

UN Bombers Blast Reds In Biggest Air Assault Of War

Smash War Plants Near Pyongyang

By United Press

SEOUL, May 23—Allied fighter-bombers from land and sea smashed a huge war industrial suburb southwest of the North Korean capital of Pyongyang today in the climax of a two-day attack that was the biggest aerial blow of the Korean War.

American and Australian war planes, including aircraft carrier dive bombers, flew night and day from the opening strike at dawn yesterday. They leveled 305 factories, among them a hand grenade factory and power plant, and damaged 151 more.

They attacked with hundreds of tons of bombs and thousands of gallons of napalm plus five-inch rockets and 50-caliber machine gun bullets.

Probably Over 1000
The 5th Air Force did not announce the exact number of sorties flown for "security reasons" but the total probably was above 1000. It was announced that the raid topped in both sorties and destruction, the previous high of "more than 900" sorties flown against the ancient walled town of Suan on May 8.

At Suan 180 buildings were destroyed and two square miles of supplies wrecked.

The record 48-hour attack was aimed at a manufacturing and supply area that ranged from nine to 15 miles southwest of Pyongyang toward its Yellow Sea port of Chinnampo.

It was the climax to five months of stealthy reconnaissance during which fighter-bombers deliberately ignored the "rich pickings" to let Communists accumulate a tremendous stockpile of supplies for destruction at one blow.

Damage 'Unbelievable'
1st Lt. Robert C. Saffell, Sacramento, Cal., said the damage was "unbelievable."

"I was on the last flight in," he said, "the buildings were all damaged so badly we just knocked down the walls that were left standing by the earlier flights."

In the final attacks today, planes leveled 136 buildings and damaged 58 more, most of them about nine miles from Pyongyang.

A 5th Air Force communiqué said:

"The devastated area, like the one hit yesterday, was made of factories, factory-type buildings, barracks, power houses and other storage buildings."

Pilots said huge secondary explosions sent towers of flame and smoke billowing out of the already burning wreckage. They believed they had hit stores of ammunition and fuel.

PANMUNJOM, Korea, May 23 (UPI)—Deadlocked Korean Armistice negotiators decided at a heated session today to take a three-day recess.

The United Nations proposed the recess to give the Communists a chance to "consider our position." The Reds angrily agreed to the break.

'Get Tough,' Clark Orders

By United Press
KOJE ISLAND, Korea, May 23—Gen. Mark W. Clark ordered the 8th Army to get "uncontested control" over defiant Communist prisoners of war and his commander here warned the Reds today he is ready and able to carry out his orders.

Gen. Clark, supreme United Nations commander in the Far East, said that "the prisoners' flagrant disregard of our instructions will not be tolerated any longer." A headquarters spokesman in Tokyo said the order was passed down through 8th Army channels to Koje and Pusan, scenes of prison rioting.

The spokesman said Gen. Clark described the situation on Koje, where prisoners have been running the compounds to suit themselves, as "intolerable."

Hold Riot Drills
Brig. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner put his American guards here through riot drills with bayonets and gas masks. He informed the prisoners "You can see for yourself he (Gen. Boatner) has the power to enforce his command."

Gen. Boatner sharpened his troops, including the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, and shifted his sub-commanders. He ordered South Korean civilians living near the compounds to move elsewhere.

He told the Communists that he "will command this camp." He said he hopes to do it peacefully but has the power to back up his orders if it becomes necessary to use it.

Gen. Boatner replaced his deputy camp commander, Col. Maurice J. Fitzgerald, who twice has commanded the Koje camp. It was Gen. Boatner's first major staff change. More are expected.

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Jenner Predicts Failure Of Truman's Program For Cleanup Of Government

By IRVING LEIBOWITZ
Sen. William E. Jenner predicted today President Truman's government cleanup is "doomed to failure."

Commenting on the Senate's recent approval of James P. McGranery as the new Attorney General, the Indiana Republican Senator told The Times:

"You cannot clean up 20 years of corruption, subversion, graft, favoritism and influence peddling with the same tools that created it."

Sen. Jenner, a member of the Judiciary Committee which searched into Mr. McGranery's background, said he was particularly concerned about Mr. McGranery's testimony on the Amerasia case, the shocking story of

wartime espionage in America by Navy documents stolen by the Communists "innocuous outside of the fact that something of a secret nature came out of the Navy Department."

During the infamous Amerasia case, Mr. McGranery, then assistant to the Attorney General and later a Philadelphia federal judge, asked, "How can we have a cleanup?"

Sen. Jenner asked, "When McGranery is part and parcel of the Truman administration that he created all the evil?"

The Senator recalled Mr. McGranery said a cleanup was "easy as pie."

"I sure doubt that," Sen. Jenner said. "Why, even his thinking on the President's steel industry seizure was fuzzy."

The Senator disclosed a lot of people wondered why Mr. McGranery would give up a lifetime

federal judgeship for a lame duck position and promoting the GOP.

Commenting on the Taft-Eisenhower battle raging in Indiana, the 43-year-old Senator would only say:

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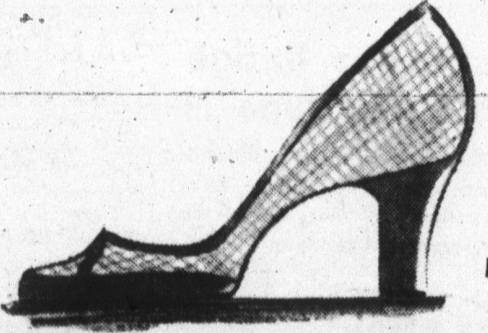
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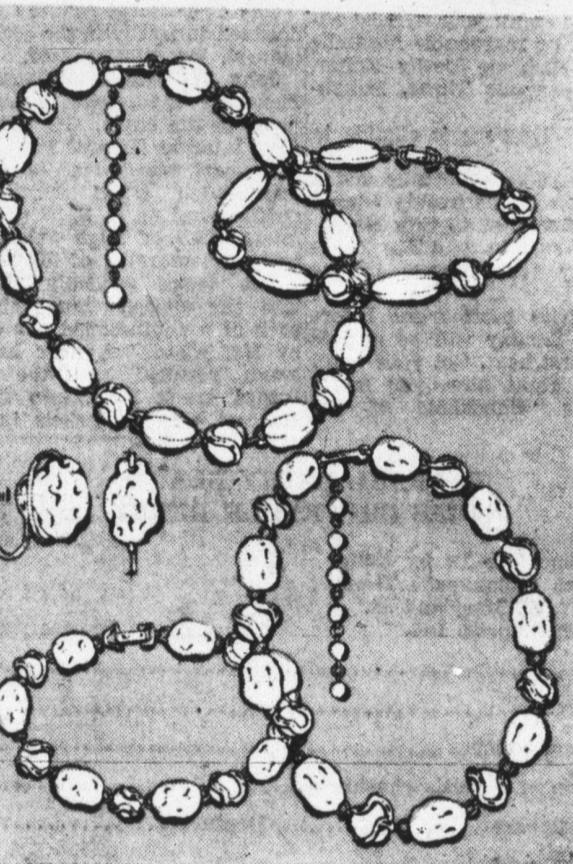
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