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CONNIE DWINDLES TO GALE, HEADS FOR NEW YORK STATE

RHEE REMOVES DEADLINE ON TRUCE ENVOYS

South Korean President Acts At Request of U. S. Spokesman

HITS VIOLENCE

Plea Follows Three Attacks on Supervisory Commission

SEOUL, Aug. 13—(AP) President Syngman Rhee tonight lifted the midnight deadline of his ultimatum demand for neutral nations truce supervisors to get out of Korea. He advised against violent demonstrations.

Rhee said he acted on assurance from Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson that the U. S. government "will make efforts soon" to seek peaceful withdrawal of the four-nation truce commission.

He said Robertson gave the assurance in a letter.

Calls For 'Patience'

"Our people at this time should be patient about everything," Rhee said in a statement.

"We might be misunderstood if the demonstrations continued until all the members of the Neutral Nations Supervisory commission leave Korea."

Rhee's statement, broadcast in Korea two hours before the midnight deadline, was released by the government Office of Public Information.

It followed three mob assults on the Wolmi island truce team compound in Inchon harbor. The last two attacks were stopped at a sandbag barricade thrown across a causeway linking the Wolmo to the mainland.

U. S. Guards, reinforced by police dogs, drove back the demonstrators with smoke grenades, tear gas and high pressure water hoses.

Rhee, charging Polish and Czech members of the commission are communist spies, had demanded that they leave by midnight.

Yanks Injured

Riotous Korean demonstrations and assaults on truce team compounds in the past week have injured 22 U. S. soldiers and about 150 Koreans.

A screaming mob of 3,000 Koreans assaulted the gates of a truce team compound at Kangnung on the east coast yesterday. One Korean was wounded as U. S. troops

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OFFICIAL WEATHER

(Data from U.S. Weather Bureau)

BRIDGEPORT AND VICINITY—Gale winds today with rain. Temperatures holding at the mid-70s. Strong east-southeasterly winds increasing to 40 to 50 miles per hour with gusts to 60 mph this afternoon. Winds will slowly back to southerly this evening with little change in strength. Tides around four feet above normal are predicted for the high tide at 8:10 p.m. together with continued high waves. Tonight gale winds diminishing and becoming southwest 25 mph during the night with occasional rain. Tomorrow partly cloudy, temperatures still in the 70s and southwesterly winds 15 to 30 mph. Southeast storm warnings are posted.

NEW YORK CITY—Southeasterly winds 45 to 55 mph, shifting to southwesterly during the afternoon and diminishing. Moderate to heavy rains followed by clearing late in the day. Clear tonight and Sunday.

LONG ISLAND SOUND—Storm warnings are displayed for southeasterly winds 45-55 mph with gusts to 65 mph, shifting to southwesterly during the afternoon and diminishing. Moderate to fresh southwesterly winds tonight becoming mostly moderate westerly on Sunday. Visibility fair, becoming good tonight. High seas and breakers, with tides running four to six feet above normal.

TEMPERATURE

Low today	70
Highest yesterday	73
Lowest yesterday	68
Highest (Year ago yesterday)	76
Lowest (Year ago yesterday)	58
Water temperature, 8 a.m. (Pleasure Beach)	73

PRECIPITATION

Today (12 hours to 8 a.m.)	0.69
For month	4.43
1955 to date	18.96
Barometer (11 a.m. reading)	29.82
Humidity (11 a.m. reading)	92%

SUN, MOON, STARS
Saturday, August 13

Two hundred twenty-fifth day of the year. Fifty-third day of Summer. Sun sets at 7:55 p.m. and rises at 6 a.m. tomorrow. Moon rises Sunday at 2:12 a.m. New moon Aug. 17.

Prominent star: Arcturus (in the west at 10:01 p.m., will set at 12:22 a.m. tomorrow. Above it is the constellation, Corona Borealis, whose brighter stars form a letter "C" in the sky).

THE TIDE

Today		Tomorrow
7:43 a.m.	High	8:48 a.m.
8:10 p.m.		9:13 p.m.
1:31 p.m.	Low	2:37 a.m.
1:48 p.m.		2:54 p.m.

Schmidt Leaves to See Wife

Airman 2/c Daniel Schmidt, left, of Redding, Calif., dressed in civvies, leaves Travis Air Force base, Calif., terminal building to motor to Nevada City, Calif., to meet his wife, Una. Accompanying the freed flier is J. C. Burnell who is driving Schmidt to Nevada City. Schmidt's wife said she married Alford Fine in the belief her soldier husband had died in Korea. Burnell is an American Red Cross representative. (Story on Page Four) AP Wirephoto

Schooner Sinks, 10 Dead, 4 Missing, 13 Rescued

NORTH BEACH, Md., Aug. 13—(AP) An ancient schooner off on a pleasure cruise was pounded to pieces in the storm-lashed Chesapeake Bay, leaving 10 dead and four missing today.

Thirteen others were dramatically rescued yesterday by firemen, police, National Guardsmen and civilian volunteers who poured into this beach resort 30 miles south-east of Washington, D. C.

Six of these 13 were rescued by two men who went down to the beach "to see if we could lend a hand" and stayed to ferry them two at a time in a 14-foot skiff through waves as high as a man.

There was nothing left of the boat, the Levin J. Marvel out of Annapolis, Md., except a fragment of her cabin and debris which littered the spongy sand.

"I didn't see a bit of wreckage bigger than a door," said one policeman. "She must have taken a terrific beating."

The 10 dead included six men, three women and a nine-year-old girl. Most of them were from New York. Eight bodies were taken to Baltimore, two to Annapolis.

Tells Story

The 13 survivors included John Mechling, 38-year-old skipper of the Marvel, and his three children, all of Annapolis. One of them, Stephen Morton, a 17-year-old high school senior, gave reporters a graphic account of the tragedy.

He said the 64-year-old Marvel, a 126-foot three-masted barge-like vessel called a ram, left the Chesapeake's eastern shore Thursday. She had been out since Monday on a tour of historic ports in the bay.

The idea, he said, was to reach Annapolis on the western side before Hurricane Connie struck. But a lot of things went wrong—winds, the water pump, the auxiliary motor.

"The water started coming over the deck....quicker than we could pump it out," he said, and then: "A big wave came along and laid the boat on its side."

With the Marvel breaking up fast off North Beach, Morton and five others, all lashed together, made it to a duck blind a mile downwind and 200 yards offshore.

It was there they were spotted through the wind-driven rain by the two men who had come to help—William McWilliams, 28-year-old North Beach fireman, and George Kellum, 31-year-old construction worker.

The two said they made three

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PLAN IS REVISED FOR NEW GARAGE

'Pigeon Hole' Parking Proposal on Elm St. Changed to Meet Fire Laws

The proposal to build a 260-car "pigeon hole" parking garage on Elm street, balked in July by objections of one nearby property owner, has been revived.

New plans are being drawn which will permit construction of the six-story $350,000 structure within requirements of the city's building code.

Original plans called for a steel framework for the structure, and this failed to meet the requirement that steelwork in buildings in the downtown area must be encased in fireproof material.

Vernon C. Behn, secretary of the Barnum Pigeon Hole Parking Garage, Inc., which proposes to erect the structure, said today that the revised plans call for the building to be of reinforced concrete. Only the formality of a waiver of set-back requirements will be needed before work may be authorized.

When the "pigeon hole" parking garage first was proposed special approval of the Common council was obtained but the city demanded, because the steel building did not conform to the fire laws, that owners of property within 200 feet of the site approve the project individually.

Erection of the garage was opposed by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Herskowitz, 157 Golden Hill street, owners of the Professional Pharmacy which adjoins the property upon which the garage will be built.

Since the change in construction plans will make the building con-

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Today's Chuckle

The man was facing trial and possible imprisonment. "I know the evidence is against me," he told his lawyer, "but I've got $30,000 in cash to fight this case."

"You'll never go to prison with that amount of money," the lawyer assured him.

He didn't. He went there broke.

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Inspector to Make East Side Check For Violations of City Sign Law

City Building Inspector William H. Poncleit said today his campaign for enforcement of the projecting sign ordinance will be concentrated next week on East Side business areas.

He reported virtually full compliance with the ordinance in the main downtown district. The measure prohibits signs that project more than a foot over the sidewalk, although signs on marquees of theaters, hotels and public buildings are permitted.

Mr. Poncleit said his immediate attention will be devoted to non-conforming signs on East Main street, where, he indicated, a number of violations are evident.

After that, he said, he will survey side streets in the East Side business sections.

He reported that in general, compliance with the ordinance has been satisfactory, and in most cases owners of signs still not conforming to the law have made arrangements to remove or alter them.

Violators are subject to a fine of up to $100 a day for each day a non-conforming sign remains on display. So far, no arrests have been made.

REDS TO SLASH ARMED FORCES IN 'PEACE' STEP

Soviets Say They Will Cut Military's Size By 640,000 Troops

CONFIDENCE GOAL

Cite Easing of World Tension As Reason For Reduction

MOSCOW, Aug. 13—(AP) Citing a "certain reduction of tension in international relations," the Soviet Union said today it will cut its armed forces by 640,000 men by Dec. 15.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said the government decided on a reduction as a further step to lessen international tension and establish confidence among nations.

The number of men in Russia's armed forces has never been disclosed officially. Estimates put the totals at 2,800,000 in the army and 75,00,000 in the navy.

Tension Relaxed

The Soviet announcement said: "Recent developments, in particular the results of the Geneva conference, showed that a certain relaxation of international tension has been achieved.

"With a view to promoting the relaxation of international tension and establishing confidence among the nations, the Soviet government has decided to reduce the armed forces of the Soviet Union by 640,000 men by 15th of December, 1955.

"The effectives to be demobilized from the army and navy will be assured of employment at industrial establishments and on state and collective farms in their places of residence."

Russia announced two weeks ago it armed forces would be cut by 44,000 men—the number of troops being withdrawn from Australia under the terms of the Austria independence treaty. Russia said the Soviet troops would be out of Austria by Oct. 1, about a month ahead of the treaty withdrawal deadline.

At the Big Four summit conference in Geneva, the Soviets proposed that the United States, Britain and Russia all cut their armed forces by the number of troops to be withdrawn from Austria.

The United States has been making a progressive cut in its armed forces since a peak of 3,685,054 was reached in April, 1952, during the Korean war. The total on June 30, 1955, was 2,936,003. The goal under the administration's program for a cutback is 2,850,000 by June 30, 1956.

A North Atlantic Treaty organization report last Jan. 1, estimated that the Soviet Union and its Eastern European satellites had more than six million men under arms.

Britain Urges Totals Be Published

LONDON, Aug. 13—(AP) Britain today urged the Soviet Union to publish figures on the size of her armed forces to help safeguard world peace.

Russia announced today she will cut her armed forces by 640,000 men by Dec. 15.

The Soviet Union has never officially announced the number of men it has under arms.

The British Foreign Office urged that the Russians publish the totals as it gave a cautious welcome to the Soviet announcement.

A Foreign Office spokesman said it is difficult to assess the significance of the move without an official announcement of the size of the armed forces.

He told reporters publication of such figures by Russia, as the West has done, would represent a "safeguard to peace."

Western Europe generally welcomed the Soviet announcement as a step in the right direction.

MANAGER RETIRES AT SEARS STORE

Raymond Hargraves to End Duties Aug. 31, Plans Ocean Cruise

Raymond Hargraves, manager of the Sears Roebuck and Company store, 172 Fairfield avenue, at a meeting today of store employes, announced that he will retire effective Aug. 31. Mr. Hargraves has been in charge of the Bridgeport store 24 years.

Immediately after his retirement, Mr. Hargraves, of 176 Lawrence street, said he plans to sail Sept. 9 on a 35-day vacation trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. He will return home Oct. 17 or 18.

Mr. Hargraves, 61, leaves his job under the company policy which permits retirement after age 60 and requires it by age 65.

Served in War

A native of Providence, R. I., Mr. Hargraves came to Bridgeport at the end of World War I in which he served with the 304th Infantry,

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STORM AIMS BLOW TOWARD INLAND AREA

At Least 26 Dead, Damage In Millions From Hurricane

BEACHES HIT

Warnings Lowered From Delaware Breakwater to Eastport, Maine

BALTIMORE, Aug. 13—(AP) Connie, once a hurricane but now more of a gale, advanced steadily northward up Chesapeake bay this morning, headed for Pennsylvania and central New York State.

The Washington Weather bureau's 9 a.m. advisory said the remains of Connie were located a short distance southwest of Baltimore and moving north northwest at 17 miles an hour.

Hurricane warnings have been lowered from the Delaware breakwater north to Eastport, Me. but storm warnings continued to fly.

Four Missing

Connie had already contributed directly or indirectly to 26 known deaths, and damage was in the millions of dollars. Four other persons were missing and presumed dead.

Ironically, she became more gentle as she neared the scene of her worst havoc, off Calvert county, Maryland. There, the sailing schooner Levin J. Marvell capsized with 27 persons aboard in the heavy seas that preceded Connie's arrival.

Ten died and four more were missing and presumed dead.

At Philadelphia, the latest word from the U. S. Weather bureau was that the center of the storm should pass between Harrisburg and Philadelphia sometime between 10 a.m. and noon.

Winds at 7 a.m. were 22-28 miles per hour in Philadelphia and increasing steadily.

Connie has been moving in a general northerly direction up the Chesapeake at about 17 miles per hour since about midnight.

Waves Kicked Up

At Ocean City, Md., the weakening storm was still kicking up waves with 30 miles per hour winds, but the Coast Guard officer in charge said tides rose only about 2½ feet above normal.

In New Jersey, winds up to 60 miles an hour lashed the coast this morning, and residents were evacuated from some exposed areas. Even before the storm arrived, Connie accounted for five acci-

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STRIKE AVERTED BY AUTO WORKERS

American Motors, CIO Agree to Extend Contract Until September

DETROIT, Aug. 13—(AP) American Motors corporation and the CIO United Auto Workers agreed today to extend their contract until Sept. 1, averting a strike of 24,000 workers scheduled for midnight last night.

Negotiations on a new pact were recessed until Aug. 30. They will resume in Detroit.

Leonard Woodcock, UAW vice president who heads the union's American Motors department, said the UAW requested the recess to accommodate AMC workers who will be on vacation during the next few weeks while the company closes its plants after yesterday's shifts for a four-week layoff.

"Most of the workers have made their vacation plans and many would feel morally obligated to walk the picket lines instead of going on vacation if we called a strike at this point," Woodcock said.

Four Major Issues

Woodcock said four major issues still were unsettled—those involving wages, pensions, holidays and insurance benefits.

Local issues, he said, had been "tentatively" settled at all plants except those at Grand Rapids, Mich., and Milwaukee. AMC also has plants in Detroit, Kenosha, Wis., and El Segundo, Calif.

The UAW had strike authorization from 96 per cent of its AMC members but the midnight strike deadline, when the old pact expired, slipped past with no indications of picket line activity at any of the eight plants.

The company has offered to settle for a modified pattern of economic benefits gained by the UAW from Ford and General Motors last June. The Ford and GM settlements

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Storm Swings West of New England

The tropical storm Connie, still unpredictable, today has swung from a northeasterly direction and is moving towards the north northwest at 17 miles an hour. Passing west of Baltimore, it is heading for central Pennsylvania and New York state. AP Wirephoto Map

Foot of Rain Floods New York City Streets

NEW YORK, Aug. 13—(AP) The New York metropolitan area wallowed today in almost a foot of rain whipped by 57-mile-an-hour winds on the fringe of Hurricane Connie.

The record August downpour, directly, or indirectly, caused ten deaths.

Fallen power lines left almost 100,000 New York city dwellings without electricity.

Basement Flooded

Thousands of basements were flooded.

By 8 a. m., the rainfall in New York city totalled 11.03 inches since Aug. 1, or more than ever fell here in an entire month of August. The previous record was 10.42 inches, set in 1905. Rain continued this morning.

Manhattan's normally busy streets were virtually deserted.

Train service into and out of Grand Central terminal was temporarily interrupted this morning for about an hour when flood waters short circuited electric power.

A New York Central railroad spokesman said trains began moving out of the terminal again shortly before 11 a. m. after the water receded at the Mott Haven station in the Bronx.

Trains of the New Haven railroad, which uses the same tracks at that point, also were affected.

On Long Island, where drought-stricken farmers were praying for rain a few days ago, the torrents washed away topsoil and blocked harvesting operations.

Power Lines Cut

Toppled trees in Rockland county knocked down electric wires. This in turn deadened radios in thousands of rural homes and prevented the occupants from getting storm forecasts. High winds were buffeting the county.

Flooded highways prompted the

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OIL SCUM REPORTED IN BLACK ROCK HARBOR

A large quantity of oil is seeping into Black Rock harbor from Burr creek or Cedar creek, according to Henry Koehler, anti-pollution chairman of the Bridgeport division of the Salt Water Sports association.

He said some of the oil has reached Jennings beach, Fairfield. Many boats in the area have been affected by it, he added.

Mr. Koehler reported that Mayor McLevy is investigating the situation.

MILFORD REPORTS BEACHES FLOODED

Tide Sweeps Across Road But No Damage Is Noted

MILFORD, Aug. 13—Police Supt. Arthur Harris reported at 9 a. m. today that there was no damage on the Town beaches from the storm.

In some sections of Myrtle beach, cottages situated on the waterfront were being buffeted by the high tide, but no damage had been reported. The water was flowing approximately four to five feet under the cottages, which are erected on piles.

Supt. Harris and Fire Chief Richard F. Coley reported water flooding across Beach road in Myrtle beach at high tide this morning. They added, however, that the quantity was no greater than would result from a normal perigee tide.

No evacuation has been made, nor is it contemplated, they said at 8 a. m.

Traffic signals on Spring street and Naugatuck avenue were knocked out at 6:30 a. m. when a tree limb fell across a power line on Colonial drive, 300 feet from Bridgeport avenue.

Power was restored by 8:40 a.m. by a United Illuminating company crew, according to E. W. Mellquist, manager of the UI Milford office.

Small tree limbs were down this morning in scattered sections of the town but no damage was reported from the falling limbs. Public works crews were involved in cleaning up debris.

SYMPHONY ON MONDAY

The Victor Borge concert of the Connecticut Symphony, postponed because of Hurricane Connie and attendant weather conditions, will take place Monday at 8:30 p. m. at Fairfield University field. The After-the-Pops party of Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Steinkraus, of Compo road, Westport, will follow the event.

GAMES POSTPONED

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, rain.
Pittsburgh at New York, rain.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York at Baltimore, wet grounds.

Bridgeport Driver Escapes Injury As Brakes Fail on Norwich Hill

NORWICH, Aug. 13—(AP) A tractor-trailer truck ran nearly a mile out of control with a broken brake airline down heavily-traveled Harland road yesterday, shot across a busy intersection through a red light and came to a stop in a wooded area, about 15 feet from the Yantic river.

The driver, Gerald F. Don, 25, of 325 Goldenrod avenue, Bridgeport, driving a Brown and Pollack Motor Lines, Inc., truck, was unhurt. The only damage to the truck was a dented fender, where it hit some small trees and brush.

"All I did was pray and hope the light (at Washington street) was green," he said.

But, the light had just turned red when the truck hit the intersection. There were lines of cars on each side of the light. The drivers were preparing to change gears but fortunately, none had moved into the path of the careening truck.

A car, coming up the hill, owned by Raymond Ruszczyk, 21, of 6 Arlington Heights, hit a fence when Ruszczyk pulled off the road out of the way of the truck, as it came toward him. Ruszczyk had

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WINDS CAUSE POWER BREAKS IN CITY AREA

Trees Felled In Several Sections, Tearing Down Electric Lines

BEACHES UNDAMAGED

Many Residents Leave, Higher Tides Predicted Tonight

Connie, no longer a hurricane but still a dangerous storm, is expected to bypass Connecticut today, heading for central New York state.

At her closest, the Weather bureau at the Municipal airport reported, she will be some 150 miles to the west of here around noon-time or a little later.

Gale winds are predicted for this afternoon, at a velocity of 40 to 50 miles an hour and gusts up to 60, remaining at about the same strength this evening.

At noon, the winds were 25 to 30 miles an hour, easterly to south-easterly.

Her power greatly diminished, Connie was still quite a girl.

Causes Power Failure

Connie's advance winds, accompanied by heavy rain, knocked down several trees in Bridgeport and surrounding communities, causing electric power failures in some sections.

High tide along the county shoreline about 7:43 a. m. today was approximately a foot above normal, but wind-whipped waves lashed the beaches. No serious damage was recorded, however, and flooding was negligible.

Higher Tides Tonight

The Weather bureau here warned, nevertheless, that high tide about 8 o'clock tonight could be as much as four to five feet above normal.

Connie's reputation preceded her, leading several hundred beach residents in Westport, Fairfield, Stratford and Milford to move inland, temporarily.

Police and Civil Defense officials directed the evacuation of 150 families from Westport shore areas, beginning at 4 a.m. today.

At 9 a. m., Westport officials declared the emergency over.

Norwalk reported several power failures.

Hurricane Sirens Sound

In Fairfield, police sounded hurricane sirens at 6 a.m. and toured the beaches advising residents to evacuate. A few families did so, and many others had left their cottages yesterday and last night.

Beaches in Stratford and Milford were buffetted by the storm, but no damage was incurred.

Winds in the Bridgeport area during last night reached 24 miles an hour, with gusts up to 32, the Weather bureau said.

Store Window Smashed

At the Costello Fur Shop, 1043 Broad street, a plate-glass window was destroyed by the wind at 11 a.m. The window, facing on John street, was 13 feet 8 inches long by eight feet six inches high.

It shattered out onto the sidewalk with some pieces of glass reaching the street. No one was injured.

With the storm slated to pass to the west, instead of the east as previously expected, the winds will be southeasterly, the bureau predicted, gradually shifting to southerly and southwesterly by tonight. The forecast for the rest of today and tonight mostly cloudy with occasional rain.

Four Inches Of Rain

The rainfall in the 24 hours ending at midnight last night measur-

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FESTIVAL SHIFTS DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

As an indirect result of Hurricane Connie's influence upon Bridgeport weather, the annual meeting of the Barnum Festival Society, Inc., scheduled for Monday at 8 p.m. in the Hotel Barnum, will take place Wednesday night, officials announced today.

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