

FLOODS

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The Central Valley of California is at a climax of the deluge tonight; - floods that came surging over the weekend. In the basins of the Sacramento and San Juaquin Rivers a record-breaking rain ~~was~~ falling for the eighth consecutive day, bringing the worst flood in California history - ten millions ^{dollars} in damage.

The Central Valley is one of those fabulously rich agricultural regions of California, and hardest hit is one of the richest ^{sections -} the vast cotton fields and truck farms around the City of Tulare. That is a basin of an enormous lake that rippled back in geological time. The bed of the dry lake makes marvelous farmland; - ~~but~~ also a depression to catch the waters, when the deluge comes.

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The latest - the American River - which did a million dollars worth of damage at Sacramento last night is expected to ^{break over} ~~cross~~ its banks again ^{tonight.} ~~later this~~

~~evening~~ It is expected to flood the same area north and east of the ^{city} ~~area~~ where four hundred people were forced to flee from their homes. Many who had returned ~~were~~ ^{were} again being evacuated this evening.

[Faint, mostly illegible text follows, including phrases like "had to be", "the American River", and "on the Manchurian border"]

SUB LEAD KOREA

It's Tuesday ^{Morning} in Korea; ~~today~~ - November

twenty-first. ~~a day that may well go down in history.~~

~~For this morning~~ G I's of the U.S. Seventh Division ~~at least~~

~~have reached~~ the Manchurian frontier, ^{During the night and this} ~~and captured~~

^{are on} ~~the~~ blazing Yalu River city of Hyensanjin. A tank-led

~~red~~ spearhead of the Seventh have surged ~~in~~ forward

in bitter ~~in~~ cold weather to take ~~up~~ positions

directly facing Red China across the international

river boundary. Their advance -- more than nineteen

miles in twenty-four hours - against broken Red

resistance, was made by U.S. tanks, with G I's riding

them, ~~as~~ like warriors mounted on monster mechanical

steeds. The Seventh ~~had~~ outran its communications

~~so completely~~ ~~so~~ that munitions, rations and gasoline ^{had to be} ~~could~~

~~not be transported to it, not by land they were~~

dropped by air.

^{TP This} ~~This brilliant tactical~~ move threatens the

Communist armies ~~in the East~~, with encirclement, and

they are pulling back. ^{Mac Arthur's troops now} ~~the Reds continue a~~

~~retreat~~ ^{on the Manchurian border.}

~~but today only along the East Coast was heavy~~

~~resistance encountered.~~

KOREA - AIR

The air over Korea on Saturday was the news of the highest jet air battle of all time - a battle which proved a striking victory for U. S. carrier-based jet Panther fighters. In Washington today a spokesman described this ~~is~~ aerial dual between Navy Panthers and nineteen Russian-built MIG-fifteen jets ^{- a battle} at an altitude of thirty-five thousand feet. None of our planes from the "Philippine Sea" and "Valley Forge". were damaged but three of the Reds were last seen smoking losing altitude.

KOREAN-CHINESE PRISONERS

General MacArthur's spokesman in Tokyo said today that all Chinese prisoners interviewed so far said they were ordered into Korea. Out of a hundred and fifty Chinese interrogated, not one was a volunteer, this, despite Moscow and Peking claims that all Chinese forces fighting in Korea are "volunteers." Chinese officers captured said their orders were "to drive the enemy from Korea and occupy the country."

SUB PROTEST

At ~~ten minutes to ten this evening in Tokyo~~
~~that's just a few hours ago here~~ ^{Today} an American guard
unlocked the gate of a Japanese prison. Opt ~~was~~ ^{came}
Shigemitsu, ~~he never has a need for~~ The Japanese
~~Foreign~~ Foreign Minister, and Prime Minister for a
short time during the war and the first high-ranking
Japanese war criminal to be released. ^R It was Shigemitsu
~~he of the wooden leg,~~
who signed the surrender aboard the Battleship Missouri
in Nineteen Forty-five. During the trial of Japanese
war criminals he was given a sentence of seven years
in prison, ~~this~~ - subject to parole. Yesterday, Russia
launched a bitter protest with the State Department in
Washington over his release. But today the State Department
declared that the Soviet complaint ~~was~~ ^{would} either be
ignored or refused outright. ^{The State Dept added} ~~proceeding~~ that the
Soviets apparently do not understand the system of
paroling prisoners - ^{which is} part of the ways of Justice in
all ~~the~~ western democratic nations.

U.N.

The United Nations ^{late today} ~~has~~ endorsed Trygve Lie's peace program - a twenty-year plan that calls for an agreement on atomic control and the creation of a U. N. police force. These provisions are outstanding in the program, which includes measures ^{for} ~~to~~ aid to backward peoples of the earth.

The General Assembly acted tonight, after Secretary-General Trygve Lie took the floor in a dramatic appearance. ^{Lie} ~~and~~ denied ^{the} Soviet charges that his plan was written in Washington. The Assembly of the world organization voted down a Soviet counter proposal -- featuring the admission of Red China. Then - adopted the Trygve Lie Twenty-Year Peace Program.

CHINA

Mao Tze Tung's Red Chinese delegation, on its way to the U. N., arrived in Prague this morning. Waiting at the airport to meet the delegation was the U. N. representative to Czechoslovakia - Olaf Ryntter - also the Czech deputy Prime Minister and the Chinese Ambassador. Stepping down from their plane the Chinese greeted the Czechs and their own Communist Ambassador - in fluent Russian - but not the U. N. representative - Olaf Ryntter - Oh, no -- all he got was the cold shoulder.

The U. N. representative we hear has even been left out of the parties planned by the Czechs for the Chinese. This delegation from Peking is expected to reach New York and Lake Success within a few days.

EGYPT

In London ~~today~~ Foreign Minister Bevin told the Commons that Britain positively will not withdraw its troops from the Suez Canal. The five-thousand Tommies who guard the canal from Port Said to Port Tewfik and Suez, will stay right there in the desert.

The British Government has "no intention of taking steps -- which would leave the Middle East defenseless" was the way Bevin put it.

He also turned down the second demand made last week by Egypt's Prime Minister - the demand that the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan should be handed over to King Farouk. Only the Egyptian flag to fly over Khartoum and Omdurman - the Union Jack to be hauled down at the fort where "Chinese" Gordon held out against the fanatical hordes of the Mahdi - and where

Kitchener went to the relief of Khartoum accompanied by a young reporter named Winston Churchill. There will be none of that, says Bevin. The Foreign Minister told the House of Commons of great progress recently made in the Sudan, and asked that the Sudanese be allowed to decide the future of their own country, "in due course." Britain's Foreign Minister ^{ended} ~~added~~ his remarks on a friendly note saying that negotiations with Egypt will go on when the Egyptian Foreign Minister arrives in London next week.

NEPAL

Word from Khatmandu, capital of the Himalayan country of Nepal, tonight is that troops loyal to the Prime Minister have driven the Nationalists out of their remaining stronghold. This means Nepal is still ruled by His Highness Maharaja Mohun Shamsher Jan Bahadur Rama. That's the Prime Minister's name.

The telephone line across the mountains from mysterious, romantic Khatmandu to India is working again today. Over that wire from Khatmandu comes a different version of the story about King Tribhuvana's flight. Foreign residents who have lived in Nepal for many years say that the King was not deposed by the Prime Minister. They say the King who had no power had planned to flee the country for some time. The story is that King Tribhuvana has long wanted to visit the outside world, but has been prevented from doing so by the rigid Nepalese tradition which decrees that the King must never leave the throne - not even for a few hours; even if the power has long been in the hands of the Prime Minister!

Some twenty years ago, King Tribhuvana asked

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to be allowed to abdicate so he could travel abroad. But the Prime Minister would not let him; it would be ~~xx~~ against all royal tradition. So today it seems that King Tribhuvan's flight from Nepal may not have been made so that a more democratic government could be set up, but rather that he wanted to take a look at the outside world of which he has heard considerable.

CALIFORNIA

In Washington tonight Democratic Senator Sheridan Downey of California announced that he would resign at the end of this month - that is more than a month before his term ~~XXXXX~~ expires. In his place, Governor Earl Warren announced that he would appoint Republican Senator-elect Richard Nixon. Downey said that he was quitting because of ill-health -- the same reason that he had not sought re-election.

PRAYER

Anybody in this country, who is thirteen years old, is entitled to feel like Linda Keller of Hyattsville, Maryland. (~~And any thirteen-year-old would have the same right to send a letter to President Truman. And - make radio stations halt regular broadcasting.~~)

Linda says that, all her life, she has heard - "nothing but war." Well, she was born in Nineteen Thirty-Seven, when the Second World War crisis was rising to catastrophe. She was two when the global conflict broke out, and going on five when her own country got into it. Eight - when the hot war was followed so quickly by the cold war. Eleven, when the Berlin blockade threatened World War Three. And now - Korea.

So Linda wrote to President Truman and said - "I'd like to find out about peace." So would Harry Truman. So would we all. And Linda added - "Maybe prayer will help."

Her suggestion to the President was as follows: "I think it would be nice if at twelve, noon, all radio programs would stop, and everyone would pray

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for the boys overseas. God will surely protect us all," wrote Linda.

The President passed the suggestion along to the Board of Chaplains of the Armed Forces, and they got in touch with radio stations at Washington and vicinity. Which was why today, in the national capital area, the radios at ¹noon stopped regular broadcasting, and had "a one-minute prayer for peace."

All because thirteen-year-old Linda Keller, in the eighth grade, at Hyattsville, Maryland, has never heard about anything but war. Like millions of other children growing up in these ominous years.

DUBLIN AIRPORT

"A quiet weekend" - and where better to spend it than Dublin - with a few nice juicy steaks washed down with Guinness. That was the thought uppermost in the minds of two U.S. B-Fifty bomber crews based in England who set out for Dublin and a quiet weekend. That was two days ago - on Saturday. But when they touched down at Dublin Airport they were amazed to see so many people. Thousands swarming all over the airfield and jamming the roads; special police everywhere. Why? Also why were so many police there to guard the two B-Fifties? Someone showed them a local newspaper with a screaming headline: "U.S. atom bomb planes in Dublin!"

In an editorial the paper suggested ~~that~~ there was more to the visit of these flyers than just a simple desire to spend the weekend in Dublin.

The Anti-Partition Association - that's an Irish society sworn to restore Irish unity, sent word to our Ambassador. It stated that American airmen, "no doubt of Irish descent," were being used as "tools of English Fifth Column activity;" those were the words.

In fair Dublin the rumors spread fast.

The giant bombers were there to stay. They were there to test Dublin Airport as a permanent base! Ireland had finally joined the Atlantic Pact - Ireland was going to buy a fleet of atom bombers of which these were the first! Also greatest rumor of all -- "the two planes had live atom bombs right on board!

The U.S. flyers were taken in tow by the U.S. Air Attache. They got their juicy steaks at ~~the~~ Dublin's Gresham Hotel. But it wasn't such a quiet weekend!

How was yours, Nelson?