Blood Stocks Exhausted, Donors Urgently Needed

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GOVERNMENT TO USE DRAFT ACT TO BUILD UP ARMED FORCES

New Atomic Fund Asked By Truman

President Would Speed Up Arms

WASHINGTON— (AP) — President Truman today asked Congress for $260,000,000 to speed development of atomic bombs and push experiments on the hydrogen bomb.

Mr. Truman said the money would be used to enable the Atomic Energy Commission "to build additional and more efficient plants" to carry out his directive of Jan. 31 ordering work on the H-bomb.

The President said the fundamental objective is to use atomic energy for peace, but he added:

"Until this objective is achieved, however, we must strengthen our own defenses by providing the necessary atomic energy capacity."

He pointed out in a statement that his January directive called on the AEC "to continue its work on all forms of atomic weapons, including the hydrogen or fusion bomb."

PRAISES AEC

Mr. Truman did not mention Sumner T. Pike, who has been acting chairman of the AEC by name, but he had these words to say in connection with his confidence in the commission:

"In this new undertaking (speeding the progress of the atomic energy program) the Atomic Energy Commission has my complete confidence, based upon the able and vigorous leadership it has given to the atomic energy program in the past."

Pike's nomination for a new term has been bottled up in the Senate where a vote on confirmation is set for Monday. The President emphasized yesterday his confidence in Pike and said he is backing him 100 per cent.

Pike's term expired last Friday.

Concerning the new money asked, Mr. Truman said the plants to be built would be "of advanced design" and their operation will "provide new knowledge that will speed the progress of the atomic energy program."

"The expansion in the scope of our atomic energy program gives added emphasis to the fact that atomic energy has great potentialities both for destruction and for the benefit of mankind," Mr. Truman said.

The President's statement continued:

"From the very outset we have opposed plans for controls under which the United Nations would make rigid inspections to assure stood, and we continue to stand, firm in our desire for effective international control of atomic energy to insure its use for peaceful purposes only.

"This is a fundamental objective to which this Government and the vast majority of the United Nations have committed their best efforts. Agreement on this goal would make the facilities of our atomic energy enterprise fully available for peaceful purposes."

U. N. FLAG MAY FLY IN KOREAN WARFARE

This is the flag of the United Nations which may be flown by Americans and others fighting to stop the Communist invasion of South Korea. The flag is light blue and bears a global map of the world flanked by twin olive branches. Diplomats in Washington say Gen. Douglas MacArthur probably will be named United Nations commander for the Korean area. (AP Wirephoto).

Fighters, Light Bombers Busy

Clear Skies Aid Air Attacks

TOKYO (Saturday)— (AP) —The skies over Korea cleared Friday and American fighters and light bombers took over. They drilled in on Communist tanks at the fighting front. B-26s hammered Red supply lines farther north. The Reds reportedly went nothing up to ack-ack.

The Fifth Air Force said possibly sixteen Red tanks were knocked out at the front 40 miles south of Seoul, the fallen capital. This was between Pyongtaek and Osan, where a number of tanks were left burning, according to a MacArthur... communique issued early today.

Exact damage was unknown.

Two B-26 light bombers were lost and two crew members of returning planes were wounded. AP Correspondent Tom Lambert reported from the front that two B-26 crew members parachuted safely from their plane.

Fighters that performed escort, cover and close support missions hit a locomotive, troop cars, tanks, half-tracks and trucks. Troops were killed by strafing. Three F-51 Mustang fighters are missing, the communique said.

B-29s got "good to excellent" results when they bombed the Rising Sun Oil Co.'s refinery at Wonsan, 70 miles up the east coast about the 38th parallel. They also hit railway switch yards and bridges near Seoul.

The Fifth Air Force earlier said from six to ten tanks were left burning near Pyongtaek, where several trucks were destroyed. The B-26s on this job carried both bombs and rockets. They loosed them on 40 vehicles and knocked out a machinegun nest during a second run over the front north of Pyongtaek.

F-80 jets also were on the prowl, and reported a bag of six tanks, two half-tracks and seven or more trucks.

They attacked numerous vehicles carrying North Korean troops and a railway train. No opposition was met in the air.

The big brothers of the Air Force, the B-29 Superforts, bombed targets in Communist North Korea yesterday for the second straight day. They flew north on two separate missions and neither mission was challenged in the air.

SUBS SIGHTED

One mission spotted what it believed to be four submarines in Chinnampo harbor and hit them with bombs. The damage was not reported.

Chinnampo is 20 miles southwest of the Red capital, Pyongyang.

The North Koreans are not known to have any submarines. American officials estimate that the Russians have 75 or more submarines in the Pacific.

Another mission had good luck on the alternate target of Kojo, about 20 miles down the coast southeast of Wonsan. The bombardiers could see the railroad yards and a railroad and highway bridge. They bombed both with excellent results, the communique said.

A second Air Force communique summed up the aerial warfare for the first ten days through yesterday. It reported U. S. and South Korean aerial losses stood at 22 planes each.

It credited a British-American naval air raid in North Korea Monday and Tuesday with four kills, whereas the Navy reported ten.

Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, For East Air Force commander, said the defensive phase of aerial operations was ending.

He said the shift had begun to "A second phase of co-ordinated air-ground-sea operations by all three services" — Army, Navy and Air Force. He presumably referred to close support of ground troops and heavier strikes at enemy lines of supply.

Royal Australian Air Force Mustangs flew two missions Thursday.

Three RAAF mustangs strafed roads and railways south of Suwon with rockets and machineguns.

Bobby Locke Wins British Open Golf

TROON, Scotland —(AP)— Bobby Locke of South Africa, who never wastes a stroke, won his second straight British Open golf crown today with a fourth-round 68 that lifted his total to 279—four strokes less than anyone had used to win the title before.

The pudgy putting master put together rounds of 69-72-70-68 for his record total that completely overshadowed the threats of three Americans who had designs on the trophy.

Red Cross Center To Be Open Tonight

Urgent Appeal To Citizens Issued

An urgent call for volunteer blood contributions was sounded today by Manly McWilliams, chairman of the Mecklenburg Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Charlotte Regional Red Cross Blood Center at 508 E. Morehead St. will remain open until 7:30 P.M. tonight to meet the emergency, Mr. McWilliams said.

Dr. Inez Kirod, blood center director, and her staff of nurses will be on duty.

The telephone number is 5-7346. Transportation will be provided for prospective donors who call this number.

BIGGEST NEEDS

Types most needed are Type A RH Negative and Type O. Holiday week - end automobile accidents have completely exhausted the center's supply of these two types.

Mr. McWilliams said that a woman in a local hospital with a bleeding ulcer needs Type A RH Negative.

A new mother in another hospital needs Type O, he added. Several other patients undergoing surgery need this type of blood.

The Charlotte Regional Red Cross Blood Center — one of 23 in the United States — is the only blood bank in the city.

The Red Cross does not charge for the blood it supplies to the local hospital. Mr. McWilliams stated. The blood center collects blood for volunteer donors, processes this vital gift and distributes the blood to the hospitals as needed.

He issued a special call to the donors of types O and ARH Negative if ten weeks have lapsed since their last contribution.

"It is the responsibility of Charlotteans to support this community service," the Red Cross chairman said

Senate Rejects Change In RFC

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) is to remain an independent Government agency but it will lose one of its major subsidiaries, the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA).

President Truman's plan to give Secretary of Commerce Sawyer supervision over the RFC and its vast lending powers was killed by the Senate on a voice vote yesterday.

A little later, however, the chamber approved another Presidential plan shifting FNMA to the Housing and Home Finance Agency, headed by Raymond Foley.

In each case the Senate's action was considered generally in line with recommendations of the Hoover Commission on Government Reorganization. This commission, headed by former President Herbert Hoover, favored putting the RFC under the Treasury Department and grouping together all agencies in the housing field.

Now that the proposed shift of RFC to Commerce has been killed, the President is expected to act shortly on new appointments to the five-man board which runs the corporation. Terms of all members expired June 30.

Since the House made no move to kill Mr. Truman's FNMA plan, that proposal is due to go into effect tomorrow.

UP Reporter Back After Being Lost

TOKYO —(AP)— Peter Kalischer, United Press Correspondent in Korea, returned safely to American Headquarters in Korea today after being cut off from American Forces two and a half days.

The United Press in Tokyo said Kalischer declared he had not been captured. The Red Pyongyang radio yesterday said he had been taken prisoner.

Ceilings On Size Of Services Lifted

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Government today ordered use of the draft law to bring military forces to needed strength for the Korean war.

The Defense Department announced that overall ceilings on branches of the armed services, which had restricted their expansion, had been lifted.

Military enlistments also will be used to step up size of the various services.

The text of the short announcement made at the Pentagon follows:

"To meet the situation in Korea, upon recommendation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, concurred in by the Secretaries of Army, Navy and Air, and with the approval of the President, the Army, Navy and Air Force have been authorized to exceed the over-all budget ceilings for military personnel.

"This action constitutes a first step to build up to full operating strength the units of the Army, Navy and Air Force to be used in the Korean operation, to provide further manpower and support therefore and to replace units to be moved to Korea.

"The use of Selective Service has been authorized. Voluntary enlistments also will be accepted."

The announcement did not contain any estimated figure for the new military expansion.

The latest total strength figure given for the Armed Forces was about 1,370,000.

Of that, the Army had 583,000, the Navy and Marines 427,000, and the Air Force 350,000.

The Army probably will be the first to benefit by the new order.

Its combat strength has been whittled down from the wartime peak to only eleven divisions. Four of these divisions are in the Far East with part of them either in or headed for the Korean War front.

The four divisions are part of an over-all strength in the Far East of about 123,500 men.

Korea Reds Massing For Try At Knockout

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four Communist divisions thrust forward today in what looked like a preliminary to the next big battle in Southern Korea—an assault by possibly 80,000 North Koreans on the Kum River line defended by out-numbered American and South Korean troops.

The city of Taejon, which has been the temporary capital of South Korea, seemed to be the objective of the enveloping move by the Reds. It is about 90 miles South of the fallen capital of Seoul.

There was an encouraging note in a fresh field dispatch from AP Correspondent Tom Lambert, who reported a 10-mile advance on the South Korean front by an American combat patrol against meager opposition. Lambert said the only planes in the skies were American. The sector in which the advance was scored was not given.

PINCERS MOVE

A communique from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said two Red divisions were pressing down from the area of Pyongtaek, 23 miles south of Suwon. Still another division was probing south and west from Wonju, a town about 42 miles east of Suwon. This looked like a pincers move against South Korean forces in the Pyongtaek area.

A South Korean colonel said combined American and South Korean forces had recaptured Pyongtaek itself and Chungju, a highway junction 40 miles east of Pyongtaek, in a "big fight."

But the Reds claimed capture of Ansong, a road village ten miles east of Pyongtaek en route to Chungju. The communique noted enemy movements south from Ansong and Kumyangjang, still farther east.

The communique said four Red divisions—believed to have from 5,000 to 6,000 men each—were spearheading the Red thrusts. The American commander in Korea estimated that fifteen divisions—from 75,000 to 90,000 troops—had been thrown into the battle for Southern Korea.

The communique pictured the front line as reaching from a point north of Chonan northwest to Maeung, which is 25 miles west of Pyongtaek. From there it extends to Chungju and on to the east coast.

The Reds also have beachhead points on the east coast. The communique reported guerrilla activity aiding the Reds near the east coast town of Yongdok, which lies 600 miles south of the 38th parallel. Coupled with the attack from the north a drive from the beachhead points poses the threat of envelopment for the South Korean and American forces.

A tank-led Red column was pictured in uncontrolled reports as sweeping southward along the east coast to a point about 40 miles from Pusan, most important South Korea deep water port, where U. S. troops have been debarked.

So fast were the Communists pouring in it was a question whether the Americans would have time to check the powerful thrust. But this much was certain — those Americans thus far tested in battle were able. A handful of them — possibly no more than 500—stopped cold for six hours the best division

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BULLETIN

TOKYO—(AP)—A headquarters spokesman said today American tanks have arrived in Korea and the troops would "be given tank support."

His statement indicated the tanks have not yet gone into action, however.

Leopold Slated To Be Papa Early Next Year

BRUSSELS, Belgium — (AP) — The Brussels newspaper La Libre Belgique said today King Leopold's wife, the Princess De Rethy, is expecting a child early next year.

The newspaper said she would be unable to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Henri Basis, who died at Ostend yesterday.

It had already been announced that the Princess would remain in Switzerland for a while in King Leopold is recalled to his throne and returns to Belgium later this month.

Ersatz Rubber Boost Urged

WASHINGTON — (AP) —The nation's top rubber executives have asked the Government to step up synthetic rubber production "in the interest of military security and economic stability."

The request was made during a White House visit yesterday by officials of nine big tire and rubber companies. After a meeting with Presidential Assistant John R. Steelman the executives expressed confidence the Government will move swiftly on their proposal.

The action apparently did not reflect recent Far Eastern developments so much as economic developments dating back to before the Korean crisis — mainly a rise in the price of natural rubber. No real rubber shortage is expected in this country, even in the event of a full-scale war.

The industry spokesmen also suggested steps by the Government to protect natural rubber supplies from "the spreading threat of Communism" in Asia.

The rubber officials asked that (1) the Government reopen several plants to boost by 10,000 long tons the current 30,000-ton-per-month production of synthetic rubber used for tires; (2) prepare to provide 50,000 tons a month by Jan. 1; (3) start immediate production of all available inner tube type rubber; (4) authorize the Reconstruction Finance Corp. to build up a "substantial" backing of general purpose synthetic rubber.

Allies Aren't Very Concerned

Reds Speed East German War Maneuvers

By THOMAS A. REEDY

BERLIN —(AP)— U. S. intelligence agents disclosed today that the Russians have stepped up normal Summer maneuvers in East Germany.

These informants said that in East Germany eight Soviet divisions are going through special exercises. Some involve tank supported river crossings.

Experts, who with increased interest have noted every Russian move here since the Korean fighting broke out, said this increased Red troop activity could be a normal step — designed to let the Germans know who is boss and possibly to give Western allies a dose of jitters.

A senior American officer concurred in this view and said Allied military leaders aren't too concerned about the stepped - up Soviet maneuvers.

WATCHED CLOSELY

American intelligence agents have been told to watch the Russian moves closely, however, on the chance that the Soviets might be planning to stage something similar to the Korean action over here.

The informants said that five Soviet divisions are training between Berlin and the Elbe River. They reported another three Red divisions holding war games North of Berlin in the Mecklenberg area, trying to illustrate the best ways of encircling the fortified position.

In the course of the maneuvers, the Russians have shifted divisions from Magdeburg to Dessau and North from there along the Elbe river, facing the British zone.

Between now and the end of August, Allied experts believe the Russians will stage at least half a dozen maneuvers to sharpen the training of their East German armies. The People's Police, who have been expanded into what amounts to an infantry force, will be used for odd jobs in these maneuvers.

The high American officer, minimizing the significance of the maneuvers, commented:

"The Soviet army in East Germany was 20 divisions in 1946. It is 20 divisions in 1950. It is no bigger than before and certainly a lot less effective than it was in the past. The total number of Red soldiers is pegged at about 200,000. The Korean outburst did not affect it in the least.

"One thing has happened," he added. "Soviet soldiers with three years foreign experience have been recalled. This means replacement with rookies. Russian divisions in Germany have been getting young boys who have a lot to learn."

EQUAL FORCE

The Russians have always maintained an armed force in East Germany as large as the combined American, British and French force in the West. Intelligence sources say this relationship has not changed but add that the Russians decided six months ago they were undermined and sent in antiaircraft battalions to bolster infantry divisions. They also shifted numerous tank outfits from the Balkans to Germany.

Observers now estimate that the Russians have 2,000 tanks in the East Zone—far more than the combined Western armored forces could possibly muster.

Introduction of anti-aircraft units was not considered unusual by Allied military observers. Until recently Soviet infantry divisions simply lacked this essential part of their makeup.

GI's Start On Long, Hard Road Back To North Korea

By TOM LAMBERT

With an American Combat Patrol in South Korea (Saturday) —(AP)— The Americans started back Friday.

The patrol took off from a miserable little collection of mud huts Friday morning with instructions to contact the enemy and try to regain the ground lost the day before.

Under a blue sky inhabited only by American planes, the patrol by 3 P.M. Friday had moved approximately ten miles north against meager opposition.

The patrol was led by Maj. Boone Seegers of Flushing, N. Y., formerly on the staff of Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney in Berlin.

A tall man with ruffled hair and bloodshot eyes, the major told his men:

"Here is what it is: Move out there and make contact. Keep pushing. There's more heavy stuff coming behind you."

Two of the patrol officers asked in the same breath, "How much heavy stuff?"

They were Capt. Eugene Healey of New Dorp, Staten Island, N. Y., and First Lt. Archie Stith of Fort Worth, Tex.

"You just take the town and the high ground," the major replied. "We are right behind you."

TRAVEL IN JEEPS

The patrol set out in jeeps, well-spaced and well-armed. It stopped briefly to permit a nonchalant GI to remove some road obstructions that had been placed to slow any oncoming invader tanks.

The jeeps moved on again through several silent little villages. They crossed three bridges that had been dynamited with such delicacy that jeeps and trucks could use them but tanks could not.

In hot, muggy weather, the GI's stopped at another village and probed cautiously through empty mud huts. Village women tucked

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Once Over Lightly by THE OLD SHAVER

This hay-window of mine has got my belt-buckle looking straight up at me. . . . These wedding invitations sure come well packed.

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