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Russia Not Ready To Attack In Asia, Says MacArthur

Siberia Troop Concentration Held Defensive

Dismissed Far East Leader Testifying Before Senate Panels

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today he does not believe Soviet Russia is in position to "launch any predatory attack from the Asiatic continent."

The deposed Far Eastern commander gave that estimate to the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees inquiring into MacArthur's dismissal and Far Eastern policy.

MacArthur testified behind closed doors, but a censored transcript of his testimony was given to newsmen.

"Largely Defensive" Forces

The general said he believes Russian forces in Siberia "are largely defensive."

In this connection, MacArthur observed: "I believe that the Soviet has so often repeated the incorrect statement that we are planning to attack him that he has finally begun to believe it himself."

Senator Russell (D-Ga.), chairman of the combined committees, called for an estimate by MacArthur on Russian strength in the Far East.

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Whitney also referred to the "covert" taking of notes at the Oct. 15 conference on Wake Island.

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JAMES R. KELLEY

Kelley Resigns Taxpayers' Post

The resignation of James R. Kelley as executive secretary of the Woonsocket Taxpayers Association was announced today by Harry J. Graham, association president.

Graham said Kelley was leaving the association to assume a position with the Fairmount Dye Works.

Kelley became secretary of the taxpayers' organization April 20, 1950, succeeding Norman J. Walsh, who left to become an administrative assistant to the city manager of Quincy.

Sharp Clashes Break Korean War Front Lull

UN Patrols Probe Red Strength For Drives; 2 US Jets Downed

TOKYO (AP)—Sharp skirmishes broke the quiet of the Korean front today as United Nations patrols probed Red forces building up for new offensives.

Four ground clashes involved Allied tanks rumbling north from Seoul. An armored column drove back a Chinese regiment after a two-hour skirmish northeast of Seoul, shooting it out with Red infantrymen over the last two miles.

Planes Strife Trapped Reds

To the east, in the Pukhan River bend, tanks won a brief clash with Communist troops.

On the central front Allied ground troops fought a six-hour skirmish with 150 Reds dug in atop a hill.

Action up to dusk Thursday was light—as on the preceding day, one of the quietest of the war.

A Jump Ahead Of Father Time



SPARKS STARTED... many small fires on the roof of the old Mowry barn in Mohegan late yesterday.

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Leaders of the coalition propose to deny any funds to pay Acheson's salary after June 30.

Asked about the drive to force Acheson out of his job or tie up his pay, House Republican Leader Martin Dies said "nothing can happen around here."

24-Hour Blaze Out Of Control In 3-Mile Area

Wind-Swept Flames Hit East Douglas, Uxbridge, Burrillville

A 24-hour old forest fire swept into within a mile and a half of Wallum Lake Sanatorium today and numerous fire companies and volunteers are now battling the roaring flames raging out of control over a three-mile area.

At 12:25 p.m. today flames poured across Buck Hill road in Burrillville to the westerly side, about 100 feet north of the fire tower, and attacked thick woods in a 200-foot semi-circle, gathering strength in racing from treetop to treetop and heading west towards Wakefield Pond.

Firemen massed at the roadway to prevent just such a happening worked feverishly to check the fire at the road but their chances of success appeared slim.

If the fire penetrates farther into the woodlands, virtually unapproachable by firemen and apparatus, there is a distinct possibility that from five to six miles of additional timberland will be destroyed.

Burrillville Homes Periled

Firemen noted the possibility that a shift of the wind to the southward would imperil homes in the Jackson Schoolhouse and Eagle Peak sections of Burrillville.

5,000 Balloons For Children At May 20 Parade

Triple Observance Lists 3 Divisions Of Marchers, 4 Bands

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\$94,650 Verdict Given In Army Hospital Case

BOSTON (AP)—Army Sergeant Joseph J. Grigaloukas of Gardner was awarded \$94,650 in federal court today in his \$285,000 suit against the government for injuries allegedly suffered by his infant daughter in 1947.

It was one of the largest awards made in New England for personal injuries, court attaches said.

Grigaloukas charged "extreme negligence" was exercised at the Army hospital at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in the injection of a salt solution of 20 times more than normal potency into the body of five-day old Elizabeth Ann.

The child's parents claimed a hole was burned in her lower back and that she will have difficulty in later life.

Truman Picks Wage Board

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today named the members of the new Wage Stabilization Board, which will have increased powers in the mobilization program.

Six of the 18 members will represent the public and equal numbers will speak for labor and management.

Mr. Truman named to serve with Chairman George Taylor the following five other public members: Clark Kerr of California, a member of the old nine-member board, vice chairman; Nathan P. Feinsinger, professor of law at the University of Wisconsin; William M. Heppburn, dean of the Emory University Law School in Georgia; John Dunlop of Massachusetts, another member of the old board; and Frederick H. Bullen, of New York, former secretary of the New York State Mediation Board.

Members Named

The six industry members are: Milton M. Olander, director of industrial relations for the Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Toledo, O.; Alexander H. Heron, director of industrial relations for the Crown-Zellerbach Corp., San Francisco; Richard P. Doherty, director of employer-employee relations for the

2 Warners To Quit Film-Making Firm

NEW YORK (AP)—Two of the three fabulous Warner brothers appear to be on the verge of retiring from the big motion picture concern bearing their name.

Conferences are expected to begin here Monday on a \$25,000,000 offer for the 24 per cent of the 2,800,000 shares of stock in the company held by Harry, Albert and Jack L. Warner and their families.

While Harry Warner indicated he and both his brothers would retire from the \$161,000,000 company if the deal were completed, Lurie said Jack L. Warner would continue to make pictures at the firm's Burbank studio. Jack Warner is vice president and executive producer of the company, which produces about 25 feature films a year and numerous short subjects.

TOWN CUTS TAX RATE \$4.30

MARION, Mass. (AP)—A \$4.30 tax rate drop, to \$38.40 per \$1,000 valuation, was announced today by the assessors who said it was possible because of a \$300,000 increase in valuation and a \$300,000 cut in town appropriations.

King Opens 5-Mo. Festival In Britain

LONDON (AP)—King George VI opened the festival of Britain today in the presence of 50,000 guests.

Man's Body By Stream, Shot Woman In Cabin

GILL, Mass. (AP)—The body of a man, believed shot in the head, was found on the bank of a stream here today and a wounded woman was discovered in a nearby cabin.

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Engineer Taken For Neglect In Crossing Tragedy

BROCKTON, Mass. (AP)—Frank A. Bailie, 65, a New Haven Railroad engineer since 1915, was arrested today on a charge of negligent operation of a locomotive as a result of a crossing collision March 4 in which three persons died.

Taken into custody at his home by a state detective, Norman Butler, Bailie was escorted to district court, where he pleaded innocent before Judge Maurice J. Murphy and was held in \$500 bail for a hearing May 10.

2 Sergeants, 16 Patrolmen To Get New Police Assignments

Assignments affecting two sergeants and 16 patrolmen are being made by Police Chief Edgar C. Turcotte. The list will be read at a press call tomorrow, starting at 1 a.m., and will take effect Sunday.

RI Prisoners Strike In Protest Over Food

CRANSTON (AP)—Prisoners employed in industries at Rhode Island State Prison staged a five-minute work stoppage yesterday in protest over their food.

Edward P. Reidy, state director of social welfare, said the men complained that the shepherd's pie served at the noon meal was too much like the meat dish they had for dinner on Tuesday.

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TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—The Chinese Nationalist Defense Ministry said today guerrillas on the Red China mainland are increasing, despite Chinese Communist attempts to crush them.

Guerrillas recently killed 1,350 Reds and seized a large quantity of arms and ammunition in a raid on Tanchung in Yunnan province near the Burma border, the ministry said.

\$187,450 Permits For April Building Show Good Gain

The valuation of new construction and alterations during April reached \$187,450, representing a substantial increase over the previous month, the report of Building Inspector Joseph A. Paquette disclosed today.

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