

Editorials Radio
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U.S. Drops Down 13 Red Leaders in Record Victory

Hot Texas Ace Credited With Four Of Total

Runs His String To 12 In Sixteen Days

By JOHN RANDOLPH
SEOU, Korea — American Sabre jet pilots won history's biggest all jet victory today. They bagged thirteen Communists MIGs, probably knocked down two others and damaged one in 24 slashing air battles over North Korea.

Four of the MIGs went down before the blazing jets of American Sabres. The other nine were shot down by a single jet ace, Maj. George A. Davis Jr. of Lubbock, Tex. In 16 days Davis has bagged twelve planes, including nine MIGs.

On the ground, a series of minor battles flared today as Allied infantrymen carried the war to the Reds for the second time in 24 hours.

ONE SABRE CRASHES
The Fifth Air Force said none of the Sabre jets was shot down, but one ran out of fuel and crashed. A helicopter rescued the pilot.

Heavily outnumbered Sabres tracked down four MIGs and damaged one in a morning battle over Sinanju in northwest Korea. Nine more MIGs were destroyed by a single jet ace, a Sabre reported two probabilities.

Sixty-four Sabres, were matched against 143 MIGs in the two battles. Davis bagged two planes in each fight.

DRUNK WOULDN'T THINK OF GOING INTO TAPROOM

SCRANTON, Pa. — An alarm summoned firemen to downtown Scranton. There they found Edward Humphrey, 40, leaning unsteadily against the bar.

"Why did you sound the alarm?" Deputy Fire Chief Martin Lahey asked.

"I was cold and wanted to get into a place nice and warm," Lahey said Humphrey replied.

Lahey suggested that Humphrey should have gone into the taproom on the nearby corner.

"I'll have you understand," Humphrey answered, "That I never enter such places."

Today Humphrey was charged with intoxication and ringing a false fire alarm.

Water Tank Falls; 4 Die, Damage Heavy

TUCUMCARI, N. M. — A 250,000-gallon water tank collapsed today, killed four persons and caused damage estimated in millions.

Allies Demand Guarantee Of Prisoner Safety

Seek To Prevent Korea 'Death March'

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — The Allies today demanded the Reds guarantee there would be no "death marches" of Allied prisoners in Korea.

"No progress of any sort" was made in prisoner talks reported by a Red spokesman for both sides indicated another subcommittee might soon break a 17-day deadlock on how to police an armistice. They didn't get anywhere today.

An official U.N. command spokesman said the Reds may hold many prisoners in camps far to the east of Pusan.

The Communists want to trade prisoners today.

"We don't want our prisoners to have to walk hundreds of miles," said Lt. Col. Howard S. Lewis. "We don't want a (Bataan) death march in reverse."

A tough talking American Admiral told the Reds there would be no "blind payment" prisoner exchange until the Communists gave assurances of the safety of Allied fighting men they held.



CHIEF LITTLEJOHN — "don't like my work."

ALL IN THE RECORDS' Spotlight Glares In 'Country' Cop

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte, News Staff Writer
Charlotte's Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn blinked his eyes in the glare of a national spotlight today after he had been mentioned prominently again as the man who made the biggest complaint against Lamar Caudle's appointment as assistant attorney general.

While newspapers from several states tried to reach him by telephone, to check details of the current tax scandals and Caudle's local connections, the Chief said: "Why pin it all on a little old country police chief? It's all in the records up there in Washington."

He referred to FBI files. These records have not been made public by the King Subcommittee, but several important details in it were placed there by Frank Littlejohn.

"BRING 'EM OUT!"
They don't need to take the files to a country policeman, Littlejohn said. "Bring out the files."

How did a "little old country police chief" become such an important figure in the investigation of tax scandals that have shaken the United States?

Special Agency To Fight Corruption

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today promised what he called continued drastic action to clean house in the government.

He indicated he will set up a special agency to fight corruption, possibly tomorrow or Saturday.

Allowing himself to be quoted directly at one point on the scandals in the tax collecting and some other agencies, Mr. Truman told a news conference:

"Wrongdoers have no house with me no matter who they are or how big they are."

In response to questions, the President said he has no plans to fire Attorney General J. Howard McGrath or Democratic National Chairman Frank McNelly.

Several Republican members of Congress have demanded the dismissal of McGrath as a result of disclosures in the House investigation of tax fraud.

CAUDLE UNFAITHFUL
Chairman King (D-Calif.) of the House group has publicly said he believes T. Lamar Caudle, assistant attorney general in charge of the tax division, was unfaithful to his public trust.

Mr. Truman fired Caudle last month.

McNelly has come under fire because of the disclosure that he made a \$28,000 profit on a \$1,000 investment in a tractor firm headed by a man whose wartime government ordinance contracting work was sharply criticized by Mr. Truman, then a senator.

Mr. Truman's news conference, always well-attended, drew an even heavier than usual attendance of reporters who anticipated he might announce some dramatic action in connection with the newest disclosures.

AGAINST WRONGDOING
When the subject came up, the President declared with firm emphasis that his administration always has been swift to eliminate wrongdoers from its rank and will continue to do so.

He said his administration did exactly this, through its loyalty boards, in the case of Communists who were found to be working for the government.

These were brought to trial and convictions were obtained by the attorney general, just as it should have been, despite a great deal of haphazard to the contrary, the President said.

KNOW ABOUT CAUDLE
He declared that the public officials recently fired — including Caudle — all were being investigated by the executive branch of the government before their names were put before Congress for investigation.

He said the administration was not aware of the fact that Caudle had been accused of taking favors from persons involved in tax difficulties.

Before such charges were made by the House Ways and Means Subcommittee investigating the tax scandal.

Caudle's resignation would have been asked even without the tax scandal, the President added.

A reporter expressed surprise at this, recalling that Caudle was a member of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee only last Tuesday that he personally named Caudle as a tax evader.

Mr. Truman replied crisply that he would look the books for his Attorney General.

The President was asked if McKinney had been correct in telling reporters earlier this week that the President feels he has been "sold down the river" by Federal employees who have proved faithless to their trust.

Well, who wouldn't feel that way? he asked.

He went on to say that he has a special agency to set up.

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Evening Prayer

At the sun goes down, may we hear Thee say, Lord not the day go down on our wrongs. If life's struggles today have quickened our angry feelings, let these emotions subside, and forgiveness and brotherly love take their place, while we put our lives in Thy keeping. And we pray for the peace that Thy grace will bring to the world. Amen.

Committee Counsel Adrian De

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OUR WEATHER

Fair and not much change in temperature tonight and Friday.

Highest yesterday 49 degrees. Lowest this morning 29 degrees.

Surfing, 7:30 A. M.; sunset, 5:12 P. M.

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Government Steps Into Steel Wage Negotiations

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — The Government stepped into the steel wage talks today when Federal mediators, trying to Pittsburgh for the steelworkers with the CIO United Steelworkers and officials of the U. S. Steel Corp.

Cyrus S. Chang, mediation chief, sent two aides winging to the stalled negotiations after President Philip Murray of the steelworkers summoned his top policy makers to Pittsburgh for possible contentious meetings Monday.

Clyde M. Mills, assistant director of the Federal Mediation Service, and Walter A. Magillo, acting general counsel, were told by Chang to talk with both sides and to try to move the talks back to him on the status of negotiations.

Chang's action, according to

Wexler Gets 25 Years On Narcotics Charge

NEW YORK — (AP) — Irving (Waxy Gacy) Wexler, a 34-year-old prohibition beer baron, was sentenced today to serve two concurrent terms in prison on his plea of guilty to the illegal sale of narcotics.

The sentence was a virtual life term for the 34-year-old man who is a fourth felony offender.

The law calls for sentences of 15 years to life for a person convicted four times of a felony.

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Death Toll Is Now 569 In Philippines Typhoon

MANILA — (AP) — The death toll from a typhoon which swept across the central Philippines Monday rose to 569 as the same storm doubled back today to strike the islands again.

The Weather Bureau forecast the center of the storm would strike Friday on the west coast of Luzon about 100 miles north of Manila. Torrential rains drenched Manila today.

A second typhoon, coming in from the east, veered so much that it struck the Philippines Monday.

The Weather Bureau said it probably would just graze the east coast of Luzon.

This afternoon the center of the typhoon was 200 miles southwest of Manila. The second storm was 500 miles due east of the city.

Both are swinging well north of Leyte Island, which suffered the heaviest blow from the 130 mile wind Monday.

The Red Cross and mayors of Leyte reported 457 persons were killed on the island by the storm and by landslides. Torrential rains cascaded over coastal villages at the height of the storm.

They struck with such a roar that earthquakes were reported. Seismologists said there were no quakes, but the slides themselves might have caused local tremors.

Belated reports to the Red Cross listed 27 dead on Samar Island. Previously no deaths had been reported from that island.

Other revised death tolls by the islands were: Negros 32, Cebu 29, Panay 4.

The storm left 150,000 homeless and caused untold millions in property damage.

SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS