hail destroyed approximately five acres of tobacco on the farm of R. W. Pleasant, knocked over one wall of a concrete block building under construction and ripped the roof from a tenant house.

No financial estimate of the damage was available.

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Auditor Boosts New Courthouse

Agitation for a new courthouse for Harnett County, which has been discussed at various times during the past 20 years, got a boost this week when it counts—from Auditor Herbert D. Carson, Jr., the county's fiscal expert.

Carson told the county commissioners, who held a special session Monday, that at the close of the 1951-52 fiscal year, "It is my opinion that Harnett County could build a courthouse costing from \$200,000 to \$300,000 and repay any money necessary to be borrowed within 10 to 12 years."

The auditor characterized Harnett's financial condition as "excellent" but said the effect of the Korean War, inflation of other "unpredictables" might change the picture.

"VAIN EFFORT" Carson pointed out to the commissioners that within recent years \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of improvement had been made to the courthouse in what he termed a "vain effort" to make the building suitable.

At present the commissioners face the necessity of overhauling the heating system in the courthouse by winter. Offices are bulging, with every unit in the building seeking more space. Storage and toilet facilities are inadequate. Partitions have been added and

Vigilance Urged By Lay Leader "I am very happy to come to the progressive town of Dunn, which presently is the scene of much military action," L. Paul Norbert of Greensboro, State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus in North Carolina, said here today.

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization spread throughout the country with a membership of over 700,000 Catholic men who are governed by the principles of patriotism, unity, charity and fraternity.

When asked of the tense world situation State Deputy Norbert hoped "that the nation would not relax its efforts in the defense program in view of the present peace talks. America must always remain vigilant when we consider that Communistic Russia is still playing for total world domination," Norbert stated.

Deadlock Over Demand For Withdrawing Troops Broken

By Earnest Hoberecht UP Staff Correspondent PEACE CAMP, Korea, Thurs. — (AP) — United Nations and Communist delegates meeting in Kaesong came closer than at any previous time to agreeing on a program for actual cease-fire talks, it was disclosed today.

A break in the deadlock over the Communist demand that withdrawal of foreign troops be put on the program for actual cease-fire talks was made known in a U. N. communique on yesterday's Kaesong meeting.

Brig. Gen. William P. Nuckols, negotiating session scheduled for 2 p. m. Thursday (11 p. m. Wednesday EST).

Advance U. N. headquarters reported that today's session, the first since last Saturday, "made considerable progress toward the formulation of an agenda" for armistice talks.

"INTERESTING" PROPOSAL The communique gave no indication of the nature of the Communist proposal, but said it had proved "sufficiently interesting" for Joy to suggest an overnight recess "to examine the matter in detail."

The proposal presumably represented a retreat from the previous Communist stand that the withdrawal of U. N. troops be placed on the agenda for armistice discussion. The Allied announcement said only that the "general question" of withdrawing foreign troops from Korea was discussed further at the ninth meeting of the negotiators.

The 53-minute morning session was devoted to a statement by Joy in response to an opening query by the Communists "in order that there be no misunderstanding on one of his more significant remarks," the communique said.

However, there was no indication of the nature of Joy's "significant" remark.

PRESENT COMPROMISE Presumably as result of Joy's statement, chief Communist negotiator Gen. Nam Il presented his new compromise proposal at the opening of the afternoon session. This lasted a half hour.

The communique said: "The ninth meeting of the United Nations command-Communist armistice negotiations today made considerable progress toward formulation of an agenda. . . . After Gen. Nam Il's new proposal, the remainder of the afternoon was devoted to the exploration and clarification of both sides with questions and replies flowing rapidly across the conference table."

The meeting followed a four-day recess requested by the Communists to consider the situation posed by the refusal of U. N. negotiators to write the withdrawal of foreign troops into the conference agenda.

U. S. Must Stay Strong To Lead World, Speaker Says RALEIGH—America can retain her leadership in the world only by being strong spiritually and physically. Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, World War I air ace and president and general manager of Eastern Air Lines, Inc., told 1,200 delegates to State 4-H Club Week here Tuesday night.

Rickenbacker spoke in Riddick Stadium on the State College campus. "Whether the Army of Liberty" was the topic of his address, which was broadcast over Radio Station WPTF, Raleigh.

Probe Follows Angier Suicide

By LOIS BYRD At the time J. R. Stone, Angier farmer, shot himself Tuesday morning, his wife was in Killington seeking to know why a court order for his restraint at the State Hospital as an inebriate had not been served.

Clerk of Court Robert Morgan said Mrs. Stone tearfully told of conditions at her home near Angier that morning and that within 10 minutes after she left his office officers were notified of the suicide.

Stone, father of eight, put a .22 rifle bullet through his head about 6 a. m. yesterday after running his wife away from home. Children told officers their father had been drinking.

Morgan said he was at a loss to (Continued on Page 7)

Frank Dorman, 67, Dies Suddenly Frank Dorman, 67, of Dunn, Route 4, widely-known merchant, died suddenly at his home Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home. The Rev. David Capps of Benson will officiate. Burial will be in the Strickland family cemetery on Dunn, Route 4.

Mr. Dorman was a native of Cumberland County, son of the late Lovette G. and Mary Pope Dorman. He had been living on Route 4 for the past 25 years.

Forces Skirmish Outside Kaesong

8TH ARMY, HQ., Korea (AP) — United Nations forces skirmished with Communist troops outside the cease-fire conference city of Kaesong today and reinforced the Allied line against any surprise Red offensive.

U. N. patrols north of the Imjin River reported increasingly numerous clashes with Communist patrols just outside the five-mile limit around demilitarized Kaesong.

A dispatch from the base camp below Kaesong said Allied tanks, troop-carrying vehicles and quartermaster supply units were moving north along the Seoul-Kaesong highway to strengthen the Allied defense lines.

COVER FOR OFFENSIVE U. N. sources have speculated from the start of the cease-fire talks that the Communist bid might be just a cover for preparations for a new Red offensive by upward of 650,000 troops.

Ground activity nevertheless was still on a relatively small scale. Heaviest field reports indicated the heaviest action was on the eastern front west southwest of Kaesong, 25 miles north of the 38th Parallel.

Allied troops stormed a Communist-held hill there for the fourth straight day Tuesday, but failed to dislodge a well-entrenched enemy battalion. Heavy machine gun and mortar fire forced the Allies to withdraw. The Communist fire subsided Tuesday night.

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