

Lawmakers Critical of Slow Action President's Tax Request Praised

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress members today couched sharp criticism of the Administration's handling of the wage-price problem with praise for President Truman's stiff tax-boost call.

One of the strongest blows at the wage-price control came from Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, who usually is an enthusiastic supporter of White House policy on such matters.

He declared the economic report which Mr. Truman sent to Congress yesterday "realistic, revealing, evidence of the progress of inflation," but "no record of any positive steps taken as yet to hold the line against inflation."

O'Mahoney called for immediate and general wage-price controls and said failure to act now could be disastrous to the national economy and the defense program. His criticism was voiced through Senator Humphrey (D-Minn.), majority leader.

Other Senate members also criticized the Administration's handling of the wage-price problem. Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) said the Administration's handling of the wage-price problem was "a record of failure."

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WAR KNOWS NO AGE LIMIT



Carrying their meager belongings, small South Korean children walk down the railroad tracks in Taegu after their flight South from the onrushing Chinese Communists. (Exclusive Acme Telephoto by Bert Ashworth)

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Russia Not Proposed To Cease-Fire Backers Of Plea Cheered By News

LAKE SUCCESS (AP)—United Nations diplomats were cheered today by a report, Russia had decided not to vote against the new Korean cease-fire appeal which is expected to be sent to Communist China.

The proposals originally formulated by the three-man cease-fire commission consisting of Assembly President Marshall E. Breckinridge, Lester B. Pearson of Canada and Frank B. Rowland of the United States.

Most delegates previously had written off the chances of a truce between the warring North and South Korean forces.

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Reds Suffer Heavy Loss In Attacks

TOKYO (Sunday) (AP)—Counter-attacking U. S. Second Division troops late Saturday captured Hill 247 on the central Korea front for the second time in two days after beating back fresh waves of screaming Reds in furious, frigid battle.

The American, with French and Dutch infantry aid, smashed five Red attacks in the 25 degree-below zero cold on the middle and both flanks of their 15-mile horse-shoed front just south of Wonsu.

Then the Allies counter-attacked, and by dusk had recaptured Hill 247 on the northeast angle of their front about a mile and a half below Wonsu.

They had been forced to abandon the hill—named from its height in meters on Thursday night, then drove the North Koreans off it Friday, but lost it again Friday night.

Saturday's successful recovery was aided by 80 fighter and bomber sorties which pounded the Reds for eight hours prior to the Second Division charge.

ENEMY LOSSES HEAVY. Air Correspondent William C. Barnard, covering the fighting, said a Second Division spokesman estimated the enemy suffered 1,100 dead in 48 hours.

Three hundred and fifty of these were piled in front of the Allied perimeter after one of the banalistic Red attacks Saturday morning.

It was the fifth day of the battle for two vital passes leading to the main route that the southern front of the Second Division's main force had to take to the Red front. The battle was moving into the mountains from the west.

The importance of the raging battle was clear. Wonsu is a rail and road hub that controls the avenue of advance or retreat through the Soksan range.

Four Firemen Killed In \$1,500,000 Chicago Blaze

CHICAGO (AP)—A spectacular fire and explosion in an old river-front building—viewed on television screens by millions of persons—yesterday killed four firemen and injured four others.

The suburban blaze of the building still was smoldering today, caused an estimated damage of \$1,500,000. Fire officials, who earlier estimated loss at \$500,000, revised their figures after conferring with several of the building's occupants.

The firemen perished in the fire when an explosion blew out a huge section of one wall. Another died a few hours later. The death toll rose to four early today when a fourth fireman died of injuries suffered in the blaze.

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The largest audience ever to witness a fire saw them battle the conflagration. Included were an estimated 5,000,000 persons in many parts of the nation who saw live telecasts of three networks.

Many thousands of spectators also watched as nearly 300 firemen on the ground and in boats fought the stubborn blaze. They

Truman Budget Message Set

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman will outline the Government's spending and taxing plans Monday in a message to Congress in the Federal budget.

Advance speculation has been that he will ask for about \$70,000,000 for spending largely for defense, in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

As for taxes, he said yesterday in his economic message that new laws totaling very much more than \$8,000,000,000 a year would be needed. The \$8,000,000,000 is an estimate of what the last two tax boosts amounted to.

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Norway Effort Encourages Ke

By PRESTON GROVER. OSLO (AP)—General E. Eisebner looked at the brightest picture of the Norwegian defense he has seen on his tour of Atlantic past capital.

More than 100,000 men are being trained, more men are being called up, and the vital air units are being purged of Communists as fast as an interior prize minister can do it.

Norway holds no hope that it can defend itself against a major power, such as Russia, for very long. In a statement given to the press, the Norwegian defense chief, Christian Haugen, just before he went into conference with Eisebner, said the Norwegian defense picture was painted bleakly.

"Norway cannot stand without a serious invasion attempt by a great power. Neither can it hope to mount effective resistance at every point where an attacker might try to establish itself. Defense must be concentrated in sections of the country regarded as vital from a strategic point of view. It is possible in event of invasion to gain time until aid can come from Norway's allies. Invasion by a great power must therefore be regarded as the premise guiding the expansion of Norway's defenses."

AGED ADMIRAL DIES. VENTNOR, Isle of Wight, Eng., Jan. 12 (AP)—Admiral Sir George Jellicoe, aged 92, died of bronchitis at his home in Ventnor, Isle of Wight, England, today at his home.

Taft Assails Cease-Fire Idea

By JACK BELL. WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Taft (R-Ohio) today assailed the U. S. cease-fire offer in Korea.

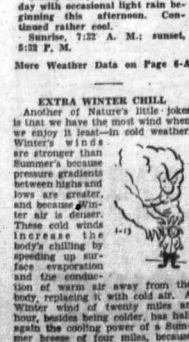
Taft said reporters "went as far as he is concerned he would much rather see withdrawal of American troops from Korea than acceptance of the cease-fire proposal."

The proposal, supported by U. S. delegates to the U. N. would bring the Chinese Communists into the conference, Taft declared. "I am not only Korea but also Formosa, now held by Chinese Nationalists, and the mainland of China, which we support of the Chinese Nationalists."

"I think the cease-fire proposal is a most unfortunate move toward appeasement of the Chinese Communists," Taft declared. "I wouldn't consider yielding on any point to the Communists. I would rather get out of Korea entirely."

Our Weather

Cloudy today, tonight, and Sunday with occasional light rain or drizzle this afternoon. Clear, 5:30 P. M. More weather data on page 6-A.



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Because he already has five Purple Hearts, Marine Cpl. Albert (Irish) Ireland had to get a special waiver from Springfield, Va., was wounded once on Guadalcanal and four times on Okinawa during World War II. (Acme Telephoto.)