Grim Future
Columnists Marquis Childs and Joseph & Stewart Alsop take a look into the future today, and find it quite a grim prospect. Their analyses will be found on the editorial page, 12-A, along with a fifth Herblock cartoon.

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M'ARTHUR SAYS UN FORCES INTACT

Truman Weighs Question Of National Emergency

Wage-Price Curbs May Follow Step

Congressional Leaders Called

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON— (AP) — President Truman today gave intense study to the question of declaring a national emergency — possibly to be followed by wage-price controls — and asked both Democratic and Republican Congressional leaders to meet with him Wednesday.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) was one of those invited to a White House meeting at 10 A. M. (EST) Wednesday. It was the first time Taft, head of the Senate GOP Policy Committee, has been brought into the emergency consultations since the Korean war.

A White House announcement said the Congressional group was being called to the White House "to discuss matters concerning the proclaiming of a national emergency and related matters."

It added that the President "is particularly anxious now, as always to continue and strengthen the bi-partisan approach to these matters."

EARLY ACTION SEEN

Indications were piling up that the Administration was swinging to the thought that action in the wage-price field must be taken without much further delay.

There were hints that something may be done before the week's end.

The White House and the questions of declaring a national emergency were discussed at a forenoon meeting of Mr. Truman and his Democratic Congressional lieutenants and would be gone over also at an afternoon meeting with top economic advisers.

House Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex), one of those at the morning meeting, told reporters the whole matter "is in the stage of discussion and consideration". He said he assumes Mr. Truman wants to get the views of the Democratic-Republican Congressional group before announcing a decision.

Besides the afternoon meeting with economic advisers, Mr. Truman also scheduled a meeting with the National Security Council. This is his top advisory board on steps needed for defense of the nation.

MAY BROADCAST

In addition, Stephen Early, acting presidential press secretary, said Mr. Truman and his staff have been discussing the idea of a nationwide broadcast by the President some time this week to acquaint the American people with the situation demanding drastic Government action. There had been reports a broadcast was under consideration. Early confirmed them in response to questions.

In between his two formal conferences, Mr. Truman had as callers the men he has chosen to handle economic controls and some of those who dealt with them during and after World War II.

This group included John Caskie Collet, member of the U. S. Court of Appeals at Kansas City and one time stabilization administrator, and John R. Steelman, assistant to the President and former acting chairman of the National Security Resources Board.

Also at this meeting were Secretary of the Treasury Snyder,

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GOP's Fail To Agree On Acheson Action

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Republican leaders failed today to reach any decision on a proposal by Senator Ives of New York that Senate Republicans declare "no confidence" in Secretary of State Acheson and demand his immediate ouster.

In a closed door meeting, a four-man subcommittee of the Senate Republican Policy Committee considered a resolution drafted by Ives calling for Acheson's removal. Ives told reporters afterward that they reached no conclusion at all.

"At this time it is utterly impossible to forecast what the outcome of these deliberations will be," the New York Republican said after the meeting in his office.

OTHER MEMBERS

Other members of the subcommittee are Senator Wherry of Nebraska, the Senate Republican leader, Senator Millikin of Colorado, and Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa, chairman and Senator H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey.

A resolution by Ives for Acheson's ouster was considered by the Senate Republican Policy Committee last week and then checked to the subcommittee for consideration. The subcommittee, in turn, is expected to make a recommendation to the 43 Senators making up the GOP conference.

Ives said there would be no meeting of the conference until the subcommittee has finished its job. He said another subcommittee meeting will be held tomorrow, but that the exact time for it has not been set.

Despite apparent conviction of a majority of the 43 Republican Senators that Acheson ought to step out, Ives hinted there may be no formal party call for such action.

Instead, the Republicans might condemn policies they regard as bad and pull for new ones behind when both parties could unite.

President Truman was on record, in a Nov. 20 letter made public during the week-end, as pledging the Democrats to "seek no advantage in those fields that affect our national defense and our relations with other nations."

WON'T ATTEND RALLY

The President said he won't attend a Democratic rally and banquet in New York City tomorrow night. In a letter to Dwight R. G. Palmer, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, the President said that national unity is paramount because "there is not going to be any short-cut to preserving our freedom or securing the peace of the world through international co-operation of free and peaceful nations."

"Our action in the days ahead must reflect that unity and I am confident that all of you will do your part to see to it that the united American people overcome the obstacles and dangers which lie between us and our common goal of a just and lasting peace," Mr. Truman said.

Without reference to the President's letter, Senator Wiley (R-Wis) told a reporter he thinks there is some hope that the legislative and executive branches soon will find themselves closer together on foreign affairs issues. Wiley is top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in the absence of Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich), who is ill.

SEES MORE HARMONY

"I have the hopeful feeling of sweat now but I think the fever will break and there will be more harmony in the future," he commented.

13 Nations Mull Korean Peace Plan

Committee To Send Plan To Assembly

By MAX HARRELSON

LAKE SUCCESS —(AP)— Thirteen Asian and Middle East countries met behind closed doors today to consider final terms of a new Korean peace plan. They were expected to submit the plan to the Political Committee of the UN Assembly later in the day.

India's Sir Benegal Rau, leader of the peace efforts, said he still had received no word from the Chinese Communists as to whether they would accept a previous appeal to halt at the 38th parallel.

Details of the new plan were kept secret, but informed quarters said the resolution would include an appeal for an cease-fire and probably would urge creation of a demilitarized buffer zone along the 38th parallel, old dividing line between North and South Korea.

The conference was held while the Political Committee, in a nearby room, continued its debate on a six-power resolution demanding withdrawal of the Chinese Reds from Korea.

A spokesman for the United States said the U. S. would not comment on the 13-nation plan until they saw it in its final form.

U. S. SYMPATHETIC

He said, however, the U. S. delegation would be inclined to go along with the proposal if it is based solely on the military situation and has no political connotation.

The first speaker in the Political Committee was Charles Malik of Lebanon.

The U. S. so far has refused to deal with Red China except by way as to imply recognition of it as a legal Government. There has been no hint it might modify this stand in order to take part in such talks. Washington has insisted that the U.N. is the proper forum for the negotiations.

Inclusion of a proposal for direct negotiations — instead of through the U.N. — might be one of the "operational qualifications" which the State Dept said yesterday it would oppose in a ceasefire resolution.

Rau said the "qualifications" the department said it would not object — at least in theory — to such a plan.

Rau said he had not discussed his ideas with the Americans and had no idea whether they would support his move. He also said he did not know whether the Chinese Reds would agree to any plan he might propose.

MEETS WITH BRITON

The Indian diplomat met with Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb yesterday. Jebb then conferred with American Delegate Ernest A. Gross. Rau briefed Jebb on the resolution and also filled him in on talks he held Saturday with Chinese Communist representative Wu Hsiu-Chuan.

TRAIN HITS SLIDE

SUNBURY, Pa.—(AP)—A northbound Pennsylvania passenger train crashed into a landslide, blocking tracks at nearby Fitler early today. Four crewmen and thirteen passengers were injured, none seriously.

PINEVILLE MARINE DECORATED

Pfc. Gene Hall, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Hall of Box 31, Pineville, N. C., receives the Purple Heart Medal from Capt. W. F. James, Medical Corps, USN, Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan. Hall was one of the 57 hospitalized veterans to receive the award from Captain James for wounds received in Korea. (Official U. S. Navy Photo.)

Singapore's Moslems Riot Over White Girl

By LARRY ALLEN

SINGAPORE — (AP) — British troops with bayonets moved into the riot torn streets of Singapore tonight to battle fanatical mobs stirred to a frenzy by the court fight between a Dutch mother and a Malayan nurse for custody of a white child.

Hundreds of soldiers in trucks raced through the downtown sections where the mobs were battling police, attacking Europeans and overturning and burning automobiles.

About 3,000 Malayans stormed for three hours at the Supreme Court building, where a hearing was underway on an appeal to retain the 13-year-old child, Maria Bertha Hertogh, to her Malay foster mother and her Moslem schoolteacher husband.

Then thousands of fanatic Moslems raged toward the Catholic convent, where the girl and her Dutch mother were reported in hiding.

They threatened to kidnap the child and burn the convent "If it took all night."

After eight hours, the mobs still were throwing stones and bottles. Beating up Europeans, especially Dutchmen, and attacking vehicles.

HOSTAGES REPORTED HELD

Several European women were attacked with bottles and sticks, and a police officer said there were reports some white children had been kidnaped as hostages for Bertha.

Shots were fired and tear gas bombs hurled as police battled to breakup the mobs. Thousands of Moslems flocked to the Big Sultan mosque where pleas told them the court decision giving custody of Bertha to her Dutch mother affronted and violated the Mohammedan religion.

Authorities feared the religious outbreak at a time when the entire Far East is in a ferment, would gravely endanger security and offer an opportunity for Communist sabotage.

Bertha was turned over to Mrs. Adeline Hertogh nine days ago by the Supreme Court after a prolonged hearing in which Malayans, Indians and Chinese displayed great interest. The Court also annulled the marriage of the child to a Mohammedan.

Moslems contended the marriage to Inche Mansoor Abadi was according to their religion.

The mother claimed she gave the child to Cik Aminah, Malayan nurse in Java, in 1942, for safekeeping. During the war the Hertoghs were in a Japanese prison camp. The mother lost trace of the child until two years ago. The Malayan foster mother claimed the child had been given to her out right and had raised her in the Moslem religion. Attorneys for Mrs. Hertogh contended Maria's marriage was intended to circumvent the mother's efforts to get her back.

Allen Missing; Masterson Hurt

SINGAPORE — (AP) — One Associated Press correspondent was injured and another was missing tonight in riotous Singapore.

Tom Masterson, 38, chief of the Associated Press bureau, suffered a broken leg and other bodily injuries at the hands of a Moslem mob. Friendly natives picked him up and took him to his residence. Though not critically injured he was taken to a hospital.

Larry Allen, who wrote early accounts of the disorders, was with Masterson at the time of the attack and is missing. The car in which they were traveling had not been found.

Allen, 42, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1942 for his war reporting with the British Navy in the Mediterranean. A native of Mount Savage, Md., Allen has been with the Associated Press since 1933. He was captured by the Italians in 1942 and later released. His last two assignments before going to Singapore were in Warsaw, Poland, and Tel Aviv, Israel.

Masterson, was born at Gladstone, Mich., and joined the Associated Press staff at Detroit in 1942. He was stationed at Shanghai and Peiping in 1946-47 and went to Singapore in 1948.

Commander Visits Both War Fronts

TOKYO —(AP)— General MacArthur flew to Korea today for a hard look at his heavily-hit United Nations command. He said it remains unbeaten, relatively secure, and able to battle the Chinese hordes.

His secret visit to both the northwest and northeast fronts came as the last elements of 25,000 bone-cold, unshaven American Marines and doughboys streamed down onto the Hamhung coastal plain from a series of Red traps near Changjin reservoir.

A huge fleet stood off Hamhung's port of Hungnam. But whether it would evacuate the weary, outnumbered U. S. Tenth Corps units in the northeast remained to be seen. The northwest front was relatively quiet.

There was a note of guarded optimism in MacArthur's statement to correspondents after he returned to Tokyo from his quick trip to the warfronts. He had conferred on-the-spot with his top generals.

"The United Nations command, in spite of its recent heavy fighting, is in excellent shape with high morale and conspicuous self-confidence. Although heavily outnumbered, it has conducted its operations in a superior manner. The tactical withdrawals forced upon us by the overwhelming superiority of enemy numbers have been conducted with skill by the field commanders and the display of much gallantry by all forces concerned.

They have been made in good order and with unbroken cohesion among the various components. Every possible advantage has been taken of the fortunate premature disclosure of surreptitious enemy buildup operations designed to encompass our destruction by one massive stroke.

This enemy plan has failed. All our units are intact, and the losses inflicted on the enemy have been staggering, estimated by local commanders in the field as high as ten to one compared to our own.

The general's first statement to correspondents on the Korean campaign since he personally directed the Allied end-the-war offensive at daybreak Nov. 24 — which turned into a full retreat the night of Nov. 25 by bugle-blaring hordes of Chinese infantry.

It was evident that MacArthur was very seriously about the condition of his forces, particularly the U. S. First Marine division and units of his forces, particularly the U. S. 2nd Infantry division and units of the Army's Seventh Infantry Division which battled through a frozen, Chinese-lined hell for two weeks on both sides and south of the Changjin reservoir in northeast Korea.

A Marine spokesman said the estimated 25,000-man escape force completed the withdrawal, winding descent from snow-bound mountains ringing the big reservoir, especially the coastal plain leading to Hamhung.

(The 25,000 figure for the escape force came from AP Correspondent Stan Swinton, who was on the scene. Exactly how many got out and how many casualties were suffered were closely-guarded by the military as security secrets. However, official estimates last week had fixed the number trapped at about 25,000 and they picked up additional units at Hagaru and Koto.

(If at full strength, the Marine division and two Army regiments in the operation would have exceeded 30,000 originally, but unit strengths are so variable that no firm deductions can be drawn.)

Hyde called the retreat at the longest and one of few in the history of the spirited Marine Corps — began Nov. 28. The spokesman estimated the Leathernecks alone killed 15,000 Chinese in breaking through the series of traps.

While the Marines were the 31st and 32nd Regiments of the Seventh Division and about 100 British Royal Marines. They joined forces

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Text Of MacArthur Statement

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The enemy's claims of U. N. losses in men and material are fantastically exaggerated. We are being forced to give ground but our fighting capacity has suffered little general impairment. Notwithstanding the enormous danger inherent in the drastic change in the nature and capability of the enemy force, I consider that the command for the time being is relatively secure. Our forces were unable to complete their prescribed mission due to intervening circumstances quite beyond their power to control, but they still are in undefeated condition of high morale and marked battle efficiency."

Truman Gets Rent Curb Bill

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A bill extending Federal rent controls until next March 31 cleared its last Congressional hurdle today and went to President Hruman. He is expected to sign it.

The House completed Congressional action by shouting its approval of a compromise of differing Senate-House versions. The Senate gave its okay Friday.

The House last week voted 221-152 for a 90-day extension. The Senate voted 53-28 for a 60-day extension.

Conferees agreed that the shorter extension might now give the incoming 82nd Congress sufficient time to review the rent picture. Mr. Truman had asked for the longer extension.

Without some action by Congress, Federal rent controls would expire Dec. 31 in all communities except those which took local action to continue them until next June 30. The extension does not affect this date.

House conferees agreed to a Senate provision which allows local communities to get rid of Federal controls through a simple city or town council resolution, rather than a formal ordinance.

NPA Orders Use Of Less Natural Rubber In Tires

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The Government today ordered a cut on the use of natural rubber in new automobile tires.

The National Production Authority announced that in January and February manufacturers must reduce the consumption of natural rubber 20 per cent from November levels.

The November quota set by NPA under a previous order was 52,000 tons of natural rubber. The total amount of consumption of both natural and synthetic rubber for the month was 90,000 tons.

NPA said in January and February quotas — despite the reduction in natural rubber use — still remains at approximately 90,000 tons. The cutback in natural rubber allotments will be made up by additional supplies of synthetic rubber.

Specifically it said, the natural rubber quota will be 40,000 tons in January and 35,000 tons in February. This represents a 28 per cent reduction for the two months below the 52,000-ton November allotment.

NPA said the order will mean a "major conservation effort in rubber through the substitution of natural and synthetic rubber for the present tires." It explained that the recapping material called "camelback" is made largely of synthetic materials.

The order also will serve to curtail somewhat the manufacture of new tires, since it requires that certain amounts of natural rubber be used in tire manufacture.

The ratio of natural to synthetic rubber was not changed from the November and December tire output.

The production agency said a new passenger car tire of "popular size" requires eleven pounds of new rubber plus fabric and bead wire.

A recap job, which according to NPA will often double the life of a tire, requires but five pounds of camelback, which is five per cent natural rubber.

New rubber used for military orders is not affected by the new quota.

First Marines' Casualties Heavy

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Marine Corps announced today that the First Marine Division suffered more than 9 per cent casualties in its desperate and successful fight to break out of a Chinese trap in Korea.

This implies possibly 6,000 to 7,000 casualties in the three infantry regiments making up the division although the Marine Corps gave no specific figure.

The casualties include those taken out of action by frost bite.

Robt. Montgomery Wed To Socialite

SAG HARBOR, N. Y.—(AP)—Robert Montgomery, screen star and television producer, and Mrs. Elizabeth Harkness of New York, a socialite, were married here Saturday by a Sag Harbor judge.

Montgomery's wife of 22 years, the former Actress Elizabeth Allen, recently obtained a divorce in Nevada.

Wholesale Egg Prices Decline

CHICAGO — (AP) — Egg prices dropped at wholesale today for the first time in more than a month on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. The market was unchanged to as much as seven cents a dozen lower.

Top grades showed the greatest decline with those which sold up to 75 cents Friday going today at 68.

Chinese Reds Find Marines Are Hard To 'Annihilate'

By JACK MacBETH

TOKYO —(AP)— Six Chinese Red divisions ordered to "annihilate" the U. S. First Marine Division learned first - hand the meaning of the word.

An official Marine observer told newsmen today that stubborn Leathernecks in their epic, bloody retreat from the Changjin reservoir area chewed up enemy forces that the Reds "have been liquidated as far as their combat effectiveness is concerned.

Lt. Col. F. P. Henderson of Gary, Ind., attached to the staff of Lt. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, commanding the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, traced the First Division's successful struggle to escape a Chinese death trap in frigid northeast Korea.

(MacBeth accompanied the heroic Marines on the last leg of their heartbreaking 32 mile descent from frozen Changjin reservoir to the fringe of Hamhung plain.)

Senior Marine observers at the front also saw in the marked decrease of enemy pressure during final stages of the fight an indication that the Chinese had been badly hurt.

From Koto southward twelve winding, icy miles through a mountain pass, the Leathernecks met only light resistance. It had been expected from intelligence reports that this leg of the trek would be resisted just as violently as the first two parts—from Yudam to Hagaru and from Hagaru to Koto.

Koto was the last part of the fighting retreat. Leathernecks butchered thousands of Chinese but in so doing the Marines sustained casualties which observers say are as heavy as in any other operation of similar scope.

It was announced last week that 4,000 American casualties had been evacuated by air from Hagaru and Koto. Still more were flown out after the announcement, but a security ban was placed on the figures.

It is generally believed evacuees were divided between Marines and Seventh Division infantrymen in ratio of three to one, respectively.

Henderson said Chinese prisoners repeatedly have told interrogators they were ordered to "annihilate" the First Marine Division.

Murder Under Mysterious Circumstances'

Mickey Cohen's Lawyer Shot To Death

HOLLYWOOD —(AP)— Sam Rummel, 52, prominent attorney who represented Gambler Mickey Cohen in many of his legal entanglements, was found shot to death on the front steps of his home today.

Detectives listed Rummel's death as murder under mysterious circumstances.

The corner's office, after a cursory examination, said the death was a possible homicide.

"Rummel was shot in the neck," said investigating detectives. "The bullet came out the back of his head."

Informed of the slaying, Cohen declared excitedly:

"My God! My God! It's not so!"

LONG ASSOCIATE

The suave Rummel long had been a close associate of Cohen. He occupied a $50,000 home on a densely wooded estate in fashionable Laurel Canyon, which runs from Hollywood through the Hollywood hills into the San Fernando Valley.

He was credited with getting Cohen out of trouble last year—when the gambler was accused of using abusive language to two policemen who came to his door. He also represented Cohen and several of his henchmen when they were charged with conspiracy in the beating of a radio repairman, A. J. Pearson. Cohen, four associates and two police officers who were accused of helping Cohen's gang go free after a pair of rookie policemen picked them up — were acquitted.

Rummel himself was the victim, police reported, of an arson attempt Aug. 2, 1949. The arson squad said a fire within 100 yards of the house has been set with kerosene. Flames burned close to the home before they were extinguished.

3RD FRIEND SLAIN

His death brought to three the number of Cohen's intimates killed since 1948. Harry (Hooky) Rothman was blasted as he sat in Cohen's Sunset Strip haberdashery, apparently a victim of an assassination try against his boss.

Edward (Neddie) Herbert was slain in a Cohen ambush outside a cafe in 1949, which wounded his boss and two others.

In addition, Cohen lieutenant Frank Nicolli, 38, and Dave Orgul, 29, have been missing for months and Cohen has expressed the view that they have been killed.

Cohen himself has escaped assassination attempts six times in four years, including an explosion which blew away much of his extensive home in West Los Angeles.

Our Weather

Fair today, tonight, and Tuesday. Low tonight, 25 degrees.
Sunrise, 7:22 A. M. Sunset, 5:11 P. M.

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A STUBBORN CLOUD

Ever see a cloud stand still in a gale? They often do, to the leeward of, and above, a mountain. When moist air is forced aloft by a mountain slope, its moisture often condenses. New air flowing in keeps condensing in the same place, while the old air descends and its moisture evaporates. So while the elements that make up the cloud are streaming along in the wind, the cloud itself stands still. The mountain may throw the air into huge waves, which rise in a series of crests, each marked by a stationary cloud.

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