

Censorship Tightened on Action in Korean War

By The Associated Press

TOKYO, Sunday—The United Nations offensive hammered away against stiffer Communist resistance in Central Korea Saturday, but movements were cloaked by heavy censorship.

The Allied push carried within 15 miles of the 38th Parallel and appeared aimed towards the Chinese base at Chunchon when U.S. security officers clamped down on field dispatches.

However, the drive was "going well," General MacArthur answered reporters on his return to Tokyo Saturday night from his second visit to the front in 10 days.

There was no immediate indication whether MacArthur's surprise trip to captured Hongchun on the Central front meant new offensive planning was under way, or was simply a routine inspection.

ACCOMPANIED by his top air, sea and ground commanders, MacArthur jeoped within 4 miles of the 38th Parallel, once the political dividing line between North and South Korea.

Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, whose Far East Air Forces had just completed their most destructive week of the war; Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, whose U. N. armada blockades both East and West Korean coasts; and Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, directing the Eighth Army ground offensive, rode with their commander.

MacArthur would not say on his return whether he planned to order his forces north of the parallel for a second time, or hold them in the thawing hills to the south while a negotiated settlement is sought.

THE EIGHTH Army permitted correspondents in the field to report only a few lines Saturday night.

Correspondent William C. Barnard on the Central front said American forces northwest of captured Hongchun hurled back a company-sized attack by Chinese Communists.

There was virtually no contact with the enemy on the East-Central front, said Correspondent Nate Polowetzky.

In the West, Correspondent Jim Becker at Seoul was permitted to say that American and South Korean patrols probed vigorously north of the Han River.

THE NEW censorship regulations—including double scrutiny in the field and at Tokyo—forbade identifying allied units, their locations and commanding officers. Information obtained from prisoners of war or allied agents also will be banned in the future.

The purpose was to avoid disclosing anything of value to Communist intelligence.

Before the security clampdown, Correspondent Leif Erickson reported from Eighth Army headquarters that four Chinese armies (corps) were getting set along ridge-lines and high points southwest and southeast of Chunchon. That important Red base is eight miles south of parallel 38.

FOUR MORE Red corps were in reserve to the north. Normally the Chinese corps, each composed of three divisions, number 30,000 to 40,000 men. This meant 120,000 to 160,000 Chinese were on the front for the defense of Chunchon and an equal number was in reserve to back them up. It was possible, however, that the Reds would clear out completely from all positions south of the 38th Parallel.

United Nations commanders generally felt that the diplomats at Lake Success now had their first important chance to gain an acceptable peace in Korea since the Chinese Reds intervened late last October.

THE ALLIES have proved they cannot be driven off the peninsula; have proved that even with the Chinese advantage in manpower, the Communists can be forced to retreat; and in seven weeks have inflicted an officially estimated 172,000 casualties on the Reds.

Hoodlums Will Be Nailed For Tax Frauds

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Treasury announced Saturday that an elite company of investigators is being formed to track down tax frauds of underworld characters.

All are old hands at getting results against big time gamblers and racketeers, it was stated.

The announcement followed criticism of the Treasury on Capitol Hill. Some Congress members said "criminal overlords" were getting by with filing very general statements of income and expenses, without the details required from average persons.

OFFICIALS replied that the Treasury has been conducting an intensive investigation of underworld tax matters for three years. Saturday they told newsmen that this inquiry will explode shortly in a shower of tax claims. In many cases criminal charges will be filed.

These sources said that criminal charges filed this week against Ralph Capone, brother of the late Chicago hoodlum, Al Capone, merely spotlighted him as the first of many nationally known names to be inscribed on tax cases.

Secretary of the Treasury Snyder, meanwhile, challenged Congress to tell the world about the confidential tax information if gamblers and racketeers.

SNYDER said in a statement that the Treasury and its revenue bureau are prevented by law from doing this. But he noted that these restrictions do not apply to executive sessions of congressional committees. He added:

"Accordingly, it will be possible to lay before them all pertinent data contained in the revenue service files."

"The Congress has authority to make such information public."

Beckley Dentist Held in Shooting

By The Associated Press

DR. G. G. Beck, Negro dentist, shot another Negro, James Wright, in the leg with a .410 gauge shotgun about 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The dentist was jailed by City Police on a charge of shooting with intent to kill.

Investigating police said Beck, who was drunk, sent Wright to purchase a pint of whiskey. When Wright returned to the dentist's office, he shot him. He gave police no reason.

Wright, who resides at 518 S. Fayette Street, was wounded in the thigh. His condition was described as "good" by attendants at Raleigh General Hospital.

Two Injured in Crash On One-Lane Bridge

By The Associated Press

WHITESVILLE — Two persons were injured about 6 p.m. Saturday near Pettus when an automobile collided with a trailer-truck on a one-lane bridge.

Injured were Roger S. Jarrell, of Whitesville, an occupant of the car, and Ernestine Lee, of Eunice, driver.

Jarrell was taken to a Huntington hospital. The extent of his injuries was not known. Miss Lee sustained facial cuts.

A third occupant of the car, Eunice Bradford, of Eunice, was not injured. The car was almost a total loss.

West Virginia WEATHER

BECKLEY Yesterday's high 49 Yesterday's low 10 At 6 p.m. 40 Rainfall .02

Man Struck, Killed By Train at Orgas

WHITESVILLE — George Harless, believed to be from Arnett, was killed about 3 p.m. Saturday at Orgas when he was struck by a freight train.

Circumstances of the death were not known last night. The body is at the Valley Funeral Home, Whitesville.

Irish Observe St. Patrick's Day

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK—The Irish and a lot of other people Saturday celebrated St. Patrick's Day with parades and gaiety.

Almost 100,000 wearers of the green paraded up New York's Fifth Avenue under cloudy skies while bands played "Harrigan" and other lively tunes.

Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri reviewed the marchers. He wore a green carnation and said he had a shillelagh but left it home.

He was joined by former Mayor William O'Dwyer, now ambassador to Mexico, whose tie was green.

Francis Cardinal Spellman reviewed the parade from the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral with other church dignitaries.

The ordinarily white traffic stripe in the center of Fifth Avenue was newly painted in pale green. City workers said it had needed repainting anyhow and they thought green appropriate.

Sales Totals Greater; Buying Trend Differs

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NEW YORK—The cash registers of the Nation's retailers are ringing up Easter sales at a merry clip.

The census is that sales in dollars and cents are running about 20 per cent ahead of last year but that the storekeeper is not selling any more items than he did a year ago.

The difference could be accounted for by an estimated eight to 14 per cent increase in prices between last Easter and this.

Dun and Bradstreet, the business reporting service, puts it this way:

The over-all pre-Easter level of consumer purchasing is slightly above the level for the similar week before Easter period last year, and is noticeably above that for the comparable 1949 period.

THEY SAY lack of a sharper seasonal rise in Easter retail trade was due to a combination of less extensive spring apparel buying and a decrease in durable goods purchasing from the high mid-winter level.

Storekeepers reported a differing trend in the pre-Easter buying compared with last year.

They say that in 1950 the shopping switched from the traditional

apparel purchases to such items as television. This year, they add, the shopper has returned to the purchase of apparel.

It is no surprise that millinery is high on the list of items sought by shoppers. A heavy demand for women's accessories is reported and the requests for men's shirts and other haberdashery articles are substantial.

FOOTWEAR for both men and women has been bought and similar men's accessories.

The buying of such apparel as coats, suits and dresses is reported above last year but several storekeepers say it is not up to expectations. Inclement weather in many sections has held down this type of sales, they say.

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BLUEFIELD — Two teen-age Beckley hitchhikers became suspicious of a driver who picked them up and turned him over to Bluefield police Saturday, who are holding him for investigation of car theft.

Denzil Keener, 18, and Manuel Adams, 19, both of Beckley, were offered a ride to Charlotte, N. C., from Beckley last night by a Charleston man.

THE YOUTH became suspicious of the driver when he did not use a key to start the late model car and did not know where the defroster switch was located.

So when he went to sleep after allowing one of the youths to drive, they decided to take the man to the Bluefield police station.

Police identified the man as Avaril Alfred Whitlock, 23, of Charleston, and Police Chief C. N. Wilson said Whitlock told him the car was stolen.

Police said papers in the vehicle indicated it belonged to Roy Profit, of Charleston.

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PARIS—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower denied Saturday night that President Truman ever "mentioned to him any political possibilities of 1952."

The statement, issued through an official spokesman, was in response to inquiries about a story by Merrill Mueller, NBC commentator, saying "President Truman made a deal with General Eisenhower to make Ike available for the presidential campaign of 1952."

THE STORY was written for Quill, a magazine published by Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, and was released in Miami, Fla., by John T. Bills, managing editor of Quill.

Mueller said he had a private talk in Denver last December with Eisenhower, and said the general quoted the President as saying he would be recalled from Europe in the mid-summer of 1952 to make him available for the nomination for President.

At Key West, the President's press secretary, Joseph Short, said "I have no comment on any of that."

Brig. Gen. C. T. Lanham, Eisenhower's chief of information at SHAPE (supreme headquarters, Allied powers in Europe), issued this statement:

"GENERAL Eisenhower habitually declines to authorize any comment on a press story that attempts, in spite of his emphatic and repeated denials, to link his name with possible political aspirations. However, in this case, the general is quoted as repeating statements attributed to the President of the United States. The general, therefore, authorized me to make sufficient exception to this policy to say that the president has never mentioned to him any political possibilities of 1952 whatsoever."

Mueller, a former foreign correspondent now stationed with NBC in San Francisco, wrote: "The Chief Executive told Ike that one Harry Truman did not want to be accused of exiting a potential powerful contender for the honors of the White House."

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