

Drawn for Juries
The names of 84 Clinton County residents were drawn yesterday for grand and trial jury duty as the term of fall Supreme Court nears. Story on Page 3.

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Friday fair and warmer.

Russia Asks for U. N. Commission to Settle Korean Question

Furious See-Saw Battle Raging For Sniper Ridge; Fury Reflected In New U. S. Report On Casualties

SEOUL, (Thursday), (AP)—A furious, see-saw battle raged today for control of Sniper Ridge on the Korean Central Front—with the Chinese reaching the bloody crest through tunnels.

A frontline report at 7:30 a. m. said Allied troops were holding three-fourths of the pinnacle-Pinpoint Hill.

An estimated 1,000 freshened Reds joined the continuing battle after rebuilding a tunnel system leading to the hill from The Yoke Y-shaped terrain to the north of Sniper Ridge.

Allied forces once had blasted the caves and tunnels closed—during their comparatively brief tenure on the ridge—but were forced off before they could complete destruction.

Wednesday's fighting raged at hand grenade range. It continued throughout the night, the wild battle obscured by darkness and smoke. Big guns on both sides poured in thousands of rounds of artillery and mortar fire. It was the 17th day of battle for the strategic ridge.

On nearby Triangle Hill action fell off shortly after midnight when two Chinese companies broke contact.

The battle for Sniper Ridge was the longest and most furious action since the struggle for Heartbreak Ridge on the Eastern Front last autumn.

The Chinese reinforcements were streaming down from Papa-san Mountain, a great mass which rises 3,500 feet above the valley floor and overlooks both Triangle Hill and Sniper Ridge.

The fury of battle was reflected in new U. S. Defense Department casualty reports, which ran heavy for the second week in a row. Washington reported the weekly toll at 1,278 killed, missing and wounded.

This brought U. S. casualties for the war to 123,395. The week's losses included 93 killed in action.

This brought total killed to 19,287.

The cannonading was tremendous. Both sides fired thousands of rounds as the infantry maneuvered on this battlefield north of Kumhwa, eastern base of the Reds' old Iron Triangle massing ground.

Allied troops dug Chinese from the crest of Sniper Ridge—Pinpoint Hill—with the bayonet Wednesday morning, then chased the survivors down the northern slope.

The Chinese refused to quit. Under the light of flares, they could be seen moving up in the valleys from Papa-san and climbing back up the slopes of the ridge.

Dairymen Take No Action on Association Plan

FRANKLINVILLE, (P)—A hundred and fifty dairy farmers from southwestern New York and neighboring Pennsylvania yesterday heard the Eastern Milk Producers Co-operative Association's plan to seek higher milk prices, but took no action on it.

The meeting was the last of a series of three held by the association in New York metropolitan milk marketing area.

But it differed from the others, Monday night in Utica and last night in Montrose, Pa., in that no resolution demanding changes in federal milk price order even was introduced.

The dairymen listened to the association's stand as presented by a panel of economists retained by the association, talked it over informally, then adjourned.

The association's position is that the prices paid to producers in the metropolitan area have not kept pace with rising costs.

Convicts at Parley

CHESTER, Ill., (P)—Rebelling convicts at Menard State Prison considered last night freeing their last seven hostages on the promise of a public airing of their grievances before Acting Gov. Sherwood Dixon.

Country Having Worst Forest Fires in Years

(By The Associated Press)
Fire fighters—some getting an assist from the weather—gained a little ground Wednesday in their battle against the worst forest and brush fires in years in the eastern half of the nation.

Light snow fell from the Great Lakes area eastward into New England and a cold snap laid a coat of frost on powder-dry brush and forests in the central areas of the nation.

This scanty moisture eased the threat of new fire outbreaks as reports from several states showed that fire fighters are getting the upper hand on blazes still raging.

In hard-hit Arkansas, state forester Fred Lang said 130 fires that burned out 19,176 acres of timber and fields were extinguished Tuesday. Barring rising winds, he predicted the major fire still raging in Southern Arkansas would be controlled soon.

As much as four inches of snow fell in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Western Maine. The storm felled some telephone wires, interrupting toll service. Some two inches of snow fell in West Virginia.

Fire fighters also reported improvement in conditions in Southern Illinois. A week-long blaze that scorched 7,000 acres of fields and woodlands was brought under control in Jersey County.

The Chicago Weather Bureau reported no early rain or snow is in sight for the central and southern sections of the nation.

A spokesman said a persistent high pressure ridge over the Rockies was responsible for two months of drought in this area.

This ridge is causing a westerly flow of wind which prevents the moist air from the Gulf from flowing northward. As a result the air has become extremely dry in much of the eastern half of the country, drying out leaves, bushes and grasses.

This stationary ridge must move either eastward or westward to change the weather pattern, the spokesman said.

Few Issues Active In Narrow Stock Market

NEW YORK, (P)—A few moderately wide movers stood out by contrast yesterday in a narrow stock market.

Any price that changed as much as a point was unusual, and many leading issues spent most of the day unchanged.

Staples and motors were favored areas along with utilities, railroads presented a ragged front, mostly lower, as did chemicals and oils.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks lost 1 cent, the second straight loss after three successive gains, and stood at \$104.80.

Weather Fair Tuesday

WASHINGTON, (P)—What's the weather outlook for election day? Fair and mild over most of the country, the U. S. Weather Bureau said yesterday.

Former Comrade Testifies Provoov Welcomed Japs With Oriental Bow

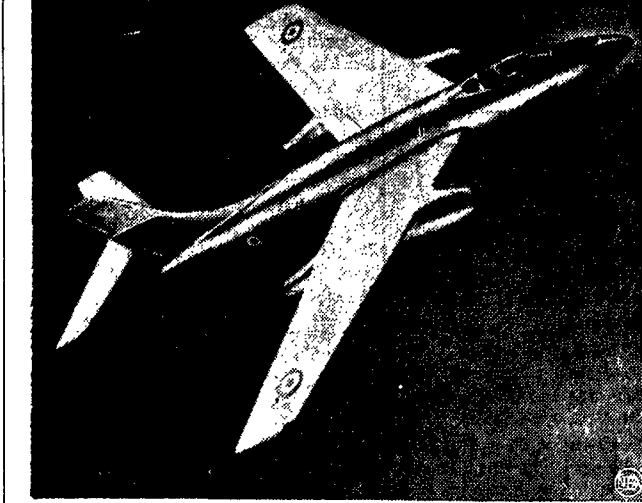
NEW YORK, (P)—A former comrade-in-arms yesterday backed the government's claim and said ex-Sgt. John D. Provoov met the Japanese conquerors of Corregidor with a low, Oriental bow of welcome.

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"He spoke in Japanese, saying he was a Buddhist priest, that he spoke the Japanese language and would like to be of service to them."

Sakakida—a Purple Heart veteran with a chestful of ribbons—solemnly demonstrated to a jury of seven women and five men how



FRANCE'S ENTRY IN SUPERSONIC RACE—Powered by two French 'Atar' jet engines, the 'Vulture,' above, is the latest thing in French jet plane design. The two-place, swept-wing interceptor is expected to reach supersonic speeds, and no details of its performance are yet available. This is the first official photo of the new craft.

Drop in Farm Prices

Raises Political Questions Concerning Effect, If Any On Farm Vote Tuesday

WASHINGTON, (AP)—An official report that farm prices have dropped 4.4 per cent during the past two months raised political questions yesterday.

This was the big one: What effect, if any, will the drop have on the farm vote next Tuesday?

In its monthly report on the economic status of farmers, the Agriculture Department said the general level of prices received by them in mid-October was 2 per cent lower than a month earlier. The level had declined about 2.4 per cent in the previous four-week period.

A similar decline in prices before the presidential election four years ago played a vital role in the outcome of that contest. President Truman won an upset victory over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, largely on the basis of a strong Midwestern farm vote.

In the 1948 campaign, Democrats blamed the Republican-controlled 80th Congress for the price declines. They said Congress had passed legislation that greatly handicapped government efforts to support farm prices.

This year no effort is being made by the Democrats to blame the Republicans for the recent setbacks. The legislation they criticized in 1948 has long since been repealed.

Republicans, on the other hand, have pointed to price declines as evidence that farmers are losing ground under the Fair Deal.

The price declines have centered largely on products produced by Midwestern farmers—the same products who were credited with the big assist in Truman's 1948 victory. Those products include corn, hogs, cattle, sheep, soybeans, flaxseed and chickens.

Prices of hogs, a major farm item in such politically important states as Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Ohio, have dropped more than \$2 a hundred pounds, or about 10 per cent in 60 days.

By comparison, farm prices are about 5 per cent higher than they were at this time four years ago.

On the other hand, prices paid by farmers for materials, goods and services used in production and in family living have advanced nearly 15 per cent since then.

Man Robbed Of \$2,300 Left Tied Up In Barn

NORTH TONAWANDA, (P)—State Police quoted a local businessman yesterday as saying two men he described as Puerto Ricans had robbed him of \$2,300 and suspended him with ropes tied to his neck and ankles in an old barn near here.

Sgt. John J. Chambers of the State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation said the man, John D. Duszkiewicz 49, claimed he got the money by selling some industrial machinery to an unidentified Pennsylvania man.

Duszkiewicz was found suspended in the barn Monday by a State Highway Department employee who heard him moaning. He was taken to Memorial Hospital in Niagara Falls, but his condition was not believed serious.

4-H Club Members Win In Annual Program

ITHACA, (P)—Thirty-one 4-H Club members yesterday were named state winners in the annual club program.

They were selected from among the more than 50,000 4-H members in the state on the basis of individual project achievements and of contributions as club members.

Area Physicians Plan Plattsburgh Session Nov. 5

Physicians from nine New York counties will gather at the Physicians Hospital, Wednesday, Nov. 5, to attend the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Fourth District Branch of the Medical Society of the State of New York.

Dr. William E. Gazeley, of Schenectady, president of the Branch, will preside over the meeting, which will bring together doctors from Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga, Schoenectady, Warren and Washington counties.

Registration of officers, delegates and planning committee will take place at 10:30 a. m. with a meeting of those officers following. Registration for the clinical session will start at 12:30 p. m.

The afternoon session will open at 1 o'clock with a business meeting of the Northeastern New York Diabetes Association which will be followed by two papers, "A Twenty-Year Study of Diabetic Pregnancies" by Harold L. Grice, MD, and associates, Ellis Hospital, Schenectady; and "The Diabetic and His Disease" by Walter deM. Scrivner, M.D.M.C. Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal.

At 2 p. m. Dr. John C. McClintock, of Albany, member of the Council Committee on Public Relations of the Medical Society of the State of New York, will discuss "County Society Public Relations."

Following Dr. McClintock will be a general session opening with a paper on "The Adrenal Hormones and Their Meaning in Disease," by John Beck, M.D.M.C. Research Fellow, University Clinic, Royal Victoria Hospital. This will be followed by a discussion of the paper by Doctors Louis Lowenstein, Louis G. Johnson and J. Gordon Petrie, all of the Royal Victoria Hospital. The second part of the session will consist of a clinicopathologic conference conducted by Walter deM. Scrivner, and Douglas Waugh, M.D.M.C. associate professor of pathology, McGill University, Montreal.

Dr. Edward T. Wentworth, of Rochester, president of the Medical Society of the State of New York, will be the principal speaker at the dinner which will begin at 6:30 p. m.

A brief address will also be made by Mrs. Harry I. Norton, of Rochester, president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Medical Society. Wives of the doctors attending the meeting will join them at the dinner, after attending the luncheon and fashion show arranged for them.

Dinner will be followed by a business meeting and the election of officers.

Officers of the state medical society will be introduced, together with presidents of the county medical societies of the Fourth District Branch. These are:

Clinton, Dr. Eric D. Pearson of Plattsburgh; Essex, Dr. George G. Hart of Lake Placid; Franklin, Dr. William A. Gasper of Malone; Fulton, Dr. Kumjian Durand of Northville; Montgomery, Dr. George Ferguson of Amsterdam; Saratoga,

Dr. Malcolm J. Magovern of Saratoga; Schoenectady, Dr. Isaac Shapiro of Schoenectady; Warren, Dr. Stanley L. Edmunds of Glens Falls; and Washington, Dr. Philip Harff of Cambridge.

Officers of the Fourth District Branch in addition to Dr. Gazeley, president, are: First Vice-President, Dr. J. Frederick Sarno of Johnstown; Second Vice-President, Dr. Alfred A. Hartmann of Malone; Secretary, Dr. Walter B. McClellan of Saratoga Springs; and Treasurer, Dr. Legrand J. Schiff of Plattsburgh.

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Commission Grants U. S. and Canada Permission to Build Power Project

WASHINGTON, (P)—A great international power project on the St. Lawrence River moved a big step nearer reality yesterday.

The International Joint Commission, which regulates use of boundary waters between the United States and Canada, gave to the governments of both countries its permission to construct the necessary works.

All that remains to be done now before actual construction gets underway is for either Congress or the Federal Power Commission to designate the U. S. partner in the estimated 400 million dollar development.

The Canadian government has named the Ontario Hydroelectric Commission as the Canadian Associate in the venture which, engineers estimate, will yield more

Vishinsky Says Acheson 'Distorted' Position of Soviet in Peace Talks

UNITED NATIONS, (AP)—Andrei Y. Vishinsky called on the U. N. Assembly last night to create a commission, on which Russia would serve, to settle peacefully the Korean question and supervise the unification of Korea.

The Soviet foreign minister angrily lashed at Secretary of State Dean Acheson in a 3 hour and 39 minute speech to the U. N. Political Committee. At one point he said sarcastically he was glad the U. S. "was having its elections because the campaign made Acheson come to the committee."

Vishinsky insisted repeatedly that prisoners of war in Korea must be repatriated forthwith upon cessation of hostilities. He ridiculed Acheson's stand that prisoners who did not want to go home should not be forced to do so.

Acheson, who sat listening stonily during Vishinsky's entire speech, told newsmen that it contained "nothing we haven't heard a thousand times before at Panmunjom and here."

"Mr. Vishinsky still argues that we must send prisoners home at the point of a bayonet, which, of course, we have no intention of doing," Acheson added. Acheson ignored Vishinsky's comments on the election.

Vishinsky opened his long speech with an attack on Acheson's allegedly "distorting" the Russian position and the stand of the Communists at Panmunjom.

He replied at length to Acheson's statement that the Russians had on 17 separate occasions, by treaty or agreement, recognized the principle that no prisoner should be forced to return to his country against his will. Vishinsky said the Hague Convention of 1949 and the Geneva Convention stipulated that all prisoners must be repatriated immediately on cessation of hostilities and said the U. N. had no choice in the matter.

He accused the United States of "brutalities" in the Kojiki Island prison camp riots. He attacked the government of the Republic of Korea, in South Korea, and assailed President Syngman Rhee.

His remarks so infuriated the foreign minister of the Korean Republic that he demanded the right to reply immediately but he was persuaded to wait.

The Soviet foreign minister endorsed the package proposal put up by the Polish foreign minister which also would permit strategy not now taking part in the war to have a hand in the settlement. The Polish resolution also calls for the immediate cessation of military operations, the return of all prisoners of war to their homeland, and the withdrawal from Korea of foreign troops, including the Chinese "volunteer units" within a period of from two to three months after the end of hostilities.

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Price Ceilings Off On Lamb and Mutton

WASHINGTON, (P)—The government yesterday suspended all wholesale ceiling prices on lamb, yearling and mutton.

The Office of Price Stabilization OPS said these products are selling considerably below wholesale dollars and cents ceilings. The agency said retail ceilings are not being suspended but noted that the prices to consumers have followed the decline at wholesale.

Retailers still will be required to recalculate their ceilings by applying their mark-ups to the changes in their wholesale costs.

Policemen Suspended

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., (P)—This city yesterday suspended with pay its police chief and six policemen who figured in a federal grand jury report condemning vice, law enforcement and mistreatment of soldiers.

The report, which was filed last week, accused the police chief and six policemen of various offenses, including the mistreatment of soldiers.