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President Explains His Action Seeks To Confine Conflict To Korea

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman has pinned high hopes for peace — and vindication for firing Gen. Douglas MacArthur — in the crushing of a threatening Communist Spring offensive in Korea.

Mr. Truman told the nation in a radio and television talk last night that he relieved MacArthur of his Pacific commands because the five-star general disagrees with his policy aimed at preventing the Koreans fighting from spreading into a world war less than 22 hours had elapsed since the announcement of the picturesque general's dismissal.

"We do not want to see the conflict in Korea extended," the President said solemnly and firmly. "We are trying to prevent a world war — not to start one."

CITIES RISKS
Mr. Truman said that the bombing of Red bases in Korea and the use of Chinese Nationalist troops from Formosa — both advocated by MacArthur — would involve "a grave risk of starting a general war."

Then he made it clear he believes that a threatened new move offensive by the Communists in Korea is crushed, the Red army would be removing MacArthur to elsewhere is "folly."

Then, he said, the door would be open to a peaceful settlement "which will not compromise the principle and purposes of the United Nations."

"Deaf of aggression in Korea may be the turning point in the world's search for a practical way of achieving peace and security," the President predicted.

Any such outbreak, he said, would be pointed to by the President's friends as justifying his "preventive action in removing MacArthur, a move that split Congress and the country into two camps."

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Film Writers Called Reds

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Collins, a member of fact, the 36-year-old Collins told the House Un-American Activities Committee of his own service with the party and of others who he said were active in it.

Collins said screen writers John Howard Lawson, Lester Cole and Albert Maltz also were Communists. All were members of the so-called "Hollywood ten" cited for contempt of the committee in 1947.

He told the committee it was Schulberg, "or it might have been Ring Lardner Jr., who was instrumental in getting him into the party in 1933."

Collins said he drifted away from the party in 1947 after attending "close to 5,000 hours of meetings."

"That's enough for a lifetime— I think I'll have to go to any more," he added—and he smiled faintly.

Schulberg, the best seller in the nation with his novel "Hollywood Ten," "What Makes Sammy Run?" Collins said Schulberg "left the party right after his book came out."

Lardner, a screen writer and magazine author, was one of the "Hollywood ten" cited for contempt of the committee in the 1947 hearings into Hollywood Communism.

Lardner was sentenced to prison for his refusal to answer questions concerning Communist activities.

OUR WEATHER

Fair and cooler tonight with scattered frost.
Sunrise, 5:55 A. M.; sunset, 6:32 P. M.
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FIREMAN, BEWARE!
We've seen how fast weather conditions favor the outbreak and rapid spread of forest fires, especially in the Smoky and Foothills. And the same conditions — a spell of low humidity and high winds — can cause as well the characteristics of fires in cities, as in the Smoky and Foothills. In fact, fires tend to break out, apparently without cause, in habited areas that formerly were safe, and to spread out of control. Many city fire departments have learned to be on guard against unusual outbreaks of rapidly spreading fires when the humidity has been abnormally low for several days.

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One-Senator Restriction Is Killed

Senate Group Delivers Blow
RALEIGH (AP)—A proposed constitutional amendment to keep any county from having more than one Senator was killed by a Senate committee today.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments took the action after hearing arguments against the measure at a public hearing.

Most of those opposing a measure from the state's two largest counties, Guilford and Mecklenburg.

Lloyd Amos, chairman of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, asserted that the proposal would be "doing fair" with the large counties.

Sen. Joe Carruthers of Guilford said the effect of the limitation would be to take away from the large counties and thus create disunity.

"Lloyd Amos (county now has more than one Senator, Guilford and Mecklenburg probably would be limited to two each if the Senate were reappointed on a strict population basis.

The committee requires the Legislature to reapportion membership in both its houses immediately after the 1950 Federal census. However, observers see little likelihood of reapportionment legislation being passed this session.

Sen. John D. Larkins moved for an unfavorable report on the proposed amendment. He said he favored it in principle, but "I haven't a chance this late in the session."

The Senate enacted a measure to allow an election in Tryon on legalizing ABC liquor stores.

The House approved a measure to amend the Constitution so as to change the method of filling vacancies in the Legislature. The measure was referred to the Senate for approval of amendments.

Under the present system, if a legislator dies or resigns, a special election is called to name his successor. The proposed constitutional amendment would allow the executive committee of the party of the deceased or resigned member in the county in which he died to nominate a successor.

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5th Air Force Chief Gets Three-Star Rank

QUARTERS, Korea — Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, commander of the U. S. Fifth Air Force, today was promoted to lieutenant general.

Stratemeyer, who was in Korea since March 24 and to write a letter March 20 to Rep. Joseph W. Martin (R-Mass.) both.

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3 Children Die In Florida Blaze

LAKE CITY, Fla.—Three children died early today in a fire which destroyed their home on the south shore of the Gainesville Highway.

Five persons were burned trying to save them.

The children were Barbara Selva, three; her sister Joan, nine; and Patty Mullin, three.

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Biggest Jet Engagement Is Fought Chinese Pull Back On Ground

By OLEN CLEMENTS
TOKYO (AP)—American jets, probably destroyed two more and damaged fifteen today in two soaring air fights over northwest Korea.

All American planes came safely out of the battles.

One of the thunderous clashes was the biggest jet fight in history. It involved 152 jet planes — 80 Mustangs, MIG-15s and 72 American F-86s and F-94s and about 40 B-29 medium bombers.

On the ground, two Chinese divisions pushed cautiously ahead in their weak attack against no opposition. Staff officers said they were puzzled by the enemy withdrawal.

Two Red divisions Wednesday bitterly opposed Allied crossings of the Hantan River south of Chosen. They fought from the craggy hills north of the river.

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