

# North Korea Area Basted By Allies

**By ROBERT TUCKMAN**  
SEOUL.—Allied warplanes roared down into North Korea today and blasted a large Communist military headquarters and oil storage area about 25 miles from the Manchurian border.  
The U. S. Fifth Air Force said P-48 Sabre jets flying protective cover for the fighters were shot down by Communist fighters in an air battle between four Sabres and four MiGs.  
The air strike near the Yalu River came as Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, said the Air Force is capable of starting an aggressive war against the Communist bases in Manchuria at any time the U. S. Government changes its war policy. Vandenberg is touring Air Force bases in Korea.

**HURL BACK ASSAULTS**  
Along the frozen ground front, Allied infantrymen hurled back violent Red assaults on the western front and parried repeated Chinese thrusts against their central front positions on Sniper Ridge. Temperatures dropped to a bone-chilling eight degrees, coldest of the season.

The Air Force said its fighter-bombers leveled 25 buildings of the military headquarters and destroyed the oil storage plant.  
B26 and B29 bombers were out in force last night. They blasted Communist headquarters and communication center near the West Coast.

U. S. Navy Panther jets intercepted four Communist MIG-15s far from their usual haunts yesterday. In one of the few air battles fought off the Korean East.

# Dr. E. S. Davidson Succumbs At Age Of 82

Dr. John E. S. Davidson, member of one of the nation's leading medical families and a practicing physician for 55 years, died at 11:15 A. M. today at his home.

Dr. Davidson—who was 82 years old—had been ill for about six weeks.  
Funeral arrangements are incomplete and the body will remain at Harry & Bryant Chapel in the Oaks until they are completed.

Dr. Davidson was born at the old Davidson family plantation in the Rural Hill section of North Mecklenburg. He was the son of the late Edward Committee and Jane Henderson Davidson.  
He was educated at Davidson College, North Carolina; Maryland College and Maryland Medical School in Baltimore.

Following graduation from the Maryland Medical School, Dr. Davidson began his medical career in 1897 in Lincoln county.  
Three years later he moved to Huntley where he was practicing for four years, and then he came to Charlotte, where, during the

# Spain Admitted To UN Group

PARIS (AP)—Spain was admitted into the United Nations today by a vote of 44 of the 55 members.  
France lined up with United States and Britain in favoring admission to Spain—a move generally regarded as paving the way for bringing Spain into full U. N. membership.  
Mexico, Uruguay, Yugoslavia and Burma voted against Spain in the vote.

UNESCO's three members from behind the Iron Curtain—Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia—were not attending the current meeting and did not vote. Four countries were ineligible to cast a ballot because membership dues were not paid up.

UNESCO is the world educational agency of the United Nations. Its activities include the distribution of books and articles on scientific and cultural interest to nations unable to obtain them otherwise.

# OUR WEATHER

Charlotte and vicinity: Cloudy and mild with showers today and tonight. Thursday, clearing and cooler.  
High temperature yesterday, 71.  
High temperature expected today, 69.  
Low temperature this morning, 46.  
Low temperature expected today, 40.  
Sunset, 5:05 P. M.; sunrise, 6:15 P. M.  
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# SOME DOUBT TAFT WANTS MAJOR JOB

**Capehart Believes Ohioan Available For Senate Post**  
By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON.—Some Senate followers of Robert Taft lined up behind him for majority leader in the new Congress today but the question remained whether Taft really wants—or would take—the job.  
Sen. Capehart (R-Ind) talked with the Ohioan and said afterward "My best judgment is he's available for majority leader and I'll be for him."  
Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio) said "I'm for Bob if he wants it."  
Sen. Hugh Butler (R-Veb) predicted that Taft would be certain to win if he entered a fight over the key Senate post.

These three Senators all have long been backers of the Ohio Senator in legislative and political matters.  
Butler's prediction seemed plausible since 26 of the 48 Republican Senators who hold seats in the new Congress appear to be in the Taft camp.

**NOT RUNNING**  
Taft himself told a news conference yesterday that he is not running for majority leader but that "of course he is available, depending on the circumstances."  
He explained that he hoped the organization problems of the new Senate could be worked out amicably so that there would be no occasion to start the new administration.

Taft said he planned to talk to several Senators in an effort to reach such a solution but an aide said the situation still had not jelled when the Ohioan left his office to go to New York for his meeting with President-elect Eisenhower today.

Some Senators thought the outcome of this meeting might determine whether Taft would make a bid for the majority leader job.  
Taft said he would recommend strongly to Eisenhower that in addition to the majority leader job, other Republican Senate leaders be invited to regular White House meetings on legislative problems.

The two he cited were chairman of the Policy Committee—a post Taft himself has long held—and chairman of the conference of all GOP Senators, Sen. Millican (R-Colo) has the latter job.

It is considered quite possible that Taft would be content to remain as head of the Policy Committee and shun the extra burdens of the majority leadership if Eisenhower agreed to his proposal.  
Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.), seeking the post of Sen. Bridger (R-NH) does not want it, talked with Taft yesterday and said afterwards he remains firmly in the rear.

He has said he will not seek the majority leader post unless his candidacy would be necessary to avoid bitter struggle for the job.  
Bridger would prefer to take the largely honorary post of president of the Senate and the more powerful job of chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

# Korean War Casualty Toll Rises To 126,726

WASHINGTON (AP)—Announced today by the State Department, the toll of the Korean war has risen to 126,726 today, an increase of 839 since last week.  
The Defense Department's notification to Congress on Wednesday said that 18,122 were killed in action for a total of 126,726, including 59,429 and 65 missing 13,003.

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# Ike Talks With Other Party Leaders

ONE DATE IS SET, OTHER MIGHT BE



President-elect Dwight Eisenhower was busy visiting yesterday in Washington prior to his trip to New York. He stopped off to see President Truman (upper left) to talk about the job he takes over Jan. 20. Then he hurried over to the Pentagon to talk to Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett (center below) and Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It's believed he discussed his planned trip to Korea. (UP Telephotos).

# Parker Ready To Relate Duke Story To Senators

RALEIGH (AP)—Former State American Legion Commander Louis Parker has notified U. S. Sen. Willis Smith he is willing to give the Senate internal security committee the information which prompted his claim that members of the Duke University faculty have been in touch with the Communist Party.  
Smith said in an interview today he has notified Robert Morris, general counsel for the subcommittee, that Parker is willing to testify voluntarily.

# Typoon Headed For Bases On Okinawa

TOKYO (AP)—The U. S. Air Force today said its big base on Okinawa is battering down against a raging typhoon sweeping in from the south with winds up to 120 miles an hour.  
The tropical storm was 400 miles south of Okinawa this afternoon. Unless it changes it is expected to smash into the island within 48 hours.

# Condition 'Remarkably Good' Woman Of 60 Spends 5 Days In Wreck

HAMBURG, Ia.—A 60-year-old grandmother lay seriously injured and helpless for five days and nights in the wreckage of a car concealed in a wooded area yesterday, she had a broken left hip, broken arm, several fractured ribs and was suffering severe shock.  
Thousands of cars are piled up here one spotted here.  
Her only food was a few pieces of fudge and her only drink a little rain water and a bottle of borax solution.

# Wholesale Food Prices Take Dip

NEW YORK (AP)—Wholesale food prices dropped a week today, the lowest since the week of July 1950, according to the Dun & Bradstreet food index.  
That was the index compared with \$6.30 last week and with \$6.66 a year ago.  
The index hasn't been lower since August 4, 1950, when it was \$6.18. The high so far this year was \$6.70 in the weeks ended Aug. 16 and Sept. 2.

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# GOP Legislative Plans Discussed

NEW YORK.—(AP)—President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower and Sen. Robert A. Taft, his rival for the Republican nomination, conferred today on legislative problems that will confront the next session of Congress.  
Taft arrived at Eisenhower's Hotel Commodore headquarters shortly before 11 a. m., EST. He said and the President-elect expected to reach only general conclusions today, and that there would be no definite program worked out at this meeting.

Joining in the session was Rep. Joseph W. Martin, (R-Mass), prospective speaker of the House.  
Martin arrived at the general's sixtieth office a few minutes ahead of Taft. Both legislators were smiling and amiable as the two men started in January and radio and television reporters peeped them with questions as to the topics to be discussed with Eisenhower.

Taft said a list of subjects was bound to come up at the Congressional session starting in January and remarked "a lot of laws" will be expiring. The purpose of the meeting today, he said, was to "decide what you are going to do."  
Then he said he did not "expect any definite program to be worked out but there would be an exchange of views to reach general conclusions."

Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire and Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin were others who expected to see Eisenhower. Sen. Styles Bridges also listed as expected to see Eisenhower were Sen. Joseph P. Kamp, Texas senator, and Lewis G. Gough, national commander of the American Legion.  
No information about the subjects of the conferences has been given.

But the lineup of men suggested by the Korea-Gough has returned from a trip into the war zone. Wiley, a member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations, recently urged the President-elect to send a representative to the U. N. to support the American position in the debate on Korea. He said Eisenhower invited him to discuss foreign policy when the general had returned to New York.

**CABINET TALK**  
Eisenhower's thoughts about his cabinet-Taft told a news conference today that Eisenhower has asked him for suggestions on top-level appointments, including cabinet posts.  
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There also might be early shifts of emphasis in the handling of foreign affairs, although no one expects any sudden change in basic policies despite the general's forthcoming personal inspection trip to Korea.  
In their statement the President and his successor said they had discussed—in a 25-minute face-to-face conference and a 51-minute meeting later—with their aides present—"some of the most important problems affecting our country in the sphere of international relations."

They said Eisenhower had been in the sphere of international relations.  
Pointing out that the Constitution requires the President to make the decisions until he leaves office, the statement said Eisenhower "cannot be asked to share or assume the responsibilities of the presidency until he takes that office."  
**WORK UP PLAN**  
"We have worked out a framework for liaison and exchange of information between the present administration and the incoming administration, but we have made no arrangements which are inconsistent with the full spirit of the Constitution," the statement continued.

"We believe . . . that the arrangements we have made for cooperation will be of great value to the stability of our country and to the favorable progress of international affairs."  
No one in a position of authority cared to try to spell out details of the conference, beyond that already being practiced by Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. (R-Mass) and Detroit banker Joseph E. Dodge, Eisenhower's representative, in checking on the actions of government departments.

There is little doubt that Eisenhower insisted the statement must be clear: that he was not taking part in decisions by the Truman administration in its remaining 63 days of life.  
But all general friends said he would not be hampered by having helped form any decisions.  
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# Charlotte Girl's Suggestion Wins

Shirley Willard of 4008 Churchill Road has been selected as the national winner of The Week by the Herald and Eye contest.  
Mrs. Willard's suggestion was to try it, which appears daily in The News.  
During the contest for Christmas gifts from handkerchiefs appears every on Page 2-B.  
This is a most novel idea and one which can be used by many people for homemade Christmas gifts," Mr. Sweet writes.

Doctors said her condition was "remarkably good." They said it was "a case for the medical books."  
Mrs. McKnight was driving from St. Joseph, Mo., to Bronson, Ia., last Thursday when she apparently lost control of her car on the curve of U. S. Highway 275 three miles north of Sidney, Ia. The car plunged into a 40-foot embankment and overturned against a culvert.  
Injured on top of her prevented her from reaching the light switch or horns to attract attention of passing motorists.  
When Kruschel reached her yesterday, she exclaimed: "Thank God! I am sure glad He sent someone to find me!"

Kruschel said, "She grabbed my hand and held on to it tightly and then asked me for water. She told me she had not suffered a bit. She is really some woman!"  
Dr. Ralph Lovelady of Sidney, Ia., said Mrs. McKnight was "in good luck" when she was as cold as ice when I reached her. This is a case and with her injuries it is a case for the medical books. At her age she had been through a lot of things. Dr. Lovelady said Mrs. McKnight, chatting jolly, told him a rain Sunday "gave her a chance to get her hair done. She had her cupped hands out the window to get a few drops."  
A daughter, Mrs. Dale Holcomb of St. Joseph, said her mother also drank a bottle of beer used as an eye wash.  
Mrs. C. Danley, head of the Hamburg hospital, declared, "I have never heard of a case to go long under a state of shock."

