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White House Awaiting Joint Chiefs Truman Told Action May Be Necessary

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON (AP)—A decision on whether to call the National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves to active duty may be reached soon after the return tomorrow of two members of the Joint Chiefs from the Far East.

An informed official said today the Defense Department is awaiting their return before deciding finally whether to recommend those steps to the White House.

The department apparently had advised the White House that such action may be necessary, but has not forwarded a definite recommendation.

General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, and General Hoyt Vandenberg, the Air Force chief, are in Washington tomorrow. They have been in Tokyo conference with Gen. Douglas MacArthur since they left.

With them they presumably will bring the latest picture of the Korean war, including whatever special requests MacArthur may have made.

While Collins and Vandenberg have been in the Far East, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have been operating with only two members—Gen. Omar Bradley, the chairman, and Admiral Forrest Sherman, the chief of naval operations.

The question of calling at least some Guard units and Reserves to active duty becomes increasingly urgent as the Korean war becomes a stalemate. The United States to send over units from its mobile reserve at home.

Home Mobilization Studied By Truman

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman explored with his cabinet today the wide range of possible home-front mobilization measures but cabinet officers said no decisions were reached.

There was also a discussion of the military outlook. Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, gave a briefing on the military situation. Most of the cabinet officers who talked with reporters after the 45-minute meeting would say what Bradley had told them.

They also declined to say what specific home front measures were discussed but the talks covered the whole range. In Congress, any idea of giving Mr. Truman standby authority to impose economic controls ran into flat opposition from Senator Taft (R-Ohio).

Who heads the Senate Republican Policy Committee, told a reporter he is willing to work with the administration in preparing a bill for Congressional action, if control becomes necessary because of the Korean war.

NO BLANK CHECK
But I am opposed to the idea of giving the president a blank check or standby authority to put controls on operations on the home front. I think Congress ought to be on the job and approve any measures that are necessary in the light of the situation that exists at the time.

Mr. Truman indicated at his news conference yesterday he has no immediate plans for asking for emergency powers to deal with the allocation of materials, conversion of industry or price-wage controls.

He said, however, that every phase of possible internal control is under consideration. He added that as the proper emergency powers would be needed, calling in of the National Security Council is under consideration.

The president's advisers were reported divided on the best course of action, with one group contending that he ought to ask immediately for standby authority and another arguing that the country should wait until the military outlook and still keep business going as usual.

VITAL DEFENSE ZONE IN KOREA



The box on this map outlines the Kum River defense area in Korea where U. S. troops are digging in for a new defense major Communist drives with the Reds on the west posed of Cochujon just north of the Kum. To the east, a new Red drive from the Chugui-gwangong area west toward headed southward toward Hamchang. This drive is viewed as a possible attempt to outflank the Kum River defenses (shaded arrow) by cutting across the Pusan-Taejon supply line. (AP Wirephoto Moop.)

AMERICAN PATROL MOVES CAUTIOUSLY

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Lie Appeals for Help of Our Countries Ground Forces Are Needed Most

LAKE SUCCESS (AP)—U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie urged today that 20 U. N. members for ground forces and other assistance for the U. N. Korean war effort.

Lie told a news conference the United States is in urgent need of additional effective assistance. He dispatched a telegram to 20 U. N. countries backing the Security Council action against Communist North Korea asking them to consider the possibility of such assistance.

He said these forces should be "effective forces" and not "token." He expressed hope it will not be long before the United States will be able to end the war in Korea, but said the full effort of all concerned is necessary.

Lie made no comment when asked whether the United States might use possible use of atomic bombs. He said the United States is not in a position to make any such statement because there has been too much progress in the Korean war.

There are 20 U. N. members. Those not receiving the telegram are the United States, which is carrying the burden of fighting; the Soviet bloc and Yugoslavia. The Russian bloc and Yugoslavia opposed the Security Council action.

Lie said the telegram went to Egypt and the Arab countries. A reporter commented the Arab states did not indicate support of the Council action. Lie said he took no notice.

SEPARATE MESSAGES
The telegrams were phrased differently for each country in respect to the assistance that had already offered but they made it clear that while and determine combat troops to help the American and South Korean soldiers on the ground.

The telegrams also offered of assistance should be in Latin America, leaving a detailed arrangement to be worked out with the governments and the United States. The United States is acting as the agent for the U. N. in this case.

The U. N. has no international police force.

Have in the Mercered By Small Band

ADVANCED AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, KOREA, Saturday, July 15—(AP)—Intense fighting flared on the American Kum River front late last night after a small Communist force crossed the river despite U. S. artillery and plane attacks.

A headquarters spokesman said Communist guerrillas hit an American artillery unit in force while Red artillery hammered American lines.

The Communist guerrillas wore green tattered fatigues uniforms such as the Americans wear, the spokesman said. Presumably the uniforms were taken from American dead or from GI prisoners, the spokesman reported.

"They don't operate according to any rules of uniformed warfare," he added.

The infiltration behind American lines has been building up for the past several days, and the attack on American artillery positions disclosed the guerrilla mustering of strength, the spokesman said.

The Communist Kum River crossing was reported made west of Kongju by a force of little more than 100 men.

The guerrilla attack in the rear, plus intensive night fighting with an artillery barrage showed the Communists had launched their full-scale attack to breach the Kum River line which guards Taejon, vital rail and highway center.

The headquarters spokesman said the Red force of 100 men was facing the Americans on the river line.

South Korean pilots redoubled an alert and midnight curfew in Taejon, 20 miles southeast of Kongju.

The initial small Communist crossing of the Kum River forced the Americans to make up for the job ahead. This job was done by the U. S. forces in Korea can be built up for the job ahead.

But if the Communists crossed the river number under 200 men and if they were hit by artillery and air attacks they could be exterminated by infantry containing action.

Red artillery fire was fairly intense in late morning and early afternoon, but vigorous American artillery fire silenced the Red guns.

The Red artillery fire apparently was meant to cover the crossing. In late afternoon the Red guns boomed again, but three rounds smacked harmlessly behind American lines.

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B-52 Crash Claims Total Of 16 Lives

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Death toll in an Air Force B-52 bomber crash near Lebanon, Ohio, yesterday has been raised to 16. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base officials reported today.

Earlier, it was reported at least 15 men had died in the crash. The public information office at the field said it had been authorized by officers with the 4th Air Force, Biggs Field, El Paso, Tex., to announce the new death toll.

The Biggs Field officials said the original estimate of dead was 15 after a check of the plane's wreckage.

Only a gaping hole in a field and shattered pieces of metal today marked where the B-52 bomber crashed.

At El Paso, Tex., Biggs Field officials said the plane was on a routine practice mission and was carrying practice bombs.

The plane plunged into the ground on a farm near Lebanon and exploded. The impact and the blast threw a hole in the ground that was about 18 feet deep and at least 75 feet wide.

The big plane was blown to pieces. There was little left that couldn't have been carried away by the wind. Most of the bodies of the victims were scattered over a wide area.

These new home labor-saving device give a woman more time to do things... When a woman wears a dress over a half-donned blouse, it's a uniform.

No Yank Slaughter

No Korean Dunkerque In Sight

WASHINGTON (AP)—An Army spokesman said today that American troops in Korea "are not being slaughtered" and "there is no Dunkerque in sight."

In the morning briefing session at the Pentagon the Army officer told reporters.

"There isn't any doubt in the world that we are going to hold our ground," he said. "We are going to build up an offensive. We have got the means to handle the situation."

EMBARRASSING
But of course it's embarrassing... and awfully tough on the people who are up there on the frontlines.

By his reference to Dunkerque, the officer meant there is no sign the Americans are being forced toward a heavy withdrawal such as none of the 20 wounded are missing. There were 14 non-battle casualties and 10 were injured in accidents.

European Cold War Heats Up

Belgrade Accused

BELGRADE (AP)—Yugoslavia accused Bulgaria today of sending Army patrols across the frontier yesterday in four separate incidents in which weapons were exchanged and one Bulgarian soldier killed.

The Yugoslav Foreign Ministry handed the Bulgarian legation here a formal note, charging that the four incidents were touched off by Bulgarian efforts to capture Yugoslav guards in Yugoslav territory.

Yugoslavia demanded "in a categorical" that the Bulgarian government "halt these practices."

The charge intensified the Balkan Cold War of nerves between Premier Marshal Tito's government and the Russian-dominated Cominform which ousted Tito in 1948.

US Gives Terms For End Of War

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate investigators decided today to drop the probe of similar charges against the Florida and Illinois police force.

Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) said a reporter the decision was due to a "sufficiently specific or substantial information."

The probe of the 300-member committee given \$80,000 and wide authority to police the state's election process.

At the same time, Gillette said special investigators have completed a report on the complaints of large primary expenditures in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

REPORT STUDIED
The report says they are being studied by the committee staff and members. He said, adding that if it does not plan to make them public.

"If we obtain information of violation of the Federal election laws, such as to warrant prosecution, we will call them to the attention of state or Federal officials," Gillette said.

He added that no such action has been taken as yet on the Pennsylvania or Carolina primaries.

Billy Graham, Truman Pray For Guidance For Nation

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman and Evangelist Billy Graham of North Carolina today prayed for Divine guidance for the nation and his chief executive in the face of the Korean crisis.

Prayers were held at a half-hour service at the White House. He said he was praying for the nation and for the people of the world.

Graham quoted the President as saying he believes the answer to today's problems lies in the fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of St. Matthew. These are the chapters on the Mount. "Blessed are the meek and lowly in spirit."

The evangelist prayed in a White House office before seeing Truman and again after he left.

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