



REBEL ARMY ATTACK IN WEST JAVA

Invasion Of Bandoeng; Nearby Town Taken

DJAKARTA, Jan. 23: The rebel "army of the Heavenly Host," led by Capt. Westerling, a former commando, attacked Bandoeng at dawn today after taking the town of Tjimahi (11 miles to the west) in an earlier attack.

Within five minutes of the attack Westerling's rebels had cleared neighbouring villages of T.N.I. (Indonesian Army) troops, who, after a brief exchange of shots, scattered to the hills.

Wearing jungle green and well supplied with automatic weapons, the rebels advanced into Bandoeng from the north and south roads. Within 30 minutes of entering the city, Westerling's men had driven the T.N.I. from the post office, the police headquarters and the military governor's headquarters, and the road and courtyard outside the military headquarters were littered with dead T.N.I.

Dutch Forces Unmolested

Westerling's men are not interfering with members of the Dutch Army in the city, who are standing to behind barbed-wire entanglements with General Stuart tanks guarding exits and the adjacent road junctions. At the Dutch Army headquarters General Engles said that he had received no official request from the T.N.I. for assistance.

It is evident that Westerling's rebels simultaneously attacked T.N.I. posts throughout West Java, assisted in some cases in the Tasikmalaja and Garoet areas by Darul Islam (extreme Moslem) bands.

Australian military observers of the United Nations Commission on Indonesia raced through the streets of Bandoeng, where snipers were in action, to the Dutch headquarters. They admitted frankly that they were unable to take official cognisance of the Westerling revolt

because it was regarded by the U.N.C.I. headquarters in Djakarta as an Indonesian internal security matter.

Police Guard Airfield

Bandoeng was quiet this afternoon, according to reports brought in by aircraft. Telephonic contact with the city has been cut off. Thirteen Dutch Army planes flew 250 Indonesian special policemen to Bandoeng this afternoon. It will be their task to keep the airfield open.

The Indonesian Government's Garuda airlines were still flying regular scheduled air services to Bandoeng this afternoon.

Westerling has said that he intends to wipe out the T.N.I. in West Java, including Djakarta, arrest the Cabinet, and allow "just forces" to form a new Government.

Agreement On Action

The Indonesian Prime Minister (Dr. Hatta) interrupted a Cabinet meeting to summon the Netherlands High Commissioner (Mr. Herchfeld) to discuss the situation. After their meeting a communique was issued by the Prime Minister's secretariat, stating: "Among the bands found in Bandoeng there are deserters from the Dutch Army. The Prime Minister of Indonesia and the High Commissioner for the Netherlands have agreed in this matter and coordinated action will be taken."

The Indonesian Army spokesman, explaining this said that possibly the Dutch Army authorities would take action to prevent their deserters from operating with the attackers.

An Indonesian Cabinet spokesman after today's meeting said: "We shall ruthlessly suppress all disorderly elements in Bandoeng. The forces at our command are sufficient to cope with the situation."

The spokesman admitted that the situation in Bandoeng was "serious" and said that the Cabinet would meet again tomorrow evening, when fuller details of the happenings would be available.—A.A.P.-Reuters.

FURTHER EASING OF WATER RESTRICTIONS

Because of the increased flow of water down the open concrete channel from Canning Dam to Perth and the increased holding in the six service reservoirs, water restrictions have been eased in the metropolitan area.

Sprinklers are now allowed on street lawns between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and on inside gardens and lawns between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. They can be used on nurseries, market gardens, parks, bowling greens and tennis courts as required. Householders are permitted to water street lawns and inside lawns and gardens by hand at any time.

The Under-Secretary of the Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Department (Mr. J. C. Hutchinson) said yesterday that 16,000,000 gallons was brought down the concrete channel yesterday, compared with 27,000,000 gallons a day before the break occurred. It was hoped to increase the flow in "the next day or two," when the restrictions would again be reviewed. Yesterday the service reservoirs held a total of 59,000,000 gallons—12,250,000 gallons short of capacity.

Consumption in the metropolitan area was 36,241,000 gallons on Friday, 36,540,000 gallons on Saturday and 27,167,000 gallons on Sunday, when there were a few showers of rain.

It was estimated that under the present restrictions about 45,000,000 gallons a day would

be consumed. From bores and the hills supplies, it was hoped to bring 45,000,000 to 46,000,000 gallons a day to the metropolitan area.

RIVER BANK ATTACK

Murder Charge Laid

ADELAIDE, Jan. 23: Following the death of a 33-year-old woman in the Royal Adelaide Hospital today after she had been savagely attacked on the Torrens bank on Saturday night, police this afternoon arrested a man on a charge of murder.

He is William Henry Rogers (41), labourer, of St. John's-street, Renown Park. The woman, Miss Elva Eugenie Stewart, railway cleaner, was admitted to hospital yesterday morning with severe shock and bruises.

Police allege that the woman suffered severe head injuries when a man, with whom she had been boating on the Torrens River, attacked and raped her.

ADVENTUROUS SEAFARER RETURNS



The 50ft. fishing yawl Girl Jean in which a 14-year-old schoolboy, John Guthrie, spent five days at sea alone, lies at the harbour at Aberdeen, Scotland, after being towed in by a trawler. The yawl was found drifting 200 miles off the Scottish coast. The boy has been charged with stealing the boat.

RUSSIA ACCUSED OF VIOLATING PACT

BERLIN, Jan. 23: The three Western Commandants in Berlin have sent a firm note to the Russian authorities demanding assurances that no further delays or interference with traffic will take place on the road between Berlin and Western Germany.

The Note accused the Russians of violating the Four-Power agreement guaranteeing the Western Powers a free access to Berlin. Eleven lorries loaded with scrap metal were stopped on the Berlin road on January 13. The scrap metal was confiscated. Twenty lorries carrying household goods were stopped on January 20. The drivers were told that their documents were not in order.

The Russians imposed a slow-down on the Helmsstedt-Berlin autobahn early today. The police at the Helmsstedt checkpoint on the border of the Russian and Western zones said that only one lorry was allowed to enter the Russian zone from the west each 30 minutes.

Reminiscent Of 1948

The slow-down, which caused a traffic jam, appeared to be the Russian answer to the Western Allied Note. No reason was given, however, for the slow-down.

Later, the Russians halted two United States Army trains bound for Berlin from Western Germany at the zonal frontier town of Marienborn. The trains were still held up after six hours. A third United States Army train, bound for Frankfurt from Berlin, was released at the Russian checkpoint after being halted for six hours. These moves were reminiscent of the beginning of the Berlin blockade in the spring of 1948.

Western Germany's Minister of Justice (Dr. Thomas Dehler) told a party rally in Hamburg that Germany was not an aggressor nation. "The claim in the Versailles Treaty that Germany was responsible

for World War I is not true," he declared. "Only Austria and Russia really wanted war then. Hitler was a product of the Versailles Treaty and a product of the despondency of France."

About 800 university students in Goettingen marched on a house where Ernst Otto Remer,

OFF THE AIR

LONDON, Jan. 23: The B.B.C. had its longest radio breakdown since the days of the crystal set when the home service went off the air for 50 minutes yesterday, and the medium-wave light programme for 20 minutes, reports the "Daily Herald." The cause was a fault on the 33,000-volt cable in Hertfordshire, which put the B.B.C.'s transmitter out of action.

former major-general who smashed the Germany military plot against Hitler in 1944, was staying with a colleague of the National Socialist German Party. However, the German police bundled Remer into a police car and drove him away before the students arrived. Three recent rallies which Remer attended at Wilhelmshaven, Hanover and Oldenburg ended in tumult. A French foreign office spokesman said last night that the signing of a trade agreement between France and Germany had been delayed indefinitely by differences over the Saar question.—B.U.P., Reuters and A.P.

BOY BURIED ALIVE WHILE PLAYING "SOLDIERS"

MELBOURNE, Jan. 23: An 11-year-old boy was fatally injured when he was buried with two playmates beneath 3ft. of earth in a "cave" they had excavated in the Elwood State School reserve this afternoon.

The boy, Arthur Swift, of John-street, Elwood, was buried underneath the earth for 20 minutes. He was rushed to the Alfred Hospital after treatment at the reserve, but did not respond when placed in a respirator.

With Gregory Wellington (10), and Peter Slaney (14), of Rotheray-street, Elwood, Arthur Swift had been playing "soldiers" in a 10ft. by 6ft. hole dug in the reserve. They tunnelled 3ft. in two directions into the sand under the foot-thick matted earth about the hole. Swift and Slaney were working in one tunnel while Wellington was in the other, when the overhanging edges collapsed, trapping the three lads.

Wellington crawled out of his tunnel through an escape hole

he had suggested making earlier. Slaney was trapped in the tunnel, with his head just clear of the surface of the soil. Swift was further under and deeper down.

Mr. W. J. Maddigan, with Ben Featherston and Reg. Ashton, who were near the reserve, rushed to the hole and, with other men, frantically dug the earth away from the trapped boys. Mr. Maddigan said that when they had freed Slaney they noticed a piece of woollen material buried farther down. They dug deeper with a shovel the boys had used, and found Swift under almost 4ft. of earth.

Slaney and Wellington suffered shock and were sent to bed at their homes.

SCUFFLE AT ABATTOIRS

Adelaide Man's Death

ADELAIDE, Jan. 23: Detectives investigating the death of a 27-year-old man in the Royal Adelaide Hospital this afternoon charged a 32-year-old man with murder. Police had been inquiring into the death of Douglas James Lokan, labourer, of Newton-road, Hectorville.

Detectives say that Lokan, who was employed at the Metropolitan Abattoirs, had been found under the influence of liquor by his foreman at work on Friday. The foreman ordered Lokan to go home and called another employee to take him home. Police allege that when the employee tried to take Lokan away a scuffle ensued and as a result Lokan struck his head on the cement floor.

The employee subsequently drove Lokan, who was then unconscious, to his home and told his wife that he had fallen over. Lokan was admitted to hospital on Friday night and died on Saturday afternoon.

William Frederick Kelly (32), labourer, of Modbury, was arrested late this afternoon and was charged with murder. He is a brother-in-law of the dead man.

COUNSEL SAYS HUME IS "NO ANGEL"

Defence Case Opened In Setty Murder Trial

LONDON, Jan. 23: "Hume is no angel," said Mr. R. F. Levy, K.C., at the Old Bailey today when opening his case in defence of Brian Donald Hume (29), company director, on a charge of murder.

Hume has pleaded not guilty to the murder of Stanley Setty (46), car dealer, whose dismembered torso was found on the Essex coast mud flats on October 21.

"Hume does not pretend to be an angel, but there is a long way between an angel and a murderer," Mr. Levy said. "Assuming that he is a liar, it is not every liar who is a murderer."

Examining the prosecution case, Mr. Levy said that at the time the murder was alleged to have been committed in Hume's flat Mrs. Hume was sitting in her lounge listening to a wireless programme called "Justice in Other Lands," dealing with the trial of the French "Bluebeard," Landru.

"If Setty was murdered in this flat he was murdered in the presence of Mrs. Hume, who

£30 in £5 notes. A man doesn't usually pay his last penny to a doctor."

Mr. Levy said that one other circumstance on which the prosecution relied was that "Mac," "Green," and "the Boy" were fictitious of Hume's fertile imagination and that they were people who did not exist. (The prosecution had said that Hume told the police that "Mac," "Green," and "the Boy" were men who asked him to fly some parcels abroad.) The prosecution had called two witnesses to say that they had never heard of anyone of those names.

"I could bring before you 1,000 or 10,000 people who will tell you that they have never heard of the names—it does not follow that they don't exist," said Mr. Levy.

No Bloodstains On Clothes

Mr. Levy said that the body could have been cut up and parcelled in Hume's kitchen, and the kitchen cleaned up, in the hour during which Mrs. Stride, the charwoman, was not allowed into that room. None of Hume's finger or palm-prints was found on Setty's car and none of Setty's fingerprints was found in Hume's flat. No bloodstains were found on Hume's clothes.

Referring to Hume's statement that he had agreed to dump in the sea plates for forged petrol coupons, Mr. Levy said: "I am not seeking to pretend that Hume is any better than he is, I will admit that he took part in a proceedings which more particular men would not undertake. You may think he is an exhibitionist who likes people to rely on his skill as a flyer."

Setty had been stabbed in the chest. The only conclusion that could be drawn was that he was held by one man and stabbed by another. One man could not have done it. Hume followed his counsel's address closely, resting his arms on the front of the dock.

"The Flying Smuggler"

Hume was the first witness called by the defence. He said that he was known by the nickname of "the flying smuggler."

Hume answered questions in a firm voice. He said that he had served in the Royal Air Force during the war and had been given instructions in flying. A year or so ago he had joined the United Services Club at Elstree and had got a pilot's "A" certificate. His flying experience was insufficient to enable him to fly in bad visibility or at night.

It became generally known to car dealers that he could fly aeroplanes. "It was known that I had been abroad a couple of times and I was known as the 'flying smuggler.'"

Hume told how he met "Mac," "Green" and "the Boy." They told him that they had a deal on and that they understood he could get hold of and use an aeroplane. He originally understood that the men wanted to leave the country, and as good as suggested that it could be arranged.

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60,000 TONS OF WHEAT SOLD TO SPAIN

MELBOURNE, Jan. 23: The Australian Wheat Board had sold 60,000 tons of this season's wheat to Spain, a board spokesman said today. The sale has been made outside the International Wheat Agreement and the price has not yet been disclosed.

The spokesman said that no agreement for a sale of wheat to Japan had been concluded this season.

The Board's export price of free wheat has been reduced recently from 20/ to 19/ a bushel and the latter price is the one at which the Spanish sale is believed to have been made. The maximum price under the I.W.A. is 16/1 a bushel (Australian currency), a price at which the board has been making most sales of quota wheat under the agreement. The Spanish wheat is expected to be shipped during the next few months.

The secretary of the Victorian branch of the Communist-dominated Seamen's Union (Mr. W. Bird) said today that he could not comment on the sale of wheat to Spain until he had learnt more facts. The State secretary of the Waterside Workers' Federation (Mr. H. E. Clarke) said that he could not say anything on the matter until it had been discussed by the federal executive of the federation. Other union officials said that they had no views on the subject.

The secretary of the Trades Hall Council (Mr. J. V. Stott) said that most persons who were interested in world prosperity believed in international trade. Every part of the world had something to offer to other countries and trade undoubtedly

created a more friendly feeling between the nations.

Seventy per cent of Victoria's near-record wheat harvest has been received into silos and dump storages. The railways have set a record in the moving of the grain.

The chairman of the Grain Elevator Board (Mr. H. Glowery) said today that farmers had delivered 39,000,000 bushels to storages and were expected to hand over another 5,000,000 bushels by the end of next week. The Department of Agriculture has estimated this season's crop at 50,000,000 bushels, but some experts say that it will be 55,000,000 or 56,000,000 bushels.

ADELAIDE, Jan. 23: "The position is very serious and I suggest that the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies) call a conference of representatives of the Australian Wheat Board, the Wheatgrowers' Federation and flourmillers to find ways to meet the emergency," the federal secretary of the Australian Wheatgrowers' Federation (Mr. T. C. Stott) said in Adelaide tonight.

"To keep flourmills in full production, more flour must be exported. America and Canada are able to lower the price of export flour to meet our competition and make up the difference in a higher price for mill offal on their enormous home market."