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Reds to Fight U. S. Pledges German

Will Be on Russia's Side, Plect Declares (Continued From Page One)

lov, central committee secretary of the Russian Communist Party, and Red bigwigs from some 23 other countries on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

It was one of the biggest international Communist gatherings since the war.

The convention was expected to include a strategy meeting of leaders of the Cominform.

Plect spoke after East German Premier Otto Grotewohl had told the meeting that American moves in Korea must be "carefully watched."

"Developments in Korea show that the American imperialists are becoming even more adventurous," Mr. Grotewohl said in the opening address.

He said the primary mission of the meeting would be to fight for peace and lay the groundwork for the new East German five-year plan. But delegates were expected to hold secret Cominform strategy talks on the side.

M. R. Suslov represented Russia and there was some speculation that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky might show up. Mr. Vishinsky was reported to have left the Czechoslovak resort of Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad) yesterday for an undisclosed destination.

Others present included Italian Communist Boss Palmiro Togliatti, Harry Pollitt of Britain, Polish Prime Minister Joseph Cyrankiewicz, Czech Deputy Communist Party Secretary-General Josef Frank and Jacques Duclos, secretary of the French Communist Party.

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Shower Brings a Splashing Good Time for Kiddies



Another street-flooding summer shower yesterday afternoon provided neighborhood frolicking for children near 17th St. and Parker Ave. A splashing good time was had by (left to right) Carole, 11, and Judy Woodruff, 9, of 2926 E. 18th St., and Myron, 10, and Norene Dahl, 11, of 1814 N. Parker Ave.

Hoarders Go Into Action, Jolt Prices

Coffee, Sugar Feel Effects of Overbuying (Continued From Page One)

a customer walked out with half a dozen pairs. One soap company representative reported that some grocers were speculating in toilet soaps, trying to buy five to six times their normal supply.

But grocers who had seen hoarding before said the runs

were comparatively light, and there's plenty of food of all kinds for everybody.

But they warned that so long as hoarders make retailers put the pressure on manufacturers, the prices will go up.

Tires were moving fast, and one tire dealer actually reminded the public over the radio that "rationing may come, now's the time to buy."

The new car business was reported to be picking up some of its old post-war habits. One dealer with nine new cars on his showroom refused to sell to anyone who had no trade-in.

And when the customer went into the market to get a trade-in, he found its value down-rated

by the new car dealer "something terrible."

Cigarettes have not felt the hoarder's nudge. Nor has whisky. And all dairy products were holding level.

Conciliator Named In Terre Haute Dispute

Gov. Schricker today appointed a conciliator in the two-month-old utility dispute between the United Mine Workers of America and the Terre Haute Water Works Corp.

The UMW called for an arbitrator when negotiations reached an impasse over union demands for a broader pension plan.

Named conciliator was Edward Kiffmeyer of the state labor division to act as conciliator.

Yanks Battle to Free GIs; Report Gen. Dean Missing

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Headquarters in Korea reported that the 24th Division still held the city at the end of the day. But two and a half hours later Mr. Kallscher sent from just outside Taejon this report:

"The Americans were forced out of Taejon tonight after a daylong fight against North Korean tanks and infantry which attempted to cut off the city."

Mr. Kallscher reported that snipers were in his immediate vicinity and the whole area was blacked out.

Mr. Kallscher had reported a little earlier that one train escaped from the Taejon rail station with Americans aboard, but another which had been sent in to bring out wounded was "riddled with bullet holes and driven back."

Thus it appeared evident that some Americans were caught when the Communists snapped their long menacing pincers. But whatever number of U. S. troops remained in Taejon was small.

Several days ago the main force pulled out, leaving a rear guard. Front dispatches had described the city which has a normal population of 150,000 as virtually deserted.

Mr. Kallscher reported that the Communist armor wheeled around the city and encircled it, and at the same time thrust a tank spearhead right into the heart of Taejon.

The Americans had been holding lines north and west of Taejon. Apparently some troops were driven back through the city while others were withdrawing to either side.

No clear indication was forthcoming as to where the Americans, now reinforced to three divisions, would try to seize a new foothold. Six miles to the east of Taejon the level country merges into the approaches to the Taebaek mountains.

General Cuts Tank

Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, commander of the 24th Division,

personally knocked out one tank. "I just got me a tank," Gen. Dean reported.

American "grasshopper" observation planes reported the Reds were still building up their armored and infantry strength north, west and south of Taejon.

An Eighth Army Headquarters spokesman said the 24th Division suffered 43 casualties during the previous 24 hours—one dead, 17 wounded and 25 missing.

Other American units suffered two killed and two wounded, the spokesman said.

Gen. MacArthur's air communiques reported that American, British and Australian planes destroyed or damaged 52 enemy planes in raids and dogfights Monday and Tuesday.

Chance Lost

The Reds attacked Gen. Douglas MacArthur issued a formal statement saying that the North Koreans had lost their chance for victory in Korea. Gen. MacArthur conceded there might be some further American withdrawals, but said the U. S. has a firm hold on South Korea and intends to stay.

The Communist offensive appeared a desperate effort to throw the 24th Division off balance before it could receive the full support of the newly landed 1st Cavalry and 25th Infantry Divisions. The Red attack began with a tank-led thrust past the Taejon airport, two miles north, into the city itself.

American infantry knocked out eight tanks in that thrust with their new super-bazookas, which fire 3.5-inch rockets.

But more tanks took their place, followed by infantry.

One tank column drove within two blocks of the Taejon railway station before the American recognized them as the enemy.

A sergeant called out when he saw them:

"Don't shoot! They're ours!"

Made Roadblock

At that moment, the tanks opened fire. The Americans replied and knocked out several of the tanks. Two city blocks around

the railway station were reported in flames from the battle.

Another Red column swung around south of Taejon and threw a roadblock across the steep escape road running southeast from the city.

The Americans fought their way past the roadblock and retreated along the road under concentrated machine-gun, mortar and rifle fire from North Korean troops in white peasant clothes entrenched in the hills.

The Communists struck at a time when bad weather prevented the Allied air forces from unleashing their full weight against the enemy. They had downed only 45 sorties by evening, but claimed to have damaged eight tanks, four guns, two bridges and five warehouses north and west of Taejon.

An Eighth Army spokesman

for the first time acknowledged the loss of Yongdok, 60 miles north of the First Division's beachhead at Pohang-Dong. He said South Korean forces which held the coastal town have dug in a short distance south.

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