

Wonder Weapons

Joseph Alsop, adding up all the recent news reports about "wonder weapons," is still a bit skeptical. His columns on today's editorial page tell why. Turn to Page 4-A.

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GAS EXPLOSIONS RAVAGE TOWN

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## 3 Red Jets Damaged In Bigger Air Clash

### GOLF GAME INTERRUPTED BY ROCHESTER BLASTS

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — You feel it just didn't happen. But you know it did—it happened while you were on the golf course.

That was George Wicker's reaction to the big explosion that ripped apart his house and a string of others in suburban Brighton yesterday.

"I was just about to putt, when a car drove right on the green," the 45-year-old father of five told a newsmen. "I looked and saw my wife in it. She honked the horn and yelled, 'My God, our house was blown to bits! Right before my eyes!'"

Wicker, a newspaper linotype operator, said his home was valued at \$20,000.

"We had a baby grand piano—my wife liked to play the piano—and a new television set," he mourned.

### SAVINGS AND LOAN TAX PLAN ARGUED

#### Senate Presses Action On Huge Revenue Measure

By JOE HALL

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate called an unusual Saturday session today to get some action on the debate-stalled \$5.5 billion tax increase measure.

The controversial new proposed tax on mutual savings banks and savings and loan associations faced debate as the session opened.

Unexpected opposition to this amendment—which would tax savings and loan groups for the first time—has led to predictions that the tax may be softened or possibly killed.

#### AMENDMENT PENDING

So far no amendments have been acted on in three days of debate on the big bill. Deans are pending and those backing the measure are reconciled to the fact that consideration will continue well into next week.

The revenue-boosting measure is one of the last big bills blocking Congressional adjournment.

President Truman has asked the Senate to raise annual taxes by \$5 billion. But this first major amendment to be considered would knock \$100 million of revenue out of the bill.

Sen. Flanders (R-Vt.) and five other Senators are behind the proposal to knock out the levy on mutual savings banks and savings and loan associations.

Finance committee members, who wrote the provision into the bill, said privately they were surprised at the opposition which has developed from Senators from all parts of the country.

One member indicated he believed the levy might be somewhat softened. He added it would not be impossible for the Flanders amendment to carry.

Mutual savings banks and savings and loan associations now are exempt from the corporation income tax.

The pending bill would make them pay taxes under certain conditions. The banks would be allowed to deduct from their income amount paid or credited to depositors. Savings and loan groups would be permitted to deduct interest or dividends paid to depositors.

Both would be authorized to set up reserves to cover bad debts and losses on loans.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the Finance Committee said the institution obviously had been building up sizeable "untaxed earnings" because many of them had put up large and expensive buildings.

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The hearings of the subcommittee will be resumed Monday and Hoy told reporters he expected to complete the inquiry before the week was over.

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### 34 American And 85 MiG Planes Tangle

#### Allied Infantrymen Launch Another Attack Against 'Heartbreak Ridge' Hill

By JOHN RANDOLPH

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea — (AP)— Nearly 120 American and Communist jet warplanes today fought for 25 minutes high over "MiG Alley" in northwest Korea in what may have been history's biggest jet battle.

U. S. pilots reported they damaged three Red MiG-15's. The battle swirled from 37,000 feet down to 20,000 feet. It didn't go all the way down to tree-top level as some recent jet fights have.

Thirty-four American F-86 Sabres were pitted against about 85 MiGs. In the biggest single battle previously reported, it was 30 Sabres against 80 MiGs. That was Sept. 10.

Pilots claiming hits on their Communist foes were Lt. Arthur O'Connor, St. Joseph, Mo.; Lt. Raymond C. Barton, Augusta, Ga.; and Lt. Eugene Conley, Akron, Ohio.

On the east-central front, Allied infantrymen Saturday hurled another attack at the highest peak of "Heartbreak Ridge."

United Nations warplanes roared through clear blue skies and hammered troops in their deep bunkers.

Little action was reported from the central front, where Allied troops Friday smashed another MiG-15 in an armored raid through the old Red "iron triangle."

The triangle, 25 miles north of the parallel 38, is a narrow strip of land.

U. N. officers estimated the Reds lost nearly 1,000 men killed or wounded in the action.

They said that only one of the four tank-tipped forces on the raid had been able to get into the rear of a certain anti-tank, mortar, artillery and small arms fire.

The western front was relatively quiet.

Allied night fighters prowling the Korean skies Friday night and Saturday morning attacked 1,400 Communist vehicles. U. S. Fifth Air Force pilots said they destroyed or damaged at least 40 vehicles, 50 rail cars and three locomotives.

The Air Force summary reported that heavy traffic and road movement than in recent days.

Talk of a gigantic Red offensive in the west has died down after three weeks of the full moon.

The Communist power still is there—masses of infantry backed by tanks and threats of air power. But the waning of the full moon has quieted speculation. Red attacks usually are launched by light forces.

In the east, save for the renewed assaults on "Heartbreak Ridge," there was a general slackening of pace in the five-week-old Battle of the Hills.

The new attack was carried by one of the most famous Allied regiments in the Korean War—one that has distinguished itself in at least half a dozen outstanding actions since last winter. Commanders banned further identification.

They have complained repeatedly that Allied warplanes have "violated" the neutrality agreement by flying over the Kaesong zone. The Allied position is that no agreed zone, but neighbors said belonged to the dead man, was found in the front yard, along with empty shotgun shells.

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### Postal Union Head Wants Donaldson Fired

#### Postmaster General Bitterly Criticized

By HAROLD W. WARD

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The head of the nation's letter carriers' union today called upon President Truman to fire Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson.

William C. Doherty, the postal union chief and a vice-president of the AFL, described Donaldson as "the most tyrannical administrator ever to hold office" in the mail service.

Donaldson, a career Postal Department executive, was advanced to the cabinet job two years ago when the late Robert E. Hannegan retired. At the time, the unions of Federal workers hailed his appointment.

But Donaldson cut down mail deliveries and imposed widespread slashing economies, and Doherty in the last two years has become Donaldson's sharpest critic.

CLAIM VICTORIES  
Here for the AFL's 73rd convention Doherty received news of what he called two smashing victories for his union in the past 48 hours.

One was the passage by the House of the postal service employees' pay boost bill—allowing all postal workers yearly increases of \$400 to \$800, retroactive to July 1.

The other, he said, was acquittal of 14 postal employees at Tacoma, Washington, on charges of conspiring to defraud the government and to sabotage the automobiles of competing bidders for delivery jobs.

Doherty said the union had defended the 14, employed at Vancouver, Wash., and if it had lost, similar suits could have been filed across the country.

Because of certain circumstances, the workers feared loss of contracts for use of their cars. Doherty said. The union therefore undertook their defense in court, he told reporters.

OUR WEATHER  
Considerable cloudiness and mild with few isolated showers today and tomorrow.

High yesterday 84 degrees. Low yesterday 68 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:11 A. M.; sunset, 6:28 P. M.

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STORMS ARE THIN  
How "thick" is a storm? Perhaps visualize it as a towering, atmospheric whirlpool. It may surprise you to know that storms are really "thin," their vertical depth is slight compared to the area they cover.

The latest statistics show that most storms are less than ten miles in diameter, and less than seven miles. Yet they may have a diameter of 1,000 to 2,000 miles. If you compared the proportions of a typical storm to a cookie, it would be too thick. A three-inch disk of heavy wrapping paper would be more like it.

Firmen throw water (top photo) on one of the 31 homes damaged by a series of gas explosions which rocked the fashionable suburb of Brighton, N. Y. just outside Rochester. Fifteen homes were demolished and sixteen others damaged.

In bottom photo workmen carry out the body of four-year-old William Maas, one of three persons killed. The youngster's sister was also killed. (Acme Photos.)

### GABRIELSON'S ROLE IN LOAN QUESTIONED

#### RFC Probe Hits Both Party Chairmen

JOHN CHADWICK  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Three Republican Senators said today that Guy G. Gabrielson, acting as a president as well as general counsel, Friends said, however, his real position is more nearly that of a trustee in an arrangement in which an inventor retains half interest.

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### KING GEORGE AWAITING SURGERY ON AILING LUNG

LONDON (AP)—King George VI waited inside Buckingham Palace and chatted with his family today while awaiting a serious operation for his mysterious lung ailment.

White clouds clustered outside the Palace and tension mounted throughout the nation and Commonwealth, a Palace spokesman said today no operation has yet been performed and it is "most unlikely" that it will take place tonight.

The spokesman said the haggard-faced, 55-year-old monarch is in good spirits.

Inside the Palace an operating theater had been set up. The belief had grown during the day that the King already was on the operating table. The Palace spokesman, after failing to answer his telephone throughout the day, finally said the tension with the word that no surgery had yet been performed.

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### Blasts Rip Miami Apartment House

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Two dynamite blasts tore holes in an apartment house early today in an area already up in arms over plans to permit Negroes to live in former white sections.

Police Captain Ray Brock said two holes about 50 feet apart were found in a building at Northwest 10th Court and 620 St., a part of Carver Village. No one was reported injured.

Burke County Sheriff Ray Sigmon said his mother, Mrs. Helen Carpenter, 36, and a 13-year-old pulpwood cutter, James Helms, also are being held in the shotgun death of Will Denny, a farmer.

Denny's riddled body was found in a 20-foot well in the rear of his rural home in the Lake James area about fifteen miles north of here last night. Coroner R. F. Setser said the dead man had been shot in the face and numerous shotgun pellets had lodged in his body.

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MORGANTON (AP)—Two young boys, who explained their sudden wealth by saying "we found a gold mine," were being held today for investigation in the slaying of a 65-year-old recluse near here yesterday.

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