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Columnist Tom Fesperman, back in Charlotte after a week in New York, is doing business at the same old stand on the News Feature Page today. He's letting a brother columnist, Earl Wilson, know what's happening while the latter is in Europe.

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Truman Plans New Request For Stronger Controls

REDS BOOST ANTI-U. S. PROPAGANDA

JET PLANE CRASH SETS FIRE TO TRUCK; 12 KILLED

A jet plane crashed at the edge of McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix, N. J., Monday setting fire to a truck full of soldiers and killing thirteen men. Army authorities said the pilot and passenger in the T-33 trainer were killed as well as eleven Army personnel on the ground. Twenty others were injured. The plane smashed into a woods as it was taking off and burst into flames. The truck was close enough to be set on fire, although it was not hit directly by the plane. (Acme Telephoto).

Message To Congress Expected

President Asks Advice Of Board

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman indicated today he is about to open a new fight to get from Congress the price and other control powers he says are needed to combat inflation.

At a White House meeting, the President asked his national advisory board on mobilization policy for advice on a message to Congress asking stronger control authority.

When Mr. Truman signed the present law on July 31, he denounced it as inadequate and served notice he would ask Congress later for changes. He said in a statement at that time:

"We will not be able to hold down rising prices under this act, and I am going to ask the Congress to amend it to give us adequate controls."

WILSON HEADS BOARD

The advisory board on mobilization policy is headed by Charles E. Wilson, the defense mobilization director. There are 16 other members.

Presidential Secretary Joseph Short disclosed that Mr. Truman talked for 30 minutes with the board.

"In the discussions," Short said, "the President took up the difficulties of administering the price control features of the Defense Production Act as amended.

"He asked the board to give him advice in connection with a possible message to Congress asking for further amendments.

"He told them that naturally the Administration is trying to do the best it can with the law as it now stands, but he's thinking in terms of another message to Congress."

Under questioning Short said that what Mr. Truman sought from the board was advice on whether to send a message to Congress and, if so, what it should cover.

MESSAGE 'PROBABLE'

And Short spoke of a message as "probable" in the near future.

A request from Mr. Truman to plug what he has called loopholes in the present law would upset plans of Democratic Congressional leaders to try for adjournment of Congress by Oct. 1.

Short said the President would consult with Congressional leaders on the probable message. At the time Congress passed the present law, they reported to Mr. Truman that it was about the best law he could get.

Mr. Truman had a conference yesterday with Michael Di Salle, the price stabilizer, and Eric Johnston, Economic Stabilizer. Presumably, it also was concerned with the question of amendments to the present controls law.

Two features of the law which have drawn particular criticism from the Administration are restrictions on price "rollbacks" and a ban on slaughtering quotas.

Under the old law, which expired with June, meat slaughterers were given quotas; that is, told how many cattle they could kill.

RED GENERALS ATTEND FUNERAL

North Korean General Chang Pyung San (foreground) and Nam Il attend the funeral in Kaesong for the Chinese soldier allegedly shot in the neutral zone border skirmish Sunday. (Acme Telephoto).

Charges, Protests Are Hurled

Little Progress Made In Talks

By SAM SUMMERLIN

MUNSAN, Korea —(AP)— Communist protests and anti-American propaganda were stepped up today as a joint Allied-Communist subcommittee held its fifth session trying to break the deadlock in Korean truce talks.

The Reds formally lodged a new protest Monday that Allied aircraft attacked and destroyed a liaison jeep of the Communist delegation between Kaesong and the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. The jeep was said to be flying a white flag.

The Reds charged this was a fresh violation of the neutrality zone agreement and asked Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief U. N. negotiator to "severely punish your personnel."

ALLIES CITE RULE

An Allied release today announcing the latest protest called attention to the Allied requirement that the Reds give notification in advance if they wish vehicles to be free from air attack.

This disclosure came on the heels of a Red protest alleging that Allied ground forces had violated the Kaesong neutral zone.

Red China's Peiping radio said tonight that the killing of a Chinese soldier in the Kaesong neutral zone "will rouse still greater hatred of American imperialism among Korean and Chinese peoples."

The Reds formally charged the Chinese was killed in an ambush by United Nations troops. The U. N. command denied this; said it was probably the work of guerrillas.

'MURDER' CHARGE

Tuesday's Peiping broadcast, quoting the official Hsinhua New China News Agency, said "he was murdered in American ambush."

The broadcast quoted Maj. Gen. Hsieh Fang, a Chinese armistice delegate and member of the joint subcommittee, as saying the death of the soldier "will surely harden Chinese volunteers' determination to defend peace."

Hours before the broadcast the subcommittee—two Allies and two Communists—met in Kaesong for two hours and four minutes. More

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Compromise On 'Voice' Sought

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Administration leaders in the Senate sought a compromise today on funds for the "Voice of America" but critics stuck to demands for a heavy slash.

The maneuvering took place in the Senate appropriations committee which is considering a bill providing money to operate the State Department world-wide radio program.

President Truman had requested $115,000,000 for the "Voice" but the House trimmed that to $85,000,000 and a Senate appropriations subcommittee shaved it still further to $56,000,000.

Although President Truman appealed to Congress yesterday for restoration of the full $115,000,000, Senator Hayden (D-Ariz) asked the appropriations committee to restore only the House-approved amount.

Senator McCarran (D-Nev), head of the subcommittee which had cut the fund to $56,000,000, offered a substitute motion to make the amount $63,000,000.

The committee agreed to vote later in the day on the McCarran substitute. Action on this section apparently would clear the way for committee approval of the

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OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy today and tomorrow. Continued warm today and slightly cooler Wednesday. Widely scattered afternoon showers tomorrow.

High temperature yesterday, 91 degrees.

Low this morning, 66 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:47 A. M.; sunset, 7:05 P. M.

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RAIN FROM SMOKE?

Ever hear of smoke causing rain? Some scientists believe it is possible for a widespread smoke pall, such as came from Canadian forest fires last Fall, to contain the seeds of rain. They point out that heat from the fire causes great convection updrafts which lift abnormal quantities of tiny mineral particles from the earth and mix them with the smoke. These particles, they say, could form nuclei for raindrops. Other meteorologists believe that nature provides enough nuclei for most of the rain that will fall, and the smoke-borne particles would have little affect.

13 GIs Killed As Airplane Crashes

FORT DIX, N. J. — (AP) — A flame-enveloped jet plane—raining fiery death as it fought a losing battle for altitude—plowed into a group of soldiers yesterday. Thirteen men were burned to death, twenty injured.

Two of the vicums were in the plane, a T-33 Air Force trainer that had taken off only moments before from nearby McGuire Air Base.

Among the dead soldiers were two 22-year-old brothers from Camden, N. J., Pvts. Robert W. and George W. Poole. A check is being made to determine if they were twins.

The rest were part of a 54-man Army detail that had just finished learning how to lay communications lines in a belt of scrub pines at the edge of the base.

Survivors said the plane bore down on them "like a ball of fire" through the trees, skimmed over a truck partly-loaded with soldiers and crashed about 50 feet away.

Lt. Bertram Brinley, Fort Dix public information officer, said a blazing wing-tip fuel tank, apparently jarred loose by trees, dropped onto the truck, turning it and its passengers into flaming torches.

Eight GI's were killed almost instantly. Three others died in the base hospital hours later.

Of the twenty injured, one died today. The soldiers were members of Battery B of the 26th Field Artillery Battalion of the 9th Division.

It appeared to some witnesses that the plane caught fire on takeoff. Personnel in the base control tower said they were trying to contact the two-man crew when the low-flying plane dipped into trees about 2,000 feet southeast of the field.

The crash was the second worst at Fort Dix in two years. On July 30, 1949, a Navy plane and an airliner rammed in mid-air, killing sixteen persons. Last July 2, an Air Force transport shot past McGuire Air Base into the pine woods with the loss of five lives.

GROMYKO ON WAY

PARIS—(AP)—Andrei Gromyko, Soviet deputy foreign minister, and other members of the Soviet delegation to the San Francisco conference on the Japanese peace treaty, arrived in Paris today by air.

They will embark for New York on the Queen Elizabeth tonight at Cherbourg.

Britain Offers Iran New Plan

By ROBERT B. HEWETT

TEHRAN, Iran —(AP)— Britain's delegate today offered Iran a new proposal to settle the grave British-Iranian oil dispute and gave the Iranians until noon tomorrow to take it or leave it.

The new British move followed the abrupt withdrawal by British Deleate Richard R. Stokes of the previous British proposal revolving about a 50-50 split of Iranian oil profits.

(In London, the Foreign Office, confirming the new offer, announced that Prime Minister Attlee has summoned his cabinet to discuss the oil negotiations.)

Stokes announced he had offered compromise possibilities which concern the retention of British management at the Abadan refinery and the oilfields. These had been rejected by Iranian Premier Mohammed Mossadeq. Stokes then withdrew Britain's proposals and substituted a new overall one. It included the problem of employment of British personnel. If the Tehran Government rejects this, Stokes probably will return at once to London.

Stokes told reporters:

"All my efforts have been concentrated on obtaining a fair, workmanlike solution. That I believe to have failed, I regret to say, and I can only hope the Government (of Iran) before noon tomorrow will reconsider and accept the abundance of help and good will which, in the interest of Iran, even at this late hour, is still available. If not, there is nothing left for me but to go home."

House Group Favors Raleigh-Durham Site

WASHINGTON —(AP)— A House Armed Services Subcommitee recommended today a $33,315,000 expansion of the Raleigh-Durham Municiapl Airport in North Carolina as a troop carrier Air Force base.

Chairman Kilday (D-Tex) presented a report from his group after an inspection of sites in North Carolina and South Carolina.

A minority report was presented to the full Armed Service Committee by Rep. Short (R-Mo) and Rep. Elston (R-Ohio). They suggested that Seymour-Johnson Air Base at Goldsboro be reactivitted.

Acting Committee Chairman Brooks (D-La) recommended that the full committee delay action on the subcommittee report until Rep. Durham (D-NC), a Committee member, returns in about two weeks.

He said Durham, who is recovering from an operation, gave the inspecting committee much valuable information about Raleigh-Durham.

COST $32 MILLION

Kilday reported it will cost the Government $33,315,000 to expand the Raleigh-Durham airport in Wake County to meet the needs for two troop carrier wings as recommended earlier by the Air Force.

He said it would cost $23,760,000 to reactivate the Laurinburg-Maxton base used by the armed services in World War II and $33,368,000 to reactivate Seymour-Johnson Base, Goldsboro, N. C., also used in World War II.

But, he added, $10,000,000 is not an unreasonable sum to pay for the comfort and convenience of thousands of American airmen who would use the Raleigh-Durham airport.

The subcommittee inspected eight proposed locations in the Carolinas and Virginia. They were Blackstone, Va., Raleigh-Durham, Pope Field, Bluethenthal Field at Wilmington, Laurinburg-Maxton and Seymour Johnson, N. C., and Myrtle Beach and Donaldson Air Force Base at Greenville, S. C.

The Air Force had recommended the expansion at Raleigh-Durham, but the inspection tour was arranged after some North Carolina Congressmen protested that installations in their districts were more suitable.

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Going Tough For ROK Units

U. S. 8TH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea —(AP)— South Korean troops attacked strongly held ridges north of Yanggu behind a curtain of artillery fire today, but made little headway.

Front line dispatches and official announcements reported the South Koreans seized the ridge of one hill but were swept off two others by Red counter-attacks.

Associated Press Correspondent George A. McArthur reported from the east-central front that battles raged throughout the day northeast and northwest of Yanggu.

On the far eastern flank, McArthur said, attacking South Korean troops secured north-south ridgelines near Kansong except for one hill recaptured by a Communist counter-attack Tuesday.

Large numbers of Communist troops were reported massing a few miles north of the battleline above Yanggu. McArthur said there were reports the Reds have committed some of their reserve strength to defend the craggy ridges.

Replacements poured steadily into Red lines during the four-day battle. Allied artillery hammered them incessantly. Fog hampered air support.

Small Red patrols attempted to infiltrate the Allied battle line.

Only light contacts were reported along the rest of the Korean front. South of the Kaesong neutral zone on the western front, Reds hurled 100 rounds of mortar fire at a U.N. patrol.

The only significant action was above Yanggu, eight miles north of the 38th Parallel.

Growing Storm Mexican Threat

MEXICO CITY —(AP)— A tropical hurricane with winds up to 130 miles an hour stormed across the southwest Gulf of Mexico today toward Mexico's oil port of Tampico and some of her richest oil fields.

Overnight it had regained most of the force with which it raked Jamaica last Friday and took 155 lives.

The U. S. Weather Bureau, in its 11:30 A. M. (EST) advisory, said present indications are the hurricane will move inland tomorrow forenoon near Tampico.

Tampico, a modern town of almost 100,000 population, lies on a low, marshy plain some five miles from the Gulf. It is approximately 270 miles south of the border between Mexico and Texas.

Earlier today the Weather Bureau had reported the hurricane headed toward the Tuxpan-Nautla area of the Central Mexican gulf shore between Tampico and Veracruz. But at 11:30 A. M. the bureau said the location appeared to be too far south and revised its advisory.

The bureau said strongest winds are about 130 miles an hour within 30 miles of the center; hurricane winds extend out about 75 miles in the northern semi-circle and gales 250 miles to the north.

At 11:30 A. M. (EST) the hurricane was about 240 miles east of Tampico and moving about twelve miles per hour in a direction between west and northwest.

It swept across Jamaica Friday, then hit the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico yesterday. It lost force over the sparsely-settled land, but the Mexican Weather Bureau said it picked up new force last night.

Recent Revelations Shocking

Country Awakening To Moral Dangers

(Editor's Note: This is the pects of events involving the morals of young Americans which have made news recently. It will report the reaction of educators, law-enforcement officers and others who are dealling with the problem.)

By RELMAN MORIN

NEW YORK —(AP)— Three times within the past few months a startled nation suddenly has been confronted with some painful facts of life.

The facts were doubly painful because they all involved young people.

First, a series of reports showed that teen-agers and young adults in increasing numbers are regular users of dope. Many of them are now confirmed addicts, possibly beyond cure. To get the money for it, they resort to shop-lifting, burglary, robbery and prostitution. Narcotics officers say the practice exists in small towns as well as big cities, and that it is spreading.

At about the same time, detectives began unravelling a skein of crooked operations on college basketball. Athletes were charged with accepting bribes to control the scores of games. Starting in New York City, the trail soon led to other basketball centers.

And finally, the story of a broken code of honor at West Point shocked America as nothing comparable has ever done.

NO PARALLELS

In fact, no true parallels exist in American life for any of these phenomena.

A narcotics officer would hot at the suggestion that the gin-and-jazz age of the "twenties was the equivalent of dope addiction by young people in 1951."

"You didn't find a high school kid pulling stickups to get the money for a bottle of gin," the officer says. "He didn't crave it that much."

A long generation ago, the "Black Sox" scandal saddened the baseball fans of that day. But the participants were older men and professional athletes in the official sense of the word.

Every generation worries about its children.

But today the professionals are worried, too. Those men and women who deal with youngsters in the mass—teachers, clergymen, law enforcement officers, etc.—usually remain fairly detached and serene about recurring crises in manners and morals. They are deeply concerned now.

PLAIN DANGERS

Their concern focusses on the conditions in which young people have to live today. They cite four main sources of danger:

1. The parents themselves, and lack of discipline.

2. The fear of another great war, which will mean sudden death

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Kohlbergs 'Guesses' Deal Made To End Korean War

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Alfred Kohlbert, long time critic of State Department policy in China, gave today what he called "my informed guess" that "a deal has been made" for settlement of the Korean war and that the present truce conferences "are shadow boxing."

Kohlberg told a news conference he guesses that "the deal was made in Paris with Gromyko (Soviet Russia's representative at the big four conferences) and it calls for Communist China's entry into the United Nations".

"That", he added, "would make Nationalist China an outlaw."

He said he believes the deal was made by Phillip C., Jessup, U. S. Ambassador at large, but that "I don't consider it a charge or accusation. I make no charge of any evil." The State Department has denied that Jessup made any deal at Paris.

Kohlberg told a group of about fifteen newsmen whom he had invited to his hotel room that he could produce witnesses who could convict several persons of treason in connection with Communist activities.

He said he had offered his information to Federal officials in New York who successfully prosecuted top Communist leaders on charges of conspiracy to advocate the violent overthrow of the Government. These officials have made no reply to him, Kohlberg added.

Kohlbert is head of a New York export-import firm. His name came into Senate hearings last year on charges by Senator McCarthy (R-Wis) that Communists had infiltrated the State Dept.

Notre Dame Aid Offered Cadets

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—(AP)—An anonymous benefactor has offered to pay the way at the University of Notre Dame of any of the cadets dismissed from the U. S. Military Academy.

The Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, president of the university, in announcing the offer today said it stipulated that those who accept it shall not participate in any form of varsity athletics and that they need the financial help.