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JERSEY BOUNCES ONE OFF WONSAN



The battleship USS New Jersey, shown here firing a salvo, steamed boldly into Wonsan harbor in Korea today to bombard the Com-

Warships Blast Korean Port Of Wonsan

By WILLIAM WAUGH

SEOUL (AP)—The mighty battleship USS New Jersey and the cruiser USS Valley Forge heavily damaged Wonsan harbor on Korea's east coast today and bombarded the battered Communist port and communications hub for the second time in three days.

Big guns of the two warships and an escorting destroyer opened up a few hours after five bombers from the carrier Princeton and Valley Forge heavily damaged an important Red metal processing plant in Northeastern Korea, only 10 miles from Siberia.

Sea and air forces provided virtually the only action. Fighting along the twisting 135-mile battlefield at a variety of points.

The New Jersey's 16-inch rifles poured shell after shell into Communist artillery positions ringing the battered city. The Princeton and destroyer Twining bombarded communications targets as well as gun batteries.

TRANSMITTER HIT

Planes from the Princeton and Valley Forge Wednesday demolished the main transmitter station at Wonsan, the Red's lead processing plant northwest of the Communist port of Songkin, the Navy announced.

Corsairs and Skyraiders flew through a curtain of anti-aircraft fire—no heavy we could not out and walk on it to bomb the key metal plant.

Planes also bombed landing squares in several buildings and touched off three secondary explosions which could have been ammunition stores.

PLANES HANDICAPPED

Low clouds grounded many Allied warplanes Thursday, but 23 Sabre jet fighter-bombers bombed Wonsan, the Red's lead processing plant northwest of the Communist port of Songkin, the Navy announced.

Fourteen planes, based on Suifu, dumped 140 tons of bombs on a 135-acre troop and supply area at Tolsuk in Northwest Korea Wednesday night.

The ground force was quiet an East Army brief official said only 30 Communist soldiers were killed or wounded in the 24 hours ending early Thursday. U. N. division on the Western Front reported hitting only one Chinese in overnight skirmishes.

Comic Dictionary

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 The one your wife knew before she married you.

Two Reasons Advanced

Vietminh Units Withdraw From Laos

By LARRY ALLEN

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Sizable Communist units are being reported withdrawing today from the heart of Laos after overrunning more than a third of the French-occupied kingdom. The move may or may not mean an end of the 25-day Red invasion of the tiny little French-occupied state at the back door of Thailand and Burma.

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French Against U.N. Hearing On Laos

PARIS (AP)—France has informed the United States that she is firmly opposed to bringing the Communist-led invasion of Laos, Indochina, before the United Nations.

U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles yesterday told a Congressional committee he was exchanging views on a possible move.

The French foreign minister, Georges Bidault, called U. S. Ambassador Douglas Dillon to the Foreign Office Sunday night and handed him a memorandum outlining France's opposition to the move.

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U. S. Troops Used In Indochina Is Opposed

Congressmen Would Send Materiel Aid

By RUSSELL BRINES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Key members of Congress were agreed today that the U. S. should extend aid to threatened Southeast Asia, but little support was evident for a suggestion that military force as well as equipment be sent.

The Communist-led drive through the kingdom of Laos in French Indochina continued to dominate congressional consideration of Pres. Truman's aid program for next year.

Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Secretary of Defense Wilson gave further details of the global military situation during the House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Relations Committees.

DULLES STATEMENT
 Secretary of State Dulles told both groups yesterday the government is discussing with interested governments the question of helping the new Red attacks to the United Nations.

At the U. N. in New York City, some Adams said the situation might be brought up under Article 17 of the U. N. Charter, which provides that the Security Council may investigate any situation of this sort to see if it imperils world peace.

A House subcommittee unanimously recommended that the French Indochina be placed under U. N. jurisdiction. The recommendation was made in a report prepared by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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As Air Force Chief Twining Succeeds Vandenberg

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House announced today Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg is retiring as Air Force chief of staff and will be succeeded by Gen. Nathan F. Twining.

Twining at present is vice chief of staff. Assuming the Senate confirms his appointment, he will step up to the top Air Force post June 30, when Vandenberg's term expires.

This is the first change in the Joint Chiefs of Staff since Eisenhower took office, and the White House gave no indication whether it would be followed by other changes.

The chairman, Gen. Omar N. Bradley, will complete his second two-year term on August 1. The Army chief of staff, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, will complete his four-year term on the same date this summer.

The remaining member, Adm. William M. Fechteler, chief of Naval Operations, still has more than a year left of his normal four-year term.

Nominated to succeed Twining as vice chief of staff was Lt. Gen. Thomas D. White, who would get a fourth star.

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Agree To Let Unwilling PWs Stay In Korea

Concession Part Of Compromise Proposal

By ROBERT T. TUCKMAN

PANMUNJON (AP)—The Communists today offer a compromise plan to break the Korean deadlock, bowing to Allied insistence that no prisoners of war who refuse to go home be taken out of Korea.

The Allies previously had asked time for top-level talks.

The eight-point Red plan also proposed a five-nation neutral commission to investigate the 48,500 Red prisoners who refuse to go back to communism. Both sides previously have suggested one nation for that job.

The new proposal is a reversal of the Reds' earlier demand that all prisoners be taken out of Korea.

Even though the Reds made it clear the Allies must accept all of nothing, this appeared to be the first major break since the truce talks reopened April 26 for some editors to agree on exchange of prisoners, last major barrier to an armistice.

Gen. William K. Harrison, chief Allied delegate, said: "This is an important proposal. Red major decisions must be made by the governments themselves."

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A-BOMB NOT TO BLAME FOR ALL THIS RAINFALL

NEW YORK (AP)—Don't blame the atomic test blasts for the abnormal rain today, says Ernest J. Christie, head of the New York Weather Bureau.

He said any number of persons believe the Nevada explosion caused the rain. "Everyone I go, they toss the question at me," he told a reporter who was asking the same question.

"If rain were caused by any additional dust or chemical particles put into the air because of atomic explosions, the weather would be different from what it is now," he said.

"The rain is carried by the upper air wind flow. But that's not the case. The precipitation pattern isn't consistent with that in the past everything under the sun—or clouds—had been blamed for bad weather."

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Communist Spy System Good

By WILLIAM WAUGH

SEOUL (AP)—An American division officer today expressed the opinion that Communist spies are obtaining information on Allied troop movements in Korea "either in Washington or Japan."

"One night on the front the Reds broadcast across No-Man's Land that our outfit was going to be pulled out of the line," the officer said.

The officer said he didn't even have the word at division yet. In fact, it was several days before we got the word.

He said he had got the word either in Washington or Japan. The Communists, since the war has stabilized along a definite line, frequently broadcast to Eighth Army troops. It is not uncommon for the Reds to identify units, even down to company level.

The officer suggests that in information the Reds are obtaining must come from well back in the military pipeline of information because of the time element.

About 500 passengers and crew members were rescued. Twelve passengers, including two U. S. Air Force officers, were injured.

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Five Dead Three Missing In North Sea Ship Crash

HARWICH, England (AP)—Three American women are missing from the wreckage of a British freighter that crashed into a mine in the North Sea today.

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