

ALLIES GAIN IN CENTRAL KOREA

Strategic Peak Captured by UN; Enemy Crumbling

By JOHN RANDOLPH U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea.—Red resistance faded on two blaring fronts today as Allied infantrymen drove deeper into North Korea.

On the eastern front United Nations troops captured a strategic 4,200-foot peak and kicked lightly defending Chinese off at least four hills.

On the central front three Allied divisions stabbed nearly two miles closer to Kumsong, vital Red supply and headquarters city about 30 miles north of Parahall 28.

The captured peak in the east is the highest terrain feature between the punchbowl and the Pukhan River. It fell to the U. S. 38th Regiment after a bitter three-day battle.

The towering mountain is at the northwest end of Kim Il Sung Ridge, named by North Korean troops for their premier.

TANKS RAID VALLEY West of Haeju Ridge, now held by the Allies, American tanks rumbled up the Munding valley and blasted Red positions in the hills above.

On the left flank of the eastern front South Korean troops smashed three and one-half miles north at one point.

The Reds retreated along fighting fronts, but they stood firm at Panmunjom where liaison officers tried again Monday to get ceasefire talks resumed.

The two sides argued for three hours without progress. The main stumbling block appeared to be the Red insistence that the five-mile Kaesong neutral zone be maintained, though the side in the talks has been moved six miles southeastward to Panmunjom.

The Chinese officers said to meet again tomorrow, (5 P.M. Monday EST).

The central front drive patted the Allies five more hills, for a three-day total of 24. Since the drive began Saturday the U. N. troops have pushed forward up to 30 miles as five miles in places.

Field dispatches said Red resistance crumbled completely at some points.

The smash toward Kumsong was supported by huge Marine helicopters that ferried ammunition to the front and evacuated Allied wounded.

Allied aircraft were out in force in support of both major ground attacks.

Forty U. N. warplanes attacked enemy air bases and Chinese troops moving toward the front north of Yengju.

The Western Front was quiet after the fierce battles of last week.

The Central Front drive was spearheaded by the veteran U. S. 24th Division

EVERING PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, as the evening shadows draw about us, we draw again to Thee as little children gather around an earthly father. With Thy loving hand, give us into the safety of Thy fold for this night; and will Thou lead us forth tomorrow to do faithfully Thy service. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued mild through Tuesday.

Highest temperature, 73 degrees.

Lowest this morning 54 degrees.

High tide, 6:29 A. M.; sunset, 5:49 P. M.

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WEATHER MILEPOST

Today's important date in the history of weather. It is the birthday of Evanista Torricelli.

Italian scientist who invented the barometer, a device on which is based the basis for modern meteorology.

He was born in 1608 and discovered the principle of the barometer in 1643.

By telling us how the air is distributed over the earth, and therefore how the winds must blow and the storms must move, the barometer has formed the keystone of scientific weather forecasting. It is still the most important instrument in the meteorologist's laboratory.

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