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Battle Rooms in Korea Between Loyal, Rebel Forces

Martial Law Declared As Insurgents Kill Police

Uprising Called Communist-Led

BY WILLIAM MOORE
SEOUL—(AP)—A pitched battle between loyal and insurgent Korean soldiers was expected in the extreme southern part of Korea tonight after a rebel band of soldiers killed or captured 100 policemen at two towns.

Martial law was declared in South Korea Monday by Home Minister Y. Yoon shortly after President Syngman Rhee returned from Japan.

The uprising began at Yosu on the south coast and spread quickly to Suwon, 12 miles away. Yoon said the rebels were led by Communist forces.

STATIONS BURNED

Police stations of both towns were burned after the uprising. Communist forces growing insurgent force was reported marching on Kwangju, capital of South Cholla, early in the night but because of the resistance of the area reports from there were not expected until later.

Yoon said the rebel force may number 200 men. He said a Communist cell among 2,000 Korean soldiers based at Yosu was to blame for the uprising, which started at Yosu, the rebels, then 600 to 800 strong, commanded a train and advanced on Suwon. Yoon said, by mid-afternoon, the rebel force were everywhere, and the governing head of insurgent head-
quarted Kwangju by train and truck.

(M.) Gen. Orlando Ward, commander of the U. S. Sixth Division with headquarters at Pusan, told the Associated Press by telephone he was "reasonably sure" that no Americans were involved in the fighting.

Prison Guard's Wife Is Slain

ANGOLA, La.—(AP)—Mrs. John Robinson, wife of a camp captain at the state penitentiary here, was found beaten and stabbed to death in her home today.

R. H. Lawrence, superintendent of the penitentiary, said that James Bruce, Negro trusty assigned as a cook at the Spillman home is being held in connection with the slaying. He said that Bruce had been identified as the murderer was discovered.

Lawrence said that Mrs. Spillman's body was found behind a dresser in the living room of her home on the penitentiary grounds. He said she was wearing a dark dress and heavy instrument and her neck broken. She had been stabbed several times, the superintendent said.

Bloodstains from the penitentiary picked up a trail leading northwest from the prison. Angola is about 50 miles northwest of Baton Rouge.

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NEW SPECIAL PAGE

Local Rights Involved In Urban Dwellers' Get Few Benefits

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

EVEN while the State shares precious little with the cities and towns for maintenance of municipal roads, it coldly insists that local governments themselves contribute to a highway fund that last year alone reached \$68,500,000.

State regulations demand that city governments pay the gasoline tax on the fuel consumed in all municipal automotive equipment except off highway machinery. Police cars, fire trucks, garbage trucks, and all other such vehicles are taxed for the gasoline they consume, at the regular rate of six cents per gallon.

Thus the local governments are paying tribute to the State highway administration in Raleigh. And the people who actually pay the local added cost of local governmental business is the local tax-paying citizen.

It is a fundamental principle of government that higher governmental levels do not tax down dwellers. That's the reason local governmental employees are not covered in national social security and the Federal Government makes no deductions from their pay checks. For instance, Texas doesn't ask the State Government to pay any Federal excise taxes.

But, in violation of this long-standing principle, the government at Raleigh insists that the government at Charlotte come across with the State gasoline tax.

The State Government isn't consistent in this type of demand upon municipal governments. City governments are exempted from paying the North Carolina sales tax, and that's evidence that the principle of a higher government's not taxing a lower one is recognized as fair and just.

Another Set of Principles

The State's demand that local government bodies chip in to the \$68,500,000 highway fund with the regular six-cent gas tax seems to be a policy based on another set of principles.

Such a policy upsets this sort of ridiculous situation: the citizens of Raleigh pay the State for the privilege of handing away the highway tax.

If Charlotte fire trucks are ever called to extinguish a blaze at the State Highway Commission's road shops off the Plaza Road, residents of this city will have to pay the State for removing that service.

George Franklin, of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, relates an incident that occurred in a coastal city during the war. The local fire department was called to battle a fire in a Coast Guard ship. It was particularly serious. The Coast Guard firemen fought flames all day. Gasoline for the pumps on the five engines finally was exhausted, so the firemen commanded the necessary fuel from a nearby filling station. In fact, the station's entire supply was used.

Refund Claim Turned Down

The governing board of that city put in a claim for a refund on the six-cent gasoline tax. It was turned down. Thus the citizens of that community were taxed for rendering service in the protection of property which is taken to the Federal Government. It could have been the property of the State.

Charlotte's last call for gasoline refund showed the local government's fuel needs of 2000 gallons for the year. Under the State policy requiring the payment of the regular gasoline tax, the Charlotte city government will pay the State \$18,000, representing more than one cent of the local property rate. Every property owner in Charlotte thus has another cent tacked on to his tax bill and has to pay the State his share of that cost.

Under the concession which is made for refund of taxes on gasoline comes the "off highway" equipment. It is a allowance for five cents of the tax, the State exacting one cent to pay for cost of handling back the money claimed by the city.

That's not too bad, and Charlotte municipal officials don't object to that administrative policy but they point out that every conceivable check is thrown around the refund system and it is necessary to keep constantly on guard to qualify for the refund.

Charlotte has been getting back around \$600 a quarter or \$2,400-\$2,500 a year but there is sometimes the question of whether the refund is applied to the city's debt or to the elaborate forms and in maintaining complicated bookkeeping records.

The city has to file with the highway commission invoices marked paid for every gallon of gasoline it purchases for all purposes "not just the amount of the refund." It has to submit a list showing every piece of equipment, with serial numbers, which is using tax-refunded gasoline. Every department, having such "off highway" machinery must keep records on the amount of gasoline consumed with delivery sheet showing each and every delivery.

The League of Municipalities admittedly has a hard fight before it in the attainment of its goal of a one-cent-a-gallon share of the gas tax. The rural-minor Legislators of the past have little impressed with the problems of the cities. Yet, if the tax-producing wealth of the west were distributed the eastern-dominated Legislatures wouldn't have the largest nor desirably withheld from the cities.

The pleas for greater consideration of the cities are eminently reasonable. The cities are the backbone of the State Government and people in the cities and towns are citizens of the State. They have the right to expect consideration from their elected representatives in Raleigh and that consideration should be in the form of taxes come largely from citizens who live in the spots enclosed with municipal corporation lines.

He Wants Divorce

Groom Says Wife Only Wanted Baby-Sitter

ATLANTA—(AP)—A 62-year-old bridegroom sued his 19-year-old wife for divorce, claiming she married him just to get a baby-sitter.

The wife, Evelyn Capes Perrier, when advised of the suit returned to her home in North Carolina and like an annulment is all we need, and goodness knows, I'm worried about the baby.

The petition for divorce by Louis Perrier is being heard in Superior Court Oct. 11. It is the second time she has married him, having had her sixth month old baby by a previous marriage on her home town.

Further, Perrier alleged, she left him a baby-sitter on the honeymoon while she drank for seven hours with a sedative.

The husband also charged that she resisted his advances by placing a baby-sitter in the room with her later by exhibiting a "needle-sharp, double-edged dagger."

Perrier asserted in the petition that Mrs. Perrier started his suit and her husband, N. C. C. Perrier, "One man who is not enough for me. I have already married her twice and she has divorced two and two ran away. You are the seventh."

Said Mrs. Perrier, "Poor man. He can't even take a joke." Then she asked, "How can you get a divorce when you really haven't been married?"

The question will be decided in the DeKalb County Superior Court.

Legion Turns To Serious Business

MIAMI, Fla.—(AP)—The American Legion returned to the serious side of its convention after a deluge during its parade last night damaged musical instruments, uniforms and floats but failed to dampen the carnival spirit.

The rain, which piled water curb-high along the parade route, caused an estimated \$7,500 damage to the Miami Harvey Seeds Post Band float. Some floats were spectators drenched, too.

Arch Cantrell, chairman of the legion's band contest committee, said no complete estimate had been made of damage to instruments, but at least 30 units were caught in the deluge which started about 8:30 P. M.

Ironically, the rains came just as the California delegation—led by Gov. Earl Warren—swung into the line of march. Bands already in the parade switched from "March Over Miami" to "California Here I Come."

Cantrell said drumheads suffered the worst damage, with one set of snare drums broken from \$7 up, he said.

Many floats were damaged—some worth \$3,000 worth—Spice and some uniforms were drenched and some were damaged, but the amount which was not yet figured.

Shortly after the second general assembly of the Legion, the parade was caught by the rain. The Miami Daily News, in reporting the embarrassing scene of the parade, came out in first editions with the headlines: "Better Than Expected."

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Dewey Seeks City Votes

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
CRETE, Colo.—(AP)—Dewey left the final, big city vote hunt today with a New York speech as President Truman's top campaign travels until Saturday.

The Republican presidential candidate is booked for a major talk tonight on the New York Herald Tribune forum. He is due to speak again in New York tomorrow night at a memorial dinner honoring the Alfred E. Smith.

Mr. Truman meanwhile received a \$100,000 (Roosevelt) support in his drive to retain the White House lease four more years.

Truman is expected to appear as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency, the former first lady wrote from Paris where she is attending the United Nations assembly.

Herbert Hoover, who was released shortly after the President returned to the capital from his flying two-day visit to the South.

Mr. Truman plans to take off for St. Louis for Pittsburgh where he opens his stretch drive of the big horse race in Northern Michigan.

Gov. Strom Thurmond told a Monday afternoon news conference that he will seek to "restore the Democratic Party to its historic function, which is to stand as a bulwark for States' rights and for local self-government."

President 'Invades' South



President Truman is shown as he addressed a crowd at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds at Raleigh yesterday. In mild, sunny weather, several thousand persons thronged near the main exhibition building to hear the President warn of other "Hoover cart" days, in the event of a Republican victory. (Photos by Lawrence Wofford.)

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Big Audience At Raleigh Hears Truman Score GOP

By TOM FERREMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

RALEIGH—At one time during President Truman's "Hoover cart" speech at the State Fairgrounds here yesterday afternoon, a farmer standing in the front row of the large audience remarked, in multilingual, "Why don't you say something about civil rights?"

Earlier in the day, during the parade by Fayetteville, N. C., a man bundled in an overcoat stood at one intersection and yelled loudly as if making a political speech, "Hoover for Truman!"

Political Reasons' Two Soviet Airmen Flee To U. S. Zone

VIENNA—(AP)—A twin-engine Russian bomber with two officer deserters from the Soviet Air Force landed at the American base near Linz Oct. 9, American sources said today.

The plane and one member of the crew were captured by the returned to Russian custody. Two officers who were flying were fleeing the Soviet Union were given refuge in the U. S. zone of Austria.

The pilot and navigator of the plane said they were trying to escape for "political reasons" for more than a year, the U. S. sources reported.

The craft took off from a base in the Ukraine on what was said to be a routine training flight. The pilot said his maps did not extend beyond Linz.

He brought his plane down on the first airfield he saw after reaching the U. S. occupation zone of Austria, the informant said. One he interviewed was Hoersching air base at Camp McAuley, about ten miles inside the zone.

High Court Ruling Sought

Negro Educators Are Advised To Keep Fighting Segregation

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Two Negro attorneys asked the Supreme Court today to keep fighting segregation in education is discrimination. They said segregation is going to continue until the Supreme Court rules it unconstitutional.

James M. Nabrit, secretary of Howard University, Washington, told a conference of Negro college presidents that he believes "segregation in education is discriminatory on the basis of race and color and is unconstitutional."

The uniform practice of the seventeen Southern states in operation of segregated public schools is a denial of equal justice and is prohibited by the 14th amendment to the Constitution," he added.

"No reason for segregation except hostility to Negroes," Nabrit said. The Supreme Court has not yet adopted the view... that segregation is unconstitutional and we are stuck with the doctrine until the court strikes it down.

Herbert O. Reid, Howard University law instructor, recommended that Nabrit take this action.

1. Apply for an injunction to prohibit the Federal Government administration from certifying Federal payments for land-grant colleges to states which fail to distribute Federal funds fairly between Negro and whites

2. Take similar action where a state fairly distributes Federal funds but decreases its own proportionate aid to Negro institutions.

3. Ask Congress to require states in which separate schools for Negroes are maintained to contribute to the Federal fund equal amounts from state funds to the Negro schools.

4. At the state level, seek an injunction or writ of mandamus requiring the Federal Government to distribute state funds fairly.

5. Bring damage action as injunctive relief where the Federal Government fails to gain admission to white land-grant schools on the grounds that the Negro school fails to provide the equal benefits of the law as guaranteed by the 14th amendment.

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Soviet Move To Outlaw A-Bomb Is Voted Down

Belrin Action Slated Friday
PARIS—(AP)—A big majority of the United Nations approved today the American-sponsored long range plan for atomic control, slapping down a Soviet proposal in the process.

The 58-nation political committee voted 41 to six to turn the atomic energy dispute over to the Big Five and Canada with instructions to try for agreement on basic principles. The Big Five are the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China.

The Soviet move was an attempt to outlaw the atomic bomb and set up an atomic energy control board on a technical basis.

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'Everybody Benefits, Everybody Gives' To Your Charlotte Community Chest

Fair and a little warmer today and tonight. Fair and not much change in temperature Thursday. Temperature at 2 P. M. — 63 High and low last 24 hours — 63-42 Sunshine today — 5:00 — 5:34 Windy tomorrow — 5:00 — 5:34

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