

Korean Armistice Talks At Lowest Ebb Since Summer

Hint Reds May Break Negotiations

By United Press
PANMUNJOM, Korea, Jan. 19—Korean armistice talks reached a new crisis today and there was speculation that the Reds might break them off.

The negotiations reached their lowest ebb since last summer with these rapid-fire developments:

ONE—The Communists charged in a "grave protest" that U. S. jet planes machine-gunned a marked Red truce delegation, convoy on the Pyongyang-Kaesong highway yesterday. The United Nations promised a full investigation.

TWO—Communist newsmen Alan Winnington, a sort of unofficial Red spokesman, likened the "atmosphere" in the truce conference to that of last Aug. 22, when the Reds broke off the talks for two months.

A Virtual Ultimatum

THREE—A United Nations delegation handed the Reds a virtual ultimatum at another "no progress" session of the truce sub-committee by warning that there can be no agreement unless the Reds accept a restriction on military airfield construction.

FOUR—The Communists rejected a United Nations proposal for exchange of parcels as well as mail for war prisoners.

FIVE—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway returned to his United Nations Supreme Headquarters in Tokyo following high-level strategy talks with Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, head of the Allied armistice delegation at Panmunjom.

The day's only favorable development—and it was only tentative—was a Communist agreement in principle to a meeting at staff officer level to try to work out safeguards against air attacks on prisoners of war camps.

Agree to Meet Again

But the Reds said they were not ready to start discussions yet because they have not received a detailed map of camp locations from Communist headquarters.

Both sub-committees working on an armistice agreed to meet again at 11 a. m. Sunday (8 p. m. today, Indianapolis time), despite the gloomy outlook.

The Communists lodged their fourth protest this week against alleged Allied air violations only five minutes before the start of the sub-committee meetings Saturday.

North Korean Col. Chang Chun San charged that four American F-80 Shooting Star jet fighters machine-gunned an appropriately marked, three-vehicle Communist truce delegation convoy at Hangpo bridge, 18 miles north of Kaesong on the highway from Pyongyang, capital of North Korea.

UN Can Beat Anything
Reds Throw—Van Fleet

EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, Jan. 19 (UP)—Gen. James A. Van Fleet said today that the United Nations have an army which "will defeat anything that China, Russia and North Korea" can throw against them in Korea.

"If the present war ends," Gen. Van Fleet said, "there will probably be no war for some time. And if they (the Communists) start another one, world opinion will be against them and the United Nations will probably be stronger."

The 8th Army commander was addressing a group of visiting Filipino Congressmen, officials and newsmen.

He said the Communist guerrilla problem in South Korea was "just about liquidated now." He said 7500 out of an estimated 9000 guerrillas had been killed since Dec. 2, 600 had surrendered and the rest had been captured.

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THE CHASE—Countess du Monceau interviewed by reporter at New York airport.

By JOHN LAW
United Press Correspondent

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan. 19—Belgian Diplomat Count Ivan du Monceau arrived here from the United States by plane today with his 14-month-old son, object of a custody battle with American asbestos heiress Lorraine Dresselhuis du Monceau.

Mr. du Monceau, Belgian air and military attaché in Washington, was accompanied by his mother, Countess Emile du Monceau du Bergendal, who carried little Tommy Manville du Monceau.

They arrived at Melsbroek airfield and left immediately in a private car for the family mansion on Boulevard Auguste Ryers, in Brussels.

The count refused to make any comment.

During a 90-minute stopover in London before flying here, Mr. du Monceau said he had a good trip and that the baby slept all the way across the Atlantic.

Wild Chase

The child's 23-year-old mother failed to overtake her estranged husband and the child in a wild chase to New York's Idlewild airport and then to Montreal yesterday.

Mr. du Monceau, his mother and the child left New York yesterday on a British Overseas Airways plane and made stopovers at Montreal and London.

The young Countess du Monceau, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Cornelius W. Dresselhuis, an attorney and two private detectives raced to Idlewild after finding the child and his

father were missing from the diplomat's Washington home.

Mr. du Monceau had "borrowed" the child, who was staying at the Dresselhuis' Long Island home, Monday, to visit his mother who had arrived from Brussels.

The count is immune from American civil law because of his diplomatic status. However, yesterday Washington, D. C., District Judge Burnita S. Mathews issued a writ of habeas corpus demanding the count's mother deliver the child to the court "forthwith."

Asked if he had heard of the court order, the count said:

The count agreed and later received permission from hospital authorities to visit his husband's downtown New York hotel herself. When she arrived, she found the count and the child had left for Washington.

She refused to return to the hospital and accompanied by a doctor and a nurse went to Washington. At the count's Washington home, it was said, she was told he refused to give up the boy but agreed to permit her to see the child.

She consulted an attorney, but before he could take action, Mr. du Monceau, his mother and the child, left Washington and came here.

The child's mother told reporters in Montreal, where she missed the count by six hours, that she was returning to New York to start action to regain the child. However, her Attorney Francis X. Mancuso said the countess may have to follow her husband here and battle for custody in Belgian courts.

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Air Crash Survivor Files Damage Suit

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 19 (UP)—A \$150,000 suit was filed in the county clerk's office yesterday in connection with injuries suffered by a survivor of the airliner that crashed near Little Valley of Dec. 29.

Mrs. Eva Woodward of Miami, Fla., who alleges she received burns, fractured shoulder, punctured lung, bruises and suffered exposure and undernourishment, asked \$100,000 damages.

Her husband, Paul, N. seeks \$50,000 for medical and other expenses and loss of his wife's services.

Outnumbered 5 to 1, U. S. Jets Down a MIG

EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, Jan. 19 (UP)—American Sabrejets, outnumbered nearly five to one, shot down one Communist MIG-15 jet fighter and damaged another in a dogfight over North Korea today.

Far East air forces in Tokyo disclosed that the MIG was the 340th enemy plane to be shot down by Allied aircraft since the start of the Korean War June 25, 1950.

The FEAF put Allied losses during the period at 460 planes, but all 11 of them American. Most were believed to have been downed by Communist anti-aircraft fire.

The air war was stepped up while zero weather all but halted action on the ground. Two Allied raiding parties knocked the Communists from two low hills northwest of Korangpo on the western front, but subsequently returned to their own lines.

Postal officers countered that in only one case was there any delay, and insisted notices are given banks and other businesses within 24 hours in most cases.

More than \$6500 in forged money orders have been cashed by members of the ring, officials said. Three official stamps used to validate the orders also have been stolen.

One of 'Three Stooges' Dies in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 19 (UP)—Jerome (Curly) Howard, 46, one of the original Three Stooges of vaudeville and film, died yesterday of a long illness which followed a stroke in 1946.

Mrs. Howard, who died in Baldy View Sanitarium, was born in Brooklyn and had lived in California for the past 20 years. He leaves his widow, Valerie; their daughter, Janie, and two brothers, Moe and Shemp.

The plane vanished a short time after taking off from the Dover Air Base and Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard craft from points as far away as Westover Field, Mass., searched for 12 hours before the wreckage was found by two wood-cutters.

A burglar with an eye to photography broke into a car last night and took nearly \$500 worth of camera equipment and clothing.

When Albert Ball, Angora, returned to his parked car behind the Fletcher Trust Co., 20 W. 16th St., he found it had been entered, and the expensive camera and clothes were missing.

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CIRCLE THEATRE

Winnie Yields On Sea Chief, Starts Home

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who likes to call himself a "former naval person," started home to London today after being forced reluctantly to admit that Britain no longer rules the waves.

Mr. Churchill was to leave this morning by train for New York. He will sail aboard the Queen Mary next Wednesday for England and a homeland disturbed by some of the decisions—especially on the Far East—reached in his conferences with President Truman.

The last Churchill-Truman decision was the bitterest pill the 77-year-old prime minister had to swallow.

Mr. Churchill finally agreed at his last meeting with Mr. Truman to stop obstructing appointment of an American admiral to be supreme Atlantic naval commander in the North Atlantic Pact Organization.

Hold Out for Year

For one year—in and out of office—the old man, who during World War I was first lord of the admiralty, has been saying in effect that he would approve the decision to give America command of the Atlantic only over his dead body.

Mr. Churchill agreed yesterday to let the American admiral be appointed, but reserved his right to press later for a change.

His concession came only after he had obtained "expansion of the area of control of the British home fleet another hundred miles west of the British Isles."

Adm. Lynde D. McCormick, commander of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet, is considered the most likely choice as head of the NATO Atlantic naval command.

Rebuffed on Suez

On military matters, Mr. Churchill didn't fare too well during his visit to the United States. In addition to having to back down on the Atlantic naval command.

ONE—Mr. Churchill was rebuffed strongly on his suggestion that the United States, France and Turkey send "token forces" to Egypt to help the British protect the Suez Canal against the Egyptians.

TWO—He agreed to give at least moral support to the U. S. plan to carry the Korean War into China with pinpoint strategic bombings if a truce—when reached—is breached. British reaction to this has been unfavorable.

But he got a promise from the United States to sell Britain one million tons of steel during the coming year, and worked out a barter arrangement whereby Britain will give the United States much-needed aluminum now. The United States will return the aluminum by the middle of 1953 when new production facilities are in operation.

He also got the United States to agree to buy 20,000 long tons of tin during 1952 at \$1.18 per pound. This price is higher than the United States previously had been willing to pay.

Mr. Churchill also got his long delayed promise in writing that U. S. atomic bombers based in Britain would not be sent to hit an enemy unless the British government gives an okay.

The four, 12 to 15 years old, were taken to the Juvenile Aid Division. Two had wrist watches and a stopwatch, police said.

Police said the front porch had been pulled off the house, all the windows broken and furniture overturned.

Jet Interceptor Crashes, Killing Crew of Two

DOVER, Del., Jan. 19 (UP)—A F-94 jet interceptor plane crashed in an orchard six miles north of here yesterday, killing its two-man crew, one of whom came through months of Korean aerial combat without a scratch.

The dead were identified as Lt. Virgil E. Plunkett Jr., 24.

Lt. Plunkett returned to the United States last October after winning the air medal with four oak leaf clusters for service in Korea.

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Can the Russian people revolt? What happens to any Red who gains too much popularity. You will learn the truth when you read the series of articles starting Monday in The Times.

Police Looking for Two Vandalism Suspects

Police today sought two 15-year-old boys for questioning in vandalism of an unoccupied West Side house.

The pair escaped late yesterday while police chased and caught four other boys running from a wrecked house north of Oliver Ave. and west of the Indianapolis Union (Belt) Railroad.

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Britain Seeks to Recruit Home Guard of 900,000

LONDON, Jan. 19 (UP)—Britain has opened a drive to recruit a new home guard of 900,000 men by spring.

The war office said each member of the defense force will be equipped with a Sten gun or a rifle.

The guardsmen's enlistment will be for two years, but can be ended on a month's notice.

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Evening Class Registration—Jan. 29, Jan. 31-Feb. 6

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Big Day for 'Captain Stay-Put'

Proud Little Town Greets Its Hero of Sea

By NORMAN A. CAFARELL

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WOODBRIDGE, N. J., Jan. 19 (UP)—Proud little Woodbridge wrapped itself in candy-striped bunting today and welcomed home the sea's most famous resident—Capt. Henrik Kurt Carlsen.

In store for the captain of the Flying Enterprise was the biggest crowd ever seen in Woodbridge.

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