

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

Robbers Sought In Charlotte Deep Buge

Our New Type

The Charlotte News today appears in its new type design. The type is 8-point Corona and all news and features in today's editions are in that type.

Corona, as you will note, is larger and more easily read than the Ionic type which we had previously used.

We know that you will read The News with more ease and we know, too, that you will enjoy this reading comfort today and every day.

Draft Of 18-Year Group Gains Favor

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senate supporters of the administration plan to draft eighteen-year-olds into a Universal Military Service and Training (UMST) program made a new bid today for bipartisan backing.

"This is a permanent long term program and I think it is the most carefully prepared draft bill ever presented," Chairman Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) of the Senate pre-

Coke Lashes State Dept.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—(AP)—National Legion Commander Eric C. Cooke Jr. declared today that the "pink comets of pervasiveness" we call our diplomats have sold a "chink case" over the Korean issue.

Cooke, in an address prepared for the Legion's annual program at Abraham Lincoln's tomb here, asserted that the State Department has sold a "chink case" over the Korean issue.

"From the very beginning of our present dilemma," he said, "our State Department has kept the American people in the dark with its double talk, its double dealing... and what looks today like a reasonable facsimile of an outright double cross."

Cooke of Dawson, Ga., asserted that calling Red China an aggressor is "more pure propaganda" than the Chinese should be considered as a criminal, he said.

"That the United States has agreed to the principle that the Chinese should not be pushed, pending efforts of a 'good offices committee' to get us out of the Korean peninsula, is a cease-fire truce and settlement in Korea, is bewildering to say the least."

The Legion commander said the cease-fire proposal was "fraught with peril."

Let us cut off all aid to every nation that does not give positive assurance that it will refrain from trading with the enemy, and that it will stand with us through thick and thin," he said.

Not only should we clamp economic sanctions upon Red China, but upon Soviet Russia as well."

OUR WEATHER

Fair and warmer through tomorrow. High temperature expected this afternoon, 58 degrees. Low temperature expected tonight, 36 degrees. 7:15 A. M.: sunset, 6:03 P. M.

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SOLAR CANINES

Do you know a "sun dog" when you see it? Most people have seen these phenomena at one time or another, but many do not know what they are. Sun dogs—also called "solar canines"—are the scientific name for a pair of brilliant white spots that appear to the left and right of the sun at about 22 degrees distance. They're caused by the reflection of light from ice crystals high aloft in the air. Often a faint white circle can be seen passing through the sun dogs and the sun, known as the parhellic circle.

Granite Quarry Bank Is Held Up

Around \$40,000 Believed Taken

The search for three armed and unmasked gunmen who robbed the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Granite Quarry of between \$35,000 and \$40,000 this morning centered between Kannapolis and Charlotte this afternoon.

The State Highway Patrol radio said the men traveling in their third car since the holdup, were last seen heading toward Charlotte in a 1949 Mercury.

City and county officers combed the city and patrolmen from the western section of the State converged on Charlotte.

After the robbery at Granite Quarry, about five miles south of Salisbury, the patrol radio said the gunmen abandoned the first car near Beal's store in Rowan County.

The second car was taken at pistol point from a passing motorist and was ditched on 8th St. in Kannapolis, where the Mercury was picked up, patrolmen said.

Although the search centered in the Kannapolis-Charlotte area, officers all over Western North Carolina were alerted.

Bank Cashier J. E. Fisher said the car was taken shortly after 10:30 a. m. but he cannot say whether the robbers were armed.

One of the unmasked men covered the five employees with the first car from the bank while the other two scooped up the money from the vault and left.

Fisher said that although he did not recognize the unmasked men, one addressed him by his nickname—"Jack."

He said the two appeared to be between 22 and 25 years of age. Each had a handkerchief wrapped around one hand, Fisher said, apparently to guard against leaving fingerprints.

The exact amount taken has not yet been determined. Officers still were searching for fingerprints.

LOSS INSURED

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TOKYO — (Tuesday) — (AP)—Chinese and North Korean Reds thrust a wedge seven dangerous miles deep into the Allied central Korean front Monday, isolating some American and South Korean units.

On the east coast last night American reports said a patrol of the South Korean Capital Division, advancing northward, ran into a Red company almost on the 38th Parallel and was forced back south after a fight less than a mile before the old political boundary.

Earlier South Korean official reports had credited the South Korean patrol with a similar penetration into North Korea. The American advisers' report early Tuesday to Eighth Army headquarters said they never crossed the line at all.

The savage Red counter-drive in the mountainous central sector was launched Sunday midnight and pushed by an estimated 60,000 troops throughout Monday on a 30-mile-wide front from UNITS CUT OFF.

Two American units of undisciplined troops were reported cut off north of Hoengsong. They were fighting to crack enemy road blocks, extended two miles along the road south of them. An American relief force was battling to break through the enemy lines.

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Tricks Used By Chinese In Attack

By JOHN RANDOLPH

CENTRAL FRONT, Korea.—(AP)—Chinese troops used white flags and hand shakes today in an attempt to wipe out United Nations tanks and infantrymen.

On a contact patrol about a mile and a half north of Hoengsong, tank-accompanied GIs were halted by some 60 Chinese waving white flags and handkerchiefs. Lt. Perry Davis of Oklahoma City, reported the attack.

Sgt. Clarence C. Callett, 23, of Leesburg, Va., said the tanks halted and shook hands with the GIs and the doughboys advanced to take prisoners.

"The guy leading them, spoke English," Callett said. "He shook hands with us. He said, 'Hello, American.'"

"The tanks then went on. Callett said he saw a man lay down their arms, and there was some argument."

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The American sergeant fell, but he was not hurt. He said he had just shaken hands.

The U. S. tanks buttoned up and opened fire with their machine-guns while the outnumbered GIs, burp guns flaming in their faces, fought their way back to a little stream.

Pfc. Carl R. Clayton, 17, of Indianapolis, said he and some soldiers lay covered with water and broken ice to avoid the murderous fire. He said one Chinese wound him in the arm, nudged him with a foot and walked away, apparently thinking Clayton dead.

"I saw one of the Chinese lie down with his hands up, and the tanks," Clayton said, "our boots were frozen to our feet and our hands were frozen to our backs."

Still shivering and grouped around a stove in a medical clearing station, the men described the launchers as being poured out of the mountains around us after the fight started."

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