

KOREA

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Twelve footsore survivors of the U.S. First Cavalry's "lost battalion" today stumbled back ^{to the} ~~across~~ U.N. lines in Korea. They ^{had} ~~to~~ been struggling along for six days, - had shot their way out of Communist traps in the Unsan area, - then ^{holed up} ~~hid~~ up in the hills during the night. The twelve reported seeing the Chinese fighting by night -- then stripping off their uniforms - and going down to the villages in native dress during the day. There they would lounge about - with unsuspecting American planes passing overhead. Following this report the Air Force today ordered all villages ~~to be~~ destroyed in the path of U.N. Forces.

On the ground, American, British and South Koreans made gains of up to two miles in three different sectors, ~~of the front. But Red withdrawals still puzzled U.N. Commanders.~~ The stiffest fighting was on the north-western mountain area front. Reds attacked a battalion of the American Second Division ^{and} ~~--~~ were driven off. The ^{2nd} Division is driving over the mountains

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up with the 10th Corps

in ~~Tenth Corps Forces~~ on the east coast -- throwing a solid line across the country. *they hope to keep* In this way ~~preventing~~ the Reds *the middle of* from driving down Korea, through the mountains.

In the biggest air battles of the War, American Mustang fighters today damaged three *Russian jets* M.I.G. 15s -- sent twelve others *winging back to* ~~fleeing to the safety of~~ Manchuria. Other jets made five hit-and-run attacks against U.N. ground forces.

~~American pilots said tonight that they had never seen Chinese who could handle jets so well as those sighted today - speculated that Russians or former German officers were flying them.~~

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In Korea today U.N. planes were ordered to bomb right ^{up} to the Manchurian border. Up to now, *U.N. airmen have been under* ~~pilot~~ orders ~~were~~ to halt three miles south of the frontier.

Only "tactical" targets ^{- i.e.} - supply convoys, reinforcements, troop concentrations - may be hit.

Pilots must still steer clear of "Strategic" targets - the Yalu river Hydro-electric dams, for instance.

An Air Force ^{sp}okesman in Washington tonight confirmed that American planes shot down a Russian

~~M.I.G Fifteen~~ Jet ~~plane~~ yesterday. Also -- two Yaks.

The ^{jet} ~~M.I.G Fifteen~~ is described as something like the

U.S. F-80

~~SHOOTING STAR~~ SHOOTING STAR, but "with a little more speed".

ROMULO

In the U.N.'s Interim Korean Committee at Lake Success today, Brigadier ^{General Carlos} Romulo of the Philippines ~~put~~ put forward a resolution which reassures Peking that we will respect the Manchurian frontier. The resolution, due to be passed late this evening, calls on U.N. officials in Korea to send ⁱⁿ all available information about Red Chinese troops ~~movements~~ movements.

This resolution ^{is} designed to ^{keep the} prevent Chinese intervention from starting a Third World War. ~~will be~~ introduced late today ~~at~~ before the Interim ~~at tomorrow morning's~~ special meeting of the Security Council, ~~and has passed.~~ and was passed by the Committee. It comes before the Security Council tomorrow morning.

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There is serious trouble tonight in Nepal. That tiny kingdom high on the southern slopes of the Himalayas -- bordering on Tibet and India, home of Britain's famous Gurkha warriors.

From Khatmandu, we learn that the King of Nepal, His Majesty Maharajadhiraja Tribhuvana Bir Bikram Jang, is in danger of assassination by his kinsman -- his own Prime Minister, and has taken refuge in the Indian Embassy. The King, it seems, is in sympathy with the Nepalese Nationalist Movement which seeks representative Democratic rule for Nepal.

His Majesty is ruler only by name. Nepal is ruled by a Premier. Since 1867, the Bharadars -- nobles of Nepal -- have forced him to delegate his powers to his Prime Minister - - also ^a/_a member of the royal family. The present Supreme Commander-in-Chief and Prime Minister is His Highness Maharaja Mohun Shamsher Jan Bahadur Rama, *And he it is who* ~~he~~ has kept His Majesty a prisoner in his palace ever since he came to the throne

thirty-nine years ago ^{-- a King, but utterly} powerless to take any part in the government of his country. Following his flight from the Palace the King's three year old son has been named to the throne by the Prime Minister. Today in far-off Khatmandu an emergency session of Parliament was called. It will consider this grave crisis - in view of Peking's recent denouncement of Nepal as "a vassal of Imperialism" - and the Red assault on neighboring Tibet.

The latest from Khatmandu is that the three year-old child crown prince named King by the Prime Minister, is also a refugee in the Indian Embassy.

AGREEMENT

From Paris comes word of an agreement with France - for an emergency military supply route to western Germany, *in case Bremen or Hamburg are ever knocked out or blocked by any power.*

First American troops rolled across the German-French frontier at noon today on their way to the south^wwestern French seaports of La Pallice and Bordeaux. *R* The new supply route through France is secret. But a glance at the map suggests from Bordeaux through Tours, Orleans and ^{Nancy} ~~Paris~~ to the Rhine.

First American supply ships are due at Bordeaux in the next few weeks.

The choice of Bordeaux and La Pallice as emergency ports may cause violent Communist opposition. The seven hundred thousand Reds and Communist supporters in the area have already tried to block the landings of American arms aid shipments at both ports.

JETS

We learn tonight of two giant flights of jet fighter planes across the Atlantic. Two groups of ninety-one and eighty-nine THUNDER JETS -- streaking from Texas to Germany. Only five stop^s on the way to fill up with kerosene.

OSCAR

In New York today, the Waldorf-Astoria, largest hotel in the world, flew the flag at half mast -- as if in mourning for one of the eminent and the great. Which was a dramatic sign of how a gifted individual can rise to renown in a trade you'd hardly expect -- raising a rather commonplace job to a pinnacle of esteem. The flag was at half mast for -- Oscar of the Waldorf, ~~the prince of headwaiters~~. As a maitre d'hotel, ^{he} ~~supervising hospitality for customers, he~~ became a national figure. In fact, an international figure.

Oscar Tschirky came from Switzerland, in 1883 and got a job as a bus boy in the ^{old} Hoffman House -- a name of legend in the history of old New York. He was promoted to waiter, and moved on to Delmonicos -- the most fashionable spot of the Gay Nineties.

In Eighteen Ninety-three the original Waldorf was put up - on the site where the tallest building in the world now stands, the Empire State. The old Waldorf

was tops in social swank and style, the number one spot - ~~for a waiter~~ -, and Oscar applied ^{there} ~~for a job~~, armed with letters of recommendation, from people like George Gould, head of the Gould millionaire dynasty. Which indicates the ^{kind of friends} ~~kind of waiter~~ Oscar *had made.*

At the Waldorf, he became headwaiter, and cut the very figure of Mine Host. He served every President of the United States from Grover Cleveland on, and was awarded high decorations by foreign governments - France, Belgium, Roumania.

Now, after he had reached his eighty-fourth year, ^{on the tall towers of the Waldorf - Astoria} the flag flies at half mast [^] for Oscar of the Waldorf.

JOCKEY

In London a great figure in Britain's racing world, Jimmie Faulkner is dead tonight -- at ninety-seven. Jimmie had one of the longest careers in the saddle. *In fact he* rode his last race at sixty-two! He was also quite a family man -- married three times, ~~he~~ *and* had thirty-three children. *Quite a triumph*

YOUNGEST VOTER

The elections in New York today have raised an interesting point of law. As most people know, you cannot vote until you ~~come~~ come of age. In other words, until you are twenty-one. But when are you twenty-one? Just when do you ^(come) ~~come~~ of age?

Aphrodite Finales, a New York secretary, is twenty-one tomorrow, and applied to register the other day at her local Election Board. They turned her down of course -- she was not twenty-one. But Aphrodite was not to be put off so easily. ^{She} demanded that her case go before the Board of Elections. It seems she knew something of ^{N.Y.} State History. Had heard about ^a ~~the~~ ruling made in 1898 by the Attorney General. ~~the~~ ^{that ruling reads:--} "For voting purposes a person comes of age the day before the anniversary of his birthday".

Perhaps the Attorney-General thought that if you are celebrating an anniversary you must have already reached twenty-One -- or why else would you

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be celebrating?

Based on this historical precedent the Board of Elections upheld Aphrodite's case and she went to the polls today -- New York's youngest voter.

But still we want to know is she twenty-One today or tomorrow?

At any rate, Nelson - shall we say hurrah for Aphrodite - who cast her first vote today?

ELECTION

The thing that strikes me particularly in this election tonight is -- the contrast. How different from that other night of nationwide voting two years ago, when the great upset occurred -- the utterly unexpected. The victory of President Truman -- against the guesses of the experts and nearly everybody else.

Yes, it's quite a contrast tonight -- at this hour the big returns are from the East and Middle West -- naturally. And everything is running pretty much according to form. Take the biggest of all the states, New York. The general opinion was that Governor Dewey would win out over Congressman Lynch. The figures have shown Dewey well ahead all evening:

Dewey: About a million ^{900,000} ~~and a half~~.

Lynch: a million and ^{500,000} ~~a quarter~~. Lynch has conceded, so it means a big victory for Gov. D. The forecast was, likewise, that Senator

Lehman was likely to defeat Lieutenant Governor Joe Hanley for the Senate -- and the figures are bearing that out:

Democratic Senator Lehman: 1,600,000

Republican Lieutenant-Governor Hanley: 1, 300,000.

In New York City, the prediction was -- surprise. For days the unexpected has been indicated -- that the victory would go to Independent Candidate, Vincent Impellitieri, running as an insurgent against Tammany Hall and the whole Democratic organization. So tonight Impellitieri seems -- in. Here are figures as just reported:

Independent Impellitieri: 900,000

Democrat Pecora: 695,000

Republican Corsi: 292,000

A sweep for Impellitieri.

One of the early decisions in the votes counted

was the defeat of Leftwing Congressman Marcantonio,

often denounced as a Red. His district is largely

Puerto Rican. ~~The~~ vote came in fast -- ^{and} ~~so~~ Marcantonio has

already conceded the election to his rival, Donovan, ^{who}

~~was~~ running for both the Democratic and Republican Tickets.

The defeat of Marcantonio is no stunning surprise.

And it is no surprise at all ~~in the fact~~ that Congressman

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Franklin D Roosevelt, Junior, has been reelected --
defeating his Republican opponent in a walkover.

In Pennsylvania it is nip and tuck between
Republican Governor Duff and Democratic Candidate
Myers, ~~and~~ ^{Duff now} ahead, ~~and then the other.~~

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A close race had been predicted for Connecticut,
where they had a gaudy, spectacular campaign -- with
all sorts of wild and wooly stunts. The battle was for
two seats in the Senate, Democrat ^{wins over} ~~MacMahon and Benton~~
~~are running behind~~ Republicans Talbot, ^{while Bill} and Bush ~~Demo~~
^{Benton is trailing Bush the Republican far}
Democratic Governor Bowles is ahead of Republican Candidate
Lodge. ^{so far. But it's close.}

For a climax in the eastern half of the country,
there is Ohio -- with Senator Robert Taft putting up
the battle of his life. The campaign was bitter, with
union labor going all out against Taft. The general
opinion was that Taft had a slight edge -- and, likely
enough would win out. So here are the figures:

Taft: 124,000
Ferguson: 86,000 Taft far ahead.

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In Illinois, ^{that top} ~~another~~ Democratic leader, Scott Lucas had a ~~general~~ lead over Republican Candidate Everett Dirksen. The latest returns show:

Lucas: 371,000

Dirksen: 333,000

From the Western states there is no decision. In Colorado the Republican Candidate for Governor died shortly before the election -- former Ralph Carr, an old friend whom I like to call "Mr Colorado". He seemed sure of winning today, but the hand of fate struck, and left the battle to the candidate who succeeded him on the Republican ticket.

On the Pacific Coast the focus of interest was in California -- where the polls closed only about an hour ago. So we cannot tell about the race between Republican Governor Warren and Democratic Candidate James Roosevelt. Or -- how Congress Woman Gahagan was made out against her ^{Republican} ~~Democratic~~ opponent.

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The general picture for Congress shows
Republican gains -- but not clear enough to be decisive.