

Battle
Defense Mobilizer Charles Wilson has a big fight with labor, agriculture and industry on his hands. The Alop Brothers tell about it in their column on today's editorial page, 4-A.

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RE-REATING

RFC Inquiry Continues

'Influence' Fee Offer Reported

WASHINGTON.—John B. Skiles, former official of the Dallas RFC office, testified that Dallas Attorney Ross Bohannon approached him in 1943 about getting someone to influence the granting of a \$10,100,000 RFC loan to the Texas Corp.

Skiles witness before a Senate investigating committee, digging into conflicting stories from Bohannon and E. Merle Young of Washington as to who first suggested to whom that the granting of the loan might be influenced for a fee.

Bohannon testified last week that Young proposed to help him for an \$85,000 fee. Young denied that Bohannon approached him. Both agreed they never made a deal.

Their accounts were so different that members of a Senate Banking Subcommittee, looking in alleged influence and in RFC lending, said one of the two had perjured himself.

Skiles said Bohannon, talking to him over drinks at a party in a Dallas insurance office, mentioned "a nice fat fee" that would be involved if he could get

Young or William M. Boyle Jr. Democratic National Chairman to come into the office.

He quoted Bohannon as declaring the "nice fat fee" was "a consideration of \$10,000 payment plus \$7,500 a year for 10 years to make up an \$85,000 fee for services if they were successful. Young insisted no amount was mentioned, but that Bohannon had told him the fee would be "substantial."

Rucker testified that Skiles had cautioned him against coming here to testify because "I might be subjected to embarrassment."

Rucker also said, "I had reason to believe that Skiles had influence in Washington," but insisted that was "an impression" and an "inference," he had drawn.

Asked whether he knew Young and whether Young had ever represented himself as a relative of Bohannon, Rucker said he had met Young and "believe there was an implication that a

Arrested On Bus In Springfield Had Escaped In February

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Nathan Toliver Corn, a fugitive from the Columbia, S. C., penitentiary where he was serving a murder sentence, was captured in Springfield yesterday, the FBI announced today.

James Poster, FBI agent, said his men and local police took Corn off a bus.

Poster said Corn escaped from prison Feb. 2 and had been sought by the FBI on a charge of unlawful flight.

The FBI received a tip from Southern Illinois that Corn was on the bus. Poster added he declined to give any other details.

Corn made no fight when he was arrested. Poster said Corn was carrying a gun and had a bus ticket for Chicago.

Poster added that Corn refused to tell where he had been since his escape. The FBI and police captured him within a short time after receiving information yesterday he was on the bus, Poster said.

WOUNDED RED GETS MEDICAL CARE



Sgt. James P. Hassel, Dixon, Tenn., a combat medic, treats a Chinese Communist who was wounded in fighting in the Wanju area. (Acme Telephoto.)

Advances Scored In Two Sectors

Enemy Reported Planning Stand

BY OLEN CLEMENTS
TOKYO.—(AP)—Doughboys of the U. S. Seventh Division knifed ahead today on the right flank of the Eighth Army's offensive in central Korea to a point six miles north of Pangnim.

A patrol of the creek division met rifle and anti-tank fire, but air observers reported the Reds were withdrawing.

Today's action was the first time the Seventh Division, only American unit to reach the Manchurian border, has been identified in combat since it withdrew from the Changjin reservoir to the Hungnam beachhead last December.

The American Second Division, sloping north through the mud-boggy mountains on the left flank of the Seventh, reached a point eighteen miles north of Chechon, its jumping off place when "Operation Killer" began last Wednesday.

Soviet Claims Army Smaller Than West's

MOSCOW.—(AP)—Russia told Britain during the week-end that she has less than half as many men under arms as the Western Bloc. She added that she was ready to negotiate her differences with the British.

She made these statements in a note, repeating previous Soviet charges that the "Attlee Government" "crudely tramples on the 1942 Anglo-Soviet alliance by joining the Atlantic Conference aimed directly against the USSR."

Rent Control Extension OK'd

WASHINGTON.—The Senate Banking Committee today approved a stopgap 90-day extension of Federal rent controls until June 30.

Chairman Maybank (D-SC) told reporters the committee had approved the extension by an 8-2 vote. He said the extension resolution was the understanding that hearings would be started next month on amending the Federal Rent Control Act to the Defense Production Act.

The hearing, he said, will deal with the question of whether rent control will be required after June to meet defense needs.

Under present law, Federal controls expire on March 31 except in communities that vote to continue them. Communities that do so may remain under Federal ceilings until June 30.

Change Not Believed Extensive

Wage Freeze Thaw Seen Soon

BY STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON.—The monthly ceiling on pay raises may be lifted under a little delay or tomorrow for the great majority of wage earners.

Eric Johnston, head of the Economic Stabilization Agency, was reported today ready to sign the legislation.

Spending in per cent catch-up... predicted that in doing so he would erode this further release.

Wage boards provided in "escalator" clauses would be honored up to June 30, provided they were written into contracts signed before the wage-price freeze of a month ago.

U. S. Retains Top Navy Post

LONDON.—Prime Minister Attlee announced today that he has agreed that the deputy supreme commander of Atlantic pact forces in the Atlantic Ocean will be British.

In addition, it has been agreed that Britain will retain the position of control of its home fleet even when an American becomes supreme commander of Atlantic pact forces.

Accordingly, Attlee told the House of Commons, he is "entirely satisfied" with the position of U. S. Admiral William N. Friedman to be supreme commander of Atlantic pact forces.

Attlee made his statement in response to a loud outcry in Commons and the press which greeted word last week of Friedman's forthcoming appointment.

Conservative Leader Winston Churchill assented to the British plan, with its long and honorable Navy tradition, had been "brushed off" by the British.

Truman To Ask Postal Boost

WASHINGTON.—President Truman told his Congressional leaders today that he is sending Congress a message recommending increases in second class postal rates.

Second class mail covers the publication field—used as daily weekly newspapers and magazines.

House Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) and other Congressional leaders who met with Mr. Truman at the White House declined to discuss details of the President's message, which he expects to send to both houses by Thursday.

Rayburn told reporters he did not believe the draft of the message has been completed.

Postmaster General Donaldson has been urging an increase in postal rates, including second class, for more than a year to help pay for the White House Post Office Department's operations.

Ex-Republican Senator Raps Wherry Resolution

WASHINGTON.—John Sherman Cooper, adviser to the State Department, said today that if Congress bars or limits sending troops to Europe, it may "kill the effort and the confidence" of Europeans to defend themselves against Soviet aggression.

If that happened, he said, it would be the greatest surrender in history.

Cooper, an ex-Republican Senator from Kentucky, was a before the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees. He proposed a resolution by Senate Republican Leader Wherry of Nebraska designed to hold up any transfer of troops to Europe until Congress passes on the policy.

NEW PLAN GAINS FAVOR
This check go as far, however.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and not much change in temperature through Tuesday. High temperature expected to be 46 degrees. Low temperature expected tonight, 33 degrees.

6:57 A. M.; sunset, 6:16 P. M.

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DEEP AND WHITE
Easterlies and Southerners find it hard to believe the kind of snow that Winter brings to the West. The combination of moisture-laden winds from the West, plus the lifting effect of the mountains, which give the winds, gives some really phenomenal snowfalls. The altitude record was set in the Winter of 1907-8 at Tamarack, Calif. A total of 894 inches of snow fell. That's 73 2/3 feet, or roughly the height of a seven-story building.

Puerto Rican On Trial In Attempt On Truman's Life

WASHINGTON.—Oscar Collazo went on trial for his life today on a charge of killing a White House guard during an attempt to assassinate President Truman last Nov. 1.

The 37-year-old Puerto Rican Nationalist sat directly before Judge Tamm in the courtroom of Federal Judge T. Alan Goldborough's handcuffed and under heavy guard. The handcuffs were removed, however, as he entered the room.

Collazo faces possible sentence of death in the electric chair if convicted on either of two counts in the indictment against him. Collazo and a companion, Griselio Torresola, also a member of the U. S.-Bating Puerto Rican Nationalist Party, tried to shoot their way into Blair House, temporary home of the President.

Bradley Cites Draft Need

250,000 Yanks Fighting In Korea

BY RUTH COWAN
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Gen. Omar N. Bradley disclosed today that about 250,000 Americans, in all branches of the armed services, now are fighting in the Korean campaign.

The chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, testifying before the House Armed Services Committee, disclosed the figure in a hearing on the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force.

"Despite the peace talk going around," Bradley testified, "we're in just as much of an emergency now as we were a month ago. We mustn't be lulled into false security."

The five-star general said one of the big aims of the military now is a plan of rotation of troops to Korea and he thinks there is need to effect as soon as manpower requirements are met.

He did not elaborate as to where the men would be used.

The committee, reluctant to approve the draft of men under 19 years, has urged this step.

Turning to the length of active service for men in uniform, Bradley said he thought 27 months would be logical. The compromise bill offered by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) would extend the term of service from the present 21 months to 26 months.

Bradley said that of the 21 months now required, about 13 months are taken up by combat training, leave, travel and the service process. He said this leaves only 13 months for training with a unit and any extension of this time would aid materially.

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ESCAPEE FINCERS

An estimated 14,000 Korean Reds escaped as a giant Allied pincer bogged down in a deep mud trap of heavy rains and an early thaw. They continued to flee northward Monday—in groups of 100 to 1,000—pounded by U. S. fighter-bombers.

Communists were also pressed back in some instances, sometimes so far in advance of truck supply lines they had to get food and ammunition from air drops or Korean peasants in back areas.

But Red bulldozers, truck convoys slipping down from the north, and new entrenchments indicated the Communists were preparing to make a stand in the Paumotu region.

DEFENDING SEOUL

Similar defense preparations were being made in Seoul. Red held former South Korean capital. Three small, but day-long fights were reported on the eastern flank of Paumotu. Paumotu, now in Allied hands, is a road junction five miles north of Pongcheon.

U. S. Air Force planes were reported to have bombed a new Red concentration appeared to be shaping up twelve miles to the north.

RIDGE RECAPTURED

Planes and artillery helped U. S. forces recapture a ridge overlooking Hoengsong, from which grenade throwing Reds had driven them the day before.

Six miles to the west, the counter-attacking Chinese battalions had temporarily halted a U. N. advance. The Chinese were trying to keep the Allies off the road leading from Hoengsong toward Seoul, 50 miles to the west.

This is in the Ninth Corps sector.

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