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Possibility Of New World War Admitted By Nation's Leaders

Chinese Crisis Has Officials, Citizens Worried

As the ninth anniversary of Pearl Harbor approached, the United States was on the brink of a crisis which might explode into World War III.

United States troops, already fighting as a major portion of United Nations forces in Korea, were retreating in the face of heavy pressure from Chinese Communist forces. The retreat started only five days after General Douglas MacArthur announced the launching of an "end-the-war" offensive in Korea.

Previously, it appeared that the war in Korea was virtually ended, until Chinese troops entered the fighting in ever-increasing number.

The Chinese actions during the past two weeks reminded the nation of the Japanese action in 1941, when their bombers moved on Pearl Harbor at the same moment their diplomats were conducting peace talks in Washington.

The Chinese Communists started the peace talk rumors last week by releasing some captured American prisoners. The releases coincided with the departure of a Chinese Communist delegation for hearings at the United Nations in New York.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson, in an address Wednesday night, did not deny that possibilities of all-out war exist.

Mr. Acheson's was the most formal statement by public officials, but there was plenty of talk behind the scenes and among citizens of the nation.

President Truman talked about using the atomic bomb, the army said it would need many additional men which would mean an almost immediate speed-up in the draft and its eventual broadening to take in more age groups, and the Red Cross issued emergency calls to increase blood supplies.

Other public activity was limited to the United Nations arena, where counter charges of aggression were being made. General MacArthur had asked for a new directive to handle the situation in Korea. He has been in the unique position of watching enemy forces mass in Chinese staging areas across the Yalu river, without the authority to attack the forces until they crossed into Korea.

Across the country, the average citizen held his breath, hoping that the ninth anniversary of Pearl Harbor on December 7th would find the United States in relative peace. But the majority of the citizens wondered just how long it would be until World War III begins.



AT LITTLE THEATRE REHEARSAL — Pictured above is a scene at a recent rehearsal of the three-act Hart-Kaufman comedy "You Can't Take It With You" which will be presented on Tuesday night at the high school auditorium by the Kings Mountain Little Theatre. Pictured are, left seated, Sam Stallings, who has the lead character role as Grandpa Vanderhof, and right, Jimmy Spivey who portrays Tony Kirby in a romantic role. Standing from left to right, are Al Ralston, as DePina, L. B. Goforth, Jr., as Paul Sycamore, and Franklin Pethel as Ed Carmichael. The play is to start at 8 p. m. (Photo by B. S. Peeler, Jr.)

Little Theatre Play To Be Given Tuesday

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present its first play of the 1950-51 season Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Kings Mountain high school auditorium when it revives the popular comedy, "You Can't Take It With You."

The play, written by Moss Hart and George Kaufman, features a large cast, and is under the direction of Mrs. Moffatt Ware.

Rehearsals have been underway for the past several weeks. Scene of the play is the living room of a large boarding house, with its inhabitants customarily having the habit of doing as they please, when they please, and paying no mind to anyone else. As the play develops the living room takes on more and more the appearance of a menagerie. The show had a long run on Broadway and was made into a successful motion picture hit.

Sam Stallings, as Grandpa Vanderhof, plays the character lead, while the romantic leads are played by Miss Emelyn Gillespie, as Alice Sycamore, and Jimmy Spivey, as Tony Kirby.

Other members of the cast are: Mrs. M. E. Stanton, as Penny Sycamore; Mrs. Pete McDaniel, as Esie Carmichael; Mrs. L. Ben Goforth, Jr., as Rhea; L. Ben Goforth, Jr., as DePina; Al Ralston, as Donald; Clay (Mud) Pethel, as Ed Carmichael; Sonny McDaniel, as Donald; Clay (Mud) Pethel, as Henderson; Dr. P. G. Padgett, as Boris Kalenkhos; Mrs. Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., as Gay Wellington; Faison Barnes, as Mr. Kirby; Mrs. P. G. Padgett, as Mrs. Kirby; B. S. Peeler, Jr., M. E. Stanton, and Clay Pethel, as three G-Men; and Mrs. Al Ralston, as Olga.

The show is a three-act play. (Cont'd on page eight)

Local News Bulletins

AT GRACE CHURCH
 Rev. Boyce Huffstetter, student at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., will deliver the Sunday morning services at Grace Methodist church on December 3 and 10 in the absence of the pastor, Rev. T. W. Hager.

HAGER TO HOSPITAL
 Rev. T. W. Hager, pastor of Grace Methodist church, left Tuesday for Lowrance hospital, Mooresville, where he will undergo a minor operation. He is expected to be away for around 10 days.

JAYCEE MEETING
 Rev. J. W. Phillips will address the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting of the organization scheduled for Tuesday at 7 p. m. at the Woman's Club building according to announcement by President Faison Barnes yesterday.



Plumbers, Fuel Dealers Rushed As Extended Cold Wave Arrives

Kings Mountain citizens got their first dose of extended winter weather during the past week, as thermometers registered below-freezing temperatures and tried to stay there.

Snow fell last Friday night, and Saturday morning dawned clear and crisp, with 2-degree temperatures.

The results of the cold wave here were confined principally to efforts to keep warm and emergency calls to plumbers to repair water pipes which had burst after freezing.

Fuel dealers did their most bustling business in three years, as patrons placed rush-order calls to fill coal bins and fuel tanks. Supplies of fuel were adequate and the problem was confined to keeping up with calls. One dealer reported Monday that his delivery crew hadn't been

Induction Group Off Wednesday; Exams For 70

Next pre-induction call to be filled by the Cleveland County selective service board will be on December 12th, when some 70 men will be ordered to Charlotte for pre-induction physical examinations.

Filling the call will virtually exhaust the 21-year-old group of registrants, Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the board, said yesterday. Some 15 registrants in the 21-year-old group will be available for the next call, which may dip deeply into the 20-year-old group, depending on its size.

Next, Wednesday the Cleveland board sends 35 men to Charlotte for final induction.

Thus far, no further calls have been received, though the crisis in the Korean fighting has brought word from the armed forces that the draft process will have to be speeded to supply more men.

Grid Banquet Plans Progress

The Kings Mountain Lions club was completing plans this week for its annual football banquet, honoring the members of the high school football team.

Clarence Stasavich, head football coach and athletic director of Lenoir-Rhyne college, will be the featured speaker at the banquet, with the club inviting a number of special guests, including out-of-town sports writers and other sports dignitaries.

Accompanying Mr. Stasavich here will be Pride Ratterree, former Kings Mountain high school and Wake Forest player, who is an assistant coach at Lenoir-Rhyne, as well as other members of the Lenoir-Rhyne staff.

Lenoir-Rhyne had a very successful 1950 season, closing it out on Thanksgiving Day with a one-touchdown victory over arch-rival Catawba.

The Lions football banquet customarily attracts a crowd of some 250 persons.

Club members expecting to have guests for the banquet are being requested to call Dan Huffstetter, club secretary, in order that sufficient dinner reservations can be made.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Joe Cole

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Cole, 72, wife of Joe Cole of 305 Walker street, who died Tuesday morning around 5 a. m. after an illness of three years, were held at First Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., pastor of First Baptist church, of which she was a member, officiated, assisted by Rev. W. F. Monroe, pastor of Temple Baptist church. Burial was in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James F. Dickey, she was a native of Como, Miss., and had lived in Kings Mountain over 50 years. She had been married for 55 years.

Survivors include her husband, four sons, Clyde, James, and Paul B. Cole, of Kings Mountain, and Doris B. Cole, of Charlotte; two daughters, Mrs. Vera Cash and Miss Nina Cole of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. Lula Woodward of Kings Mountain; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Active pallbearers were Boyce Gault, Harry Page, Edwin Moore, Gene Roberts, M. C. Arros, and Baxter Wright.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons of the First Baptist church.

Neisler To Head Country Club

Hunter E. Neisler will serve as president of the Kings Mountain Country Club during 1950-51.

Mr. Neisler was elected president of the club at an organizational meeting of the incoming board of directors last Friday evening.

He succeeds Howard B. Jackson.

Other officers named are George W. Mauney, vice-president, succeeding Ertle Powers; David Neill, secretary-treasurer, succeeding Ollie Harris; and Charles A. Neisler, assistant secretary, succeeding H. B. Jackson.

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City Declines Permanent Approval Of Proposed Bus Station Location



TWO OF THE SIX FLOATS IN KINGS MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS PARADE — Pictured above are, bottom the Bridges & Hamrick hardware float, and, top the Phenix Plant, Burlington Mills, float, both of which appeared in the annual Kings Mountain Christmas parade here Thursday afternoon. The Bridges & Hamrick float depicted a Christmas living-room complete with a gaily decorated tree with many gifts and toys underneath and a fireplace with the stockings full of goodies. The float was built by Glee E. Bridges and J. C. Bridges. The Burlington float was constructed by Sam Stallings of the Phenix office force, and presented an outdoor scene with a huge snowman, properly costumed and equipped. The float was a trailer-type and measured some 32 feet in length, one of the longest floats in any parade in this section. Other elements of the parade included floats by the Kings Mountain Ministerial association, the Patterson Grove church, the Queen City Coach Co. of Charlotte, and the Merchants association Santa Claus float with Old Nick tossing out treats for the children, bands from Kings Mountain, Lincolnton, Shelby, and Gastonia, Boy and Girl Scouts, a city fire truck, city officials and ministers, Warren Reynolds' donkey cart, Tom Sander's car and a vested choir. A flood of telephone queries at the Kings Mountain Herald Thursday concerning the time the parade was to start evidenced the public's interest and a large crowd was on hand in pretty weather for the event. (Photos by Carlisle Studio, Kings Mountain.)

Board Approves Morrison Site For Short Period

The city board of commissioners Thursday morning declined to give approval to the building at the corner of Gold and Cherokee streets as a permanent location for a bus station but did approve the location as a temporary station for a period of four months.

There was considerable question as to whether the building would be utilized as a station, be available, on a temporary arrangement.

The city board objected to permanent use of the building for a bus station because of traffic congestion on the street, resulting from narrowness of the street and a Southern Railway spur track running to several warehouses, and it expressed doubts that the location would be at all suitable on a permanent basis.

The board met in special session Thursday morning to act on the matter, after Dr. D. M. Morrison, owner of the building, Paul Byers, prospective manager of the terminal, and Atlantic Greyhound Corporation had completed arrangements for a five-year lease and contract.

Dr. Morrison, Mr. Byers and Greyhound expressed reluctance to conclude the agreement for less than a five-year period, due to considerable expense required for installation of sanitary facilities and waiting room accommodations.

Members of the city board, at the special session Thursday morning, discussed the matter for an hour and were in unanimous agreement that the proposed location at the building formerly occupied by the Vera-Dee Shop would be unsatisfactory from a traffic standpoint.

Other than the traffic problem, the board expressed the opinion that no better location could be obtained.

The resolution as passed by the board read: "The board of commissioners declines to approve as a permanent location for a bus station the building at the corner of Cherokee and Gold streets, due to traffic congestion, but, due to the great need for shelter by bus passengers, approves the location for a temporary period, not to exceed four months."

Present at the special session Thursday were Mayor J. E. Herndon, Commissioners Hal Ward, Carl F. Mauney, T. J. Ellison and A. H. Patterson, and City Attorney J. R. Davis.

Under the proposed agreement between Mr. Byers, Dr. Morrison and Atlantic Greyhound, Mr. Byers is to lease the building for a five-year period from Dr. Morrison. He, in turn, is to make necessary sanitation installations and install other facilities and will sign a contract as agent for Atlantic Greyhound for a similar five-year period. A similar contract has been drawn up between Mr. Byers and Queen City Coach Company.

In an informal meeting Wednesday night, Fred Titlow, representative of Greyhound, said his company had already approved the arrangements and he had been informed that the Utilities Commission would approve the arrangements, provided approval could be obtained from the city board of commissioners.

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Parade Opens Yule Buying Season Here

The 1950 Christmas shopping season opened officially in Kings Mountain on Thursday afternoon, as the Kings Mountain merchants association presented a mammoth Christmas parade.

Christmas floats and high school bands featured the big parade, which attracted a large crowd of spectators.

In addition to the parade, the merchants have been busy all week stocking their selves and display counters with Christmas-type merchandise and decorating their stores and show windows in the Christmas motif.

Almost all stores have completed decoration work.

Retailers report full stocks of Christmas merchandise in all lines, from toys for the children to appliances.

Television dealers, already finding it difficult to fill orders, anticipate a peak demand during the next three weeks.

Apparel merchants report ample supplies of both "standard" Christmas gift items, as well as additional quantities of novelty goods.

Buying for the Christmas season is expected to get into full swing this week, though merchants report some early-bird shoppers are already busy at the business of checking off shopping lists.

"Kings Mountain merchants are ready for the 1950 Christmas shopping season," said J. Wilson Crawford, association president. "Stocks are complete and the vast majority of citizens should be able to find what they want in Kings Mountain."

Christmas lights, including additional permanent-type decorations, have been installed by the city electrical department.

Red Cross Ups Blood Quotas

The Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, along with other chapters throughout the nation, got emergency calls to increase blood donations this week.

Plans for stepping up the program in the Charlotte regional area will be formulated Tuesday at a meeting in Charlotte of regional officials and chapter representatives, according to announcement by Mrs. J. N. Gamble, executive secretary of the Kings Mountain Red Cross.

Mrs. Gamble reported receipt of a telegram from Miss Marion Ritzert, director of the Charlotte region blood program, urging attendance at the Tuesday meeting and stating that the call has been issued for greatly increased blood receipts between now and December 31.

Miss Ritzert stated that blood requirements, including military needs, made it urgent that Kings Mountain supply 200 pints of blood at the next visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Mrs. Gamble said the next scheduled visit of the Bloodmobile to Kings Mountain is February 23, 1951, but she said it is possible that a special visit will be scheduled.

The increased need for blood was understood to be the result of the new crisis in Korea, where heavy forces of Chinese troops have entered the fighting against United Nations forces.

Jaycee Waste Paper Drive Sunday; Proceeds To Recreation Park Fund

All Kings Mountain citizens were urged this week to be ready for the Junior Chamber of Commerce waste paper drive scheduled for Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 4 o'clock.

Proceeds from the sale of waste paper collected through Jaycee drives will go into the club's recreation park fund, which will be used to provide a recreation park for the entire community.

The club is asking citizens to place waste paper bundles on the curb for pickup Sunday.

"We're going to be collecting waste paper for some time on both monthly general drives and weekly collections," President Faison Barnes said this week. "Since the proceeds will be used to benefit the entire community, we're requesting cooperation from the public in our efforts. Save waste paper all the time! When we have a general drive, let us know so we'll be sure to pick up your bundle." Mr. Barnes added, who have a large amount of paper to phone him at 571 so that arrangements may be made to pick up in advance of the collection Sunday.

The organization has arranged for storage space for the waste paper in a building in rear of the Novelite Venetian Blind Co. building on York Road.

Another general drive has been scheduled for early January. Arrangements have been made with downtown merchants for weekly pickups on Wednesdays.

Mountaineer Club Plans Free Smoke

The Mountaineer Club will give a free smoker Monday night at 8 o'clock at the high school cafeteria, according to announcement Thursday by David Neill, secretary-treasurer.

The program will feature several films on football games played by college teams of the state, including the Duke-Carolina game of 1949, the Davidson-Richmond game of 1950 and the N. C. State-Maryland game of 1950.

Mr. Neill pointed out that the Duke-Carolina pictures will show All-American Charlie Justice at his best in the thrilling 21-20 encounter.

No admission will be charged and soft drinks and smokes will be on the house. All Mountaineer Club members are urged to attend and to bring as many guests as they wish. The meeting is open to all persons interested in athletics. Mr. Neill said.

Firemen Put Out Big Grass Fire

The city fire department spent about an hour Thursday afternoon fighting a grass fire between the Southern Railway tracks and Grace street.

Fire Chief Grady King said the firemen found a grass fire "about a quarter of a mile long." He said damage was limited to loss of a few chickens caught in the blaze.

It was thought the fire started from sparks flying from a passing train.