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G.I.s DIG IN TO SMASH BIG PUSH

Reds Racing South to Trap Koreans

TANK-BUSTERS ARE WAITING

AMERICAN troops were last night dug in south of Suwon, waiting for zero hour, while three Red columns raced to trap South Korean forces in the Inchon-Seoul-Suwon triangle.

The Americans are being hourly reinforced by General MacArthur, who announced the threatened encirclement of Southern troops in a communique from Tokio.

Tank-busters are all ready for the Reds somewhere on the paddyfield-lined road from Suwon, engulfed by Communist armour in a swift strike south at Korea's rice-bowl.

Cutting through Southern defenders, they advanced five miles from Suwon in what American officers called an honest-to-God, meaning-to-go push."

25,000 COMMUNISTS

Heavy panzers led 25,000 North Korean troops—"their most efficient concentration" of the ten-day-old war.

General MacArthur's Tokio headquarters announced that G.Is had been in battle for the first time yesterday.

A spokesman said this did not necessarily mean that American troops were actually fighting the North Koreans in the battle-line.

A British United Press message says that U.S. infantry beat off Communist guerillas at an outer defence position twenty miles south of Suwon.

U.S. Marine, air and ground units and more Superfortresses are being sent to Korea from the U.S.

Suwon and its important airstrip fell after a fierce struggle on the northern approaches. The outflanked South Koreans finally fell back before Communist tanks.

Late last night reports from the Suwon front said that attacks by North Korean planes threatened to turn the South Korean withdrawal from the city into a rout.

U.S. reinforcements are streaming up steadily with equipment which hourly increases their advance guard's ability to deal death to tanks—key weapon of the North Korean onslaught.

The Americans now pack tremendous anti-tank fire.

Two red-starred King Cobras of the type given to Russia under American lend-lease attacked a British patrol frigate off the Korean coast, damaging it slightly, according to reports.

American and Royal Australian aircraft flew 139 sorties yesterday against North Korean tank and troop concentrations and railway targets.

SOVIET OUTBURST

The possibility that Russia may leave the United Nations altogether is being discussed in Washington following Moscow's violently-worded request yesterday that the Security Council should demand the withdrawal of the U.S. from Korea.

There is growing dissatisfaction that Russia should have escaped condemnation by the United Nations for responsibility for supplying and authorising the North Korean attack.

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Gromyko, yesterday attacked the U.S. Government as "an enemy of peace" which was "gradually pushing the country step by step towards open war."

He also attacked the Security Council for authorising intervention in Korea—a decision which he described as "hostile to peace" and as coming from "a tool utilised by ruling circles of the U.S. for unleashing war."

Showdown With Socialist Critics Over Korea

Attlee to Ask for Vote of Confidence

By FREDERICK TRUELOVE

THE Government have decided to stage a showdown against Socialist critics of their action in supporting resistance to aggression in Korea.

Several Socialist M.P.s are critical of the Government on this issue, and the Cabinet decided at its meeting yesterday that a definite Government motion of confidence should be moved.

The motion will be supported by the Opposition and, if there is a division, the result will show to the world that the British Parliament, except for a very small minority, is united in support of the measures being taken.

The Motion

The motion is in the following terms: "That this House fully supports the action taken by His Majesty's Government, in conformity with their obligations under the United Nations Charter, in helping to resist unprovoked aggression against the Republic of Korea."

It will be moved by the Prime Minister at the opening of the debate in the House of Commons today.

Mr Churchill and Mr Eden will work for the Unionists.

Most of the Socialist critics will be brought to heel. It is expected that very few will vote against the Government.

WAR FLASHES

LATEST evidence seemed to show it was North Korean fighters and not Australian Mustangs which raked American advanced positions in Korea yesterday, says an American spokesman.

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Norway may offer merchant shipping as her contribution to United Nations aid for South Korea.

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The Netherlands Government has ordered the Dutch destroyer Evertsen, now in Indonesian waters, to join the other naval units operating in Korean waters.

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The Defence Department in Washington may have to plead guilty to a charge of calling up reserves while using conscription to obtain recruits.

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Australians are rushing to join the regular force. Applications from the public increased 400 per cent. last week.

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Piston-engine American fighter planes used in World War II, which had been "taken out of mothballs" for duty in Korea, Bad weather in the mountains have hampered jet "jets."

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Italy and Persia have joined the 16 nations who have responded to the United Nations Security Council resolution on Korea.

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President Truman has told Dr Yi Man Chang, South Korean ambassador, "All the free people of the world are on your side."

P.O.W.s Still Held

Austria is to protest to Russia against the continued detention of several thousand Austrian prisoners of war.

'Korean Reds Must Not Win'

MR CHURCHILL said at an Independence Day dinner in London last night that it was vital to the hopes of world peace that the Communists should not triumph in Korea.

"If that were to happen, a third world war, under conditions even more deadly than the last, would be forced upon or hurled upon us before long," he warned.

"There is nothing more likely to bring on a third world war than drift. We have only to be morally united and fearless, to give mankind the best hope of avoiding another supreme catastrophe.

"We have had hard luck. Just when we thought we had finished with Hitler and Mussolini, with Nazism and Fascism, we have Stalin and Communism lumping up against us, representing the former Hitler tyranny with an Asiatic guise.

There was a better hope of a general settlement with Russia following a defeat of aggression in Korea than if the situation drifted on while large quantities of atom bombs were accumulated," Mr Churchill added.

TO LEAD MARINES IN KOREA

Two veteran officers, each with marine service since 1917, and each decorated for World War II, Pacific campaigns, will lead U.S. Marines in the Korean theatre.

They are Brig.-Gen. Edward Craig (53), who will command marine troops, and Brig.-Gen. Tom Cushman (55), who will command marine aviation.

Men of the 1st U.S. Marine Division are packed and ready to go to Korea, and in California the 22nd Bombardment Group is preparing three squadrons of Superfortresses for an immediate take-off for Korea.

THE MAN WHO COUGHED AT THE "OPEN."

N.U.M. Urges Increases for Lower-paid

THE National Union of Mineworkers' new wage policy, agreed to by the conference at Llandudno yesterday, is designed to benefit lower-paid men by the full amount to which all miners would be entitled if cost of living payments suspended in 1947 were resumed.

This would amount to about 2/- a shift for 400,000, mainly day-wage men. It is much the same claim in amount as the one rejected by the Coal Board last week.

This time, however, union leaders believe they will be reinforced by a legal decision in their favour on the validity of the restoration of cost-of-living payments.

Warnings that the position in the coalfields was tense because of the Coal Board's reluctance to pay up were emphasised by Mr Tom Stephenson, the Cumberland secretary.

Speaking shortly after Mr Noel-Baker, Minister of Fuel, had praised the industry for its improved financial position and had claimed that nationalisation had averted disaster, Mr Stephenson asked whether the Coal Board would wait until everybody else's claim had been dealt with before they settled that of the miners.

'GO BACK' CALL TO SCOTS MINERS

Strike May End To-day, Say Union Chiefs

A "GO back at once" call has been made to the Scottish strikers by their leaders attending the mineworkers' conference at Llandudno.

This was announced by Mr Abe Moffat, Scottish miners' president, yesterday, after the conference had unanimously urged that "all necessary steps" be taken to get the lower-paid workers an increase in pay without further delay.

Mr Moffat said it was by unanimous decision of the Scottish delegation to the conference that this message should be sent to the strikers on the acceptance of the new wage policy.

Scottish leaders later said they hoped the message would lead to a return to work to-day.

The strike of Scottish miners, which spread rapidly yesterday, over the refusal of the Coal Board to grant a 2/- a shift increase to oncost workers, now involves more than 10,000 men and forty-seven pits and collieries in Lanarkshire, Ayrshire and Dumfries.

Almost every pit in Lanarkshire is involved, including Priory Colliery, Blantyre, which the Coal Board have threatened to close in the event of further stoppages.

More Men Out in Smithfield Strike

THE Smithfield strike continues and London butchers are to open immediately a campaign for the restoration of their pre-war right to collect their own meat from Smithfield.

More men stopped work in sympathy yesterday and the strike now involves well over 3000 porters, shoemen, vanmen and cold storage men handling the bulk of London's meat and provisions.

Two thousand troops and R.A.F. men were at work at Smithfield yesterday, with 455 lorries.

The strike of engine drivers and firemen at Banbury threatens to spread to London.

At Paddington yesterday, 800 locomotive men decided to stage a forty-eight-hour strike every week-end in support of Banbury.

Two thousand Birkenhead dockers operating a ban on overtime may be dismissed from the dock labour scheme if they do not make an early return to normal working conditions.

This intimation is contained in a statement issued after a special emergency meeting of the Liverpool Group of the National Dock Labour Board yesterday.

Union representatives and the general manager of Glasgow Corporation Transport yesterday reached an agreement as a result of which the 400 maintenance engineers in the city resumed work last night.

A thousand workmen at Fernhill Colliery, Treherbert, Wales, will stop work to-day as a protest against the refusal of the Coal Board to increase the wages of lower-paid workmen.

Coal Output Up

The total coal output last week was 4,305,700 tons, compared with 4,271,400 tons in the previous week.

Socialists End French Government

DISREGARDING a pathetic appeal from Henri Queuille, the Premier, not to treat him "as if I were a traitor to my supporters," French Socialists last night brought about the fall of the Government formed only two days ago, writes **John Fisher** from Paris

Combining with the Communists and De Gaullists, they defeated a motion of support of the Cabinet by 534 votes to 221. M. Queuille had said that he would resign unless he got a good majority.

The Socialists' move, which was decided on only two hours before the vote, was a political somersault.

At first they promised their support, but when the Cabinet was formed they objected to two of the men in it.

One was M. Paul Reynaud, the Minister for the Far East, and the other was M. Giacobbi, Minister of State. Both were considered to be too right wing by the Socialists.

There were no signs last night of an easy solution to the problem of providing France with a Government.

Meanwhile the Queuille Cabinet will conduct current Government business, with M. Schuman at the Foreign Office, states a Reuter message.

M. Queuille's Government was the fourteenth since 1944—and the shortest-lived in history.

THE QUEEN LAYS FOUNDATION STONE

For hundreds of London Scots yesterday was a proud and happy day.

The Queen went to Knightsbridge to fulfil a promise she made five years ago—to lay the foundation stone of the new St Columba's, Pont Street, to replace the famous church known and loved by Scots the world over, which was totally destroyed during the war.

"I am delighted to know that the new building will be thoroughly equipped to carry on that social and cultural work among Scottish people, old and young, for which St Columba's has always been famous," said her Majesty.

The Marquess of Aberdeen, and Principal Hugh Watt, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, were present at yesterday's ceremony.

Educational Politics?

THE practice of Bradford Socialists in holding Sunday meetings, with an admission fee charge, when Mr Maurice Webb, Food Minister, makes periodical visits to his constituency, was condemned yesterday by the Rev. A. G. Billington, Harrogate, the Lord's Day Society northern organiser.

"Although the admission charge is made, such meetings are classed as educational and cultural, and therefore become legal," said Mr Billington.

"Surely six days in the week are sufficient for political meetings."

Pineapple Again

A consignment of 14,000 cans of pineapple slices left Accra for Britain yesterday—the first shipment since the war.

Smuts Comfortable

Field-Marshal Smuts, "spent a comfortable day with normal temperature and his strength is maintained."

North Successes at 'Royal'

North-east and North of Scotland breeders scored notable successes at the Royal English Show at Oxford yesterday.

Captain John MacGillivray, of Calrossie, Ross-shire, and his son, Mr D. P. MacGillivray, showed the champion Shorthorn.

Both the champion and reserve champion of the Aberdeen-Angus breed came from Lady MacRobert's herd at Douneside, Tarland.

"Royal' like northern cattle show"—Page 3.

RIVER POACHERS 'MAKE HAY WHILE —'

From Our Lobby Correspondent

SCOTS Unionist M.P.s are to press the Secretary for Scotland to speed legislation to implement the recommendations of the Committee on Salmon Poaching.

Mr Herbert Morrison recently indicated that legislation would not come until after the Parliamentary summer recess. Scots M.P.s were dissatisfied at this but Mr Morrison seemed adamant then that the Parliamentary programme was too full to permit of new legislation of this kind.

Since the Government announcement, however, reports have been reaching Westminster that the poachers are apparently "making hay while the sun shines."

They have been out in increased numbers to take advantage of the lesser penalties at present existing if they are caught.

Mr M'Neil has received numerous representations already from individual M.P.s and yesterday the Scottish Unionist Members' Committee decided to urge him to speed introduction of this legislation.

They say that immediate action is essential if the salmon fishing season is to be safeguarded.

DRIED FRUITS TO BE DEARER?

Britain will be asked to pay a substantial increase for the 1951 Australian dried-fruit export crop, Mr O'Donnell, member of the Export Control Board, told fruit growers at Melbourne.

'Tainted' Forest Pests as Dollar Export

FIVE hundred American dollars were earned by sending 2000 cockchafer grubs, attacked by a fly parasite, from British woodlands to the United States Bureau of Entomology.

That is one of many interesting facts in the first report on forest research just published by the Forestry Commission.

Cockchafers are a serious pest of many forests, but chemical preparations used to destroy them have in some cases had worse results than the insects. Certain types of fly, however, have proved to be of considerable value in keeping them under control.

Nesting-boxes have been put up in a number of plantations to attract birds which feed on harmful insects and great increases in the bird population have resulted.

Importation of eating chestnuts from Italy is not favoured by the Commission's scientists, who say it represents a serious gap in the defences against a disease called chestnut blight. Because of it imports of young chestnut trees are no longer allowed.

Of the total area planted by the Forestry Commission in Scotland, more than one-third is on peat.

'Subsidies Will Not Save Fish Industry'

Disappointment With Government Scheme

ABERDEEN trawlowners consider that the new white fishing subsidies will be insufficient to cover increased overheads.

The subsidies, announced by the Prime Minister yesterday, are 10d per stone for fish landed by vessels not over 70ft. in length, and payment up to a maximum of £12 per day, varying according to gross earnings on each voyage and number of days taken, for vessels over 70ft. but under 140ft. in length.

Larger vessels will receive no financial assistance.

In addition, the Government will set up a body to regulate, reorganise and develop the white fish industry.

It will be composed of independent members and will have statutory powers, but will work in consultation with the industry.

"The subsidies will not save the industry," said one Aberdeen owner last night. "They are nowhere near enough. The boats are not paying their expenses and some are losing an average of £300 or £400 a trip.

"We are just about at the end of our tether," he added. "If something is not done quickly Aberdeen will be wiped out."

Another owner, Mr Alexander Bruce, said: "I suppose we can be thankful for small mercies. It strikes me, however, that this is only a beginning."

The subsidies would not cover the increased costs of coal, gear and oil. Things would not be as good as they were prior to decontrol, because when control was on the fishermen got the 10d irrespective of size of ship.

The subsidies would, however, be of immense assistance to Moray Firth fishermen.

'Not Sufficient'

On the decision to set up a white fish authority, he said: "If it can keep the boats fishing and out of debt I am quite sure it will be accepted, provided it does not override the industry."

Mr Richard Irvin, vice-chairman of the Aberdeen Steam Fishing Vessels Owners' Association, said: "It is satisfactory that we are getting some help, but with what the Aberdeen boats have been doing lately I do not think £12 will be sufficient.

Mr W. Beverley Harrow, president of the association, said that the majority of Aberdeen vessels were between 70ft. and 140ft. in length.

But he was "completely mystified" by what was meant by part of the statement referring to payments for these ships.

Disappointment was also expressed at the lack of direct reference to imports of foreign-caught fish.

Mr James Macrae, Buckie, fish salesman, said he thought the scheme would be welcomed as a step in the right direction. But there was a little disappointment at no mention being made of the flat transport rate, which particularly affected the North-east.

Mr Boothby Dismayed

Commenting last night on a reply by the Prime Minister to his inquiry regarding the plight of the herring industry, Mr Robert Boothby said it dismayed him.

"It is dismaying," he said, "that the Government are giving no further consideration to the herring fishing industry at all. The plight of the industry is just as parlous, if not more so, as that of the white fishing industry."

Baillie Robert Forman, Peterhead, said he was gratified the Government had realised the hopeless position of the fishing industry.

"The subsidy alone is certainly not sufficient to put the industry on its feet again, but it may at least help to check, to a small degree, the rapid deterioration which has been taking place in the industry since the removal of the flat rate for transport."

Making his statement in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister said that the difficulties were basic, complex and of long standing. There was no simple solution.

The view had often been expressed in the House that the difficulties were not likely to be overcome by the industry itself. The Government, agreeing with this view, had decided to promote legislation to set up an authority with adequate powers to regulate, reorganise and develop the white fish industry.

As there would be much preliminary work to be done, involving consultations with all sections of the industry, steps would be taken to appoint the members of the authority in advance of legislation, so that they might quickly begin this preparatory work.

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Medium for Prison on Fraud Charge

CHARLES GLOVER BOTHAM (56), spiritualist medium, was sentenced at the Old Bailey yesterday to twenty-one months' imprisonment for false pretences. He was told by the Recorder, Sir Gerald Dodson: "You have done a great disservice to spiritualism, which is something held in great reverence by many devout people.

"You have acted as a common fraud and twisted something which may have much good in it to your own dishonest purposes."

Botham, of Sunny Gardens Road, Hendon, was described by a psychiatrist as definitely abnormal and suffering from a degree of dementia.

The jury found him guilty on three counts of obtaining £2000 by false pretences from a seventy-year-old widow, Mrs Florence Emily Wilson.

The prosecution said that she believed her late husband gave her instructions through Botham, in a state of trance, to place large amounts of money behind her cushion at the seances, and that the money would be dematerialised and used in the spirit world for the benefit of humanity.

Altogether Mrs Wilson placed between £3000 and £4000 behind the cushion, selling her shares to do so.

Disaster Fund for Consett

WITH a donation of £100 from Viscount Kemsley, through the Newcastle Journal and Chronicle, Ltd., a Consett Disaster Fund was launched last night by Councillor W. Beck, chairman of Consett Urban Council.

Within minutes of the fund being opened, subscriptions began to pour in from individuals and organisations and support has been promised from many quarters.

Declaring the fund open, Councillor Beck said: "I have been approached by trade unions, various people and local organisations who feel that a fund should be inaugurated.

"Several offers have been made, including one from Viscount Kemsley for £100."

Reds Go West

A hundred and two members of the East German Communist police "army" have deserted to the West since May 1.

S-PLAN DESIGN GROUPS

Six Powers to Study Ways and Means

From JOHN FISHER

THE six Powers taking part in the Schuman Plan talks in Paris yesterday agreed to set up five working parties to put the plan into effect.

The working parties will consider:—

The method of forming the high authority which is to control the plan;

The plan's effect on the commercial economy of the countries concerned;

The types of coal and steel enterprises the scheme will include;

Problems of production and prices;

Wages, salaries and conditions of work in countries taking part in the plan.

JAPANESE - GERMAN 'GET TOGETHER'

Ninety Japanese M.P.s, industrialists, trade union officials, and journalists are in the Ruhr for the biggest German-Japanese political and industrial "get together" since the days of the Berlin-Tokio Axis.

ISRAELI MINISTER ARRIVES

Mr Eliahu Elath, the new Israeli Minister in London, arrived in Britain last night to present his credentials to the King.

Air Pilot to Die

Ex-King Michael of Rumania's former pilot, Vasile Ciobanu, was sentenced to death for alleged treason at Bucharest yesterday.

LATE NEWS

Communists Claim Inchon Captured

Communist Radio claimed early this morning that North Korean troops have occupied Inchon, twenty miles west of Seoul and the port for the city.

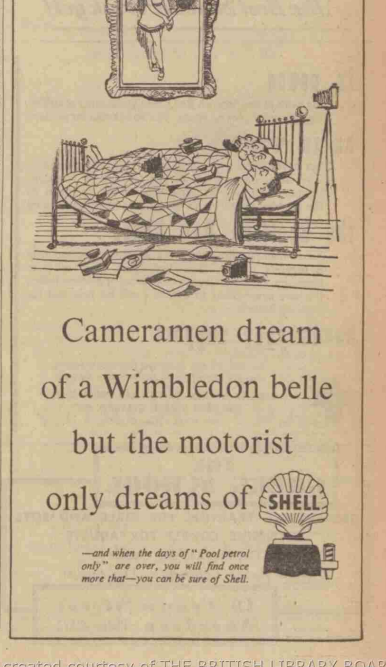
MAINLY FAIR

N.-E. Scotland, Orkney and Shetland.—Light or moderate variable or east to south-east winds; fair but often cloudy; normal temperatures.

Further Outlook.—Fair in most districts.

Lighting-Up Time

Begins 11.5 p.m. Ends 3.21 a.m.



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