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HILL FIGHT CONTINUES

Chinese Stop U. S. Attacks On 'Baldy'

By GEORGE A. MCARTHUR

SEOUL (AP)—Fighting in a rain of American fire, Chinese Reds broke up a two-pointed U. S. attack today in the bloody trenches of Old Baldy.

At nightfall the Americans were back where they started, about 125 yards down the bare, windswept Western Front hill.

The fighting, now in its third day, was vicious and deadly.

One officer said the Americans drew Red fire "every time they popped their heads up."

As darkness fell, infantry fighting eased off while the big guns of both sides slugged it out.

The Reds swept over Old Baldy Monday night and the Americans have been trying to get it back since.

One American attack force pushed off this morning toward a Red trench network on the northeast and was stopped cold.

2ND GETS CLOSE

Another lashed out toward the northwest. A division officer said this one "got close" but was finally ordered back in the afternoon "when the going got too rough."

It was trench-fighting, a blaze of close-quarter grenade and small arms fire.

The officer said there are apparently two Red companies on Baldy holding two trench networks. The Americans hold the other.

Associated Press Correspondent Stan Carter reported from the Seventh Division that American tanks pushed around the flank of the hill to cut up Chinese reinforcements.

As the two-day battle rocked on, the Chinese clung to three-quarters of Baldy, The Americans fighting uphill from a knob on the southeast corner.

Since the attack began Monday night, the red-dirt peak has been a scene of constant noise, blasts and death.

CASUALTIES HEAVY

The Reds were reported taking heavy casualties but so were American and Colombian units of the 7th Division.

A stream of wounded moved to the rear. Helicopters shuttled from front to hospitals and back again.

The U. S. Eighth Army said Red bunkers on the hill were taking a savage pounding.

U. S. B26 light bombers started radar-directed strikes this morning, one every 20 minutes.

The artillery fire was the heaviest since the terrible battle for the Kumhwa Ridges five months ago.

The Old Baldy fight overshadowed several sharp clashes elsewhere along the 155-mile line.

Eighth Army said three Allied posts west of Yonchon were hit during the night by heavy Red attacks and 39 Communists were killed or wounded. The Allied units recaptured the hills after pulling back briefly.

Queen's Death Not To Delay Coronation

LONDON (AP) —Queen Elizabeth II today decreed a month's mourning for Queen Mary, thus carrying out the wish of her grandmother that nothing interfere with Elizabeth's coronation in June. Ending the period of mourning after a month will allow plenty of time for pre-coronation arrangements and activities.

Queen Mary died peacefully in her sleep last night at the age of 85.

Elizabeth, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, was among the descendants of Queen Mary who drove slowly up to Marlborough House today. All were attired in deep mourning. Their faces were heavy with grief and they bowed their heads as they walked into Queen Mary's home to discuss funeral arrangements.

OTHER VISITORS

Elizabeth and her husband stayed for 40 minutes. Other visitors included the Queen Mother Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, the Duke of Windsor, the Duchess of Kent (widow of Mary's fifth child) and the archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher.

The Duke of Windsor—Mary's favorite son who renounced the throne in 1936 to marry Wallis Warfield Simpson, an American divorcee, drove up alone. In New York, the duchess said she was greatly distressed by the news of the queen's death and had canceled all social arrangements. The duchess had never been received by her mother-in-law.

Queen Mary will be buried beside her husband, George V, in St. George's Chapel, ancient burial place of Britain's kings and queens.

Months ago the stern-willed old grandmother, in speaking to friends about the coronation, said, "nothing must interfere with it. Nothing."

Queen Mary had been ill for more than a month with what her doctors described as a gastric ailment. The exact nature of her illness has not been disclosed.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave the hushed House of Commons—and the world—the first news of her death last night.

Holding a single sheet of white paper in his trembling hand, the dinner-jacketed government leader said in a voice breaking with sobs:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to move adjournment of the House. I have with great regret to make the announcement that Queen Mary has died."

A few cries of dismay from public galleries broke the quiet.

TO MAKE ADDRESS

Churchill told the House he would make an address of condolence to Queen Elizabeth today, then ask adjournment for the day "as an expression of our profound sorrow and respect."

In Ottawa, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent announced the death to the Canadian Commons and that House also adjourned.

As Churchill spoke, a solemn attendant a few blocks away posted the fourth and last medical bulletin of the day on the gates of Marlborough House.

Edged in black, it said simply: "While sleeping peacefully, Queen

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Case Against Rupp Dropped

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—An attorney who filed a half million dollar lawsuit for alleged gambling losses and named Kentucky Basketball Coach Adolph Rupp a co-defendant today asked dismissal of the action.

J. A. Edge, who last week filed the suit naming the coach, gambler Frank Costello of New York and Ed Curd, former reputed Lexington bookmaker, sent a secretary to Federal Court with a three-line dismissal motion.

The motion did not state why Edge asked that the suit be dismissed. Judge H. Church Ford set April 15 for a hearing.

Earlier, Mrs. Lucille Chumbley Bradberry, Athens, Ga., had sent Edge a telegram demanding that the suit be dropped. She said it was filed without her consent or knowledge.

The lawsuit listed Mrs. Bradberry as plaintiff suing in behalf of her brother, George, for $373,-297.78 in triple damages for alleged gambling losses by her brother and others.

OUR WEATHER

Clearing, windy and cooler today and tonight. Some light scattered frost tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer tomorrow.

High temperature yesterday, 73 degrees; high expected today, 68 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 70 degrees.

Low this morning, 46 degrees; low expected tonight, 36 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:20 A. M.; sunset, 6:29 P. M.

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SENATE OKAY FOR BOHLEN THOUGHT NEAR

Taft And Sparkman Find Nothing New In FBI's Summary

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Reassurance by Senators Taft (R-Ohio) and Sparkman (D-Ala) today appeared likely to remove the remaining barrier to lopsided Senate approval of Charles (Chip) Bohlen to be ambassador to Russia.

President Eisenhower nominated Bohlen Feb. 23. The State Department sought quick Senate confirmation so he could be speeded to Moscow to watch developments in the wake of Joseph Stalin's death. But action has been delayed by the bitter opposition of an admitted small minority of the Senate.

Taft and Sparkman made a three-hour study at the State Department yesterday of a 25-page summary of an FBI loyalty and security investigation of Bohlen, and they were ready to report to the Senate shortly after it convenes today.

"GOOD RISK"

Taft said he preferred to consult other members of the foreign relations committee before officially stating his findings. But the Ohioan, the Senate's majority leader, said he found nothing in the summary not reported previously by Secretary of State Dulles. Dulles had termed Bohlen "a good security and loyalty risk."

Sparkman, the 1952 Democratic vice presidential nominee, said he is standing by his previous support of Bohlen. The foreign relations group yesterday selected him and Taft to study the FBI report after Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) contended it contained much derogatory material.

Taft anticipated a possible challenge in the Senate of failure by him and Sparkman to demand direct access to the FBI "raw" files. These are the original reports of FBI investigators and they contain unevaluated information, including rumors and gossip.

HOOVER RESPONSIBLE

Taft said FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover assumed full responsibility that the summary correctly and completely reflected what was in the original reports of the investigators. Sen. McCarran (D-Nev) told the Senate Monday that summaries sometimes overlook pertinent details.

Sparkman called the information against Bohlen too "thin" to stand up. Some senators have described it as something that Bohlen has associated with persons whose morals are suspect.

Senators McCarthy, McCarran and Bridges (R-NH) made it clear that even a favorable report by Taft and Sparkman would not alter their opposition to Bohlen, a 48-year-old veteran of 24 years in the foreign service and a specialist on Russia.

DISLIKE ACHESON LINKS

McCarthy and Bridges planned to tell their colleagues they don't believe the nominee should be confirmed because of his policy-making association with Dean Acheson, Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

RUSSIANS IN CHINA

TAIPEH, Formosa— (AP) —The Chinese Nationalist Defense Ministry said today there are more than 655,000 Soviet Russian advisers, experts and technicians in Red China. The ministry said 560,000 of these are in Manchuria.

1-Senator Proposal Reported Favorably

NEWSPAPERMEN BALK AT EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the second time in ope day, a strong contingent of newspapermen refused to participate in a closed session of the joint appropriations subcommittee of the N. C. General Assembly. The above scene shows the press table just before the committee met, then adjourned last night. At far left are Rep. John Regan of Robeson (standing) and Rep. Larry Moore (sitting on table). Around the circle clockwise: Rep. E. M. O'Herron Jr. of Mecklenburg (in shirt sleeves, back to camera); Woodrow Price, Raleigh News & Observer; George Cherry, state superintendent of grounds; Noel Yancey, Raleigh AP bureau chief; Bob Campbell, Asheville Citizen-Times; Ralph Howland, Charlotte Observer; Bill Whitley, Durham Herald-Sun; Simmons Fentress, Raleigh News & Observer; Ed Cornish, United Press; and C. A. McKnight, Charlotte News. (Photo by Lawrence Wofford.)

Executive Sessions Illegal

Reporters Thwart Legislators On Secrecy

By C. A. McKNIGHT
Editor, The News

RALEIGH — It started out yesterday afternoon as a trial test between a determined General Assembly subcommittee and half a dozen equally determined newspapermen. By last night it had developed into a full-blown hassle that had the Legislature in an uproar.

The issue: whether a subcommittee of the Joint Appropriations Committee should be permitted to hold executive sessions as it toils away trying to make sense out of a jumble of State spending proposals.

It began quietly enough. The afternoon session had just opened when Rep. Carl Venters of Onslow, co-chairman, said that several members of the subcommittee had suggested that executive sessions would speed up the group's work. "We're certainly not making the progress we need to make," he added.

Sen. William B. Shuford of Catawba moved to go into closed session. This was approved amid some "No" votes. Rep. John W. Umstead of Orange, brother of Gov. Umstead, led the protestants. He said, "I don't think it would help us at all. If the information given to us concerns the people of the state, why don't the people of the state have as much right to it as we have?"

Others opposing the closed session included Sen. Warren R. Williams of Lee, Rep. George W. Randall and Rep. Clyde Shreve of Guilford.

But the reporters on hand declined to co-operate. After hearing from Chairman Venters a tight definition of "executive sessions" —that no one but committee members and staff assistants would be permitted to attend the session—the newsmen refused to budge, two of them informing the committee they would not move unless they were thrown out physically.

Leading the newsmen in their determined stand was Lynn Nisbet, Capitol correspondent for The Associated North Carolina Afternoon Dailies. He told the subcommittee that he did not intend to leave unless everyone in the room was sworn to secrecy. Otherwise, he declared, "I personally will have to be carried out before I will leave."

Woodrow Price, News and Observer reporter, also said he would have to be carried out "if you insist on a secret meeting."

Bill Whitley, reporter for the Durham Herald, asserted he was opposed to "anything beyond letting us sit in as long as you are meeting as a subcommittee."

The argument continued for a while, and then the session was adjourned until 8 o'clock last night. It didn't get started until 8:25 P. M. The word had gotten around, and virtually every reporter covering the General Assembly was on hand for the showdown.

A veteran legislator, Rep. Larry Moore, tried to reason with the newsmen. "I don't think the committee is trying to hide anything from the public," he said.

"Would the subcommittee be willing to make a statement supporting its position?" asked a reporter.

"I can't speak for the others," replied Moore.

Rep. E. M. O'Herron Jr. of Mecklenburg then sat down at the press table.

"I think it is obvious why the committee thinks it could move faster in executive session," he said. "It doesn't matter to me. I vote yes or I vote no. I use my best judgment. But some of the members seem to feel that they have to make speeches every time they vote explaining their vote. That slows things up."

He said he was "surprised at the attitude of the press," and added, "I think we should have the respect of the press to consider our wishes in this matter instead of defying us."

The meeting finally came to order, and then it adjourned again on motion of Rep. John Regan of Robeson.

Thirteen newsmen were on hand for last night's scheduled meeting. When they arrived in the sixth floor of the Revenue Building several subcommittee members were assembled behind a closed door with Budget Bureau officials.

STALKS OUT

Rep. Umstead, who had gone up in the elevator with some reporters, was admitted to the room. Presently he stalked out and told newsmen, "The meeting was called

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President Would 'Accept' Pay-Price Freeze Power

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Eisenhower administration said today the President would "accept" authority to clamp a 90-day freeze on prices and wages in an emergency but wants no detailed standby economic control law.

Acting Mobilization Director Arthur Flemming delivered to the Senate Banking Committee the administration's specific requests for extension of mobilization powers.

Flemming asked:

1. A one-year extension, until June 30, 1954, of priority and allocation powers sufficient to protect production for the military and atomic programs.

2. Abandonment of the emergency power to requisition and condemn private property needed for defense, and elimination of the requirement that scarce materials be allocated among civilian users, except in special cases.

3. Extension of the authority to aid industrial expansion for defense by loans, loan guarantees and long-term purchase contracts.

4. Extension of rent controls until Sept. 30 in areas which have requested federal ceilings, and until April 30, 1954, in defense housing critical areas.

5. Extension of the government's program to aid small business for one year, as now operated by the Small Defense Plants Administration.

Flemming and his aides were lead-off witnesses for the administration on controls legislation being considered by the Banking Committee.

Change In N. C. Constitution Gets Approval

No County Would Have More Than One Senator

RALEIGH —(AP)—A proposal to change North Carolina's Constitution so that no county could have more than one state senator regardless of its size was approved today by the House Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

The committee voted a favorable report for the measure after Rep. Addison Hewlett of New Hanover, chairman, informed the members he could not support it when the bill is considered on the House floor. Normally a committee chairman backs the action of his committee on bills it handles.

EXPLAINS STAND

However, Hewlett said it would be "against my principles" to support the measure which is closely tied up with the touchy issue of redistricting Senate membership and reallocating House seats in line with population shifts. The Constitution says this must be done after every federal census.

The last Legislature ignored this provision and redistricting proposals before the present Legislature are given little chance of approval. Some legislators say one reason for opposition to redistricting is that many members object to giving any county more than one senator.

Rep. Clyde Shreve of Guilford, which would get two senators under the Senate redistricting bill along with Mecklenburg and Forsyth, moved for an unfavorable report for the amendment to fix it so that no county could have more than one senator. Rep. Sam Worthington of Pitt moved for a favorable report, and his motion was approved after some debate.

NOT JUSTIFIED

Shreve asserted that "Surely our failure to discharge our obligation under the constitution does not justify our passing this kind of discriminatory legislation."

Worthington said he thought the people should be allowed to vote on the amendment. He pointed out that the Federal Constitution gives each state two U. S. senators regardless of size and the U. S. House of Representatives represents the people on a population basis.

Rep. W. F. Womble of Forsyth said that under North Carolina's system of senatorial districts the State Senate is designed to represent the people on a population basis and the members of the House represent the counties. He pointed out that every county has one House member, leaving only 20 to be divided among the large counties.

Rep. Henry J. Wilson Jr., of union said newspapers in the state's larger cities have attempted to "create the impression" that the legislature has acted "in flagrant violation of the constitution" by its refusal to redistrict the senate and house membership.

The committee also gave its blessings to a bill to amend the constitution so that the Legislature could change the system under which superior court judges rotate from district to district in holding court.

Hewlett also announced that the committee at its last meeting had approved an amendment to the constitution which would take from the governor the power of issuing pardons.

New legislation introduced in the Senate included a bill by Sen. William F. Marshall of Stokes and others to repeal the election laws. Marshall said his measure would prevent "wholesale challenging" of voters' ballots on election day.

Members of the Mecklenburg delegation introduced a bill to make a state appropriation to two community colleges operated by the city of Charlotte. The Charlotte College for whites and the Carver College for Negroes would receive a total of $49,100 next fiscal year and $18,750 the second year under the bill which stipulates that the colleges are available for students from a wide area of the Piedmont to attend.

Ike Proposes Changes In Dept. Of Agriculture

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Eisenhower sent Congress a reorganization plan for the Agriculture Department today, saying it could improve its operations and save the taxpayers some money.

The money saving "cannot be itemized at this time," he said, but the reorganization will "further the better management of the affairs of the department."

Eisenhower's plan dealt mainly with the functional structure of the department, giving Secretary of Agriculture Benson more direct control over many operations now delegated to subordinates.

It would give the department three new assistant secretaries; it now has but one. However, Eisenhower said Benson informed him these would replace existing positions and the total payroll in the office of the secretary would be less than it was at the beginning of the year.

The plan will go into effect automatically in 60 days unless vetoed by either the Senate or the House—or unless both branches vote to put it into effect earlier.

In a special message to Congress, the President said the objectives of the plan "are to simplify and make effective the operation of the Department of Agriculture, to place the administration of farm programs close to the state and local levels, and to adapt the administration of the programs of the corporations to regional, state and local conditions."

Eisenhower said the plan "will permit the establishment of a clearer line of responsibility and authority from the President through the secretary of agriculture down to the lowest level of operations in the department." He added:

"It will make the secretary responsible under law for activities within his department for which he is now in fact held accountable by the President, the Congress and the public.

"Also it will enable the secretary, from time to time, to adjust the organization of the department in order to achieve continuous improvement in operations to meet changing conditions."

Functions excepted from transfer to the secretary are those of hearing examiners under the Administrative Procedure Act; those of the corporations of the department, including their boards of directors and officers; those of the advisory board of the Commodity Credit Corporation; and those of the Farm Credit Administration and the banks, corporations, and associations supervised by it.

WILD GEESE'S EFFORT TO AID COMRADE FAILS

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP)—A desperate effort by two Canadian wild geese to try to help another goose with a broken wing rise off the water was witnessed here by at least four persons.

The two geese swam alongside the cripple and thrashed their wings wildly in an attempt to lift her so she could join in a flight north. They didn't succeed.

The injured goose still swims about here, fed by shore residents.

Capt. Amos L. Horst, executive secretary of the Wildlife Restoration Foundation, which maintains a Greenwich game preserve, witnessed the gallant attempt last week.

He said he had heard of game birds attempting to help their fellows but never personally had seen an example before.

Comic Dictionary

UTILITARIAN

A man who sends apples with worms in them to his friends who like to go fishing.

'House Of Death'

4 Bodies Found In London Apartment

LONDON—(AP)—Discovery of a fourth rotting female corpse today in a London "House of Death" apartment spurred a Scotland Yard hunt for the quiet little clerk who had rented the lodging.

The bodies of three women were found walled-up in a pantry in drab Notting Hill district yesterday. The fourth, like the first three still unidentified, was under the floorboards of the same room.

One of the dead women was believed by police to be the wife of the central figure in the general manhunt under way—55-year-old John Christie, the last tenant of the apartment.

A police post-mortem indicated the first three women found—all between 25 and 30 years old—had been strangled.

Police with shovels and crowbars searched other rooms and began digging in the garden patch behind the house.

Three of the women were believed to have been dead several months, and the other a few weeks.

The new discovery brought to six the number of violent deaths in the grim house in recent years. A woman and her son were murdered there in 1949.

Tenants of the building, occupied by a mixed lot of white and Negro families, told police neither Christie nor his wife had been seen for a month.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "It is thought Christie may be able to assist us in our inquiries."

The first body was discovered yesterday by Beresford Brown, a prospective tenant for the Christie apartment. While looking over the place, he found a pantry niche which had been closed off with several thicknesses of wallpaper.

He broke through the paper and was horrified to find the nude body of a woman.

He called the police, who found the other corpses.

Police records revealed that Christie was the principal witness in 1949 at the trial of Timothy J. Evans, who strangled his wife and infant son in the same dingy house.

Evans was hanged for the double murder.

Neighbors said Christie, who worked for a truck firm, had a nervous breakdown soon after the Evans trial.

EVENING PRAYER

Our Father, may Thy perfect love cast out fear and doubt within us, and inspire us to reach up to Thee to know Thy will, and set us the world to help fulfill the needs of each person we meet in the knowledge that he is a child of Thee. In Jesus' name, Amen.