

Wild Inflation
Margu's Childs traces the
vicious course of the current in-
flationary spiral, and warns
America of its fate if the trend
is not reversed. Turns to the
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The President Gets Copies Of RFC Correspondence

New Death Penalties Imposed

Defiance Spreading In China

By STANLEY RICH

HONG KONG.—P. Communist China, extending the death penalty drastically, today admitted the underground has killed thousands of Red militants and that open defiance was spreading.

In an astonishing announcement, Peiping conceded that resistance had risen with the outbreak of widespread purge which they expect to increase in intensity.

Some observers here, however, believed the announcement was intended primarily to justify a widespread purge which they expect to increase in intensity.

The Reds ordered immediate nationwide imposition of the death penalty for all and any actions which might be construed as "open defiance" of the Government.

It was reported that by giving the death penalty the Government sanction, Peiping also apparently

was trying to take some of the heat off regional and local governments. Disaffection with local government was reported widespread.

RAPID SPREAD
Chinese Communists in the Peiping announcement admitted that peasant opposition to land reform is spreading rapidly, "armed defiance" to the Communist regime is getting out of control, and that thousands of Red militia and government officials have been killed by "counter revolutionary" agents.

The broadcast said the situation had grown "worse" since the launching of the American imperialist aggression against China.

It conceded that roving guerrilla bands are destroying railroads and bridges.

Submitting the stern new program to the Central People's Government Council, highest administrative body in Red China, deputy chairman Peng Cheng of the political and law committee declared "the government must no longer be magnanimous and lenient."

"If we do not thoroughly destroy the people's enemy there cannot be a people's victory," he said.

"If we do not suppress the wolves of America and Chiang Kai-shek (Nationalist) bandit groups, no security and the victory of the people cannot be consolidated."

Peng asserted open defiance to the regime is rife throughout the country, particularly on the part of "repentant" persons who had been taken back into the party's good graces.

Letters Of Lawmakers Requested

Truman Angered By Criticism

WASHINGTON.—P. President Truman, steaming over Capitol Hill charges one of his aides influenced RFC loans, has got from the lending agency copies of its correspondence about loans with Congress members—700 to 900 letters in all.

Mr. Truman's move in the red-hot controversy was first brought out today at a Senate Banking Subcommittee hearing on the question of whether RFC directors have yielded to influence and favoritism in handling out millions in Government loans.

The White House later confirmed that Mr. Truman had called for the correspondence.

In Mobilization Dispute

Union Heads Discuss Strategy

WASHINGTON.—P. Labor union leaders met today to consider new steps in their fight for changes in the mobilization program.

Two major issues confronted the United Labor Policy Committee (ULPC) at the session:

1. A report by committee members who conferred last three days with Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston on labor's demand for modification of the Government's proposed wage formula.

2. The plan for a wage ceiling 10 per cent above the levels of Jan. 15, 1950, is not high enough.

2. A peace gesture from Mobilization Director Charles E. Wilson. This was a bid to labor to name a representative to serve as a level arbiter to Wilson on mobilization policy.

There were reports the committee appeared to be between AF Vice President George M. Harrison, who now is an advisor and special assistant to Johnston, and Walter P. Reuther of the CIO United Auto Workers.

Committee members had no comment as they went into the meeting.

Wilson makes a nationwide radio broadcast tonight and is expected to renew his contention that the defense program is being run fairly and not for the benefit of big business, as the labor group contends.

In advance, he arranged to meet with his own labor advisor committee which includes representatives of the ULPC group as well as John Lewis, chief of the United Mine Workers, Lewis union is not a member of the ULPC.

ENOUGH ARGUMENTS
By the time he was known yesterday he has heard enough of the argument and will now go ahead with his own whether he approves this formula or modify it.

After a three-hour session with ULPC leaders, he said he has heard "all their gripes" and learned a lot.

Johnston said he would spend the next few days assembling technical data on wages and prices, thus indicating his decision would be delayed at least until the week end.

Wilson will broadcast over the radio and television network at 10:30 P. M. (EST) tonight on "The State of Mobilization."

His radio broadcast came to a head just a week ago when, following instructions of the ULPC, he called a news conference at which he said he would call the Wage Stabilization Board walked out in protest over the ten per cent wage hike.

Wilson had been holding out for 12 per cent.

The chairman of the board, Cyrus S. Ching, said a Mutual network broadcast (Reporters' Roundup) last night that the dispute must be settled quickly or there would be a lot of shutdowns around the country.

All collective bargaining is in a "stalemate," Ching said, sending resolution of the dispute over the wage formula. It was approved by his and his two public members and by the three industry members of the board.

Ching also charged labor leaders with their argument that big business representatives are running the defense program. He said what is important is to look at "how well the job is being done regardless of the previous connections of anyone connected with that job."

Russell Swings Support Behind Troops For Europe

By OLIVER W. DEWOLF

WASHINGTON.—P. President Truman's plan to send more troops to Europe apparently gained strong new support today when Sen. Russell (D-Ga.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee indicated he would back Chairman Russell (D-Tenn.) of the Foreign Relations Committee in a resolution which would endorse in advance any troop commitments Mr. Truman might make to North Atlantic defense.

Russell told reporters he wanted some changes in the resolution but he hinted strongly he thought he and Connally could get together. He said he would wait until they reached a final agreement before making public the changes he proposed.

CONNALLY CONFIDENT
Connally expressed confidence an agreement would be reached. "It will be a bilateral resolution."

OUR WEATHER

Fair and mild through Sunday. High temperature expected today, 65 degrees, with a clear, bright day. Tomorrow, 40 degrees. Sunrise, 7 A. M.; sunset, 6:13 P. M.

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THE COOLER SEX

Why does a wife want two blankets under the bed when her husband is comfortable with one? Because women's internal heating plants have a lower combustion rate and produce less heat than men's. Thus more sensitive to cold, yet they are the ones who wear the least clothing. This makes it very difficult to keep indoor winter temperatures comfortable for both husband and wife. The practical way is for the man to be lightly clad—shirt sleeves or a light jacket—while the woman bundles up in woollens.

Pogo Is Coming? 'Goodie,' Says Fan

Winston-Salem, N.C.—P. The News: "Pogo coming? Goodie. He is my favorite funny. Have missed him since he left NC, as I have read a Va. paper which says he is one dime, and I can't wait." Did you know that a Virginia college had voted Pogo as the college favorite funny? He is mine, too.

Yours truly,
—A Pogo Fan

Price Freeze Dries Up Business

Halted Cotton Trade Caught In Storm

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte News Staff Writer
Cotton today, after almost one month of completely suspended trade, was a politico-economic bomb with a burning fuse.

Not a bale of this highly strategic commodity has been bought or sold since the imposition of price ceilings abruptly stopped the flow of cotton in January.

Charlotte, center of cotton marketing and of textile manufacturing, is flooded with rumors of what may be done at Washington to end this stalemate. One fact standing out like a sore thumb, is that fixing of maximum prices for baled cotton at the gin level is the so far insurmountable obstacle to resumption of any cotton trade.

Consequently, manufacturers of cotton fabrics, Haver, a d. yards have kept out of the market for these products. The trade explanation is that, either the manufacturers don't know where their ceilings are or they are caught in a squeeze between their raw cotton costs and price ceilings on their products.

So, the mills aren't selling any textiles at this time. Current production is against heavy backlogs of orders on hand.

Something may be decided in Washington over this week-end, clearly the future of cotton growing, marketing and manufacturing.

New York dispatches said the Cotton Exchange announced that "every effort is being made" to obtain clarification of conditions which caused suspension. The Exchange added that "ample notice will be given to the entire world" to be resumed with legal safety.

Charlotte cotton dealers estimated that several days will be required for study of any favorable revision of the price freeze order before trading in cotton may be resumed with legal safety.

"POLITICAL BATTLE"
When the stalemate had continued about two weeks sixteen U. S. Senators from cotton belt states personally called upon President Truman to exert his influence for

WHOLE BLOOD GIVEN GI NEAR BATTLEFIELD



A wounded GI receives whole blood from medical staff at a front-line first aid station while he is being carried to a plane for evacuation. The plane will have him in a hospital in Japan just a few hours after he was wounded. (Acme Photo.)

Cities Could Build Off-Street Facilities

NC Senate Gets Parking Bills

RALEIGH.—P. Legislation to allow cities to build and finance off-street parking facilities was tossed into the Senate hopper today.

Sen. J. Hampton Price of Rockingham and Irving Carlyle of Forsyth offered the bills they would permit the municipalities to build various types of off-street parking facilities and "various methods of financing them."

One would permit the issuance of bonds which would pledge the full faith and credit of the municipality for their repayment. It

came from the cities, parking meters and fine collectors' assessments on benefited persons could be used to repay the bonds. The other would allow issuance of revenue bonds for which income of the facilities and from parking meters would be pledged for repayment.

The House, meanwhile prepared to consider again a bill to ratify an amendment to the U. S. Constitution which would limit President's to two terms.

The House, reported a bill to provide "cost of living" pay in-

creases for all State employees except school teachers.

Rep. C. Wayland Spruell of Bertie and others introduced the pay bill which would give employees making \$1,500 a year or less a boost of \$16 a month. The increase would range to \$30 a month for those making \$3,000 a year or more.

It was the second cost of living pay raise measure introduced in the Legislature. The Senate received a bill earlier this week to give the State workers a flat 10 per cent boost.

Bill To Limit Presidents Approved By Legislature

RALEIGH.—P. North Carolina today became the 34th state to approve an amendment to the Federal Constitution limiting Presidents to two terms.

Legislative action to ratify the amendment was completed when the House voted 59 to 33 to pass ratifying bill. The Senate passed the bill Wednesday 31 to 8.

The amendment must be ratified by 36 states to be effective.

Earlier the House had beaten down 71 to 25 an amendment which would have submitted the issue to a vote of the people at the next general election. Rep. Richard T. Sanders of Durham offered the amendment.

Debate on the issue was similar to that heard yesterday when the House passed the bill on second reading. Opponents contended it was a slap at the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was elected President four times. Supporters denied that it was a slap at Roosevelt.

Rep. J. B. Vogler of Mecklenburg said "I can't beg but believe that it is a slap at Roosevelt."

Draftee Bill To Be Pushed

WASHINGTON.—P. Senate Democrats decided today to bring up for Senate action early next week the bill permitting the drafting of eighteen-year-olds.

Majority Leader McFarland (D-Ariz.) said the bill would be pushed ahead of a resolution dealing with troops to Europe issue.

President Plans Florida Vacation

WASHINGTON.—P. President Truman will fly to Key West, Fla. next Friday for a rest and work stay of about 23 days, the White House announced today.

The President will leave shortly after lunch March 2, Presidential Secretary George Short said, and will return to Washington the following day.

Short said the President will put in a great deal of work at the Key West Submarine base, where he establishes headquarters, but will rest as much as possible also.

28 Nominated For Nobel Prize

OSLO, Norway.—P. The Norwegian Nobel Institute today nominated 28 persons for the Nobel Peace Prize, for 1951.

Others nominated included: Secretary of State Acheson, U. S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, the U. S. Secretary of State, and Secretary of State Acheson.

Major nominees included: Secretary of State Acheson, U. S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, the U. S. Secretary of State, and Secretary of State Acheson.

UN Committee In Peace Move

LAKE SUCCESS.—P. The United Nations Good Offices Committee was reported today to have made its first approach to Communist China to see if Peiping will reconsider and discuss Korean peace terms and if Peiping will

Town Key To Enemy Resistance

Fight-Run Tactics Used By Reds

By OLEN CLEMENTS
TOKYO.—P. Tank-led American forces punched swiftly up the mountainous spine of central Korea late today and occupied heavily vacated Red foxholes overlooking Hoengsong, key Communist defense point.

The twin U. S. spearheads were setting the pace for the powerful Allied offensive that shoved ahead virtually unopposed all along the muddy 60-mile front.

Brief but bitter Red resistance was met in some sectors earlier today. But the Communists are using fight-and-run tactics against the 100,000-man United Nations offensive.

AP Correspondent Stan Swinton reported American forces advancing on Hoengsong in the middle sector of the front were within a mile and a quarter of the burned-out town. The push carried four miles.

OCCUPY RED FOXHOLES

"American soldiers occupied foxholes dug by the Communists for themselves, while tanks and dive bombers dropped tons of missiles into the town," Swinton reported from outside Hoengsong.

"At dusk, the American tanks and troops pulled back slightly to make themselves secure for the night in full possession of the hills around the town. The push carried four miles."

The advance was on a route littered with wreckage of American vehicles checked out during the ill-fated Communist attack toward Jonju ten days ago. Jonju, key to the south-central sector, is ten miles south of Hoengsong.

MAY HOLD PRISONERS

Swinton said Allied gunfire on Hoengsong was restrained on the possibility that American prisoners are still being held there. He said the Reds did not give the reason for this possibility or reconcile it with the earlier drive-bombing action.

A South Korean major who escaped from the Chinese reported the Reds were concentrated north of the city.

On the eastern flank of the rugged, twisting central front, American tanks and troops advanced toward P'yongyang without a fight and pushed four miles beyond to a tattered Red position. P'yongyang is 25 miles southeast of Hoengsong.

On the far western front, American and Communist guns roared in an artillery duel across the border. The Reds tried to push two reconnaissance patrols across the border, but they were sent scurrying back.

Reds in company strength were bottled by Americans advancing six miles north of Chipyong on the west-central front, southeast of Seoul.

It was in that sector early Friday that the Second Battalion of Canada's famed Princess Patricia Regiment swept easily through the Red opposition astride the Seoul-Hoengsong road west of Hoengsong.

It was the first action of the Korean War in which the United Nations brought to six the nations in the current ground forces drive against the Chinese and Korean forces. The nations are British, Australian, New Zealanders and South Koreans.

The current Red-Korean offensive brings the U. N. line generally within 35 miles of 38. Its aim primarily is to kill. Reds rather than taking ground.

SHIPS SUELL SHORES

Allied naval vessels continued to pound both the eastern and western shores of the peninsula Thursday for the ninth straight day.

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