



Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense, drinks a cup of joe with a couple of sergeants from the 8th Fighter Wing in Korea during an inspection. The mechanics, who seem to be giving her the straight dope, are M/Sgt. Jack Long of Dallas, Texas and Sgt. Paul Nordyke of Yuma, Colo. (Acme Telephoto).

12 Miners Trapped In Shaft Explosion

By HERB LITTLE
KAYFORD, W. Va.—An explosion trapped twelve men deep in a coal mine today.

Ten hours later three bodies had been recovered and the other nine were given little chance of being alive.

No official casualty list was compiled, but members of the grim crew of the mine rescue team said a father and his son were among the missing.

W. B. Cuthbert, chief engineer for the Triax-Tracer coal mine, said they had only a "very long chance." They were three quarters of a mile back in the mountain.

Forty rescue workers toiled slowly through the mine tunnel, littered with rock and debris. The air was foul and they were oxygen equipment.

They were still over 800 feet from the main explosion area, Cuthbert said he could not guess how quickly they could dig through.

The explosion ripped through the Triax-Tracer mine, United No. 1, about 2 A. M. The entry is half way up a rugged hillside about 35 miles southeast of Charleston. The tunnel goes straight back into the mountain, with little slope.

The men inside were members of a maintenance crew, getting the mine ready for today's work.

Two hundred anxious friends and relatives gathered in small groups on the level graded space around the mine entrance.

The few women were calm. A drizzle subsided as the morning wore on. Fog covered the upper part of the mountain.

Arch J. Alexander, state mines chief, went underground with the rescue team. His department rushed all available inspectors to the scene.

A Mine Department official said the first reports indicated coal dust explosion.

Congressman Reports

Atomic Bomb Now Ready For Battlefield Use

WASHINGTON—The "atomic bomb can now be used on the field of battle," Rep. Gore (D-Tenn.) said today upon his return after witnessing atomic tests in Nevada.

Gore, chairman of the Atomic Energy Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, told newsmen that "atomic bombs are no longer mysterious devices—they are now specific, accurate, and certain."

He said, "specific as to type and purpose; accurate as to delivery to the point of precision, and certain as to detonation and devastating effect."

Gore was one of a party of five Congressmen who saw the third atomic explosion from "several miles away."

He said he could answer no inquiries as to time, distance, location of delivery, or type of explosion.

During an extended discussion frequently referred to printed instructions conveying classified information which he was not permitted to release.

Asked how big the bomb was, he replied, "I can't say specifically, but to me it looked big enough to destroy an enemy division, reasonably concentrated for attack."

The third blast of a series being conducted at the Atomic Energy Commission's Yucca flat test site north of Las Vegas was exploded yesterday.

It was the most spectacular of the series, according to reports, and was unlike anything ever seen before. It had a dual action—two sound waves were heard a second apart, and the fiery red heart rose and burst again.

The fourth explosion is scheduled for tomorrow, and is expected to combine Army maneuvers with a nuclear detonation.

EVENING PRAYER

O thou who changest not, wilt thou surround us with love and mercy even as we are surrounded by the night. Grant forgiveness for sins committed this day. May we humble ourselves so that on the morrow we shall be forgiven or cause any injustice. Amen.

Dept. Of Justice Under Sights

Investigators Widen Scope Of Tax Collection Probe

By R. L. LIVINGSTONE
WASHINGTON—House investigators brought the Department of Justice under scrutiny today when they reported that the Internal Revenue Service officials under their sights today in a broadening of their inquiry into federal tax service irregularities.

A big shift of emphasis in the investigation was announced by House Speaker Wm. W. Whelan, who said that the House Ways and Means subcommittee which thus far has concentrated on reports of improper practices in the offices of collectors of internal revenue.

More than a score of bureau employees have recently resigned or been ousted or suspended. Two former collectors are under indictment. Taking note of these cases, Sen. Keafauver (D-Tenn.) announced that Congress now intends to place collectors under Civil Service and bar them from outside activities.

QUICKER RESIGNS
Like Haman, Tennessee collector, resigned last night because of

British Seize Port Said Road And Rail Bridge

Act After Egyptians Hamper Traffic

By EDWARD POLLAK
CAIRO, Egypt—A British army spokesman said today British troops have seized the road and rail bridge outside Port Said, at the Mediterranean end of the Suez Canal, and are operating it "without interference or trouble."

The bridge was seized yesterday by a Cheshire regiment patrolling after Egyptian authorities "refused to keep it open more than 30 minutes every day," the spokesman said.

The British also seized an Egyptian Government girls' school at Imbaba for use as a school for British servicemen's children. Seized followed Egyptian children of British private schools in Imbaba, the spokesman said.

He reported there were no other incidents in the canal area, from which hundreds of strikers had been freed to return to work, guarding the waterway.

Reports from Port Tewfik near Suez said 500 Egyptian police dispersed hundreds of strikers who shouted anti-British slogans and ripped down several British flags and ran up the Egyptian colors in their place. British troops were not involved, and no casualties were reported. All road traffic and to and from the Suez area was closed down again by the British.

Stokowski Expected

Child In January

NEW YORK—Conductor Leopold Stokowski, 60, and his 27-year-old wife, the former Gloria Vanderbilt, are expecting their second child in January, they have a son born Aug. 22, 1950.

Time to bring other collectors' offices under investigation, particularly in the office of San Francisco Collector James G. Smyth and eight subordinates there are currently under suspension pending investigation.

It is expected that further disclosures of irregularities or incompetence will add to the picture already presented.

In pushing its inquiry into practices, or non-prosecution, of tax evaders, the Internal Revenue Service, the chief counsel of the bureau in Washington, the offices of the four regional collectors, the Department of Justice and U. S. district attorneys.

King said that some grounds for failure to prosecute tax frauds "appear to be of doubtful validity."

King specifically claims of ill health by taxpayers, or voluntary disclosures of fraud, King said, are grounds for official decision not to prosecute "appear to lend themselves to easy abuse."

Guests Of The Trumans

Capital Set To Greet Royalty

By ED CREECH
WASHINGTON—Official Washington put on its best bib and tucker today to greet Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

And in spite of possible showers, thousands of men and women in the street planned to join the British royal couple on their first visit to the United States.

President and Mrs. Truman and their daughter Margaret headed the list of government officials, foreign diplomats and other dignitaries meeting Elizabeth and her brilliant, handsome husband on their arrival by plane from Montreal.

Television and radio networks set up coast-to-coast coverage of the event.

A 21-gun salute was to touch off a rapid-fire succession of receptions, dinners and other ceremonies for the royal visitors. The first: A reception by some 500 newsmen at the White House.

The British royal couple had a chance to freshen up and sample American-style life.

EFFECTIVE TOMORROW TAXES GO UP

By JOE HALL
WASHINGTON—Individual income taxes go up tomorrow. So do the excise, or, less, taxes on gasoline, cigarettes, liquor and a long list of luxuries, semi-luxuries and necessities.

The rises are part of a \$5,000,000,000 bill passed by Congress earlier this month. President Truman had asked rises of nearly twice that much because of higher spending for the mobilization program.

The personal income tax boost amounts to about 11 1/2 percent for the average taxpayer, will raise the most new money, most of them will not actually pay a cent more.

HEAVY WITHHOLDING
Every salary and wage earner will feel it in his first pay check in November. There will be a bigger amount withheld for Uncle Sam.

Contributions contribute the second largest slice of new revenue, \$2,500,000,000 a year. But they will not be paid until next year when they send in their 1951 taxes.

The increase on them was made retroactive to last April 1.

It is the excise tax increase which most consumers will meet.

Tito Balks At Atlantic Pact; Will Help West

Belgrade, Yugoslavia—Premier Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia declared today he is willing to cooperate with—but not to join—the Atlantic Pact, and said the pact could count on him as a friend in the event of World War III.

Tito, wearing his marshal's uniform with 125 foreign and local newsmen in a four-hour news conference, his largest and longest since becoming premier, he added that there could be no neutrality on the part of a European country in the event of World War III.

"On all questions of economic and cultural relations, on all questions of international affairs, Yugoslavia will be willing to cooperate with the countries of the Atlantic Pact," Tito said, but he made it plain he would not join the Pact, and that arms aid from the United States would not change his policies.

"Our policy is in the interests of the security and independence and the strength of Yugoslavia," he said, "and we are in complete agreement with the Atlantic Pact."

He hoped for better relations with Italy and Greece.

He warned repeatedly that there is danger of war, but said the people should "not despair" of preventing a third world war.

He felt that the future of strategic Trieste on the Adriatic "probably will be discussed directly" between Yugoslavia and Italy.

Speaking in Serbian through an interpreter, Tito said that the pact was "a logical consequence of the strength of Yugoslavia," and that he was in complete agreement with the Atlantic Pact.

Marion Davies Married To Skipper Of Transport

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—Former actress Marion Davies was married in a surprise ceremony today to the skipper of a military transport ship.

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His first wife, Virginia Tobitt, Brown of Richmond, was killed in an automobile accident in 1942. Brown has three sons by his first marriage.

The ceremony was performed at the El Rancho Vegas Hotel by Justice of the Peace James Downey, who officiated at the wedding in 1947.

Mr. Davies arrived here by plane from Los Angeles at 3:15 A. M. and obtained a wedding license from the Nevada County Clerk at Los Angeles later in the day.

The ceremony lasted only three minutes, and was witnessed by Mrs. Brown's son, Horace G. Brown III, Jimmie Stuart, an official of the hotel, and Ken Frogley, of the

Enemy Offers To Settle For Battle Line

Sear At Peace Camp

By NATE POLOWITZ
MUNSA, Korea—Red truce negotiators offered today to create a buffer zone along their version of the present battle line in Korea.

They called it their "last and best proposal."

The surprise Red offer approached demands of the United Nations Command. It brought the two sides closer together than they ever have been on the question.

Hopes soared in this truce camp. But a U. N. Command spokesman said there were two important differences between the new Red offer and the Allied proposal:

1. The Reds want to keep Kaesong, former truce talks site. The Allies want to take it over.

2. The Communist version of the battle line is two or three miles south of where the Allies place it.

DIFFERENCES CITED
These differences were pointed out by Col. Andrew J. Kinney, chief U. N. liaison officer.

Kinney said there were certain other things the U. N. negotiators could not accept immediately.

But he added, the Communist offer brought the buffer zone question nearer to a solution than at any time since truce talks first started July 10.

Even should the buffer zone question be settled, other problems remain to be solved before a truce can come to Korea. These questions on the negotiating agenda are: supervision of the truce, which means behind-the-lines inspection, exchange of prisoners and agreement on recommendations to be made to governments concerned.

Subcommittees will continue their discussions Thursday at 11 A. M. (8 P. M. Wednesday local time).

Red negotiators submitted their plan unexpectedly near the close of yesterday's meeting of subcommittees in a rain-soaked tent at Panmunjom. The plan was called "LAST PROPOSAL."

Three times, Kinney said, the Reds asked that the word "last" be taken from their last and best proposal.

"This makes us very suspicious," Kinney said.

Nevertheless, Kinney said, the new Red proposal "is the biggest step I've seen" for solving the Korean problem.

The U. N. Command has insisted all along that the cease-fire line be based on the 38th Parallel.

Originally, the Reds demanded a buffer zone on the 38th Parallel. That was a demarcation line running five to 15 miles south of the battle line.

Fierce fighting was still going on from the ground front Wednesday. Only action reported in the U. S. 8th Army zone was a Communist

Seaman Tells BAR PATRONS HE SLEW WIFE

SAN FRANCISCO—Blood dripping from his hands, a merchant seaman walked into a San Francisco bar last night and announced:

"I want to buy everybody in the place a drink . . . I just killed my wife."

Police found Seaman Malcolm B. Bonds' wife, Olive, 47, dead in a hotel room last night.

Bonds, 45, told police he had beaten his wife to death with his bare hands because she had come home from a voyage a week ago and discovered that his wife had been going out with other men.

Bonds was booked on suspicion of murder.

Democrats Meet To Pick Chief

WASHINGTON—The Democratic Party organization, with Truman Administration leaders firmly in control, gathered here today to elect a new chairman and get some "new ideas" in campaigning.

As talk of another Truman-Barley ticket continued, despite rumors denying his support, the party's national committee gathered to ratify President Truman's choice of Frank E. McNamara, an Indianapolis banker, as chairman to succeed the resigning William M. Boyce Jr. The job pays \$35,000 a year.

There was no evidence of opposition to McNamara. And should he be elected, his supporters predicted it would not get anywhere.

They said, too, that the 47-year-old businessman, 4-2-1, would have to impart for the 1952 campaign if his past successes in business are any criterion.

Resolutions praising the Truman Administration were anticipated from the meeting.

219 MORE CASUALTIES
The Defense Department today identified 219 more battle casualties in Korea. A new list reported 28 killed, 175 wounded, 4 missing, 10 captured and 14 injured in combat since September 1.

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