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Cloudy, windy, with highest temperatures near freezing today. Yesterday's temperatures: Highest, 58; lowest, 30; mean, 44. Sports Section, Page 30

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RED ARMY FIGHTS BACK AS REINFORCEMENTS ARE MOVED TO KOREA FRONT

Counterattack Stalls U.S. 25th Division, But 24th Gains On Left—On Northwest Front, Allies Occupy Last Port Before Siberia

Tokyo, Sunday, Nov. 26 (AP)—Rallying Red forces fought back in northwest Korea today and rushed reinforcements up for what may be the showdown battles with 110,000 United Nations troops.

The Communist counterattack stalled a push by the United States 25th Division on the Unsan sector of the general northwestern Allied offensive that jumped off Friday, aiming to end the war quickly.

Enemy resistance stiffened everywhere in the northwest except at the left end of the line where the United States 24th Division had driven 2 miles north of Chongju without a fight by yesterday noon. The crucial north front over shadowed the snowy northeast sector where South Koreans rolled unopposed into the big coastal city of Chongjin. It was the last known big barrier between the South Koreans and the Soviet Siberian border, 55 air miles ahead.

Weather And Mountains Difficult Subzero temperatures and mountains were proving the biggest obstacles in the northeast where one American unit already has reached the Manchurian frontier. But the estimated 100,000 Chinese and Korean Reds in the northwest showed fight against a United Nations offensive which Gen. Douglas MacArthur said was intended to get the Americans home by Christmas.

The United States 24th Division reported no opposition in the Chongju sector. Near Taechon, the South Korean 1st Division, operating on the 24th's right flank, found tough going. Red counterattacks hurled back the South Koreans a mile and a half early Saturday. Then the South Koreans recoiled, advanced 3 miles, and were reported close to Taechon today. Their patrols entered the city's outskirts last night.

Reds Open Counterattack On the right flank of the South Koreans, the United States 25th Division sent a task force 3 miles east of Unsan. At 2:45 A.M. today the Reds opened a strong new counterattack. The task force was reported still under assault but holding firm. A field dispatch said a big battle soon may be joined in the northwest. Air observers said they had spotted an estimated 5,000 Reds moving over hills and fields toward Allied forces advancing on the west 50 miles or less from the Manchurian frontier.

Yet another 8,000 were reported by air spotters to be on the move southward near the center of the 80-mile front. Allied warplanes, from Superforts to fighters, attacked supply bases or anything that moved along the roads.

The Red counterattack on the northwest threw back the South Korean 8th Division to a point near Yongun, 22 air miles east of Tokchon on the extreme Allied right. American Advance On Left A United States 1st Corps spokesman said the attackers, presumably Chinese, might be trying to roll up the eastern end of the northwestern front.

He had no estimate of the size of the counterattacking force. Prisoners taken Friday said a full (Continued on Page 2, Column 8)

Analysis

By MARK S. WATSON Newspapers Military Correspondent

Washington, Nov. 25—The Air Force, like the Army, has profited from the Korea-aided opportunity to test its equipment by experience in the field. This applies particularly to jet-propelled planes. Actual combat experience has been extremely limited, however, by the meager opposition. Only one Russian type, among jet fighters, has been seen at all, and its appearance has been limited (with one exception) to forays just over the border, followed by a swift dive back to the immunity which the border provides.

The one exception was a flight by four of the Russian jets, the MIG-15, from a Manchurian field near Antang, across to the east side of the Korean peninsula and a few miles to sea. There the enemy planes encountered a formation of inbound American bombers. The MIG-15s were reported to have been shot down without attempting interception.

MIG-15 Faster Than F-80 American pilots' observation of the MIG-15 has permitted a close estimate of the Russian jet's powers and limitations, as contrasted with those of our own jet fighter, now in Korea, the F-80.

The Russian plane is faster than our F-80. It has a faster rate of climb. It has better maneuverability. It has a single gun (37 millimeter, or about 1 1/2 inch) whose explosive shell—if it strikes—does more damage than do the four .50 machine guns (1/2-inch diameter) which our planes carry. These are considerable advantages in combat. It is important to note, therefore, that the American F-80 is not out of class in a comparable time of design to Russia's MIG-15. The MIG-15's American contemporary in design is the F-86, and present estimates are that in speed and rate of climb the F-86 is quite equal to the Russian plane.

F-86 Available If Needed The F-86, although available if needed, has not gone to Korea. If the Russians, likewise, have in better performance, may be conjectured that the Air Force also has designs never and better than the F-86.

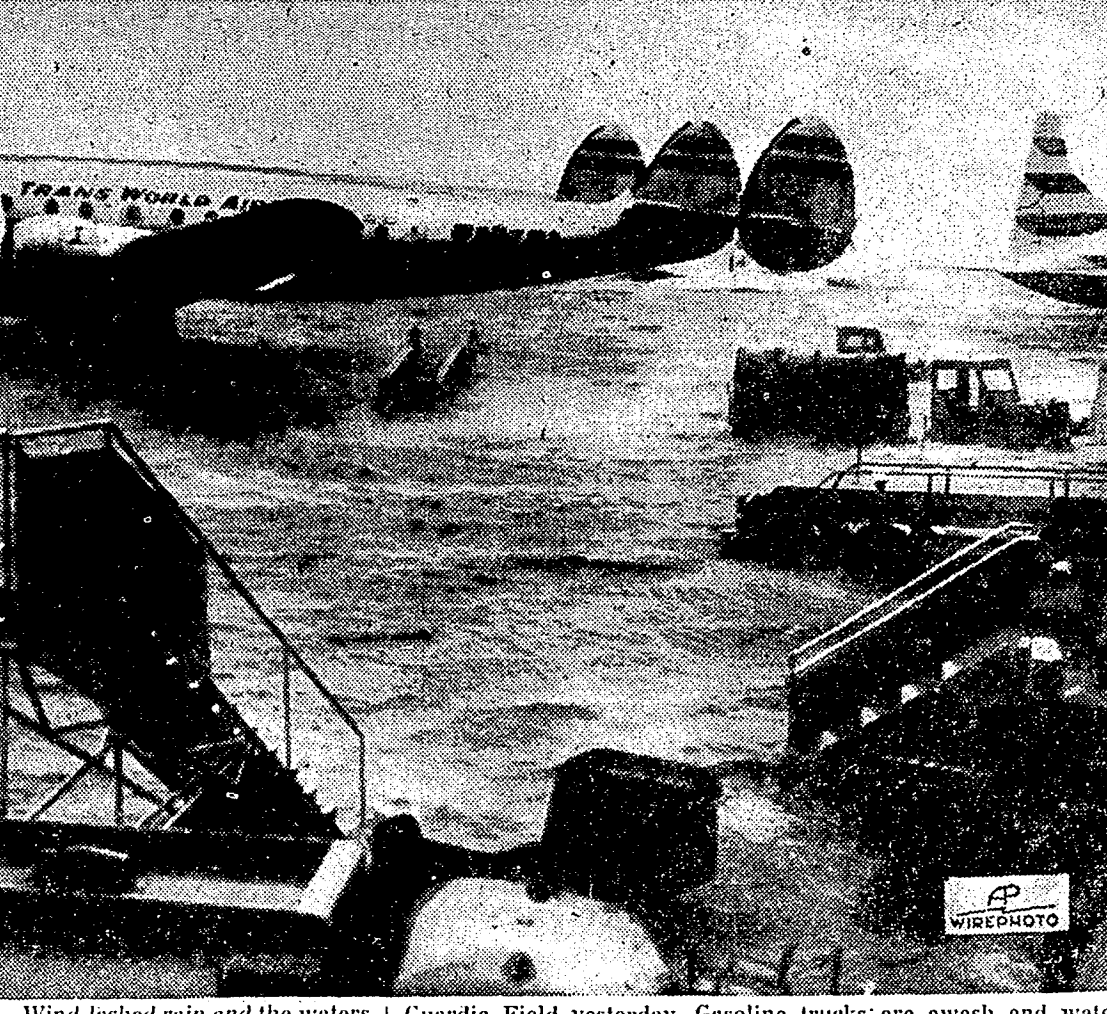
The MIG-15's superiority in speed and rate of climb (as compared with our F-80) was gained by a sacrifice of two important qualities which United States Air Force designers have insisted upon retaining. These are (1) armor sufficient (Continued on Page 2, Column 6)

Freed Prisoners Say Chinese Criticized American Leaders

United States 8th Army Advanced Headquarters, Korea, Nov. 25 (AP)—Released American prisoners of war said today they believed their Chinese Communist captors tried to make a "fifth column" out of them. The prisoners first were given Red indoctrination lectures which assailed American political and military leaders.

Of the first 27 wounded Americans to be freed, nineteen said the Chinese told them: "If you are forced to fight again, tell your friends to fire into the air. Then give up." A summary of the statements of the liberated men was released by the 8th Army. The prisoners were freed near American lines Tuesday.

Chinese "Volunteers" Chinese Communist interrogators who questioned the prisoners before setting them free told the Americans that Chinese troops in Korea were "volunteers." That has been a major point in Chinese Red propaganda broadcasts, but has not been borne out by prisoners captured by United Nations forces. Chinese Red prisoners have shown surprise when asked if they volunteered. The interrogator also said the



LAGUARDIA FIELD FLOODED—Wind-lashed rain and the waters of Flushing Bay caused this scene of havoc at New York's LaGuardia Field yesterday. Gasoline trucks are awash and water covers wheels of an airliner. (Other pictures on Pages 2 and 3.)

INDO-CHINA GIVEN BETTER OUTLOOK

Military Situation Still Bad But Political Moves Help

Mark S. Watson analyzes trend of China policy. Section A

By GERALD GRIFFIN (Washington Bureau of The Sun) Washington, Nov. 25—For the first time in months, American officials today saw some grounds for encouragement in political and military developments affecting Indo-China, one of the critical points in Southeast Asia.

While the immediate military threat from Communist forces is soberly described as "brightening," qualified observers give the French and Indo-Chinese troops a much better than even chance to hold. Independence is Assured For the long run, American officials believe that these developments materially improve the outlook.

1. On the political side, the French Government has agreed to the independence of the Associated States of Indo-China within the French Union. The French decision, approved by the Parliament (two days ago, went further, and was clearer than its previous moves in the same direction. 2. On the military side, France agreed to the formation and equipment of 24,000 "armies" for the three associated states—Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia. This means that Emperor Bao Dai will have an army and that nationalist armies will be defending their own country.

3. Also on the military side, France proposes to send about 25,000 additional troops to Indo-China, with artillery, armor, aircraft and naval elements. French troops will support the Associated States.

Strong Nationalist Basis Thus the way is being opened, after long discussions in which United States officials have taken a friendly part, for a test of the American belief that the nationalist movement in Indo-China (and elsewhere) will be able to support the Associated States.

Justice Department Urges Tighter Pay 'Kickback' Law

By DEWEY L. FLEMING

Washington, Nov. 25—The Department of Justice today asked Congress to tighten up the law against salary "kickbacks" by Federal officials. "Kickback" is the word used to describe a practice under which an employe turns a portion of his salary back to the official who helped him to obtain the job.

Present law applies only to the arrangement of a "kickback" in connection with the "getting" of a job. Violations are punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for one year, or both. The Department of Justice is asking that the law be expanded to provide similar punishment for "kickbacks" paid to insure "retention" of the job, and to make sure that it applies to all Government officials, including members of Congress.

The most conspicuous recent instance of a "kickback" operation was disclosed in the indictment two years ago of Representative J. Parnell Thomas, New Jersey Republican, who was charged with collecting the salaries of "persons" on his congressional payroll who did no work. Thomas changed a "not guilty" plea to one of "nolo contendere" after his trial had run three days, and was sentenced to serve a prison term of from six to eighteen months and to pay a fine of \$10,000. He was granted a parole after serving nine months of his sentence. Forwarded To Capitol The Justice Department's recommendations on strengthening of the law were forwarded to the Capitol today in identical letters to Senator McCarran (D., Nev.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and to Speaker Sam Rayburn, of the House. With the letter went the draft of a proposed amendment.

SIGILY TREMBLES AS ETNA ERUPTS

Quakes Accompany Volcano's Outbreak; Panic In Village

Catania, Sicily, Sunday, Nov. 26 (AP)—Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano, erupted late last night, spurring flames which lighted Catania, 20 miles away, and causing panic in villages nearer the scene.

The night sky, angry and red, reflected the glow over miles of eastern Sicily. The eruption came with a series of heavy earthquakes and mushrooming clouds of smoke. Longtime residents of Catania expressed fear the eruption would be the worst of this century. Two molten streams of lava poured down toward half a dozen little villages on the northwestern slope of the 10,741-foot-high mountain. Lava Pours From New Crater The eruption began at 10 P.M. Saturday (4 P.M. E.S.T.). Within an hour the lava appeared from a distance to have poured as far as 2 miles down the mountainside from a huge new crater torn on the northeast side, about 300 feet from the peak. There are some 200 craters clustered near the peak of the mountain.

The nearest village is still 4 or 5 miles beyond the smouldering molten flow. At midnight there were no reports of casualties. The residents fled in panic from their little herds and farming villages on the northwest slope. In Catania, on the southeast side, most of the 250,000 population turned out into the streets watching tongues of flame shoot from the crater. Quiet For Nearly A Year Etna had been relatively quiet since a four-day eruption last December. Fears had been expressed since then that the quiet was only temporary and that the next eruption might be more severe. The volcano has erupted some 80 times in recorded history and many of these times brought staggering death tolls and vast destruction. Earth shocks preceded the eruption last December and for a time the little village of Malletto was threatened, but the lava flow slowed down several miles from the volcano. The flow of lava continued slowly for two days, but except for a few farms, the population suffered little from it.

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CHRISTMAS MAIL SPEEDUP PLEDGED

Postal Economy To Be Sought For Holiday Deliveries

Washington, Nov. 25 (AP)—Despite the 1950 postal service cutbacks, the postman will ring twice, or oftener, during the Christmas season. Jesse M. Donaldson, Postmaster General, ordered last April, including one-day deliveries in city residential and business areas. But he made it clear, in an interview, that when the holidays are over, the service curtailments which he had ordered would be in effect.

According to Donaldson, the idea of the service cuts originated in the Postmaster General, "who refused to give in to the demand that he be needed for the current year's operations. And he indicated that it will take an act of Congress to put the service back where it was. Hiring 300,000 Extra Help For the Christmas season, when the economy plan will be temporarily shelved, the department is already making a start on the hiring of some 300,000 extra temporary employes to assist the regular staff of about 500,000.

"The holiday-mail rush," said the Postmaster General, "will be handled as it has been handled every year. There will be plenty of late window service; parcel-post windows will be kept open on holidays, and we will make as many door deliveries every day as it takes to keep the big volume moving promptly." When the House Appropriations Committee last March directed Donaldson to take "every step possible to save money," and specifically called for fewer home deliveries, the committee said it anticipated "some complaints." The committee was right. There were howls in today's newspapers from postal workers unions and from some segments of the general public. Donaldson said today he believes the protests were largely directed down and that although he opposed the curtailments in the first place, he does not believe they have seriously inconvenienced anyone. For every complaint I received," he said, "I got 100 commendatory letters for the effort to save the Government some money." "Congress is the board of the directors of the postal business. I (Continued on Page 20, Column 5)

Police Captain Is Suspended In Chicago After Testimony

Chicago, Nov. 25 (AP)—Capt. testimony of Harrison before the Senate committee, headed by Senator Kefauver (D., Tenn.). Harrison, who commanded the East Chicago avenue police district told him the loan from Skidmore street honky-tonk area, ended a 29-day voluntary leave of absence today.

Hearing Set For December 6 A hearing on O'Connor's charges against Harrison was set by the Civil Service Commission for 10 A.M. December 6. Senator Kefauver, in reporting Captain Harrison's testimony October 17, said the police official told him the loan from Skidmore street honky-tonk area, ended a 29-day voluntary leave of absence today. Harrison, who commanded the East Chicago avenue police district told him the loan from Skidmore street honky-tonk area, ended a 29-day voluntary leave of absence today. Harrison, who commanded the East Chicago avenue police district told him the loan from Skidmore street honky-tonk area, ended a 29-day voluntary leave of absence today.

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AIRPORTS, RAIL LINES FLOODED IN NEW YORK; OHIO BLIZZARD KILLS 9

Transportation, Business At Standstill In Steel City—20 Dead In New Jersey—Damage Heavy From Virginia To New England

[By the Associated Press] November's weather exploded with hurricane winds, marathon snowstorms and bitter cold yesterday that caused at least 90 deaths.

The deaths came from a variety of causes attributed directly and indirectly to the weather. This is the breakdown by states: New Jersey, 20; Pennsylvania, 13; Michigan, 12; New York, 11; Ohio, 9; Kentucky, 6; Alabama, 5; Illinois, 3; West Virginia, 3; Maryland, 2; South Carolina, 2; Georgia, 2, and Connecticut, 2.

Pittsburgh East Coast

Pittsburgh, Nov. 25 (AP)—The heaviest continuous snowfall in Pittsburgh's history brought transportation and business to a near standstill in this industrial metropolis today. At least eleven deaths resulted in Pittsburgh and two in other western Pennsylvania communities.

City streets and suburban areas were buried under 23 inches of snow. It was much deeper in drifts. The weather bureau told Pittsburghers to expect more snow flurries tonight—and predicted the official depth may go to 25 inches. The record is 26.2 inches which fell in 1925.

The snow kept thousands away from work. A few slogged miles to their jobs in snow above the waist and temperatures that hovered around the 20-degree mark. Buses, Trolleys Halted In most cases it was either walk or stay at home. Nearly all bus, trolley, auto and airline transportation halted. Trains ran hours behind schedule. Further west the worst blizzard in 37 years howled northward across Ohio. In its wake the storm left nine dead and paralyzed traffic, business and industry.

A tough little tugboat, the Whitney, kept the tug from rising in a grim battle with churning Lake Erie. The tug, reported sunk off Toledo harbor, survived 30-minute-an-hour winds and reached port tonight without loss of life. Guard Sent To Cleveland One of its three mud barges broke loose during the passage and bobbed sluggishly off in the snow. The Coast Guard reported a crew of eight was aboard. The storm lashed up the eastern two-thirds of Ohio and western Pennsylvania, with the center along the eastern edge of the lake and in the western counties of Pennsylvania.

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