

Attorney Frank W. Spong Jr. is a long but expert leader. The News, give credit to Gen. MacArthur's policy for ending the Korean War. Turn to the editorial page, 5-A.

# U.S. and Communist Forces Collide Off Key West

## Army To Slash June Draft Call To 20,000

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army plans to cut its June draft call to 20,000 men and to bring home upwards of 20,000 battle-weary Korean veterans monthly starting in May. It also expects to recall to active service in May and June 15,000 reserve officers to help train an Army estimated to have strength of 1,552,000 on June 30. These plans were disclosed today by the House Appropriations Committee, which heard about them from top Army spokesmen during closed hearings earlier this month on an emergency request for defense funds.

## Rearmament To Get Priority In Britain

LONDON (AP)—Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison pledged today that Britain would set its standard of living before slashing its proposed rearmament program. Morrison's statement, made in a speech here, came as the high command of the British Labor Government crashed a leftwing rebellion over the rearmament program and the party pledged firm support to Prime Minister Aneurin Bevan's statement.

## Harrison Quits Defense Position

WASHINGTON (AP)—W. H. Harrison has resigned as Defense Program Administrator effective May 1, because of "compelling personal reasons." The White House, announcing the resignation today, made public a letter in which Harrison told the telephone, radio and newspaper that he was resigning as president of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.

## Workman's 23 1/2-Hr. Day Raises Congress Eyebrows

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House today approved a bill which would put the construction worker who put in for 23 1/2 hours a day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday after the hour shifts Monday through Thursday.

## OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Thursday. Sunrise, 5:30 A. M.; sunset, 7:40 P. M. Here Weather Data on Page 16-A

**HEAT RETARDS MATURITY**  
Do people in tropical countries mature earlier than those in cooler climates? This has been generally believed for many years, but recent studies by a team of biologists and climatologists indicate the reverse is true. Heat retards growth and maturity of a person for about three years later in the tropics than in temperate climates. But retarded growth caused by extreme heat often makes tropical residents appear to mature than they are. Even "child mothers" of India have been found to average between 18 and 19 years of age, though many lack much youth.

## Craft Late With 34 Passengers Woman's Body Is Recovered

KEY WEST, Fla.—A commercial airliner and a Navy training plane collided and crashed into the ocean a mile off Key West's south beach today. A woman's body was found at the scene. Soon after, Pan-American World Airways reported that a 104-passenger DC-4 plane operated by its affiliated company, Compania Cubana de Aviacion, was en route on a Miami-Havana run with 94 passengers. Capt. William R. Carruthers, acting head of the naval submarine base here, said eyewitnesses on shore told him the Navy plane struck the water 100 yards west of the collision. Carruthers said two bodies identified as Navy men have been recovered and "we are recovering some other bodies that may be brought ashore but have not been identified."

## MacArthur Debate Continues

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican attack today for the bombing of the Chinese base at Manchuria continued as the Senate debated today the use of Chinese Nationalist troops in battle. Not argument over the conflicting views of President Truman and Gen. Douglas MacArthur on how to fight the Korean war hit a new peak in Congress as a Communist offensive smashed at Allied lines some 10,000 miles away.

## Acheson Says U.S. Aid To Chiang For 'Self-Defense'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said today that American military aid to Chinese Nationalists on Formosa is being sent under an agreement that it will be used for "internal security" or "legitimate self-defense." Acheson made public at a news conference an exchange of notes with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Government which lays down that basic policy as to the arms sent to his forces on the Big Island off the China coast.

## Rail Workers Get Pay Hike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Economic Stabilizer John Johnson today approved a six-cent-an-hour wage increase for 1,600,000 railway workers through 1952. The Government's 10 per cent ceiling on pay boosts. Johnson said he agreed with a three-man panel which investigated the case, that special consideration had to be given to the rail workers.

## CASUALTY LIST

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Defense Dept. today identified 103 additional casualties in Korea. A new list (No. 285) reported 14 killed, 74 wounded, three missing in action and 12 injured in accidents. He said that under the Railway Labor Act, it takes longer for men to win new contract objectives. The six cents was due under a new contract the workers signed March 1. The contract, negotiated at the White House, gave them an increase of 12 1/2 cents on March 1. The six cents additional increase was to be paid on three and one-half cents more than was automatically allowable under the Government's wage stabilization program. The railroad workers affected were the so-called "non-operating" workers—clerks, mechanics and others who do not operate trains. They were to be paid through the ceiling formula for the first time, said similar increases also could be allowed for certain workers not directly involved in the case—like employees of the Pullman Co. and Railway Express Co., plus railroad officers not union railroad employees.

**CIO Leader Murry Set Seriously Ill**  
PITTSBURGH (AP)—Philip Murry, 64-year-old head of the CIO and of the United Steel workers, is reported seriously ill. His office said he was hospitalized Sunday night with acute inflammation of the pancreas after a trip to Youngstown, O.

## NEW SCAP AND AIDES

Lt. Gen. Matthew Ridgway (center) poses for first photographs in his Doi Ich'i Building office. The new Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces is flanked by his aide, Lt. Col. Walter Winston Jr. of Carmel, Calif., and his public relations officer, Lt. Col. James Quirk of Philadelphia. (Acme Telephoto).

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## Confidence of Victory

He expressed confidence the battle would be won by the Allies' "enormous superiority in fire power and all types of weapons, in fact a tremendous superiority in everything except numbers."

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## Tanks' Drive Stalled On Other Fronts

TOKYO (AP)—Allied tanks and troops in savage counterattacks today slaughtered Chinese Communists on the critical central front, but a United Nations withdrawal was made north of Seoul. A field dispatch said two columns of tanks, supported by troops riding in armored half-tracks, killed an estimated 170 Reds in the central front counter-blows north of Kaopyong. Kaopyong itself is 30 miles northeast of Seoul on one of the main roads to the old capital.

## AP Chief In Prague Missing

LONDON (AP)—William N. Oatis, Associated Press chief of bureau at Prague, has been missing since Monday and efforts to trace him have been fruitless so far. The United States embassy at Prague said the London office of the Associated Press by phone today that it had asked the Czech Foreign Office to help locate him. Oatis, 36, is from Marion, Ind. He was first employed by the AP in 1934 and after working in the Indianapolis, New York and London offices, went to Prague last June.

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