

World Will Note Fifth Birthday Of UN Tuesday

Truman to Address Assembly; Soviet and Satellites to Celebrate

By EDWIN S. ROSENTHAL, United Press Staff Correspondent
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Oct. 21—The great and small nations of the world will mark the fifth anniversary of the birth of the United Nations in meetings, speeches, pageants, and radio programs celebrating "United Nations Day" next Tuesday.

The theme for the day in Moscow, London, Washington, and smaller capitals will be "there shall be peace."

No longer do the member nations accept the cynics' forecast that the world organization established in San Francisco in 1945 will suffer the frustrating fate of the League of Nations.

And President Truman is expected to express ringing confidence in the United Nations' future before the General Assembly Tuesday. The president spent a quiet week end working on his speech. He will speak for 15 or 20 minutes at about 1:30 a. m., Indianapolis time.

To help the 60 member nations commemorate United Nations Day, 16 United Nations information centers throughout the world have distributed 2.5 million pieces of anniversary literature and posters in the languages of member nations.

No Division

There will be no division between East and West. Both sides plan big celebrations.

Moscow theater lobbies will be crammed with special United Nations exhibitions. Leading Soviet newspapers will trumpet United Nations accomplishments, and recordings of Soviet speeches at the United Nations will be heard at dozens of meetings. Similar celebrations have been planned for Kiev, Minsk, and other leading cities.

South Korean authorities have proclaimed "United Nations Day" Oct. 24 as a public holiday, and top officials of the republic will address a meeting at Seoul's National Theater.

Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo, Philippines foreign minister, speaks in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, and the following day in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Gen. Romulo, one of the most influential United Nations members, was forced to decline 76 other invitations to speak.

Used Nations Stamp

In Bolivia a special commemorative stamp will be issued, and La Paz has decided to name one of its streets "United Nations."

Jawaharlal Pandit Nehru, Indian premier, will address a public meeting at New Delhi and renew his plea for "one world."

Egyptian authorities have made arrangements for a "prayer for peace" with the Moslem high priest of Egypt officiating.

In Israel, the radio will broadcast United Nations anniversary programs in Hebrew, English and Arabic.

Britain will stage a mass meeting in London's Trafalgar Square to which Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee has been invited.

In Gothenburg, Sweden, street cars will carry small flags bearing the initials of the United Nations specialized agencies. Inside, passengers will find posters illustrating the work of those agencies. School children will sell small United Nations Day badges for the benefit of the United Nations Association.

Plan United Nations Stone

Mexican authorities have conducted school contests for the best essays and posters on United Nations Day and were considering the dedication of a stone monument to the United Nations.

In Canberra, Australia, arrangements were under way for an international concert to be broadcast through the nation.

In Czechoslovakia, Poland, and other Iron Curtain countries the



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French Abandon Last Border Fort

Further Retreats Are Ruled Out

HANOI, French Indo-China, Oct. 21 (UPI)—French troops have abandoned Langson, their last great fortress on the China frontier to Communist Viet Minh forces. They are falling back on a previously prepared defense line just above Hanoi. It was announced today.

The official French communiqué said Langson, colonial bastion for more than half a century, gateway to the Indo-China rice bowl, was abandoned after a struggle.

Ho Chi Minh's Red forces now control 260 uninterrupted miles of French Indo-China's border with Communist China.

The communiqué declared the French planned no further retreats, but would launch a counter-offensive as soon as French units—regular army, Legionnaires, Moroccans and natives—had been rearmed and reorganized.

Fossession of Langson poses Communist troops within 80 miles of Hanoi. But Ho disclosed last week that he intended to regroup his winded troops armed and trained during the past summer in Communist China. Before striking into the rice bowl.

2 Boys, 17, Admit Burglary Series

Confession of two 17-year-old boys to a series of recent burglaries and recovery of \$3000 in last night.

Police said they seized the boys while they were entering a vacant house at 529 Bright St.

The boys admitted 20 burglaries. Recovered loot included typewriters, a television set, a lawn mower and jewelry, police reported.

The confessions implicated a 42-year-old man in the Bright St. neighborhood, police said. The man was arrested after the boys said they had intended using his home as a storage house for stolen goods.

Pre-burglary charges were filed against all three. The boys were turned over to Juvenile Aid authorities.

Hunt Airman Who Chuted From B-50

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 21 (UPI)—Airmen and volunteers searched through swamp and farmland today for the last of four men who parachuted from a B-50 bomber last night.

The third man was found early this afternoon, crawling along with a broken ankle and back injury. Two others reported in last night, shortly after their pilot landed the plane here safely.

The plane, with five men still aboard, made a safe landing here under guidance of Lt. Henry Morris of Savannah.

FEWELL TO SPEAK

Windell W. Fewell, Indiana Boys' School superintendent, will speak on "Who is Delinquent" at the luncheon meeting of the Lions Club Wednesday.

Not Easy and Not Soft—

Paratroopers Jump in Korea With Jeeps, Trucks and Guns

GIs Take Town North of Pyongyang Within Minutes Against Light Resistance

By ROBERT VERMILLION, United Press Staff Correspondent
WITH THE AMERICAN 187TH PARACHUTE REGIMENT IN KOREA, Sunday, Oct. 22—I learned the hard way that you can run into a traffic jam falling from an airplane.

I was with the American paratroopers Friday when they made the first combat jump of the Korean War, about 25 miles north of Pyongyang. It took the Communists completely by surprise. And it took me by surprise, too.

We jumped at about 1:45 p. m., landing in a stubble of a harvested rice paddy just below the town of Sukchon. The paratroopers hastily assembled and took the town within minutes.

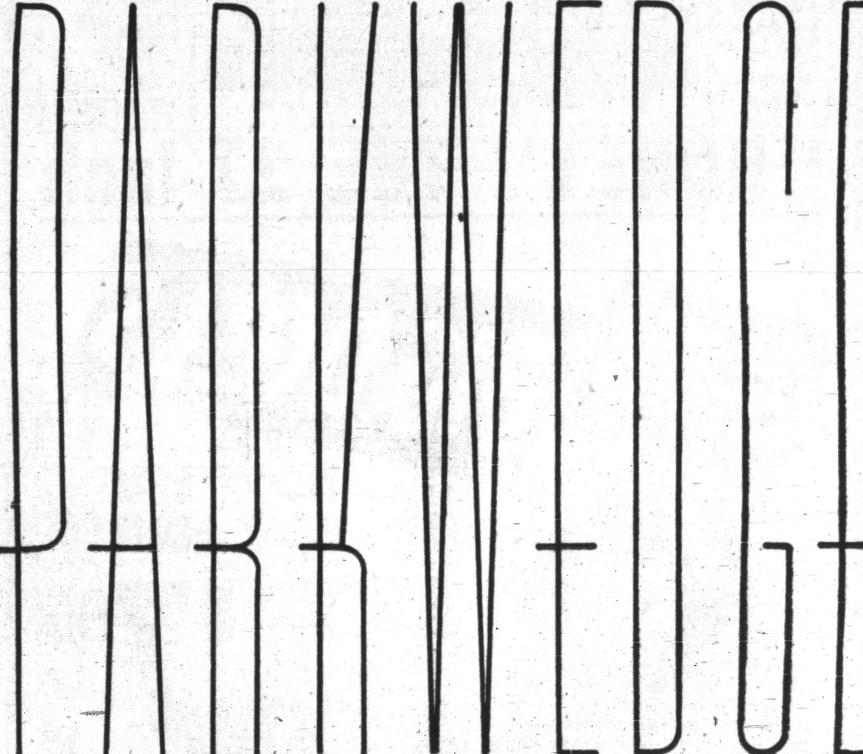
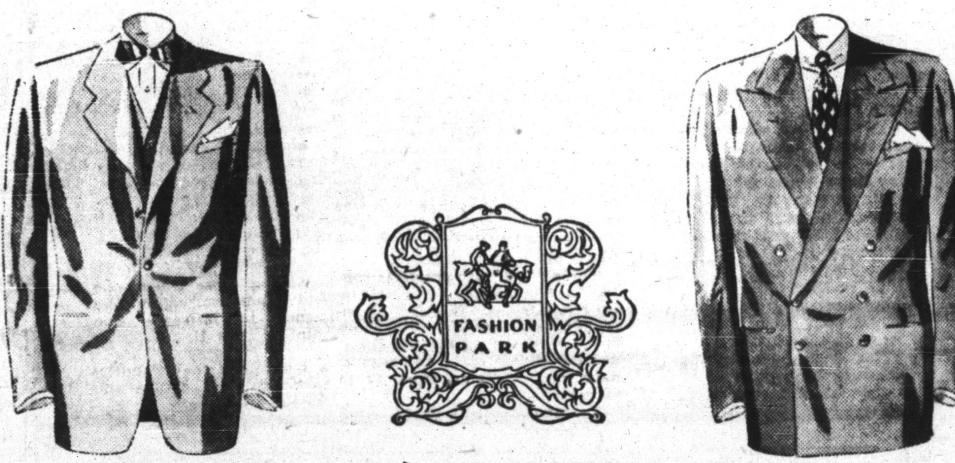
For the first time in any war theater, paratroopers went down with jeeps, three-quarter-ton trucks and big 105-millimeter howitzers. Both troopers and heavy equipment poured out of the C-119 Flying Boxcars.

We expected a soft and easy landing when we took off from Kimpo Airfield at noon for the command post of the 187th Airborne Regiment. We landed on my left leg, breaking the ankle. But it was neither soft nor easy.

I was the last man to jump from the first plane in the paratroop force and anticipated no traffic jam in the air. But I ran into one anyway.

About 20 feet above the ground, a paratrooper falling faster than

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'Mr. Tak,' Who Fights Reds, Leads 3 Yanks to Freedom

Corporal Tells How Communists Shot Any Prisoner Who Couldn't Walk

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By PETER WEBB, United Press Staff Correspondent

PYONGYANG, Korea, Oct. 20 (Delayed)—Three American prisoners of war who were among the first liberated in North Korea said tonight they hid for several days in a cave in the hills west of Pyongyang.

Anti-Communist guerrilla called "Mr. Tak" looked after them.

"Mr. Tak," the men said, is a university educated English-speaking Korean named Tak-hwahng. He controlled an anti-Red village of nearly 100 persons which supplied his guerrilla band with food while he and his men attacked the Communists.

The escaped prisoners are Cpl. Johnny Catchings, Saginaw, Mich.; Marine Pfc. Clayton Edwards, 20, Council Grove, Mo., and Cpl. Leonard Sweet, Patterson, Ga.

THEY slipped off a train taking them north from Pyongyang the night of Oct. 16 and rejoined United Nations forces today, after "Mr. Tak" and his men escorted them down from the hills and handed them over to the South Korean 1st Division.

Cpl. Catchings said he was captured Aug. 1 near Kumusan, South Korea, after being cut off for 12 days without food. He is a member of the 34th Regiment of the 24th Division. "They surprised me while I was sleeping in a farm house," he said. "At first they tied my hands, but later gave me water and were nice to me."

He said he was taken to the Taejon police station, where he was put with about 50 other Americans.

"I WAS suffering from what must have been a very badly sprained ankle, although at the

time I thought it was broken, so I volunteered to stay behind with the wounded when the order came through to move to Seoul.

"In Taejon, medical attention was fairly decent, but after that there was no treatment at all. Many died without treatment. I reckon 20 per cent of our losses were due to lack of medical attention."

Finally, he said, 79 Americans were ordered to march 210 miles to Seoul. Seventy-eight arrived.

"One was shot because he couldn't walk any more," Cpl. Catchings said.

In Seoul they were forced to march through the streets with Communist banners in their hands.

"BUT OTHERWISE, conditions were good," he said. "We were housed in a school with mattresses, blankets and two meals a day of vegetable soup and bread. Altogether there were 373 of us."

When American artillery fire could be heard from the direction of Kimpo Airfield, the men again were headed into the road and forced to march this time to Pyongyang.

About 20 died from over-exhaustion and dysentery. Seventeen were killed by the guns of U. S. jet fighters which caught them napping on bullock carts.

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