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S. Koreans Get Blunt Attacks

American Sector Is 'Very Quiet'

ADVANCE AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, Korea—(AP) Communist North Korean troops started two heavy attacks about 10 A. M. today (7 A. M., July 13, EST) with about two divisions against South Korean forces in the central peninsula area, a headquarters spokesman said.

Meanwhile the American sector is very quiet while the Red Koreans shifted their attack weight to the South Koreans on two flanks. The spokesman said Australian and American planes worked over the new attack area from dawn to dusk and added they renew their strikes at dawn tomorrow.

The South Koreans were forced to give up some ground "but not much," he said.

Chochong, abandoned by the Reds yesterday, was hit by B-29s carrying six tons of bombs today. Their specific targets were Red tanks and a Red junction in the town.

NEW COMMANDER

Yanks Dig New Defense Along River

TOKYO—(AP)—The Army said today it has "no present plan" for another draft call. It also said it is possible that events in Korea might bring a new call in the months ahead.

An Army briefing officer made the comment of present intentions. He said that conditions are changing rapidly. Elsewhere, he warned that a second call for 30,000 draftees may be issued about October. This would be after the men ordered in Monday's call were in the induction "pipeline."

Indications are that military's original plan was to build up manpower gradually, while increasing programs in garrison training and housing facilities.

Officially, the Pentagon has answered the same "no present plan" answer to questions about bringing the draft to the attention of the National Guard. But here

Clamp Down Ordered On Korean News

Censorship At Source Invoked

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of Defense Johnson today ordered the Army, Navy and Air Force to clamp down on news about the movement of troops, ships and supplies to the Korean war front.

Johnson sent secretaries of the three services a "policy guidance" memorandum laying down the rules to be followed in the release of information. He also included the restrictions imposed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur for the Far East Command.

These regulations apply only to the release of information by military sources. There is no statutory authority for censorship in the United States, with the exception of certain provisions of the atomic energy law governing atomic materials.

During the last war, newspapers and radio stations adhered to voluntary standards for "threatening the Korean Communists with the bomb and for calling up the National Guard served today as an index to the growing seriousness with which lawmakers are treating the world situation.

SADDLING UP FOR ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

With full combat packs, Marines of the First Division board a transport ship in San Diego, Calif., to leave for the Korean war area. The First Marine Division won fame on Guadalcanal in World War II. (Acme T.ephoto)

And Federalize National Guard

Some Congressmen Would Threaten Reds With A Bomb

By EDWIN B. HASKINSON
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Congressmen today threatened the Korean Communists with the bomb and for calling up the National Guard served today as an index to the growing seriousness with which lawmakers are treating the world situation.

Members of the House applauded yesterday when Rep. Benjamin (D-Tx) said that Mr. Truman should give the Communists one week to get out of Southern Korea. If they refuse, he said, the President should then supply their commanders with a "mangled list of principal North Korean cities which would be subjected to atomic attacks by our air forces."

Another Texas Democrat, Senator Lyndon Johnson, raised the proposal for immediate calling

Pin-Point Bombing Inaugurated

By RUSSELL BRINES
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Representing The Allied Powers

TOKYO—(AP) Nearly 80 B-29 Superfortresses plastered a key North Korean target with 800 tons of bombs today in the mightiest single air blow of the Korean campaign.

The mission inaugurated mass precision bombing by two groups of Superforts rushed here from their U. S. West Coast bases.

World War II trained crews flew the four engine bombers from two Far Eastern bases through rain and mist for the largest mass foray of the campaign. The target was a railroad center North of the 38th parallel.

It took exactly eight days to deliver this new punch—from the date overseas orders were first delivered to the release of bomb bay. In that time the men, their planes and most of their equipment were moved 8,000 miles and prepared for an air blow that meant a round trip of more than 15,000 miles.

Air officers said this proved the speed with which strategic bombing assignments could be carried out throughout the world.

One of the aircraft commanders, Lt. James T. Patrick of Cameron, Wash., said differently: "This will make Uncle Joe sit up and take notice."

TURNED BACK

It was in Patrick's plane on an assignment representing the combined allied power. But a few miles from the target, the plane was forced to turn back because of a faulty motor.

The remainder of the sleek bombers made a perfect overcast rendezvous and released their bombs at 11:03 A. M. Japan Daylight Time Thursday (8:02 A. M. EST Wednesday) through mist so thick that radar was used to sight the target.

About 80 per cent of the men in his new command are combat tested, veterans of lustrous patterns bombing missions from Germany to Japan. They were geared for battle today with alert, confident aggressiveness.

"I wish they had forgotten my name this time," said Staff Sgt. William M. Kottmell, Spokane, Wash., tail gunner on our airborne and victorious of the European air war. "But maybe it's better to get it over with now instead of developing since the last war the submarines Soviet Russia has been developing since the last war the submarines. But Senators expected to review with Sherman the newest information on this and other naval aspects of the Korean struggle.

MacArthur Discloses U. S. Losses

TOKYO—(AP)—General MacArthur's headquarters announced today that American losses in the Korean war to date have been 42 killed, 190 wounded and 236 missing.

The announcement said "losses sustained by the American forces have been grossly exaggerated in press reports from the front."

"Many of the missing are undoubtedly men who, in the confusion of the fighting, have lost touch with their units and will eventually return."

The announcement continued: "Probably the most flimsy of these exaggerated reports dealt with the so-called 'lost battalion' of the 4th Infantry which was reported as being completely annihilated whereas its actual losses amounted to only 20 killed, 200 wounded and 12 missing."

Reports of American losses have been exaggerated because, the statement said, the Army has avoided any military censorship or undue restrictions on the movement of war correspondents.

FIRST TIME

It said this was the first time in modern war that such an experiment had been tried.

"Reports of warfare are, at any time, gray and repulsive and reported as being completely normal to those unaccustomed to the sights and sounds of battle," the statement said. "Exaggerated stories obtained from individual correspondents or mentally shagged have given a completely distorted and misrepresentative picture to the public."

The announcement said: "American ground units in Korea are fighting one of the most skillful and tenacious ground guard actions in history. Their excellent precision training is resulting in a high percentage of the public."

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Including 70 To 80 Submarines

Russia Has Big Naval Force Near Korea

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Russia is believed to have a large collection of about 800 naval craft deployed near the Korean war area—between 70 and 80 submarines.

Naval sources here figure that perhaps a hundred of these submarines are the new XXI Goshawk class.

They may not be balanced.

Although the 800 total estimate is commercially based, it is based on present evidence that it comprises anything like a balanced naval force. Those stating the estimate believe many of these vessels are small craft of various types and that certainly nothing bigger than cruisers are in the area.

It is said that the Russian Navy still possesses no aircraft carriers.

One unknown factor seems to be how many of the smaller Soviet vessels may be landing craft or types that could be used in emergency for an amphibious operation.

The presence in the Far East of any sizeable number of landing craft could be of grave concern to American forces. There could be used to provide an amphibious "lift" for North Korean flank operations down the South Korean coast line, or they might some day be used in an attempted opera-

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