

Air Force Readies 30 Attack Bases

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clusively or shared with Britain. Some 15,000 air force personnel. The 51st fighter escort wing, with 78 to 75 jets and four reconnaissance jet bombers, stationed at Manston on the east coast. Eleven bomber bases—Southorpe, Monham, Lakenheath, Mildenhall, Waddington, Whyton, Basingbourne, Burtonwood, Fairford, Brize Norton and Upper Heyford. Strength: Two bomber groups—65 B-29's and B-50's each at full strength. A third group is expected shortly.

French Morocco: France has agreed to make five airbases in its African protectorate available to U.S. planes. They are to be put into good shape as soon as possible

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Communists Rip Holes in UN Lines

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and broke thru by sheer mass of numbers regardless of soaring losses.

The long-delayed Communist counter-offensive struck down the mountainous central backbone of Korea while United Nations forces were stabbing five miles across the 38th parallel on the east coast and 18 miles northwest of Seoul in the west against negligible opposition.

South Korean forces captured Yangyang, five miles inside Communist North Korea, yesterday. They were supported by the U. S. cruiser Manchester and other Allied warships offshore, but met only scattered resistance.

Yangyang gave the Allies their first foothold in North Korea since the bitter Allied retreat of last December.

On the west coast, American tanks roamed the southwest bank of the Han river without opposition, but the Reds held firmly to Seoul on the north bank. First Allied attempts to seize a bridgehead were beaten off.

The Chinese and Korean Reds unleashed their counter-offensive on the central front just before last midnight. Chinese Reds shifted from Seoul joined the 2nd and 5th North Korean corps for the assault.

Within a few hours, the massed Reds had thrown South Korean forces back into Hoengsong and invested the city from the north and east. Communist infiltrators slipped thru the retreating Allies and threw up road blocks along the road south to Wonju.

Air observers reported an enemy column moving toward the Hoengsong-Wonju highway was only a mile and a half away from it tonight at a point four miles south of Hoengsong in an attempt to complete encirclement of the city.

Hoengsong still was in Allied hands, a front dispatch said, but American and South Korean troops were being hard-pressed to hold it.

An American battalion was cut off just west of Hoengsong when South Koreans on their east flank were thrown back into the city and Red forces quickly surrounded the Yanks.

There were no details of the action, but the fighting was desperate.

Other United Nations elements which had been advancing 19 miles west and northwest of Hoengsong also fell back into the city under heavy enemy punches. So did Allied units to the east and northeast.

A 10th corps spokesman said tonight that no clear picture of the fighting was available because numerous enemy columns had flanked and infiltrated the Allied positions.

Some small units were fighting the Reds to their front and rear and on both flanks, he said.

Communist reinforcements were reported moving into battle tonight.

United Press War Correspondent Rutherford Poats at 8th army headquarters in Korea described the situation as "a nightmarish repetition of the blow that stole victory from the United Nations last Nov. 22."

The enemy assault was a carbon copy of the Red strategy that broke the 8th army's Chongchon river line in northwest Korea last November and forced it into a retreat that finally ended below Osan, 190 miles to the south and 27 miles below Seoul.

So far, the counter-offensive had not seriously threatened the Allied victories in the west or the South Korean advance across the 38th parallel in the east. And it still may be stopped like last month's abortive enemy attempt to break thru the Allied line at Wonju, 10 miles south Hoengsong. Communist losses—estimated officially at 200,000 since Jan. 1—may have hurt the Reds too much to follow up the opening punch, just as the North Koreans last summer failed to break thru the Pusan beachhead perimeter.

But the counter-offensive ended wishful speculation over the "disappearance" of the Communist army. The Reds proved today that they have not abandoned South Korea to the UN.

A front dispatch said the Communist forces had grouped in the open for the past two days and yesterday were subjected to one of the most restrictive air raids of the Korean war.

Flashing Allied fighter-bombers and big American Superfortresses struck hard at the communications lines supplying the new Communist drive all the way from the Manchurian border south to the fighting front.

They claimed to have destroyed or damaged four tanks and 74 enemy vehicles during the first few hours of their daylight offensive.

RAIL TRACK RESTORED
EAST LIVERPOOL, O.—(UP)—Several hundred feet of track were restored near here Saturday after 20 cars of a Pennsylvania railroad freight train were derailed Friday night. No one was injured in the wreck.

Cambridge Hospital Hit by \$25,000 Fire

CAMBRIDGE, O.—(UP)—Damage was estimated at close to \$25,000 today in a fire that destroyed a building at the Cambridge state hospital.

The blaze, which broke out yesterday afternoon, destroyed a one-story brick building housing apartments of several hospital employees, firemen said, but no one was hurt.

Plan to Punch Holes in Ceilings

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prices—now eight per cent over pre-Korea and higher than ever before in history—also is in the works and may be issued in a week or so. Informed sources said that will mean increases in some food prices and small rollbacks in others.

DiSalle and Economic Stabilizer Eric A. Johnson see no chance of preventing a further overall rise of about 5 per cent in the general price level by summer time. But they hope they can hold the line after that.

The wage stabilization board, deadlocked for weeks over a formula to replace the existing pay freeze, goes back to work on the problem tomorrow with something new under consideration—a flexible plan that would permit enough wage rises to match the cost of living increase since March 15, 1950. Labor members of the nine-man board don't think it is liberal enough.

The board got a new headache last night when the three major meat packing companies signed a wage agreement providing pay raises of nine cents an hour for 135,000 CIO United Packinghouse Workers. The contract was made subject to approval by the board by March 25, and the unions threatened to strike if the board rejects it.

Walter Reuther, president of the CIO United Auto Workers, said his union will keep its right to strike for more money until the government gets living costs under control.

Nation Getting Harry Irritable

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sarily sharp or bitter in response to some news conference questions.

The explanation of that and the answer to the questions the visitors are asking appears to be that the president has become unusually irritable. White House burdens are heavy. Perhaps another factor is that he has a long memory for kindness and just as long for slights or mistreatment.

Thus last week he likened chiefs of four railway unions to a bunch of Russian—a harsh indictment.

He also called the unanimous report of a senate sub-committee "asinine." That is rough language. And he accused the sub-committee chairman of moral cowardice.

The committee report alleged that White House personalities and others were improperly influencing RFC loans.

Listeners noted the committee chairman was Sen. J. William Ful-

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Trucker Fined

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Instrument, components and tool companies also are expanding and opening new plants. These include Sperry Corp. on Long Island, Bendix at Hamilton, O., Airesearch at Phoenix, Ariz., Thompson Products at Cleveland and Cleveland Pneumatic Tool.

These are among the fruits of the \$10,322,000,000 aircraft procurement appropriations for the current fiscal year.

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