

Senate To Open Probe Of MacArthur Case May 3

General May Talk Behind Closed Door

Democrats Hit His Policies

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Senate inquiry into the firing of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and related foreign policies will begin a week from Thursday, May 3.

Chairman Russell (D-Ga.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee announced the date today and said it is his plan to hear MacArthur at a closed-door session. But there will be an open or public hearing "if the general expresses a desire," Russell added.

Senate leaders—both Democratic and Republican—urged public hearings "as far as possible."

Senator McFarland of Arizona, the Democratic leader, told reporters he favors making public all except vital security information.

"We will gain more toward achieving national unity than we will lose by having the enemy find out some confidential information," McFarland said.

TAFI AGREES

Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, today agreed to a TAFI which he hopes the "full story" will be told, but that there may be some "unofficial" secret which can be confirmed only in closed sessions.

In other developments:

1. The White House said a statement of President Truman's reasons for firing MacArthur was sent to MacArthur's command in Tokyo. Presidential Press Secretary Joseph Short made that comment when asked about a statement by MacArthur aide that the general did not know why President Truman stripped him of his commands.
2. Major General Courtney Whitney, the general's personal adviser, told reporters in New York yesterday.
3. This day General MacArthur never has been informed as to the reasons for his summary dismissal by the faintest idea why the action was taken.
4. Democrats continued in a planned series of speeches in the public of opinion over MacArthur's dismissal. Senator Lehman (D-N.Y.) told the Senate MacArthur should involve this country in a "big war to bring a speedy end to a small one."
5. Senator Taft said a reporter he expects Republican members of the Armed Services Committee to take the lead in organizing a case for broader production of the Korean war files and Knowland (R-Calif.) are likely leaders in this move.

"This would be independent of what Gen. MacArthur has to say when he testifies before the committee," Taft said. "We think

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OUR WEATHER

Fair with little change in temperature today, tonight and Wednesday.

Sunrise 5:10 A. M. sunset 7:03 P. M.

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WHAT'S THE TEMPERATURE?

Chances are you won't get a correct answer to that unless you ask someone carrying a thermometer.

Even the official Weather Bureau thermometer has its own peculiarities. At any given time seldom duplicate exactly the same conditions where you are. The official readings are taken inside instrument shelters with louvered sides to permit a free circulation of air. On a hot day, even in the shade you get some reflected heat, the official thermometer does not. In the sun you are, of course, much warmer; and on a cold day a strong wind chills you more than it does the shielded thermometer.

TWO CAUGHT AND ONE TO GO

John Cutler, one of three convicts who escaped from a road gang in Gaston County yesterday, surrendered to Patrolman George Bryant of the South Carolina State Highway Patrol in a field near the Indian Hook School house near Rock Hill, S. C. Aiding in the capture were Marshal Sanders (right) and Bob Armstrong (background), trustees who handled the dogs. Another escapee was caught last night in a Charlotte hotel. (Special News photo by Jack Rock of Rock Hill).

Board Told Soviet Agents In America 30 Years Ago

By JACK ADAMS
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Benjamin Gitlow testified today that agents of the Russian secret police force were operating in this country about 30 years ago.

Gitlow, who says he was named from the Communist Party in 1923 after a discrepancy with Joseph Stalin, said he had personal knowledge of such activity while he was a top party leader in the United States.

Gitlow testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board today in a hearing on whether the American Communist Party must register with the attorney general as a foreign-controlled organization.

The board tentatively ruled that Gitlow would have to confine his testimony to the period in which he was an active party member.

He noted that the force later was known as the NKVD, and added "It has since changed its name again—I do not know what it is now called in Russia."

He said however, that these agents worked in close cooperation with the U. S. Communist Party and that one of their prime functions was the gathering of military and industrial information for the Soviet Government.

Gitlow said American Communists had similarly worked in close contact with Amintore, the Soviet trading corporation which was active in the 1920s in helping to obtain U. S. Diplomatic recognition of the Soviet regime.

Man Hit By Weight In 'MacArthur Parade Dies

NEW YORK—(AP)—A man accidentally struck by a metal paperweight during Friday's welcome parade for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, died today of a fractured skull.

Mario Riccobono, 47, of Astoria, Queens, had been standing near the Woolworth Bldg. at Broadway and Park Place waiting for the parade. Suddenly he collapsed, and a half-pound paperweight was found beside him. He was taken to Beekman Downtown Hospital.

French Hit At Reds In Indo-China Raid

SAIGON, Indochina—(AP)—French forces struck today into the Communist-ridden territory around Saigon. They destroyed one armory and set afire a number of Vietminh installations.

Intellectual Curiosity

By BARNEY LIVINGSTONE
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Screen Actor Marc Lawrence told the House Un-American Activities Committee today that intellectual curiosity—"I was a curious kind of a fellow"—led him to join the Communist Party. He said this was "an unholly mistake."

Lawrence named Screen Actor Lione Stander as the guy who introduced me to the party line. The first talking, 41-year-old character actor testified that, after he came to Hollywood in 1936, Stander told him to go to classes at which Communists made speeches.

These guys confused me, they gave me "bum-bachs," Lawrence testified. "After about twelve or fifteen meetings, I left."

But, however, he said he signed a card at the request of someone—using a name he picked

Film Actor Tells Of Joining Red Party

out of a newspaper and has since forgotten.

Stander is to be heard later. So are screen writer and novelist Abraham Polonsky, Agent George Wilmer and Actor Morris Carnovsky. Polonsky has been named by previous witnesses as a Communist Party member.

At the indoctrination meetings—Lawrence called them "cause parties"—he testified he met Lester Cole, Stander, Producer Robert Rosen and Writer Richard Collins. Collins, an admitted Communist, earlier had identified Rosen and Cole as party members.

Lawrence said that later, in his party cell, were J. Edward Bromberg, Writer Gordon Kahn, Cole—who identified earlier as party members—and Stander.

Lawrence said Stander told him

Britain's Laborites Abortive Truce

Act To Keep Party In Power

LONDON—(AP)—Prime Minister Attlee's forces and rebellious Labor Party members made a deal today aimed at keeping the Labor Government in power as long as possible and preventing a general election at this time.

The deal, with both sides making concessions, came after a third Government meeting. John Freeman, parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Supply, resigned in protest over the Government's arms budget. He quit for broadly the same reasons as Labor Minister Aneurin Bevan and Board of Trade President Harold Wilson: Britain's financing of her rearmament at the expense of the national free medicine scheme.

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SECRET PARLEY

The Labor members of Parliament held a stormy two-hour secret emergency meeting today, it resulted in a deal in which the rebels, headed by Bevan and Wilson, pledged themselves to put party unity in the House of Commons above the policy split.

In return, Attlee's forces agreed to permit Bevan to abstain if there is a vote in the House of Commons tonight on the Government's plan to slash 50 per cent charge on false teeth and spectacles. Bevan's supporters in the House of Commons will support the bill.

Thus the Labor Party could expect to pull through should the Government attempt to exploit the Labor split by calling for a formal vote on a second reading of the bill to charge for dentures and false teeth. The opposition already has expressed support for the bill, up for a second reading tomorrow.

Attlee, looking pink-checked and cheerful, left the central front while today to attend a memorial service for former Foreign Secretary, Sir A. D. Nye, at Westminster Abbey. Under treatment for a kidney ailment, he told reporters he was getting on well. But the nervous situation in his party had already recommended treatment for ulcers.

Observers said it seemed likely Attlee now could hold his slim margin of power in the House of Commons. He had a Liberal assault, at least until August.

97 Perish In Fire In Japan

YOKOHAMA, Japan—(AP)—Roaring flames killed at least 97 people and burned down a large fire today when a large fire line turned an old-style wooden railway coach into a blazing furnace.

Seven of the dead were American soldiers.

Police said the spectacular fire started in the electric suburban train pulled into Sakurajima station.

Passengers screamed in terror as they tried to force their way to safety through the car's narrow aisles. Only 39 succeeded. All were injured.

The flames quickly enveloped the train's first car after an electric power wire touched the roof. The second car was partially burned before police stopped the fire.

The American Army provost marshal's office in Yokohama said 97 charred bodies had been found. Only 39 succeeded. All were injured.

Urgent Call For Blood

Hard on the heels of the big New Chinese offensive in Korea, the American Red Cross has urgently requested an emergency shipment of 168 pints of Type "O" blood from the Charlotte regional Red Cross Blood Center. The blood will be shipped to Korea by air Friday morning.

To get the 168 pints of Type "O" blood, which can be administered to wounded fighting men directly on the battlefield without checking the patient's blood type, 504 donors are needed.

This new request is over and above the regular April quota of 1,250 pints—only 547 of which have been collected so far.

Donors will be needed from 8:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Wednesday, and from 9:30 A. M. until 12:30 P. M. Thursday. Additional collections will be made by the Charlotte office at Burnsville, Mooresville and the Naval Reserve unit in Charlotte on Wednesday, and at Rutherford and the Leaksville Woolen Mills in Charlotte on Thursday.

Foe Following Up Big Breakthrough

TOKYO—(AP)—Nearly one-half million battle-tested Reds smashed a hole in the center of the United Nations line today in their third invasion of South Korea. Communist troops streamed through the gap and bent back the right flank of the Allied line.

They were striking avegeley with the aim of breaking up the International Eighth Army into piecemeal units.

South Korean units manning the center of the 100-mile line crumbled before the fury of the Red Spring offensive. Their retreat exposed other Allied divisions.

Frontline officers considered the situation serious. But headquarters commanders were confident the rejuvenated Allied forces could stem the offensive.

ROADS VISITS FRONT

Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, the grenade-throwing paratrooper who shored up the morale of Allied forces here, has succeeded General MacArthur as supreme commander, visited the front.

Ridgway said the great battle "will prove decisive." He called it the greatest Red offensive since the war. He warned that the Allies probably have not yet met its full strength.

On the eastern flank Red Korea's offensive is under way. It struck with surprising strength. Defense of the town, four miles north of Incheon, was held.

FLANKS EXPOSED

South Koreans gave way before a similar Chinese offensive. They were pushed back to the line and the flanks of other U. N. units.

Reds rammed through, deepening their wedge south of the 38th Parallel. Censorship withheld the exact distance. Earlier in the day the Chinese had pushed four miles into South Korea. And they were still pressing forward on the dusty hills on foot and by horseback.

RED LOSSES HEAVY

An Eighth Army spokesman said Red casualties were ten times those of U. N. forces. On the eastern front, an officer said twenty times as many were killed.

Field commanders described the attack as "the most serious in critical. But Ridgway said, "I have complete confidence."

This is the third day since the attack. Great columns of refugees clogged the highways south of the center of the Incheon River in the center of the front.

AP Correspondent Jim Becker on the central front said the "fired, dispirited people" were fleeing. He said he saw what was happening along the roads they plodded. Twice before they fled along the same routes from the Communist advance—always in decreasing numbers.

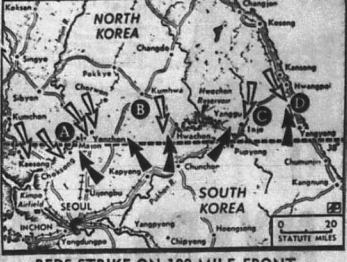
They walked down roads threatened by a great Red pincer movement.

Units of the pincer were formed by Chinese pushing down the mountainous center of the peninsula, and reinforcing their base on the Incheon River in the west.

Elements of two attacking Chinese divisions formed U. N. troops in withdrawal near Korangpo at the western end of the front. Korangpo is south of the 38th Parallel, about 100 miles north of Seoul, South Korea.

U. N. troops hit back. AP Correspondent John Barkley reported they were still fighting savagely at dusk Tuesday.

The other arm of the pincer was still pouring on page 5-A.



REDS STRIKE ON 100-MILE FRONT
Chinese Reds have unleashed their expected Spring offensive and slammed a bridgehead across the Injin River (A) on main approaches of Seoul. Northwest of Hwachon reservoir (B), and east of the dam (C), United Nations units were forced to pull back their lines. There were no reports of a Red breakthrough on the dormant east coast front (D). (AP Wirephoto Map).

Democrats May Open '52 Campaign At Scott's Farm

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The 1952 Democratic national campaign would be opened around Labor Day on the farm of Gov. W. Kerr Scott of North Carolina under a tentative program worked out today with National Chairman William Boyle.

A group of North Carolina Democrats headed by Governor Scott called at the national committee to propose the idea. They said Boyle gave his tentative approval.

Retail Price Curbs Delayed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Government today granted 376,000 retail stores another 90-day extension—until May 20—to put their new, margin-type price control ceilings in effect.

In ordering the delay, Price Director Michael V. Disalle pointed out that until a retailer files his pricing charts, his ceiling prices still will be regulated under the general price freeze. This set price levels at the highest figure for which goods were sold during the base period last Dec. 1946.

After the new deadline of May 30, no retailer may lawfully sell any items covered by the margin-type-price control order unless he has filed his pricing chart with an Office of Price Stabilization district office.

Ceiling price regulation 7, covering Feb. 27, it included all of the items commonly sold in apparel and shoe stores, along with furniture, floor coverings and 70 per cent of the volume handled by department stores. The deadline for filing was at the March 29 before for which goods were sold during the base period last Dec. 1946.

Early this month OPS brought many additional items under the regulations. It was broadened to musical instruments, radio and television sets, housewares, luggage, sporting goods and hundreds of other items.

Boyle looks with favor on the idea, said Stator. But he has tentatively promised to recon-

Train Pulls In: Still No Vogeler

VIENNA, Austria—(AP)—The Orient and Arber Express train steamed into Vienna again today without Robert A. Vogeler.

This is the third day since the Hungarian Government announced that agreement had been reached on the release from prison of American businessmen, confined seventeen months on charges of spying.

Legal officials in Vienna said they had heard nothing from New Budapest concerning Vogeler, being released in return for U. S. recognition of certain unguaranteed "just claims" of Hungary.

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