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(Yankee Stadium)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In the General Assembly of the U.N. tonight, Canada spoke up and the declaration sounds like a direct answer to the Red Korean Peace proposals -- which are reported insistently. Lester Pearson, Canadian Minister for External Affairs called upon the Korean Communists to sue for peace. "This," he told the Assembly, "is the time for the aggressors to cease firing, and admit defeat." If not, General MacArthur must be given permission to cross the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. Pearson of Canada said he thought it might not be necessary for the U.N. forces to pass that borderline --but argued that MacArthur should be left free to do so, if strategy requires.

The Red Korean proposal is said to have been transmitted through the Indian Ambassador to Communist China -- the Red Government of Peking acting as a go-between, bringing the Korean Communists and the Indian Ambassador together.

FLOOD

The terms -- a free election for all of Korea, supervised by the U.N. Reds -- to withdraw to their own home grounds, above the Thirty-Eighth Parallel. The United States -- to hold the south bridgehead, that old perimeter, while withdrawing from the Seoul area. South Korea, except for the southern perimeter -- to be held by non-American forces of the United Nations. All this -- while the U.N. runs an election for the entire country.

PEACE MOVES

There's an insistent report that the Korean Reds have made an offer for peace. ~~The proposal is said to have been transmitted through the Indian Ambassador to Communist China - the Chinese Communist Government as a go-between.~~ At the U.N., ~~no one~~ ^{no one} will give an official confirmation, but the story is attributed to the most reliable sources.

The terms - the ~~Korean~~ Korean Reds to withdraw to their own home grounds above the thirty-eight parallel, calling off the invasion, which has already been smashed. The United States - to hold the southern bridgehead, that old perimeter, while withdrawing from the Seoul area of the amphibious counter-stroke. South Korea, except for the southern perimeter - to be held by non-American forces of the United Nations. All this - while the election is held for a unified Korea, an election under the supervision of the U.N.

The immediate reaction in Washington is - that our government would not accept any such offer. We certainly would not withdraw from Seoul, after just having conquered the

Korean capital. As for having non-American forces of the United Nations occupy South Korea, except for the southern perimeter - it is pointed out that the U.N. has no such number of troops, not American, as would be needed to police great areas infested with Communist guerrillas. We may note, likewise, that the Red suggestion would leave the Communist outfit safe and secure above the thirty-eighth parallel - and the big question right now is about crossing that borderline. However, Washington says the offer might be a basis for negotiations.

~~This word from London;~~ - The British Government takes the stand that the army of the United Nations must cross the thirty-eighth parallel and establish U.N. authority over all Korea.

From Paris - word that the French Government would be inclined to accept the Red proposal - for an election supervised by the U.N.

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In Tokyo - the comment is that the Reds are trying to make the best of a bad bargain.

We may note that, in these various comments, everybody seems to take it for granted that the peace offer is actually being made.

KOREA

From Korea tonight we have - the shouting! No, it is not all over, not yet, ~~the shouting~~. But how can they help from shouting, after yesterday's two stunning headlines. In the morning, General MacArthur's announcement, that Seoul was taken. The Korean capital, to all military intents and purposes - conquered. Then, in the afternoon -

Tonight we have
the news of the junction of the forces, an American tank detachment from that old southerⁿ perimeter, slashing all the way to the G.I.'s in the Seoul area. No, it is not all over but *as a welcome change,* the shouting, but listen to the - hip, hip, hurrah!

In Seoul today, they made the capture of the city official - by hoisting the Stars and Stripes over the American Embassy. (There was still fighting ^{going on,} in the city, where bands of ^(die-hard) ~~Communist~~ Communists were holding out with blasts of gunfire. But, for the most part, the Marines and G.I.'s were completing the occupation as fast as they could walk through ^{those} mazes of oriental streets and alleys.

So one party of Leathernecks, without much resistance, moved on to the Embassy of the United States.) Supreme Commander General MacArthur may have, yesterday, announced the fall of Seoul. But, for the Marines, this was it, ^{today,} their version of the shouting - as they came to the building ^{from} which American Ambassador John Muccio and his diplomatic staff had fled at the beginning of the Korean War - those days of defeats and retreats, several months ago.

On the flag staff of the U.S. Embassy, the colors of Red Korea were flying. But it didn't take long to fix that, as the ^(Marines) ~~Koreans~~ ripped down the flag of the Reds. And up went that Star Spangled Banner, hoisted by Marine Corps Private Luther Leguire, of Tampa, Florida - the honor fell to him, an historic task. But don't think a mere Leatherneck Private is ever permitted to grab all the spotlight on an occasion like that. There's always the brass, to assume the place of glory - and, today, the high brass was the top-kick, Sargeant Jack Fichter of Aspinwall, Pennsylvania. The Sarg gave the

were Leatherneck Private the orders and told him how to hoist that flag - the Sarg having his place in the sun.

As for that other headline, the junction of the forces, the shouting comes from the captured airfield at Suwon. Or rather, the shooting - which still echoes. The heroes of the occasion had to scramble to safety, afraid for their lives.

~~_____~~. (Today, at Seoul, they were telling the

story, the officers and men of ^{the} three tanks and two jeeps,

^{the men} who made the dash of more than thirty miles through the

Communist army, or what's left of it.) So let's hear from

First Lieutenant Robert Baker of Spokane, who commanded ^{that} ~~the~~ small spearhead ~~of the advance~~.

The First Cavalry Division, driving from the old perimeter, had pushed so far forward that there was little more than thirty miles to go - for a junction of the forces.

~~So, everything was in a state of confusion~~ So, Lieutenant Baker was ordered

to take three tanks and two jeeps, and ~~make~~ break through for a dash north to the Seventh Division in the Suwon area.

"We took off at thirty or thirty-five miles an hour, barreling along the road and kicking up the dust," relates the Lieutenant. (They ran past a lot of Red soldiers, ~~but~~ ^(and) never stopped - but shot up a company of Communist infantry that got in their way. After a while, they were short of gas, when they spotted a couple of Red trucks. The Commies aboard jumped off and ran, and the little tank force loaded up with gasoline from the Red military vehicles.)

"We were moving on right through the villages," says Lieutenant Baker. "Nearly everyone of them had Communist banners and welcome arches. We knocked down at least a hundred and fifty of them." It must have been fun - shooting down those welcome arches.

They had almost reached the Seventh Division, when they ran into ~~some~~ organized resistance, Red anti-tank guns. But they shot their way through, and kept going.

They were bold heroes of the First Cavalry, but then came the fright of their lives, when they saw, ~~right~~

straight ahead, a mass of ~~many~~ tanks, also artillery. They thought ^{now} they might be ~~done in for~~ ^{for it.} but then they recognized - Sherman tanks! And what a relief! ~~that was!~~

Lieutenant Baker shouted: "Is this the Seventh Division?" And one of his tank crew yelled: "We're the First Cavalry!" , !

So that was when they nearly lost their lives. The moment of danger - and they had to duck. ! The response of the G.I.'s of the Seventh Division is described by the Lieutenant in the following words: "Everybody started cheering, and firing off guns, and we had to get back into the tanks to keep from getting shot."

So that was the junction of the forces, the shooting of guns with the shouting - although, tonight, it is not all over, ~~xxx~~ over there.

FOLLOW KOREA

The latest from Korea tonight features that not-at-all stately military expression - ^{to} mop up, masses of reds fleeing from Seoul, as the Marines and G I's move rapidly to clean out remaining pockets of resistance.

JP To the South -- a series of battles. But these are all cases of smashing isolated Red forces. Enemy divisions have dissolved, and the Communists are seldom in as much as regimental strength. In other words - the mop up *is on,*

Once again American prisoners of war have been found murdered. ^{and} These Communist atrocities will play a part in any peace arrangement - ^{perhaps} calling for harsh retribution.

SOVIET STRATEGY

From Berlin, a bit of news ^(that) ~~which~~ will not sound surprising. We are told that the Soviets are revising their military strategy for Europe. No, not so astonishing - when we hear the reason why. The Reds are reconsidering their plans of ^(armored) ~~armor~~ battle - because of the showing made by new American anti-tank weapons in Korea.

(Well, we remember the terror and havoc of that Russian-made armour, with which the Korean Communists went on the rampage, driving all before them. ~~And~~ And we wondered - would our American forces ever be able to ^{stop} ~~the~~ ^{that Korean} blitzkrieg drive? ~~And the Red armour?~~ Then came a quick change - when the news told of enemy tanks knocked out by the scores. Which is the real story of the successful defense of the perimeter.

What did it? Rockets, for the most part. ^{And a} ~~A~~ new, more powerful and bigger bazooka, with what they call a "shaped charge." These, fired by soldiers on the ground, ^(or) ~~or~~ hurled in salvos by warplanes, ~~they~~ knocked out the Communist armour all over the place.)

(So now - no wonder Moscow thinks that Soviet military plans had better be revised - plans for an ^{(armored} ~~armored~~ blitzkrieg in Europe, if a third world war should come.)

This is reported by a German newspaper in the British Zone of Berlin, which stated today that a high level military conference was to be held in Red Bulgaria, but now has been called off - while the Soviet board of strategy figures out new plans. Necessary - because of the way new American weapons broke up the tank offensive in Korea.

FOLLOW SOVIET STRATEGY

Here's the latest - a statement by Dr. Vannevar Bush, prominent in the development of the atomic bomb. He states that the United States has a new type of shell, which can pierce the armour of the heaviest tank. But only a few of these were used in Korea -- because they are not yet in large production. So in stopping the Red tanks out there - we had only a little of our latest and very best.

Dr. Bush adds that the heavy tank may turn into what he calls -- "a liability rather than an asset."

Russia, said he, has forty thousand tanks, and the Soviet strategy of war depends on that huge mass of armour - which may be put completely out of date by the new shell.

VIENNA - FOLLOW SOVIET STRATEGY

Late news from Vienna tells of new waves of Red violence. Rioting gangs roaming Vienna streets. The Communists claim that fifty thousand workers are out on strike - protesting against high prices. Red propaganda tries to blame the rise of prices on the Americans and the Korean war.

A Vienna dispatch today states that Soviet Army officers are directing the violence. One Communist officer in civilian clothes was arrested - as he led a mob of strikers. Another gave the order for a strike at a railroad tunnel in the British zone.

AMBASSADOR

President Truman has named a new ambassador to London - Walter S. Gifford, who, until recently, was the Chairman of the Board of ^{A. T. & T.} ~~Directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company~~. He succeeds retiring Ambassador Douglas, who quits because of ill health.

Walter Gifford, sixty-five years old, is regarded as an "elder statesman" of the business world. ~~He did important~~

jobs for the government in both the First and Second World Wars, and is well qualified ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ experience - also financially.

This angle of money is no mere impertinence - asking how the new Ambassador is fixed for cash. Sounds much too personal - but, in a way, it's a question of public interest, considering the financial aspects of the London embassy.

Our Ambassador to Britain gets twenty-five thousand dollars a year, plus a bit of expense money. Which is not nearly enough to run the embassy over there. For example, the Fourth of July celebration at the Embassy this year cost - fifteen thousand dollars. ~~Which is more~~ ^{More} than half of the

Ambassador's yearly salary, three-fifths, in fact. So there's a good deal of reason for appointing a millionaire to the job - like Walter Gifford. As Chairman of the Board of the A.T. & T., his salary was two hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year, and he retired with a pension of eighty thousand a year. So, he won't have to scrape around for the last few quarters to pay the Embassy bill in London.)

He's renowned as a statistical genius, always trying to figure things out in a mathematical way. Which did him no good when he took up golf - a game that no mathematician has ever been able to figure out. Trying to learn how to drive and

chip and

putt, ~~while~~ Gifford found himself concentrating, not on the ball, but on mathematical calculations, ~~to figure out~~ how much time it took to play each hole, right down to a fraction of a second. So you can imagine the kind of golfer

he ~~was~~ ^(turned out to be.) - he gave it up in a hurry. *He'll no doubt be better at diplomacy and the complications of world finance.*

BOXING

Here At New York's Yankee Stadium, they're all set for the big bout tonight - the heavyweight ^{bout} ~~brawl~~ ^{world} between Champion

Ezzard Charles and the retired champ, Joe Louis. *I am in a*
under the stands with Boxing Com. Eagen,

from *NOE* *HP* In a way, Joe won a sort of championship this 11
and many
era. afternoon. He's renowned for being - dead pan. And, he
Boxing Commissioner Col. Eddie Eagen tells
out-did himself -- at the weighing-in ceremonies. ~~Joe was~~

he was fifteen minutes late, and Ezzard undertook to kid him about

it. Which led to a line of jokes from the Joe Louis entourage [^] that Ezzard might be so scared tonight that he wouldn't even show up for the fight. Joe, himself said [^] nothing. Dead-pan.

~~(The scales showed Louis coming in at two hundred and eighteen pounds. Ezzard Charles - a hundred and eighty-four and a half -- thirty-three and a half pounds lighter. Which Joe took, likewise, without a flicker of expression.)~~

Col. Eagen tells me
When it was all over, [^] somebody found a document on the floor, a legal summons calling Joe to court in the matter of some debt or other.

The retired champ is known to have complicated finances. It seems that a process server showed up at the weighing-in, to serve the summons on Joe - but nobody seems to have noticed exactly what happened. Joe says he never saw the process server. But, anyway, there was the document on the floor. No matter what happened, Joe took it all - dead pan.

I wonder if he'll be dead pan thru the fight tonight? Millions will be looking at the 2 heavy-weights on the T.V. screen tonight. Televised exclusively by this networks - CBS.

Speaking of a dead pan face - here's Nelson Case.

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