



"Welcome to our city", says Mayor Pro-Tem Philip Van Dine to Movie Star Wanda Hendrix. Miss Hendrix arrived in the city today and will be honorary queen of the Carolinas Carroussel tomorrow.

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Truman Will Open Files In Tax Cases

King Says Justice Dept. To Co-Operate

In \$400,000 Alabama Case Papers Say Caudle Attempted To Discourage Tax Prosecution

Communists Ask Immediate End To Fighting

Wordy Negotiating Session Is Held

By WILLIAM JORDEN
MUNSAN, Korea.—(AP)—Communist negotiators challenged the Allies today to agree to a cease-fire line in Korea now or break off the truce talks.

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Reds Accused Of Slaying Thousands Of Allied War Prisoners, Civilians

By BILL SHINN
PUSAN, Korea.—(AP)—The head of the U. S. Eighth Army's legal section today said Reds have killed at least 3,700 United Nations prisoners—about 3,500 of them Americans—and some 200,000 Korean civilians in atrocities since the start of the war.

Col. James M. Hanley of Seattle, chief of the Army's judge advocate section, said in a statement that 200 captured U. S. Marines were killed in a single day—last Dec. 10—near Sinhung in Northeast Korea.

Sinhung is about 20 miles north of Jungnam. Last December remnants of the U. S. First Marine Division and the U. S. Seventh Infantry Division were pulling back toward Jungnam port in a bitter retreat.

Hanley said the Marines were killed on order of the commander of the 33rd Regiment, 81st Chinese Division.

He said 17 Turkish war prisoners near Haejo, 80 miles south of May 15, 1951, near Yungu and 12 others others on April 10 near Yoncheon.

Hanley said the count of military South Korean troops. He gave no estimate of these, but indicated the number was about twice that of other U. N. soldiers killed by Red captors.

Civilian men, women and children were slaughtered, Hanley said, without trial or even a formal death sentence.

He said 700 civilians were driven into the horizontal shaft of a gold mine near Haejo, 80 miles south of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, on Sept. 26, 1950, bound and gagged and dropped down a vertical shaft. They were left to die, he said.

Four hundred more were given the same treatment on Oct. 9, 1950, Hanley said. Three days earlier, he said, about 400 were bound, gagged and buried alive in three big holes at Haejo airport.

He said the Reds had "nothing to do with the cease-fire negotiations" at Panmunjom. The United Nations, he said, called for the Reds to capture "in complete accordance with the Geneva agreement."

"None of the Communist war prisoners have been killed by us," he added.

"The figures compiled by the United Nations command are far from complete," Hanley said, "but a record of killings and barbarism unique even in Communist China."

Pakistan Setting Up Atomic Research Lab
KARACHI, Pakistan.—(AP)—An atomic research laboratory is being set up in Lahore, Punjab Province, the Pakistan Government announced today.

Orders have been placed with the United States for the equipment for the laboratory, which is expected to be completed late next year.

Judge Rejects Adoption Plan
PONTIAC, Mich.—(AP)—The eleven Murray Moore orphans were freed today by a Michigan judge in the care of relatives and two court-appointed guardians.

Oakland County Probate Judge Arthur E. Moore made the ruling after a hearing.

Its effect was to reject, for the time being at least, the adoption plan of the children, including that of Pittsburgh's Mr. and Mrs. John Donald Babb.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—(AP)—Republican Governor Earl Warren of California entered the 1952 Presidential race today.

U. S. Spirit of the Living God, we beseech Thee to work mightily in the hearts of all enemies of Justice and righteousness in the earth. How much better their conversion than their death on the battlefield! Make them to see the futility of fighting and the glory of peace, and the love of God and those who trust Him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Imports Drastically Cut By Dollar-Short France

PARIS.—(AP)—France announced today a drastic slash of imports valued at \$2.5 billion, and a post war average of \$400 million.

Imports from the dollar zone for the period up to June 30, 1951, will be reduced to about \$300 million, a cabinet spokesman said.

The spokesman said French dollar imports from June, 1950, to June, 1951, were \$650 million.

France will be pinched for coal, gasoline, cotton and newsprint due to the import slash, the cabinet spokesman indicated.

France's dollar reserves are believed to be of confidence on the program.

France's trade deficit for the first ten months of this year was \$2.5 billion (francs \$250 million), twice what it was for the corresponding period in 1950.

May will go before parliament Friday to spell out what is expected to be a new austerity era for the nation.

The cabinet will meet again tomorrow to fill in details of the austerity program and to decide if the cabinet should stake its life on the issue.

That is, it asks a formal vote of confidence on the program.

U. S. Eighth Army Headquarters, Korea.—(AP)—Allied war planes today swept North Korean skies without challenge and dealt heavy blows to crippled Communist rail system.

Far East Air Force (FEAF) said B-29 bombers destroyed eight locomotives in pre-dawn raids. Ten others were reported destroyed in the 24 hours ended at midnight Tuesday.

An Air Force spokesman said he hesitated to claim a total of 18 B-29 bombers were downed in the raiding. But he said he felt certain at least some of the eight were in addition to the previous 10.

Allied fighter sweeps through MIG Alley in Northwest Korea turned noon Wednesday failed to burn up any Communist jets, it was the fourth straight day the Reds refused to tangle with U. N. planes.

U. N. ground forces Wednesday threw back two Communist Red Army probing attacks on the Western Front and scattered a Communist midson on the Eastern Front.

An Eighth Army Wednesday evening communication said there was no significant action along the front.

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OUR WEATHER

Cloudy and warm today with widely scattered showers. Fairly heavy rain in the morning. Tomorrow, highest yesterday 72 degrees. Lowest this morning 64 degrees. Sunrise, 6:54 A. M.; sunset, 5:18 P. M. More Weather Data on Page 3-A

SMELLING LIGHTNING

Can you smell lightning? Yes. Or, to be more accurate, you can smell the after-effects of lightning. The lightning bolt disrupts the molecules of the oxygen, nitrogen and water vapor in the air along its course; and they combine to form substances that we can smell before the storm arrives. These include ammonia, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen and nitrogen acid, all of which have a pungent smell. This is sometimes mistaken for the odor of sulphur and superstitious people have attributed it to infernal sources. Others, however, air has been burnt, or scorched.