

Segregation of forces requested

Associated Press
 PANMUNJOM, Korea — North Korea proposed today that its troops and those of the United Nations Command be separated physically in the Panmunjom truce village to prevent clashes like the one in which two American army officers were killed last week.

Maj. Gen. Han Ju-kyong, the chief North Korean delegate to the Korean Military Armistice Commission, proposed that the guards for each side be separated by the military demarcation line running through the center of the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea.

The demarcation line bisects the joint security area at Panmunjom, an area about 850 yards in diameter, and also runs through the center of the main conference room in which the armistice commission meets.

Han proposed that the North Koreans stay north of the line and the Americans and South Koreans stay south of it.

The North Korean general also repeated a message he delivered last Saturday from President Kim Il-Sung terming the fight last Wednesday "regretful" and saying that both sides should make efforts... that such incidents may not recur in the future.

U.S. Rear Adm. Mark P. Frudden, the United Nations Command's senior delegate to the commission, called the proposal

and the accompanying expression of regret "a positive step." But he said it was still "unsatisfactory," and he pressed North Korea to be more specific.

The commission met at U.S. request for the third time since North Korean guards killed the two Americans last Wednesday as they headed a working party of South Koreans and Americans pruning a 40-foot tree in the joint security area. Frudden told the North Koreans the U.N. Command requested the meeting "for one purpose, that our side calls for punishment of those responsible for the murder of the UNC officers."

"Moreover, we insist on assurances that the safety of UNC personnel in the joint security area will be preserved."

It was the first time in the 23-year history of the Korean armistice that the North Koreans publicly expressed regret over an incident involving personnel of the two sides. Kim's message of regret was delivered in private last Saturday at an unannounced meeting of the commission.

Positive step taken

The United States said then that the message was unacceptable because it did not accept responsibility for the killing of the Americans. Washington modified its stand Monday to term it a "positive step," the same words Frudden used today.

South Korean politicians and newspapers on Tuesday accused the United States

of backing down on its firm stand toward North Korea.

Members of President Chung Hee Park's authoritarian government declined official comment. But Seoul seethed with criticism of Washington's statement calling a "positive step" North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung's indirect statement of regret over the bloody tree-pruning dispute in the truce zone.

Kim Yong-Tai, the South Korean ruling party's assembly floor leader, said the United States had shown "lack of firmness" in retreating from what he called an earlier, tough position.

Rallies staged in Seoul and South Korean provincial cities demanded resolute measures against North Korea.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman said yesterday that U.S. B52 bombers have been flying over South Korea daily.

This was the first official confirmation of reports that the giant eight-engine bombers have appeared over the Korean peninsula amid tensions growing out of the slaying of the two U.S. officers.

Pentagon spokesman Alan Woods said the B52s have been conducting bombing practice exercises since Friday and that they have remained "well away from North Korean airspace."

U.S. displays force

Woods did not say how many B52s have been sent over Korea, but other Pentagon

sources reported the daily flight from Guam involved three of the bombers.

He said that, so far as he can determine, this is the first time that the Air Force had exercised its B52s over Korea.

At the same time, Woods reported that the aircraft carrier Midway was conducting exercises at sea well below the 38th parallel separating North and South Korea.

The Midway, carrying 75 aircraft, was ordered into position off South Korea late last week as the United States increases its airpower in the area.

Two squadrons of F4 Phantom jets and F111 fighter-bombers from Okinawa and the United States were also sent to Korea to strengthen U.S. and South Korean military airpower there.

North Korea charged last week that the clash was deliberately provoked by the United States, and today a North Korean broadcast said it was "meticulously prearranged" by the United States.

The Pentagon says an armed U.S. reaction force normally posted about a mile south of the Korean demilitarized zone was too far away to rescue two American officers who were killed by North Korean guards last week.

The disclosure came after Rep. John M. Murphy, D-N.Y., said three Army officers who left Korea recently "were astounded to learn that the U.S. reaction force... did not come to the aid of the victims of the

attack. The reaction force is usually armed with M16 rifles and clubs," Murphy said he was told.

Rules remain unchanged

The Pentagon, meanwhile, said it was standing firm on rules permitting U.S. soldiers inside the truce zone to shoot in self defense only as a last resort and only if a U.S. officer in charge order them to do so.

"These procedures are considered still valid," the Pentagon said when asked about possible changes in the rules.

Some defense officials indicated concern that any loosening of strict rules might increase the danger that even lesser harassments of Americans by North Koreans, such as reported pushing, shoving and spitting incidents, might escalate into serious conflict.

Murphy would not identify the three officers who told him about the reaction force. In a statement prepared for delivery on the House floor Tuesday he said they also told him that U.S. troops who carry unloaded weapons inside the DMZ would be unable to obtain ammunition from a facility "well out of the area" in the event of a "shootout at the site."

In response to questions, the Pentagon said the armed reaction force normally is posted two kilometers south of the truce zone and that the Joint Security Area

where the killings occurred is in the middle of the two-and-a-half-mile DMZ.

Officials calculated that the reaction force would have been about two miles away and could not have seen the Aug. 18 fighting. The officials said the attack lasted only a few minutes and the reaction force could not have reached the scene in time.

The Pentagon did not say under what circumstances the force would react.

"The United Nations command personnel are uniformly trained to use weapons in self defense only as a last resort and then only if directed to do so by a U.S. security officer in charge," the Pentagon said.

In last week's incident, Maj. Arthur C. Bonifas was the officer in charge of a work party attempting to trim a tree in the truce area and he was struck down by North Korean guards apparently before he could give any orders to his men.

Lt. Mark T. Barrett, the other U.S. officer there, also was killed in the melee. Therefore, the Pentagon said, "the suddenness of the attack and the training and discipline of the United Nations command guards themselves combined to preclude the use of sidearms."

The two slain officers, Maj. Arthur Bonifas of Newburgh, N.Y., and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett of Columbia, S.C., were buried Tuesday.

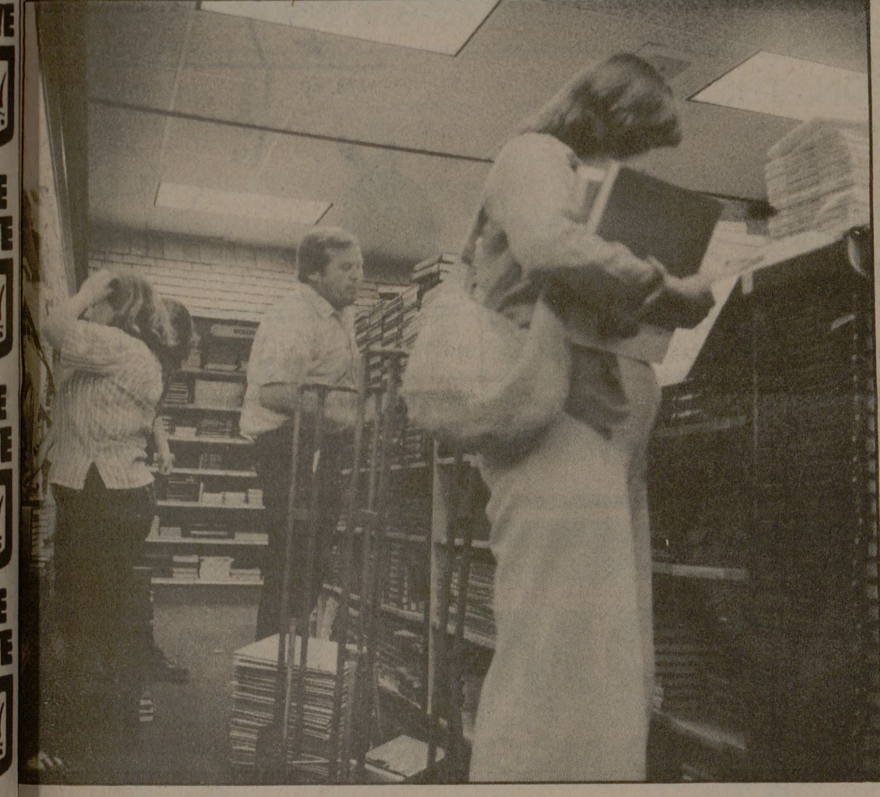
The weather
 Partly cloudy and warm today through Thursday with a slight chance of afternoon and evening showers and thundershowers. High today low 90's, low tonight high 60's, high Thursday near 90. Probability of showers — 20 per cent today, tonight and Thursday.

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Today's issue of The Battalion is composed of 48 pages in 4 sections.

The Battalion editors regret that we incorrectly labeled a picture on Page 1C. C.W. Freeman. The name line should read W. C. Freeman.



Books, books and more...
 Students shift through the stacks at the Texas A&M bookstore. Most were trying to find the proper books without suffering price shock.

Open House previews A&M for new students

New students are going to be reintroduced to Texas A&M University if they attend the Open House August 28 at the University Center.

Open House is held annually to give new students a chance to meet with returning students, the administration and faculty members from their college. Open House is also a recruiting ground for student organizations.

The Open House starts in the lobby of the Rudder Tower, the 11-story structure of the University Center. From there tours of the three-building complex will leave every 15 minutes. The Open House begins

Horticulture becomes department

With the start of the new school year, Texas A&M University will also have a new academic facet with the establishment of the Department of Horticultural Sciences, effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Warren S. Barham will be professor and head of the new department, announced Dean of Agriculture Dr. H. O. Kunkel.

"I am very favorably impressed with the extension service and research program at A&M," said Dr. Barham. "I'm biased but one wouldn't have to be biased to see the quality of A&M and its students. People around the world are acquainted with their research work."

Horticulture has been offered through the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences since 1959. Officials say the demand for graduates in horticulture has expanded rapidly from 59 students five years ago to an estimated fall enrollment of over 500.

The responsibilities of the new department will include the supervision and coordination of experiment station and extension service activities as well as the instructional program. The department will have a research load of over \$400,000 at College Station and program leadership of over \$2 million in research located at centers throughout Texas.

Two degree programs will be offered in

Anti-strikers kill 13 in South Africa

Associated Press
 JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Zulu tribesmen struck back at black militants trying to force compliance with a work boycott, and at least 13 more blacks were reported killed in the Soweto township.

White officials claimed that the effectiveness of the boycott on business and industry in Johannesburg seemed to be weakening Tuesday, the second day of the three-day protest against the white government's racial policies. But the number of commuter trains canceled and informal polls of employers indicated that about 60 per cent of the 250,000 blacks from Soweto who work in Johannesburg have taken part in the strike.

Although government spokesmen tried to minimize the effectiveness of the boycott, it was a remarkable showing considering that South African blacks are not

Carter slams agricultural embargoes

Associated Press
 DES MOINES, Iowa — Jimmy Carter says that if elected president he would never authorize an embargo on foreign shipment of U.S. farm products.

Carter, confident he has a strong chance of winning in President Ford's native Midwest in November, was to appear today at the Iowa State Fair, his last stop on a four-day campaign trip.

Aides said his speech in an outdoor arena

Ford concedes South & New York

Associated Press
 VAIL, Colo. — President Ford privately is conceding the deep South and New York to Democratic rival Jimmy Carter, administration sources say.

The Ford camp feels the former Georgia governor is solidly entrenched in the South, including Texas, but may be vulnerable in Florida, the sources said Tuesday.

They made the assessment after Ford's first post-convention strategy session with

Williams now home

Texas A&M University President Jack K. Williams was dismissed from the Methodist Hospital in Houston late Tuesday and has returned home.

Williams has been in the hospital recovering from surgery he underwent as a result of two heart attacks. Reports issued by the hospital within the past two weeks had become increasingly optimistic, with the announcement Monday describing Williams' condition as "good."

On May 31, while Williams was at Methodist for a series of tests and a period of rest, he suffered his first heart attack. Williams was visiting the hospital because he had been experiencing pains and unusual fatigue during the last months of the spring semester.

Williams was released from the hospital on June 18 with his progress described as "quite satisfactory."

On July 9, Williams suffered the second attack. He was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan. From there he was transported by helicopter to Methodist.

Williams underwent coronary bypass surgery only hours after receiving cardiac surgery July 13. At that time, the presiding physician was "cautiously optimistic" about Williams' condition.

He was on the critical list until August 9, after suffering a relapse the weekend before. Upon his placement on the serious list, Williams was reportedly "alert, comfortable and gaining strength."

A move to a private room followed the announcement on August 11 that Williams was in "fair and stable" condition.

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Under my administration, if I'm elected, there will never be another embargo that singles out farm products," the former Georgia governor said during the meeting with representatives of such groups as the National Farmers Organization, Farmers Union, National Grange, American Farm Bureau and National Corn Growers Association.

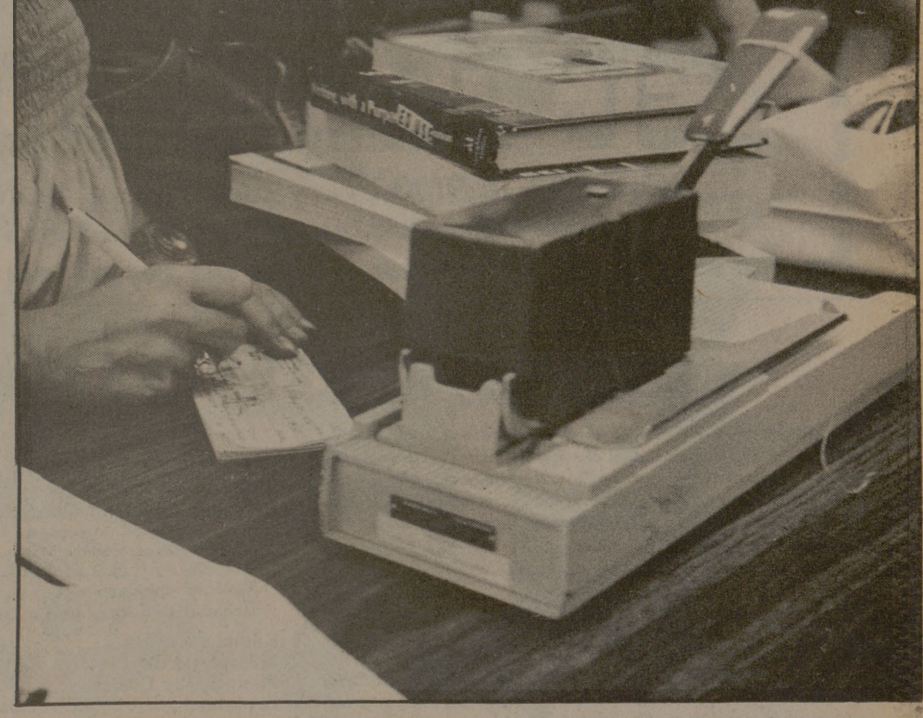
Embargoes on shipments of U.S. grain, particularly last October's embargo on

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feel that it's proper for either side to attempt to play partisan politics or gain partisan advantage from these discussions," Ford said talks with Carter's camp would begin later this week.

The Ford camp apparently feels that an early debate on defense policy would give the President an advantage because Ford dealt with these issues extensively in his successful campaign against GOP challenger Ronald Reagan. Carter, who has suggested a Sept. 28 date for an initial debate, may desire more time for preparation.

At this point, informants said, Ford hopes to limit his active campaigning to the debates and selected appearances before major audiences. This would allow him to maintain a presidential stance throughout the campaign season.



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... books.
 After finally finding the proper texts, the real ordeal begins — trying to pay for them.