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Army Wife Shot To Death KILLED AFTER

Negotiators Meet Secretly As Hope For Truce Grows

By ROBERT B. TUCKMAN
PANUMJOM (AP)—Allied and Communist negotiators met in tight secrecy for 15 minutes today as mushrooming reports of near agreement on the key issue of prisoner exchange bolstered hopes for an armistice in Korea.

There was no official hint of what went on inside the conference, but an authoritative South Korean source said "No new proposal was made by either side."

The Reds asked for and got a recess until 11 a. m. tomorrow (9 p. m. EST Saturday). The South Korean source indicated that progress might be made then.

He described the atmosphere inside the conference but today as businesslike—"neither good nor bad."

Other observers said the U. N.

Command probably asked for clarification of an hour-long statement read Thursday by North Korean Gen. Nam Il.

This was reported to have been a counter-proposal virtually paraphrasing the latest U. N. plan for breaking the long prisoners exchange deadlock, last major barrier to a Korean truce. The Reds were said to have suggested five changes, none of them major.

In Western and Communist capitals around the world, hopes mounted that the end of the bloody Korean War was in sight—perhaps bringing the conflict winds up its third year on June 25.

Truce negotiators have met in secret since Lt. Gen. William K. Harris Jr. handed the Communists on May 23 a "nov or never" plan to break the prisoner exchange deadlock.

After Saturday's session Lt. Col. Milton Hill, official U. N. spokesman, would say only that the meetings were still in executive session.

This places the cloak of secrecy around at least the opening of Sunday's session. One source said negotiators might be waiting until all loose ends are tied up before any announcement is made.

South Korea's truce delegate, Maj. Gen. Choi Duk Shin, again boycotted Saturday's session.

The boycott, which began with the May 25 session, is to protest armistice terms Korean President Syngman Rhee and other South Korean government leaders have branded "unacceptable," a "death sentence" and a "betrayal."

Rhee's counter-proposal called for:

1. Withdrawal of all foreign troops.

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Reds Repeal Counterblow By ROK Units

By FORREST EDWARDS
SEOUL (AP)—A beefed-up North Korean battalion ripped through a main line Allied position on the Eastern Front today and held stubbornly against counter attacks South Koreans.

Some 750 to 1,000 Reds overran three ROK outposts ahead of the main line, then slammed through the line itself in four spots east of Lake's Castle, where bloody fighting has raged for a week, the Eighth Army said.

Another North Korean battalion tore into a South Korean outpost on Bloody Ridge on the East-Central Front. The ROKs met the attack head on but were hurled back in desperate hand-to-hand fighting, the Army said.

Two prongs of the attack on Lake's Castle area penetrated the main Allied line about 500 yards apart, caving in South Korean positions.

Reds drove 500 yards into Allied territory, an Eighth Army briefing officer reported.

Counter-attacking ROK 12th Division troops—in battle almost steadily since last Monday—slammed the Reds back about 250 yards but were cut short as the North Koreans hurled grenades from higher slopes.

At last report the battle—continued at close range—on Bloody Ridge, the furiously attacking Communists stormed the outpost center and were streaming mortar and artillery fire on the Red line.

Fighting has been almost continuous on the Eastern Front hill between Monday and Wednesday, when the North Koreans got their first foothold on the tip of Lake's Castle terrain.

HOLDING HALP

Despite repeated South Korean counter-attacks, the Reds lashed further and further westward, one-half of the forward ridge of the Castle.

On Western Front, other South Korean troops killed an enemy.

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Captor, Killer And Scene Of Crime



T/Sgt. James H. Powell (left) points to the spot on the counter of the Morris Field squadron office where fugitive Charles Rhodes (right) voluntarily surrendered the P-38 military weapon which he had used to kill Mrs. Lucille Logan Rodriguez early this morning. The Air National Guard sergeant called County police who took Rhodes to headquarters nine hours after the crime was committed.

Rhodes Gives Up To Startled Aid Guard Sergeant

By RALPH GIBSON
Charlotte News Staff Writer

It was 9 A. M. in the Operations office and T-Sgt. James H. Powell was busy.

A slender red-haired man walked in and tossed an automatic pistol on the counter. The sergeant blinked.

"Call the police," the man said. "I just killed a girl."

"Do you really mean that?" Sgt. Powell asked.

"Call the police, I want to turn myself in," the man said.

The sergeant got the man's name, looked up the County police number in the phone book and dialed.

Patrolman W. R. Woods Jr. answered.

"This is Sgt. Powell at the Air National Guard. There's a fellow out here by the name of Rhodes who says he's wanted for killing a girl. Yes, he's got a gun; he's playing it right now."

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Presbyterians Offered New Divorce Tenet

By BRYAN HANSLIP
MONTREAT (AP)—A proposed change in church rules on divorce and re-marriage were approved today by a committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern).

The changes would give ministers more discretion in deciding whether divorced persons can be re-married by the church.

The committee turned down objections that the changes would "water down the standards of the church's former divorce policy."

The changes would be effective at the General Assembly, in session here.

The General Assembly approved the new rules would be submitted to the church's 84 presbyteries for a vote.

Approval by a majority of the presbyteries and by a subsequent General Assembly would be necessary for the changes to become effective.

OPPOSITION VOICED

Rev. G. K. Kingston of Jackson, Miss., declared the changes submitted by the church's Council on Christian Relations "are not in accordance with the Scripture." He asserted that the new rules would relax standards and "disturb the peace of our church."

George H. Wright, Asheville law professor and church leader, said the proposed changes would "enable the church to function in a practical way, rather than to adhere to its doctrine."

At present the church recognizes only adultery and desertion as grounds for divorce. The new rules would recognize "gross and persistent unfaithfulness, physical or spiritual" as grounds for divorce.

Ministers would be instructed to give chief concern to "present fitness of heart and life" to applications by divorced persons for remarriage. Ministers would be permitted to minister the decision as to whether the re-marriage would be permitted.

Last night the assembly was told that \$1 million dollars of a two-million dollar goal for Negro work has been raised. Richard R. Potter of Atlanta, Ga., said one-half of the money will go to Stillman College at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the rest will be used for new Negro churches.

BIDAUULT TO TRY AGAIN

FARIS (AP)—Ex-Premier Georges Bidault agreed today to try once again to form a government to handle the nation's mounting domestic and foreign problems. If successful, he would be France's nineteenth government since World War II.

Senators Endorse Taft's Proposed Pacific Treaty

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators Wiley (R-Wis.) and H. Alexander (R-N.J.) endorsed today a proposal by Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) that the U. S. seek a military alliance with Britain, France and other nations to counter communism in the Far East.

Wiley, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said in an interview he thinks an alliance similar to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Europe ought to be formed in the Pacific.

But whereas Taft suggested the U. S. "disentangle" itself from the U. N. to form such a Far Eastern pact, Wiley said it ought to be a separate treaty with the U. N. secretary's provision for regional arrangements.

Wiley has separate treaties with Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the Philippines, Wiley noted. "The time is coming when all

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Evening Prayer

Dear Lord, it has been a hard day. We seem to have missed the mark entirely. Why have so many things gone wrong? We sought Thy blessing this morning, Why have we not achieved? Let us remember Thy words, "This king doeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit. . . Amen.

Like Holds Session On Korean Question

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower met with military and civilian chiefs today on the latest Korean developments.

Called to the White House at 8:30 a. m. were Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army chief of staff, and Frank C. Nash, assistant secretary of defense.

OUR WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and warm to day, tonight and tomorrow. Occasional rain this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow.

High temperature yesterday, 89 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 86 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 59 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 70 degrees.

Sunrise 5:08 A. M.; sunset 7:35 P. M.

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