

Points Agreed On By Negotiators; One Issue Remains

Seoul, Korea, July 18—(AP)—Negotiators for a Norwegian cease-fire have agreed on some points, the army announced tonight. But at least one major issue remains to be ironed out for a "mutually acceptable agenda." Vice Adm. C. Turner Joy, chief United Nations delegate at the Kaesong truce conferences, accepted Communist wording for two agenda items to speed the slow-moving discussions.

A U.N. announcement, issued tonight after the sixth day of negotiations, did not disclose either the points agreed upon or the major stumbling block holding up progress. It said:

"At least one major issue remained unresolvable when the conference recessed for the day." "Agreement on the key point is essential to the successful completion of the first phase of the negotiations." Observers speculated that the key question was whether to discuss withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea. The Communists want this on the agenda. The United Nations negotiators do not.

They are still trying to agree on the scope of a general cease-fire talks. "In order to hasten the conferences to their ultimate goal," the U.N. announcement said, "the United Nations senior delegate (Admiral Joy) accepted two points presented by the Communists on the phrasing of agenda items, after placing on the record the United Nations understanding of their basic intent."

Progress Noted

"Some additional progress" was made at Wednesday's sessions which lasted two hours and 50 minutes, the army said.

The seventh day's meeting was scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday (8 p.m. EST Wednesday).

"Today's meeting moved rather ponderously, as had the previous meetings, due to language difficulties," the army said.

"Since three languages—Chinese, North Korean and English—are used in the conferences, it was necessary for each statement from either side to be translated two times."

"Twice during today's talks, recesses were requested. The first, a two hour recess, was asked by the North Korean-Chinese delegation at 10:51 in order to study in detail a revised agenda which was presented by Admiral Joy at the conclusion of his opening statement of the morning."

The Communists later asked that the noon recess be extended. In the afternoon, the U.N. delegation asked for a 15 minute recess.

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Firemen Receiving Expert Training at School Here

By ALLEN PENGELLY
Battalion News Staff

If your house should suddenly catch fire, you have a better than even chance of having the flames extinguished before serious damage is done, thanks to the use of the modern fire-fighting equipment displayed at the twenty-second annual Firemen's Training School.

Businessmen Told Let Price Cutters Alone

Washington, July 18—(AP)—The Federal Government has bluntly told the business world not to gang up on merchants who move to cut their prices.

Attorney General McGrath made it clear in a statement last night that such price reductions are all to the good in the current inflation so far as the Justice Department is concerned.

He said he is prepared to move promptly and vigorously with criminal prosecutions against those who seek to coerce cut-rate outlets into putting their price-tags up to "agreed" minimum levels.

It was indicated that grand jury action is in the offing in some areas against this type of activity, described by the department as illegal under the Sherman anti-trust act.

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London Taxi Drivers Strike Because of Women's Skirts

London, July 18—(AP)—London's river taxi-men are on strike—partly because they are seeing too much of women. It makes them blush, they say, to have to load female passengers in such a way their skirts hike up around their panties. What's more, it takes their mind off their work.

Some 250 boatmen manning 80 water taxis that ply the Thames between Greenwich and Kew walked out yesterday in a dispute over the working conditions. They claim their working facilities are not suitable.

In fact they are so unsuitable that one boat captain said all the sights of the trade are not confined to the banks of the historic Thames.

"The only way women can get into our boats from some piers is to sit down and slide in," he said. "Their clothes ruck up and it becomes really indecent."

Stock Raisers, Farmers Stand To Lose 75 Millions by Drouth



It was a Texas Aggie get-together when these men assembled in the lobby of headquarters building at Randolph Field recently. They are all Air ROTC graduates from A&M with the exception of Lt. Col. R. B. Boettcher, Jr., class of '38, who was in the cavalry at Aggieldand—joining the Air Force in 1941. All are assigned to Randolph Field. Front row, left to right, Second Lt. John G. Tsessmels, Alice; Herman O. Thompson, Breckenridge; Col. Boettcher, East Bernard; First Lt. Billy N. Nanister, Austin; Second Lt. J. W. Wade, Andice. Back row, Second Lt. Albert Rimmerman, Jr., Rockdale; Arnold F. Schmitz, Houston; Francis A. Vickery, Danbury; J. D. Young, Primavera; W. T. Johnson, Jr., Terrell; William G. Ennon, Orange; Randolph W. Barker, Edcouch; and Donald A. Flanagan, Houston.

Houston, July 18—(AP)—A searing drouth along the Gulf Coast, east and south areas of Texas mean a \$75,000,000 loss to farmers and stock raisers, the agriculture editor of the Houston Chronicle wrote today.

The editor, E. L. Summers, talked with far magents, editors and leaders in widely separated towns and counties in the southern-half of Texas and got his picture.

Loss Depends On Rain

The extent of the full loss depends, of course, on how soon rains come, Summers explained. In some counties, agriculture was given a leeway of only a week or ten days.

Fred Elliott, cotton work specialist at Texas A&M College, told Summers that the cotton crop from Corpus Christi to Waco and in a strip ranging from 100 to 125 miles wide had been generally hard hit by the dry weather. West Texas, however, could expect a good harvest.

Summers' survey showed this picture:

Nueces County—Probably the hardest hit area of Texas. Grady Stiles, farm editor of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, said the cotton crop will be cut from a normal 100,000 bales to 10,000 bales. There is a loss of \$22,000,000, but Stiles added that 80 per cent of the grain sorghams have been played up and pastures have taken a beating. Old timers say it is the worst drouth in the area in 35 years.

Flax Almost Total Loss

Also in South Texas—the normal \$10,000,000 flax crop is practically a total loss.

Upper Gulf Coast in the Houston area—Better condition than the Nueces area. Kermit Dyon, manager of the Briscoe Irrigation Company of Alvin, said the rice crop of Brazoria and Galveston counties was in good condition, with few exceptions. Pastures in Brazoria County were reported terribly dry.

San Augustine—Judge R. N. Strickland said all crops had been damaged fully 25 per cent, but the biggest headache was lack of stock water. He said the watermelon crop in the area was cut in half by the drouth.

Wharton County—Edgar Hudgins, Hungerford rancher, said in some areas of his ranch he was feeding hay, normally fed during the winter. The corn crop will be cut 25 per cent, he said, and there will be 50 per cent less sorghum than in previous years. Cotton, he said, was in pretty good condition.

Junction Freshman Adjunct Opens Second Summer Term

They will know their proper field of studies when they enter college in September. Boys who have been accepted for entrance to A&M are being given a testing and guidance program designed to enable them to choose their proper studies in college, at the permanent summer adjunct near Junction.

The new approach to the problems of preparing boys for college entrance is operated under the supervision of John Bertrand, dean of A&M's Basic Division. The second six-week term got under way July 17.

Academic and aptitude tests are given each boy. Advice, based on these tests is given by trained supervisors, as to the courses he could expect to do his best work.

Physical education, such as swimming, hiking, boxing, baseball and other games, under trained supervisors, are offered.

The total cost is about \$100.

The 411-acre site, on the South Llano river, was given to the college by the citizens of Kibble County through J. S. Farmer. The camp will house 240 students and consists of screened and floored tents, water and sewer system and complete classroom facilities.

The summer camp is also used for hydraulics studies, agricultural research and summer camps in civil engineering, geology and other subjects.

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Defense Director Talks to Kiwanis

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Editors Attend Meeting

Mrs. Dorothy Holland, Francis Arnold and A. B. Kennerly, assistant extension editors and Tad Moses, editor, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station are in Urbana, Illinois, this week attending the annual meeting of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors.

This meeting was held for the first time last year in Texas and is attended by editorial personnel from most of the land grant institutions of the nation. The meeting this year is being held on the campus of the University of Illinois and the program will highlight

problems of common interest among the college agricultural writers.

The delegates from Texas will attend the program sessions that cover their field of work and ideas picked up at the meeting will be used in furthering their work in Texas.

The editorial exhibit entered in the national competition from Texas featured the work that has been done since last October in publicizing the Soils Testing Laboratory which is operated by the Extension Service. An announcement will be made Thursday at Urbana covering the scoring of all exhibits entered.

Yell Practice Honors A&M Prexy

By ERIC HOLLAND JR.
Engineer Camp Correspondent

Fort Belvoir, Va., July 15 (Delayed)—The Texas Aggies at Fort Belvoir were honored this last week by the visit of President M. T. Harrington of A&M to the camp. He arrived with approximately 30 other distinguished educators from colleges throughout the nation.

He came by our barracks just as we had an Aggie Yell Practice going in his honor. While President Harrington was here, he made the tour with us through the Engineer Research Department.

On the map, Fort Belvoir measures about 18 miles south of Washington D. C., so we feel like we are a part of the nation's capital. The Aggie Engineers are completing the last half of their pleasant tour, and the general feeling is "Give us Texas, anytime."

Company D, first Battalion is composed of 43 Aggies and the remainder are from Pennsylvania State. Two men from Yale University also wound up with "Dog" Company. Five cadre officers are connected with our company.

Major Chamberlain, an instructor at Ohio State, is our company commander. Other officers and non-coms with our company are Capt. May, Lt. White, 1st Sgt. Speed, and T/Sgt. Kapaghian. They are all instructors at various northern colleges.



President M. T. Harrington gives a hand to this project at Ft. Belvoir, Va. as he takes part in an inspection tour of troops at the camp who are currently undergoing Summer training there in the Engineer ROTC. Men working on the pontoon bridge are from A&M and Penn State.

Brennan Is Named Transportation CO

Maj. Patrick J. Brennan, of the A&M Military Department, is serving as company commander of Company I for the ROTC Summer Camp, at the Army's Transportation Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

A graduate of Pompey High School, Pompey, New York, Major Brennan received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Niagara University in Niagara, New York.

Ballots Printed For Special City Election

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MSC Craft Shop Sets New Hours

The Crafts Shop located in the basement of the MSC will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening from 7-10 p. m. and Sunday afternoons from 1-5 p. m., according to C. A. Moeller, crafts committee advisor.

Plans, instruction, tools, and materials are available for students interested in clay modeling, ceramics, metal, wood, and leather work, Moeller said.

"All you need to do is come and tell us what you'd like to make, we'll carry it from there," said Moeller. The shop is located on the lower level of the air-conditioned MSC, across from the Barber Shop, he added.

Handicraft Registration Underway

Registration for the second term of handicraft, a single aspect of the College Station Summer Recreational Program, began yesterday in the Arts Room at the A&M Consolidated High School.

Meeting day for the children's classes, eight years and above, have been changed to Monday and Tuesday from 10 a. m. until 12 noon. Ceramics will be featured the second term as in the first term.

Adult classes will continue in ceramics, meeting Monday and Tuesday from 7 p. m. until 9 p. m. Registration fee is \$3 plus a \$2 material fee.

Mrs. J. W. Barger will continue as the instructor for the classes. Information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Barger at 6-1141 or Mrs. Walter Delaplane, 6-2252.

A display of the work done during the first term is on exhibit in the Arts Room at Consolidated. Persons interested in handicraft are invited to see the display and visit the classes, Mrs. Barger said.

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By the way, "Ole Army fire" seems to have followed in all the way here. There have been no less than three "drownouts" since the article was started. Also, there was the annual theft of the Texas flag.

It was stolen at the second week of the camp. So, this last week-end there was a little "game" on the drill field, and several men from C Company of the third battalion came away with bruised bodies—one with a dislocated knee.

We hope that it won't happen again, since we would at least like to have a few men besides Texans leave Summer camp in one piece.

As for Aggie casualties on the job, there have been only two. Gene Urban received a cut on his eyes when someone fell against and crushed his sun glasses. The other was Bob Bradford, who jumped down and hurt a knee with an old football injury.

Since he would lose too much time letting it heal, he had to leave the second week of camp. The only other major injuries seem to be poison ivy which took the toll of several, including your correspondent.

Military honors and dishonors fall thick and fast, since rank is completely rotated each day of camp. Jim Atwell was cadet company commander for the re-

Navy Resumes Cadet Program

The Naval Cadet Program, recently suspended because of its popularity, is being resumed on a limited basis.

Applications are now being accepted at the Navy Recruiting Station located at the Court House in Bryan. Actual enlistment will not begin until Aug. 1.

Candidates for the Naval Cadet Program must have reached their 18th, but not their 27th birthday at the time of joining. They must have completed at least two full academic years toward a degree at an accredited college, university, or junior college.

In addition to meeting the physical requirements for Naval Aviation, applicants must pass aptitude tests to determine fitness for flying, and must not be married and agree to remain unmarried until commissioned.

Bethel Lutheran To Hear Speaker

The Rev. Martin Koehnke of Austin, Texas district director of Christian Education in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will speak at the Bethel Lutheran Church at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday night.

Formerly pastor in Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, San Antonio, the Rev. Koehnke is in charge of the promotion of Christian Education on all age levels in the Church.

Since the Bethel Lutheran Church is considering the organization and opening of a Kindergarten School in the Fall, the membership invited the Rev. Koehnke to speak to them on the subject.

Following the Vesper Service, the speaker will meet with the local Board of Education to discuss the Kindergarten project.

Members of the Bethel Lutheran's Board of Education are Victor Dittfurth, Fritz Schaffer, Fred Wehmeier, C. H. Burkhalter, and Ernest Oltmann.

At the Grove Tonight

Wed., July 18, Skating and Juke Box Dancing—8 p. m.