

YANKS FIND GHOST CITY

Raging Floods Continue In California & Nevada



More than 25,000 Thanksgiving turkeys were frozen in floods which are sweeping down California's Central Valley. Here are two of the survivors near Fresno along with two dead geese washed up on the Kings River bank. (Acme Telephoto)

Senators Make Caustic Report

War Surplus Sales Criticized

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A Senate committee said today that Government officials using less than half the war surplus available for sale to the public were running a charity bazaar, plundered and left behind the surplus.

The Armed Services Preparedness Subcommittee headed by Senator Lyndon Johnson (D-Texas) declared today that the nation's rubber position is "far from satisfactory."

In a caustically worded report, the committee said Government agencies concerned are doing fine on their paper work but not on performance. It particularly criticized disposal of production plants which are needed in the defense program.

The 27-page report was a sequel to one issued last Sept. 3 in which the group, set up as a sort of watchdog of the whole rearmament program, found a "glacial pace" in handling surplus property.

"It will become Government officials to conduct the public business with less prudence than they would display in operating a charity bazaar," the new report said. "But that has happened."

AGENCIES SINGLED OUT

The committee singled out the Munitions Board, General Services Administration (GSA) and Air Force for specific criticism. In a general indictment of these four and others, it said:

"Progress in paper work — of which there has been considerable — is no substitute for progress in performance in which there has not been enough. Paper-work preparedness is only flimsy protection against the threat we face."

The subcommittee cited the munitions board for permitting Russia to sell alcohol plants at Kansas City and Omaha, Neb., and GSA for going ahead with the sale.

Declaring it was not at all satisfied with Munitions Board policies, the report said:

"The Munitions Board should adopt a policy of disapproving further disposal of industrial facilities capable of production of defense items needed now for the preparedness effort."

"Where, however, the only alternative is keeping the plant idle for a substantial period of time, we agree with the Munitions Board that sale or lease of the properties to private interests for productive use may be appropriate under adequate safeguards."

The subcommittee said it was "not satisfied with GSA's performance" in the lease of the Federal-registered Omaha alcohol plant.

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Nationalist Says China Dominated By Russians

By MAX HARBELSON
LATER SUCCESS — (AP) — China's T. T. T'ung told the United Nations today 45,000 Soviet agents completely dominate the political, economic and cultural life of Communist China.

Events of the past twelve months, T'ung said, have fully proved his charge that the Chinese civil war was engineered by Russia and that the Peiping regime the stooge and tool of Moscow. He spoke before the general assembly's 60-nation political committee.

T'ung told the committee Russia has completely ignored the assembly's 1949 appeal to all nations to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of China. He blamed Russia for the intervention of Communist China in the Korean war and said Russian imperialism was responsible for most of Asia's unrest.

RESISTANCE GROWING

He said the resistance movement on the Chinese mainland is growing rapidly. Before September, 1949, he said, there were only some 200,000 men operating against the Peiping regime. Now there are more than 1,600,000. About 100,000 men are Communist troops who have swung their allegiance to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The Nationalist delegate urged the U. N. to create a special committee.

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Shipments To Red China Probed

Public Hearing Ordered On Copper Sales

By JOHN CHADWICK
WASHINGTON — (AP) — A Senate subcommittee ordered a public hearing today of new evidence about round-the-world shipments of Japanese copper to Communist China.

Called to testify were officials of eight firms which had a part in trade that sent the war-useful metal from U. S.-occupied Japan to New York City and then to China.

SECRET HEARING

In advance of the public hearing they told their stories behind closed doors to a Senate subcommittee investigating shipments of metal and other strategic materials to Communist China.

At an open session to three weeks ago the subcommittee, headed by Senator O'Connor (D-Mid.), received testimony that nearly 4,000,000 pounds of Japanese copper had been shipped to China by way of New York.

The shipments were made prior to tightening of controls over exports of Japanese copper last July. A dam had been placed on shipments of U. S.-produced copper in Communist areas a year earlier.

O'Connor said last night that millions of pounds of tin mill products have been shipped from this country to Red China.

In a statement, O'Connor said that tightening of controls over second grade "they can and easily are manufactured into strategic products." He called on the Commerce Dept. to halt such exports. A department spokesman said a close watch is being kept on the situation.

The Senator said that in the past five months 19,261,014 pounds of tin mill products have been shipped from New York alone to Red China and British Hong Kong, off the Chinese coast. There have been shipments from other ports, he added.

The companies whose officials were called as witnesses today either bought the copper in Japan or while it was in transit and later sold it to Chinese companies, he said.

An official of the Kane Import Co. of New York City, having today the earlier public hearing that his firm bought more than 3,500,000 pounds of Japanese copper and shipped it out of New York to the North China Import Corp.

Four of the five shipments of the almost pure copper were purchased by the Kane Co., he said. While they were aboard freighters of the

Push To Yalu River Splits Red Forces

SEOUL — (AP) — Tank-supported U. S. infantrymen walked into deserted Hyesanjin on the Manchurian border today. Not a shot was fired.

Only the narrow, ice-coated Yalu River lay between them and Red Chinese territory. The troops — of the 17th Infantry Combat Team — were the first Americans to reach the Manchurian border.

U. S. warplanes swooped low over the smoldering, bomb-wrecked town as weary infantrymen cleared the last two miles through snow. The only humans around were 15 villagers, garbed in black. They stood outside the town and bowed low, as unsmiling Americans marched by.

Hyesanjin itself was deserted. Buildings that had survived the bombing were boarded up.

GR'S NOT IMPRESSED

U. S. 26th Division cavalry patrolmen reached the border. But U. S. 9th Cavalry Group commander of the 17th Infantry Division "divided enemy land territory and isolated all significant forces east of the 127th Meridian east longitude."

Reds still held a Japanese-built network of military roads on both sides of Hyesanjin. The network reported reorganizing in the mountains and north of the border.

U. S. 26th Division cavalry patrolmen ran into light enemy machine gun fire on the eastern bank of the Yalu. But U. S. 9th Cavalry Group commander said his troops fired six miles away from the border.

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C Presses Fight To Kill Profits Tax

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HEARINGS ENDED

Alvord said the Chamber's Finance Committee is "winding up hearings on the profits tax proposal." He said the Chamber is necessary to finance the expanding defense program.

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Father, 4 Sons Perish In Fire

FINDLAY, Ohio — (AP) — A 51-year-old father and four of his sons burned to death last night in a house fire that destroyed a four-story home.

The dead were identified by neighbors as Lloyd K. Hildebrand and his sons Dean Daniel, 21; John, 19; Harry Eugene, 18; and Robert, 17.

The mother, Lucille, was at work when the fire broke out. She was rescued by neighbors who pulled her from the burning house.

The fire started in the basement, where a furnace was located. It spread rapidly to the upper floors, where the family was sleeping.

The fire department arrived within minutes, but the fire was too large to control. The house was completely destroyed.

Our Weather

Fair and colder today and tonight. Low tonight, 23 degrees. Tomorrow, 7:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.

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Commander Of Filipinos In Korea Relieved Of Job

SEOUL — (AP) — The commander of 1,200 Filipino troops who were sent to Korea to fight against the North Koreans, was relieved of his command today.

The Philippine National Defense Office in Manila said that the commander, Col. Mariano Acosta, was relieved of his command because of "ill health."

Acosta had been in Korea since the outbreak of the Korean war. He had commanded the Filipino troops who were sent to Korea to fight against the North Koreans.

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