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Double Offensive Is Seen as Red Forces Gather

Allied Air Strikes Are Continued

New Gatherings Of Troops Blasted

By RUSSELL BRINES
TOKYO.—Red forces gathered in the central Korean no-man's-land north of Seoul to join 1,500 of their comrades today preparing for a possible new double-edged offensive.

United Nations and Red patrols probed each other's lines while allied planes hammered at the build-ups.

North Koreans slipped through draws in the hills, assembling twenty miles north of Seoul between Namisan and Uijongju.

Chinese moved down from the 38th parallel on the central front to join 1,500 of their comrades sighted near Kaoping. This area, 32 miles northeast of Seoul, had been a no-man's-land for more than a week.

American officers expressed belief the Reds were gathering to strike at Seoul from two directions. AP Correspondent Nate Follin reported from the east central front that both officers said the Reds might launch a double attack at a third point on the Kaoping-Changsan axis.

RED PATROL AMBUSHED

A Red patrol on pre-dawn reconnaissance Friday was ambushed by U.N. troops northeast of Chonju. Air observers reported the patrol was ambushed in this area.

Further east, South Korean soldiers and air patrol on the front of the Hwacheon Reservoir. At the eastern end of the line other South Koreans sought to establish positions north of the 38th Parallel.

They drove Red forces from dug-in positions near Inje Thursday to a bayonet charge.

Along the entire battlefield about 1,110 casualties inflicted on the Reds Thursday, the Eighth Army reported. Nearly 700 were taken prisoners, two-thirds of them in South Korea.

AIR STRIPS BOMBED

B-24s bombed air strips at Sariwon and Sumnal Friday on the Red supply line. The fighters from Pyongyang, North Korea, returned from the capital. It was the seventh consecutive day of raids designed to thwart a possible Red air offensive.

North Korean air fields have been blasted by more than 1,000 tons of bombs since this aerial campaign opened twenty days ago. Eight strikes followed Friday by 312 planes Wednesday at Sariwon in northwestern Korea, detonating at least fifteen tons of high explosive Red planes caught on the ground, air officers reported.

UN bombers being blasted the new Chinese concentration near Kaoping on the central front Thursday night and continued Friday. Attacking planes roared through unusually heavy anti-aircraft fire.

SEOUL: VISITORS NOT WELCOME



Sgt. William Harris (left) of Hopewell, Va., M-Sgt. James C. Lloyd of Dubach, La., and Sgt. Clemis Stevens of Ecorseville, Miss., take up firing positions at a sand bag road block in Seoul. (Acme Telephoto).

After Night Of Rioting

Panama Has New President

By BEN F. HEVLER
PANAMA, Panama.—Panama's police army and public opinion gave the country a new president last night after four days of riots and revolution in which at least twelve persons were killed and hundreds were wounded.

In a three-hour battle inside and around the handsome little presidential palace, the national police army, Panama's only armed force, defeated the rioters.

Still in the saddle as Panama's strong man was Police Chief Col. Jose Antonio Remon, who put Arias in the president's chair in 1946 and who took him out of it yesterday.

Remon, however, who put Arias in the president's chair in 1946 and who took him out of it yesterday, said he would cooperate fully with the United States, which controls the Panama Canal Zone.

Reports reached here of a 21-year-old discharged Korean veteran who was denied admittance to a veterans hospital after his fighting was not in a declared war. Hospital officials said they were unable to locate his file.

New Bill Entitles Korea Fighters To GI Benefits

WASHINGTON.—Veterans of the undeclared Korean war will be eligible for the same medical benefits as survivors of other wars if President Truman approves. It is virtually certain he will. That was Areliano's reaction, expressed to a reporter. When interviewed, he was a patient in a county hospital at Tucson where a private physician had operated on his throat.

Dewey Calls For Chinese Red Embargo

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Spanish Strike Demands Given

POMPLONA, Spain.—Twenty thousand workers warned the Government today they will continue their general strike for the high cost of living until their demands are met.

A few stores and cafes opened at the start of the strike's fourth day but with an estimated 20,000 workers at all factories were on tight. The city was quiet throughout the morning and no incidents were reported.

Three Men Perish In Chicago Blaze

CHICAGO.—Three unidentified men perished in an early morning fire which destroyed a rooming house for sixty people. A fourth man was missing. Three elderly women and two men escaped from the three-story brick house on the city's North Side. Missing was Thomas Coogan, who had married several residents of the fire.

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Personal Service Firms Placed Under OPS Ruling

WASHINGTON.—A special pricing order requiring such establishments as barber and beauty shops, laundries and parking lots, to post ceiling prices has issued today. The Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) said the items affected by the order include the price of barber and beautician; auto, radio and household appliance repairs; laundries, dry cleaning and tailor shops; shoe repairs, parking lots, and station services, checking accounts; fees of bowling alleys, skating rinks and golf courses; and admission to amusement parks.

Republicans Say Danger In Europe

Marshall Back For Questioning

WASHINGTON.—The stormy dispute over dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur centered today on whether his policies in the Truman Administration's would more likely touch off war with Russia.

Senator Hickenlooper (R-Iowa) said that issue is the basis for questions he plans to fire at Secretary of Defense Marshall, who was called back to testify for a fifth straight day before the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees.

Hickenlooper got started on that tack yesterday. Just before the committee allow an oversight pause in the inquiry into the ouster of MacArthur and foreign policy generally.

"It seems to me," Hickenlooper said, "that the program of the Administration is following the defense of Western Europe involves as great or possibly greater risk of war with Russia than does the Far Eastern program advocated by General MacArthur."

"Why, then, do we accept the risk in Europe and shy away from it in the Far East?" he asked.

Marshall had called for handing of Red China's supply bases in Southeast Asia. He also urged a "total blockade" of China.

The Administration, on the other hand, wants to limit the blockade to Communist China. President Truman has said MacArthur's program would run the risk of a third world war.

In his testimony yesterday, Marshall said firmly that his country is against recognition of Red China and against turning over Formosa to the Reds.

Apparently referring to the question of admitting the Chinese to the United Nations, Senator H. Alexander Smith (R-N.J.) said the secretary has proposed stepping up the war against Communist China.

"I won't go into the technical details, but we should certainly never yield to it," Marshall replied.

Senator Marshall had said and repeated yesterday that the question of Formosa and Red China's admission to the United Nations should be kept out of the discussion in any cease-fire talks. MacArthur also proposed that the United States should exercise its veto.

Just at the close of yesterday's session, Marshall read a bulletin "top secret" letter that Deputy Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett said to Secretary of State Acheson on March 31. In it, Lovett said he believed "the question of Formosa and Chinese Communist membership in the United Nations... would be fittingly handled by a maximum of basic terms of settlement of the Korean situation."

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OUR WEATHER

Fairly cloudy and warm today. Possible showers. Fair and slightly cooler tonight. Saturday, fair and mild.

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THE "COOL" EQUATOR

You might think the world's hottest weather would occur at the equator—but it gets much hotter in parts of the tropics. Down at the equator, there's a great deal of moisture in the air. When the temperatures go up next to heavy clouds form and showers cool the air. Further north the equator, the result is drier, and about three hours a day the sun's rays heat the air directly. In the tropics, the air is heavy with moisture, and the sun's rays heat the air indirectly.

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