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Soviets Say They Will Withdraw Troops From Korea

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Red-Inspired Terrorism Hits Seoul In U.S. Zone

Effort To Force U. S. Hand Shapes

By ROY ROBERTS
SEOUL — (AP) — Russia moved today to force the American hand in Korea as a prelude to the harassment of Seoul, national capital and headquarters of the American Zone, for the first time.
L. Gen. G. F. Kane, Soviet commander of North Korea, announced "arrangements have been made for the immediate withdrawal of his troops to make American troops withdraw from Korea simultaneously."
NO DATE NAMED
His announcement did not name any specific date for the withdrawal and was worded so as to leave some doubt that the Russians even intended to get out of their zone previously have been requested by the United States.
Kane's former Russian commander on the Estonian front, made his announcement in a letter to the United States, chairman of the recent North-South Unity Conference in Pyongyang. The letter, which was the subject of the conference, dominated by Korean Communist leaders, said Russian and American troops were to leave the country.
After stating almost the entire letter to a Sovietized version of the already known background of the situation, Kane's letter, after elaboration, added the sentence:
"The Government of the U.S.S.R. has made the necessary arrangements made for the immediate withdrawal of his troops from Korea in order to make American troops withdraw from Korea simultaneously."
There was no indication whether the arrangements were to be carried out regardless of American consent or whether the plan was similar American action or how the Americans were to be "made" to leave the country.
"CALLED 'PROPAGANDA'"
An American headquarters, one high official termed the letter "another propaganda shot" at United States troops in the Korean peninsula.
The official expressed sympathy with the conference demands and recalled that the Soviet Government had the right to demand the United States-Soviet joint commission negotiations and before the American headquarters.
Negotiations by the U. S.-Soviet commission in the South Korean establishment of a Korean provisional government broke down because of the refusal of the American manders in the two zones were unable to agree on practically any point.
Communists inspired terrorism has been rampant in the North Korean and on Cheju Island since February in an effort to hinder election of the American zone and to prevent its being held in an atmosphere of freedom.
The election will be held Monday in South Korea.
Twenty-four hours before the election acts of violence began. At least three persons, including an American election officer and a South policeman, were killed. Two election officers were reported missing. A building in Seoul housing three newspapers was burned.
A man's house in Seoul was attacked but none was injured there. Some provinces there came reports of the bridge and destroyed, power lines cut, one power station was damaged, and one election officer and four banks on strike. An explosion at Taegu destroyed a leftist newspaper.
Fifty-one persons were arrested.

Enable Him To Visit Mother

Trotter Thanks The Pirates

By TOM SCHLESINGER
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Stassen Steps Up Campaign In Dixie

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Harold E. Stassen said today he is stepping up his campaign in the South and will open a Southern states headquarters in Atlanta next week.
Stassen also said he will have a majority of the sixteen Florida delegates elected last Tuesday and a majority of Missouri's 23. He said 18 Missouri's delegates, while not instructed, have pledged support to him on the first ballot in talks with E. W. W. Brownish of St. Louis, Stassen's Missouri manager.
Stassen said his aim is to develop a two party system in the South through the gradual process of electing Republicans to courthouses, state legislatures and members of the U. S. House.
Asked to sign his stand on President Truman's civil rights program, Stassen said he was for "that kind of a program" before Mr. Truman had one.
Stassen will speak in Charlotte, N. C. Tuesday, and in Washington, Va. tonight, to visit Washington, to go to Winston-Salem.

Socialists Debate Aid For Europe

READING, Pa. — (AP) — A decision on whether to support the United States Recovery Program faced the Socialist Party today.
Some delegates at the 26th national convention, in session here, are in favor of the aid. They contended ERP is "capitalist sponsored." But "suppliers of a proposed plan in 1948 economic platform urged that the American Government must increase its economic aid."
Norman Thomas, the tall balding New Yorker, has been the driving spirit of the party for more than a decade. He is the son of a sixth generation of German descent. He had said earlier he did not desire to make for the party as a convention got under way today as the reporter: "I may have to accept nomination."

Mother's Day Visitor



John Scott Trotter and his mother talk over his collection of early American pewter during his short visit here for Mother's Day. The musical director of Bing Crosby's show will return to New York tomorrow night and to California, Tuesday.

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'Shell-Shocked,' Says Mistress Of Collie On Trial For His Life

WINSTON, Conn. — (AP) — A two-year-old collie is scheduled to go on trial for his life here Monday night, and the whole town is talking.
The Town Board of Selectmen has agreed to let the dog, and the chief witness in the prosecution will be a petition signed by a score or more of citizens who demand the dog's destruction on the grounds that he is vicious and dangerous.
The defendant is a pedigreed animal named "Laddie" and he will not lack defenders when he appears before the August board for his mistress, Miss Barbara Scanlon, will be there to plead for "Laddie" and she too will have a petition. This one is signed by other Winstons citizens who assert that Laddie is not vicious. The signers of the second petition agreed with Miss Scanlon that what ails "Laddie" is not bad temper but shell shock.
Miss Scanlon claims that her pet was so badly frightened by a dynamite blast some time ago that he was under a nervous wreck ever since.
Laddie is accused of having bitten a newswoman who delivered papers at the door of the Scanlon home. Miss Scanlon admits that Laddie did "slightly bite" the woman, but she explains he was badly frightened when he did it.
It was this way, Miss Scanlon says.
"The newswoman threw the paper on the porch. Laddie thought it was ready to bite and he was another blast and it wrecked his already shell-shocked nerves. He dashed out of the doorway, upon the boy and in the excitement, bit him slightly upon the ear." That is all she says.
The newswoman, some of them, told it differently. In his peti-

Jerusalem Truce Goes Into Effect

Shooting Stops In Holy City
JERUSALEM — (AP) — Jerusalem's cease-fire, agreed to by both Arabs and Jews to allow negotiations for a permanent truce in the Holy City, went into effect today. In the first hour, not a shot was heard.
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Aiken Makes Survey

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Burma Hangs Ex-Premier

RANGOON, Burma. — (AP) — U.S.S.W. preparer Burmese premier, and five other men were hanged at dawn today in the gallows for the murders last July 19 of seven cabinet members.
U. S. law, convicted ringleader in the assassinations and attempted coup, was hanged at 5:15 A. M. By 6:30 the gallows trap had been sprung beneath the bodies.
The dapper, westernized U. S. was granted a final request—to be buried alone. He had complained the original plan to hang the six together, but the selection order permitted this final, face-saving gesture.
While Government motion picture cameras whirled, U. S. wearers, walked in baggy black courtyards. He knelt briefly in Buddhist prayer at the foot of the gallows. Then he was firmly pulled up the gallows.
HANGS MANACLED
A witness said he smiled and murmured another prayer. He put on the traditional white tunic worn by persons convicted of murder in Burma, and stood at attention a moment. Then his hands were manacled behind his neck and his death cap was slipped over his head.
The nose was put around his neck and second time the trap flew open beneath him. Witnesses said he died with a gasp. His body swung gently at the end of the rope.

Operators, Union Heads Called To Conferences

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Railroad operator representatives and union leaders were called to the White House for afternoon conferences today in a drive to avert the railroad strike set for Tuesday.
A White House official said there was no immediate plan to bring them together for joint discussions, however.
This official explained that John R. Steelman, President assistant, as far as his found no basis on which to bring them together (the management and unions) together.
Steelman spent more than two hours during the morning with four spokesmen for railroad operators. There was an announcement as to progress if any in these talks.
Steelman then invited leaders of the three rail unions involved in the strike to the White House. At the out-of-the-minute meetings will take place in different rooms.
The rail officials upon leaving the morning talks with Steelman appeared to be especially interested in questions as to progress to the White House. One statement that "there just isn't anything to say."
The strike of engineers, firemen and conductors and switchmen is set for Tuesday morning. If it takes place as scheduled, the nation's trains will be shut down. Steelman was still talking with the railroad officials when the announcement of the afternoon meeting was made.
The union leaders summoned to the afternoon talks are Alvinsky Johnson of the engineers, D. B. Robertson of the Firemen & Engineers, and A. J. Glover Jr. of the switchmen.
This trio met with Steelman yesterday afternoon and switchmen is set for Tuesday morning. If it takes place as scheduled, the nation's trains will be shut down. Steelman was still talking with the railroad officials when the announcement of the afternoon meeting was made.

Chances Dim For Air Mail Center

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However, the Second Assistant Postmaster General gave attention to the air mail problem here in consequence of this community's recently submitted formal request for the establishment of an air mail distribution unit at the Charlotte airport. Mr. Aiken said that he had familiarized himself with the comprehensive brief which Charlotte submitted at an informal hearing.
In an interview with The Charlotte News, Mr. Aiken said frankly that the normal growth of the air mail volume will in time require the establishment of special air mail centers. He added that "if air parcel post is authorized, the volume of air mail will be doubled overnight."
FOUNTS TO DEFICIT
Aiken, though, he continued, the Post Office Department must be conservative in its expansion of service and the increasing expenditures. He said that legal requirements already are causing the Department to accumulate a deficit. Legislation proposing to authorize

Condon Asks Truman To Release Letter

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Dr. Edward W. Condon has appealed to President Truman to make public a Federal Bureau of Investigation letter reporting on the activities of the atomic scientist asked Sawyer to make his views known to Mr. Truman.
Condon told Sawyer that "I am sure that there is a full and complete presentation of all the facts."
Condon, 46, is director of the National Bureau of Standards. A House un-American Activities subcommittee has accused him of being "one of the weakest links" in the nation's atomic security. It also said Condon has associated "knowingly or unknowingly" with alleged Soviet espionage agents.
The FBI letter was written last May 15 to the Commerce Department loyalty board after investigation of Condon's background. The board decided unanimously Feb. 24 that "no reasonable grounds" exist to doubt Condon's loyalty.
The House has been source of conflict between Mr. Truman and the House. After the House committee released its report on Condon, former Commerce Secretary Averell Harriman objected to turn Condon's file, including the FBI letter, over to the committee.
The House subsequently adopted a resolution, 30 to 29, demanding the secretary turn over the letter and files. Mr. Truman replied to the House by saying in effect: Let the House try and get them.
Mr. Truman now is in possession of the FBI letter, having requested that it be sent to him when Harriman left the Commerce post recently and Sawyer succeeded him.

WEATHER
Fair and rather cool today and tonight. Sunday partly cloudy with showers and showers with thunderstorms in afternoon.
Temperature at 1:45 today — 72
High and low last 24 hours — 72-54
Sunrise tomorrow — 5:13
Sunset — 7:13
More Weather Data on page 12-A