

World Report—

New Offensive Launched by Chinese Reds

Act to Clear Northern Bank of Yangtze; Push Drive in West

NANKING, Apr. 9 (UP)—Communist armies today launched a general offensive to clear the north bank of the Yangtze River opposite Nanking and, 300 miles to the west, drove across the approaches to the central China stronghold of Hankow.

The Communists stepped up their attacks all along the line in an apparent attempt to force the Nationalists to yield to a Red ultimatum for the government's surrender by next Tuesday.

3 Towns Captured

The new offensive opposite Nanking was directed against a narrow 100-mile stretch of the north bank of the Yangtze still held by the Nationalists. Three small towns fell in the initial Communist onslaught.

To the west, semi-official reports said the Nationalists were falling back rapidly on Hankow, last major government base on the north bank of the Yangtze.

These military developments came as Nationalist and Communist peace negotiators were scheduled to resume their talks in Peiping today.

Other world developments:

Honolulu

Lava boiled again today in ancient Mauna Loa volcano, which last January sent a stream of molten rock 15 miles down the mountainside.

Reporters from Honolulu who flew over the volcano 150 miles southeast of here said a plume of gray smoke towered 800 feet over a single gas-blowing fissure.

Guatemala City

A northern Guatemalan revolt near the Mexican border appeared to be all over today.

The government announced late yesterday that it had crushed the rebellion completely after two days. It said government troops recaptured two small towns seized by the rebels, Malacatan and El Carmen, without a fight.

London

Britain's film production crisis worsened today with the firing of 2000 film workers and resultant suspension of work on three more movies.

Nineteen of Britain's 32 studios now are shut, either because of strikes or economy moves. George Elwin, general secretary of the Association of Cine Technicians, said the government would have to step in unless "something happened" within four days.

Tokyo

An investigation into Russia's treatment of Japanese prisoners of war in Soviet labor and indoctrination camps was begun today by a special committee of Japan's House of Councillors.

The investigation apparently had the tacit approval of American headquarters and follows Gen. Douglas MacArthur's attack on the Soviets for holding Japanese as "slave laborers." More than 300,000 Japanese are still held in Siberia and all repatriation was halted by the Russians during the winter months.

The Hague

The International Court of Justice ruled today that Albania was responsible for the mining of two British destroyers in which 44 sailors were killed in the Corfu channel in 1946.

By a vote of 11 to 5 the court upheld Britain's contention that Albania mined the destroyers in the narrow strip of water between Albania and Greece.

It reserved for future consideration the amount of compensation due Britain. The British asked for \$3.5 million.

Budapest

Hungary has rejected Anglo-American protests against its alleged peace treaty violations and countered them with a charge that the United States practices racial discrimination. It was disclosed today.

Budapest newspapers reported that Hungarian replies to American and British protests of April 2 were handed their representatives in Budapest yesterday. The Allied notes had charged Hungary with violating human rights clauses of the Hungarian peace treaty.

North Carolina Man Sentenced to 3 Years

A North Carolina man charged with white slave traffic in the transportation of two teen-agers for immoral purposes was sentenced to three years in a federal prison yesterday, in Federal Court.

Ralph Jenkins, 26, of Canton, N. C., pleaded guilty to the offense, which occurred last February. Probation officers, said an Army court-martial had sentenced Jenkins to life imprisonment for desertion but the sentence had been later reduced to 25 years and then to five years and the defendant had been granted probation.

Machines Pay Off

NEW YORK, Apr. 9 (UP)—Vending machines in New York's subways, including recently installed soft drink machines, netted the city \$1,880,103 in the past eight months, the Board of Transportation reported today.

The board said it expected concession profits for the year to reach a record of almost \$3 million.

Halleck Says He Will Vote To Extend ECA

\$5.58 Billion Bill, Passed by Senate, Reaches House Floor

By DAN KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9—Rep.

Charles A. Halleck (R. Ind.) who as House majority leader in the 80th Congress helped pass ECA, will vote for its extension, he declared today. Debate on the measure got under way in the House today and its passage is predicted for early next week.

The \$5,580,000,000 ECA extension bill passed the Senate last night, 70 to 7. Two of the seven votes against it were cast by Indiana Senators, Republicans Homer E. Capehart and William E. Jenner. Both spoke against the measure during the prolonged Senate debates. Neither had supported it originally. Sen. Jenner has taken an extreme isolationist position and predicts that will win for his party in Indiana in 1950 when Sen. Capehart is up for re-nomination and election.

Sen. Capehart proposed cutting the amount to \$3 billion. Neither is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which was unanimous in reporting out the \$5,580,000,000 for another 15 months of aid to Western Europe.

Hoffman Praised High tribute has been paid Paul G. Hoffman, former president of Studebaker in South Bend, Ind., for the businesslike manner in which he has administered ECA so as to stop the spread of communism by rehabilitating the economies of the Marshall Plan countries.

Under his administration ECA was called "the finest investment the USA ever made." But Sen. Capehart, in a Senate speech, charged Mr. Hoffman a Wall Street type of type which President Truman attacked in his 1948 campaign. Sen. Jenner took the floor almost daily to ridicule the whole idea of any foreign aid because "it costs too much."

"I helped pass ECA originally and I intend to support it now," Mr. Halleck declared today.

Voting with Mr. Halleck in originally supporting ECA was Rep. Ralph Harvey, Richmond, Republican, who was one of only two GOP Congressmen, besides Mr. Halleck, who was re-elected last year. The other was Rep. Earl Wilson, Bedford, who voted against ECA. He is from Sen. Jenner's home town.

A first decision must be made by Rep. Cecil M. Harden, Covington, the only freshman Republican in the 81st Congress from Indiana. She also is Republican national committeewoman for the state.

Rep. Ray Madden, Gary, dean of the majority delegation, and the six freshmen Democrats from the state all will vote for ECA he said today.

They said that ONY: The West is offering the German greater latitude in the matters of civil rights and autonomy than are enjoyed by the peoples of the Soviet Union itself.

TWO: The Soviet Union would lose face if it accepted an accord that would lead to anything but a Communist-controlled Germany and this the West would not tolerate.

Bolster West Europe Mr. Acheson said the German agreement actually brought peace with Russia nearer, because it strengthened western Europe. His reasoning appeared to be that Russia would never accept peace with western Europe as long as it remained weak and there was a chance it would go Communist.

Despite the harmony of the ministers meeting and the speed with which they reached their decisions, it was apparent that there is still a long way to go before a German state is established.

For fusion of the French and Anglo-American occupation zones, which must precede or accompany establishment of the new state, a detailed three-power agreement must still be worked out.

Frick to Speak At DePauw Event Ford Frick, president of the National League, will speak at DePauw University's annual alumni dinner April 27 in the Marriott Hotel.

A DePauw graduate of 1915, Mr. Frick now is a university trustee and president of the Alumni Fund Council.

The DePauw Choir will sing and Dr. Clyde Wildman, university president, and his wife will be honor guests.

Officers of the local alumni association are: Martin, president; Mrs. Van Order, vice president; Mrs. Louis Morgan, secretary; and Frederick C. Tucker, Jr., treasurer. The committee in charge of financing the annual affair includes: Conkey, Parker Jordan, Adrian Whitlatch and Miss Wilcox, public relations chairman.

HURT REPAIRING PRESS William Poynter, 1409 W. 32d St., employed by William E. Burford Co., was in "fair" condition after he suffered a crushed left forearm at work yesterday while assisting in the repair of a press.

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Two Die, Two Hurt; Auto Lands in Millrace



Two men dead, two injured . . . this car skidded, broadside into a tree and ended up in the millrace early today when the driver couldn't get around a sharp curve on Allisonville Rd. at Keystone Ave.

Richard Lindsey, 24, of 1630 Bellefontaine St., and Calvin White, 25, of 2103 Carrollton Ave., were dead when police arrived.

\$15 Billion OK'd For Military Units

House Group Cocks Eye Toward Russia

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (UP)—

With an eye cocked toward Russia, the House Appropriations Committee today voted a postwar record of \$15,900,118,800 to the armed services for the next fiscal year.

The committee voted to give the military \$631,252,100 more than President Truman asked in his budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The increase would go to the Air Force to continue its build-up toward a 70-group Air Force.

Concern over Russia's future actions was reflected in the committee vote which was taken after the members heard high U. S. military officials testify for several weeks.

"Must Be Prepared" The military leaders did not believe there would be a war soon. But they pounded home the theme—"we must be prepared."

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Army chief of staff, about summed it up for the military. He did not expect war, but if somebody starts one, "We've got to be ready to strike strong retaliatory blows."

The committee approved \$15,927,815,000 in cash for the Army, Navy and Air Force. It also voted \$2,636,301,000 in contract authority to the services, of which the Air Force would get \$1,922,755,000. These contracts will have to be paid off with cash appropriations in future years.

In voting the extra money for the Air Force, the committee disregarded President Truman's request to limit the size of the Air Force to 45 groups. The new money will enable it to build up to 58 groups during the next fiscal year. The goal is 70 groups in five years.

The actual cash voted for defense spending is \$2,800,000,000 more than was contained in the present fiscal budget.

The bill, largest of the year, would appropriate \$4,451,834,000 for the Army; \$4,375,327,600 for the Navy; and \$4,222,954,000 for the Air Force.

The Army and Navy grants are slightly below budget estimates. But the cash appropriations for the Air Force would be \$209,067,000 higher.

Pose Key Questions In asking the money, here's what the three services were concerned about:

ARMY—Gen. Bradley said: "It would be tragic for our nation, if in a future war, they rang the bell for round three and the Army had to answer: 'Wait two years and we'll come out swinging.'"

NAVY—Navy Secretary John L. Sullivan said Adolf Hitler came "perilously close" to winning the war with only 50 U. S. boats. Russia has 250. The Navy is increasing its destroyer fleet from 147 to 170 and building "anti-submarine submarines."

AIR FORCE—Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force chief of staff, said that "with world conditions as they are today," we need a 70-group Air Force.

Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington believes no "possible aggressor" will have the atomic bomb before 1952, but that "is all an assumption." The Air Force must be ready to retaliate.

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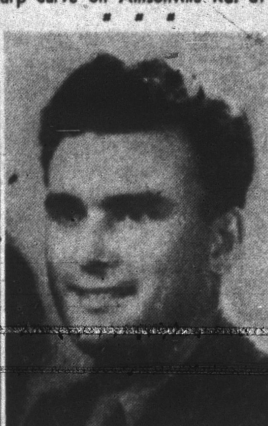
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Kenneth R. Clark . . . Indianapolis Marine veteran. He died last night after his car sideswiped a streetcar on E. Washington St.

Russ Call Pact 'Military Plot'

Gromyko Hits Western Action Before UN

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Apr. 9 (UP)—First Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko

declared today that the North Atlantic Pact is a "military and political plot" aimed against Russia and eastern Europe.

Mr. Gromyko made the charge before the United Nations' 58-nation political committee considering the issue of Italy's former African empire.

Mr. Gromyko asserted that the United States, Britain, and France "want to hold the colonies to carry out aggressive plans which lately found their expression in all kinds of military and political blocs directed against the people of the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies."

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Yacht Safe, Call Off Search

Family Unaware Of Air-Sea Hunt

MIAMI, Fla., Apr. 9 (UP)—A

Massachusetts yachtsman and his family cruised the waters of the British Bahamas in vacation style today, probably unaware that they had been the object of a massive search by air and sea.

The Coast Guard called off the search for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Farre and their two sons, 12 and 14, after they were spotted yesterday after a plane spotted their schooner, Keewatin, anchored off Spanish Cay.

The Coast Guard pilot said he circled low over the Keewatin and the yacht Lazy Jack and dropped a message to say if they needed help. Those aboard waved at the plane but hoisted no distress signals.

Fear for the safety of the Farres arose after the tanker Rickard J. Cleveland reported seeing a derelict yacht off the South Carolina coast. The family was reportedly en route to Charleston, S. C.

It was feared that the couple had been swept overboard, leaving the boys, David, 4, and Steven, 10 months, alone in a cabin.

Six surface vessels, 29 planes and two blimps fanned out in a search for the Keewatin. It wasn't until later that another skipper, W. C. Norton, informed the Coast Guard that his schooner Windfall was the "derelict" seen by the tanker. Mr. Norton explained that his vessel looked unmanned because its seasick crew was resting below decks.

Shortwave Spotty WASHINGTON, Apr. 9—Short-wave radio reception will be disturbed today. Due to a storm in the ionosphere associated with sunspots, better listening is forecast for tomorrow and Monday by scientists at the National Bureau of Standards here.

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