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Columnist Bill Boyce, the read-  
er's man, is writing a column  
specialized in the human side of  
the war in Korea. He is a farm-  
about, He reports in the soldier's  
in Korea on the optimism and  
attitudes of the home front. It's  
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# RESISTANCE

## Howitzers Hit Reds Across Han Enemy Casualty Figure 57,000

TOKYO — (AP) — U. S. tanks shelled Seoul's blacked-out ruins today and howitzers, wheeling into easy range, plastered Chinese positions north of the frozen Han River tonight.

Porte Rican doughboys seized a gun sector of the 4 1/2 miles south of the former Korean Republic capital. The entire killed and wounded were 57,000.

The Eighth Army said it had destroyed 57,000 Communist forces in the pocket south of the Han River in the western sector, the objective of the current phase of the limited offensive, is proceeding and may open up a stable victory in a term of months.

"No further implications should be attached to the present situation," a spokesman said.

"That was a cool military appraisal of the attack which destroyed tanks and bayonet charges that have violently rid the snow-crueted roads and valleys of thousands of Chinese on Seoul's outskirts.

The Eighth Army has estimated more than 57,000 Red casualties, most of them in the western sector. Now the Chinese had their backs to the Han.

**REDS CRUMBLING**

Red resistance was crumbling in the area of the Han.

The 25th Division tanks shelled Seoul at noon Thursday. Howitzers of the veteran American Third Division rolled into position at nightfall and sent shells screaming over the Han into Chinese positions.

The Third Division tanks identified on the 25th Division's right flank, southeast of Seoul, were identified in the 75-foot artillery barrage was heavily censed.

A staff officer said it appeared likely the Reds would withdraw to the north bank of the winding Han River before dawn today.

Without firing a shot, the Puerto Ricans took 1,600-foot Mangrove nose and northward to the highest peak before the city. So quickly had the Chinese fled that the Puerto Ricans found their still warm in bows.

## For Your Reading Comfort

The Charlotte News is pleased to announce the selection of a new type of paper in its news columns. It will make its first appearance on Monday.

The new type is Corona, the high legibility type recently perfected by the Mergenthaler Linotype Co. The News will use the Corona 8-point type on an 8 1/2-point base. The present News type is 7-point type on a 7 1/2 base in which the announcement is printed.

Thus the new Corona type is one point larger than our present type and the base is three-fourths of a point larger. This means the letters are larger and also there is more space between the lines of type.

We have selected Corona after a careful survey of the available type faces and we are confident that you will agree that our choice has added materially to the ease with which you read your Charlotte News.

The change will be made during the week-end. The Charlotte News will come to you Monday in its new type dress.

## Street Aid Measure Wins In Committee

RALEIGH — (AP) — Legislation to increase State aid for city streets was passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee today after a long struggle.

The measure would increase State aid for city streets in two ways. It would increase the State aid for city streets from 50 cents per square foot to 75 cents per square foot.

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## Protest Of Cotton Freeze Studied

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman said today a protest of cotton state Senators against a raw cotton freeze study is being studied.

The president told his under study reference he had a pleasant conversation with the cotton growers on this subject. He did not forecast what action the Administration will take, however.

He said the cotton growers' recommendation for the removal of all raw cotton from the cotton was referred to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Defense Production Commission and Middlesex County, Virginia.

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Assistant Middlesex County Prosecutor Alex Eber, in a statement today, said the railroad's "complete and indifferent disregard for human life" was the cause of the crash.

Eber's statement came as workmen today began to remove the wreckage of the passenger train which crashed in a residential area.

Police Chief George Keating said the death toll from Tuesday night's disaster—the third major rail wreck in the New York metropolitan area within a year—probably will reach 100.

He said more than 50 persons still hospitalized in critical condition succumb.

He said there had been no reports of anyone missing and added that workers did not expect to find any more bodies as they dragged away the debris, covered last night by a light snow.

Meanwhile, separate investigations are under way to determine the cause of the crowded passenger train which crashed in a residential area.

The Interstate Commerce Commission and Middlesex County authorities.

"Today's hearings were the latest in a series of multi-pointed probes set in motion shortly after 'The Breaker' wavered and adied off the rails near a temporary trestle, killing 63 persons.

Several possible contributory causes were mentioned yesterday, including sabotage and the approach of high speed of the eleven-car train as it approached a caution area.

The excessive speed again gained prominence yesterday after the engineer of the passenger train was quoted in a hospital-bedside interview as saying he had traveled 30 miles an hour in a railroad-truck 25-mile-an-hour zone.

A railroad official said his agency already was checking for evidence of sabotage.

## Government Plans Cut In Metals Use

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Government plans a cut of 25 to 40 per cent April 1 in the amount of basic metals, steel and home appliances, autos, appliances.

Officials of the National Production Authority (NPA) disclosed this today, saying it will be necessary to have copper and aluminum for defense purposes.

The cut in actual number of cars and trucks will not be taken until the end of the year.

It will depend on the manufacturer's ability to substitute and conserve metal in place of metal.

The auto industry last month promised a cut in use of basic metals for the year.

NPA experts said a hoped-for drop in automotive orders for steel appeared to be in the offing.

Consequently, the mandatory action is contemplated, affecting steel, copper and aluminum. Some other metals, such as nickel and cobalt already will appear to curtailment as severe, or worse.

The order probably will be subject in about two weeks, giving producers at least a month to make plans.

At a news conference, the President strongly defended the NPA's plan to cut metals use.

He said he had complete confidence in the NPA's plan.

Dawson said he had a public hearing before the Senate subcommittee on the steel industry.

## 4 Killed, One Hurt In Gas Explosion

PORTLAND, Ohio — (AP) — Four men were killed and one injured today in a gas explosion at the Atlas Crankshaft Co. here.

The Police Department said the men were employed in the plant's hardening department. The deaths were not immediately available.

The police department identified the men as Howard Shivers, Charles W. Huffman, Floyd Reed and Gene Newell.

Shivers was taken to a hospital in serious condition.

## Wm. Remington Waits Sentence

NEW YORK — (AP) — William W. Remington, convicted of perjury and branded with Communism by Federal court jury, will be sentenced today.

He faces a possible maximum sentence of five years in prison.

The 32-year-old former Government economist last night heard a verdict of guilty on charges of perjury in a case involving the Army's procurement of military equipment.

Remington frowned heavily when he heard the verdict — but said he would not make a statement.

The jury returned its verdict after deliberating about five hours.

The decision followed a 21-day trial during which the former Communist Party member was accused of transmitting Government secrets to Elizabeth Bentley, self-declared former Communist courier.

Dawson has made no public comment on the report, including that part which says he "tried to dominate" the RFC and had a great deal of success.

Remington said he could not find fault with the prosecution as a mail drop in Knoxville, Tenn., which was employed as a messenger for the Tennessee Valley Authority.

He said the jury was instructed that if it was to be convicted, it must be satisfied that the defendant had a "premeditated" intent to defraud the Government.

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## Czech Ex-Foreign Minister Asks Asylum In Yugoslavia

VIENNA, Austria — (AP) — The newspaper Neue Wiener Tageszeitung reported today that Czechoslovakia's former Communist Foreign Minister Vlado Clementis asked for asylum in Yugoslavia.

The paper, in a dispatch from Belgrade, said Clementis had been placed under close police surveillance for warning Clementis of the latter's impending arrest.

Reports from Prague, however, said there was no evidence of any unusual guard around Gottwald's residence.

The Vienna newspaper yesterday said Clementis had been seen at the Moravian capital, Brno, Thursday. It attributed its information to a source who said he had talked with Clementis.

Okali, aware of Clementis' sympathies for an independent Slovakia, may have enabled Clementis to escape by plans to Yugoslavia, Tageszeitung said.

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## Many Critically Hurt

ST. PAUL, Minn. — (AP) — Nine men and probably more were killed today by an explosion that roared through the minerals building of a 10-story Minnesota industrial plant, making Co. makers of Scotch tape.

Cause of the blast was not definitely known but officials of the company and fire department heads theorized that gas fumes caused by the presence of gas fumes.

Bodies of six of the victims were buried in the main scene of the Ramsey County Morgue. Three other victims who were dead on arrival at Ancker City Hospital were being kept there.

It was also reported that three more bodies had been removed from the wreckage. Whether they were among those at the morgue could not be checked.

The company manufactures cellophane tape, Scotch tape, and other products.

The Ramsey County coroner's office gave the number of dead as fifteen. This report said six or seven more bodies that he could not get.

## Truman Basts RFC Report Of Senators

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman accused a Senate Banking Subcommittee today of having a "biased and distorted picture" of the Federal Reserve Board.

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## Dismissal Threatened By Army

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Army served notice today that they will be dismissed unless they report for work by 4 P. M. (EST) Saturday or prove they were physically unable to work.

At the same time, the Army threatened that workers who increase effective as of last Oct. 1, for men who have had no income during the past year.

The Army announced that it would order within two hours after President Truman had instructed that the Army take necessary action for full operation of the railroads. In harsh language, Mr. Truman told a news conference that he would order the Army to run out on an agreement like a bunch of Russian.

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Truman said the wage increase would be of an interim nature pending final settlement of the dispute between the railroad management and unions over wages and working conditions. It said that the railroad workers had made as soon as accounting and necessary adjustments can be made.

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