

KOREA WAR L.T.-K. Thure - July 16 - '53.

The Chinese launched a new offensive today - slamming at a section of the central front, which had been quiet hitherto. Twelve thousand surging forward. But they were stopped in their tracks by a wall of fire and steel. Making - little or no progress, in a battle that lasted for five hours.

This new Red attack occurred a few miles West of the big drive, where the Reds, in a huge mass attack seemed as if they might break through the South Korean front in the mountains. But that was checked, and sent into reverse - by a counter-assault, in which three South Korean divisions lunged forward. Supported by mass ^{ed} batteries of U S artillery, squadrons of tanks - and twelve-hundred-and-fifty planes. More than two million pounds of bombs and napalm hit the Reds from the air - as the South Korean counter-attack pushed forward. Driving the Communists back for a mile. Then the South Koreans came upon the main enemy and were halted. At last reports, the two armies in the critical sector were facing each other. The decisive battle still to be fought, if it ever is.

FOLLOW KOREA-WAR

The latest - the United Nations counter offensive - resumed. Led by a spearhead of tanks, the South Koreans rolled ahead for the second day. They gained ground, backed by "tremendous" artillery fire. At the latest reports, they were approaching the positions they held when the Chinese Reds began their big offensive, and pushed them back.

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KOREA TRUCE

The next meeting at Pan Mun Jom is to be held on Saturday. Yesterday, our delegates handed the Reds what is called a "showdown" proposal, demanding "yes" or "no" by Saturday. The ^{(negotiators} ~~negotiators~~ -- taking a recess until then.

The unofficial word is that the Communists will have to quit stalling and agree on a truce. Either that - or the talks at Pan Mun Jom will be called off altogether.

MOSCOW

The top command of the Soviet army comes out - in support of the Kremlin. Today, the Red Marshals had a meeting at the Ministry of Defense, and signed a resolution - backing the government.

This is being publicized with headlines in Russia. Although - never before ⁵ have the Kremlin considered it necessary to announce the backing of the Army. Stalin never did, nor did the triumvirate that was in power after his death. But now after the downfall of Beria - the voice of the military forces is heard.

The list of commanders who signed in is headed by Marshal Bulganin, Minister of Defense. Which was to be expected. The interesting part is - the Number Two Man. Marshal Zuhov, the conqueror of Nazi Berlin, who was shoved out of prominence by Stalin. It may or may not be significant - that, during the Second World War, Marshal Zuhov was a cordial friend of General Eisenhower, now the President.

The Red Army resolution makes no mention of Premier Malenkov. Giving support to the Government, with no naming of any individual. Which is in line with other signs - that the Kremlin is now run by a group, not by Malenkov.

The appearance of the Army at this juncture is taken to mean - the military commanders are taking a larger part in Kremlin affairs. The surprise is that actual power is now held by an alliance of Foreign Minister Molotov, and Defense Minister Bulganin, the latter representing the army.

The gathering of the commanders is at the top of a list of other meetings, hundreds of meetings, held throughout Soviet Russia. All - pledging support. The Kremlin is moving to rally popular backing ^{now} ~~in~~

~~the ruin of Beria, master of the secret police,~~
that Beria and his friends have been purged.

EAST GERMANY STRIKES

A new wave of strikes reported in East Germany. At a big synthetic rubber plant, fourteen thousand workers began a sit down yesterday - and defied the communist police.

However, the Reds were able to break a strike at the Carl Zeiss optics plant in Jena.

The workers were on strike for four days, when the local Soviet Army commander appeared and threatened decimation. Recalling ancient Rome and the grim ~~pk~~ penalty - of execution of every ~~tenth~~ tenth soldier of a legion. The Soviet commander threatened to have every ~~tenth~~ tenth striker shot by a Russian firing squad. Which threat of decimation ended the labor trouble.

EAST GERMANY

The Communist government of East Germany announces -- freedom of trade for the farmers. They'll now be permitted to sell their produce in open markets. Hitherto, the farmers have been required to sell their surplus crops to the Communist regime. But now agricultural free enterprise is restored.

This is interpreted as a step to feed the hungry -- Red officials alarmed by discontent, because of the food shortages. The more so -- because of the Communist rejection of President Eisenhower's offer to send fifty million dollars' worth of supplies to East Germany.

People from East Berlin have been flocking into the American sector to buy food -- offered at special stands. Milk and potatoes. But now the Communists announce that carloads of potatoes are being brought into East Berlin. So, in the American sector, they^are substituting fruit for potatoes, Milk and fruit.

FOLLOW EAST GERMANY

In Washington, the announcement of the first shipment of food, offered by President Eisenhower, will leave new York by tomorrow. Other ships will follow - two million dollars worth to go in the space of a week. Wheat - flour - lard - beans, and so on. Shipped to Hamburg.

It remains to be seen how this food will get through the Iron Curtain, if at all. But officials are hopeful.

In the Suez Canal Zone, the British have raised their blockade of Ismailia. They still have not been able to find the British airman^a who vanished in that city. All the search, for several days, fruitless. Nevertheless, the British are lifting the lid with expressions of good-will.

Today, a British spokesman stated: "The Egyptians have cooperated excellently."

So the crisis which threatened along the Suez Canal, has eased off.

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India reports wild disturbances at Calcutta -- because of an increase of street car fares. The Communists horning in -- to stir up trouble.

Today one hundred thousand textile workers walked out on strike -- and so did four thousand airline employees. Mobs on the rampage -- blockading the car lines, beating up conductors and motormen. One street car terminus burned. Two persons killed - four hundred rioters arrested.

All that, because the fare has been increased one-third of a cent. A vivid illustration of how different the value of money can be in various countries.

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The Indian government made a change in the

boundaries of two local states -- which meant some shift of political influence. The "Dravidian Progressive Federation" organized demonstrations of protest. These -- turning into a deadly clash of mobs and the police.

recommendations. Both the military and naval academies report -- that better wages should be paid to the future Generals and Admirals. Vice-Admiral suggested -- one hundred-and-twenty-five dollars a month. Right now the cadets and the midshipmen get -- eighty dollars a month.

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ACADEMIES

There's a move to raise the pay of the Cadets at West Point, and the Middies at Annapolis. Today, President Eisenhower instructed the Secretary of Defense, Charles E. Wilson, to investigate, and make recommendations. Both the military and naval academies report -- that better wages should be paid to the future Generals and Admirals. West Point suggests -- one-hundred-and-twenty-five dollars a month. Right now the Cadets and the Middies get -- eighty dollars a month.

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RAIN

Fort Worth, Texas, took a bombardment today - a deluge of hailstones. But that was okay because the hail was accompanied by rain -- three inches of it. Mighty welcome in the drought-stricken areas of the Southwest. The prediction is - rain all over the place. At last reports, up to two inches had fallen in the drier sections of Oklahoma.

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SPEED

Here's a figure for you - seven-hundred-
and-fifteen-and-seven-tenths miles per hour. The new
record for speed on a level/course set by a jet-F-86/
Over the California desert, Lt. Colonel William Barnes
broke the previous record for speed. Which had been
set last year by another Sabre jet.

His record-breaking run was two ways,
first north to south ~~which~~ which he did at more than
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WATERFRONT

The Senate passed a bill today - approving
of a two state commission to crush racketeering along
the New York - New Jersey waterfront. This following
a telegram from Governor Dewey of New York - urging
the necessity of the ~~the~~ legislation. The Senate bill
now goes to the House of Representatives.

Today he remembered, so here's the epitaph he wrote
for himself.

"When I am dead

I hope it may be said:

His sins were mortal

but his books were read."

Well, they were. Gailor had his wish.

Years ago, an author wrote his own epitaph - and now its time to use it. Hillaire Belloc, the famous historian. A Frenchman, educated at Oxford who became one of the most famous of English writers. Last week, nearly eighty-three years old, Hillaire Belloc was injured - when he fell into a fireplace. Today he succumbed, so here's the epitaph he wrote for himself.

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HAND-SHAKE

And now, folks -- meet Frank Sharpe, of Schenectady, New York. But, as you greet him, don't shake hands -- he has had enough of that. Frank must rate -- as the champion glad-hander of the world. Shaking hands a million times -- in the last twelve years.

All that -- at the General Electric Company, which has an enormous plant in Schenectady. Visited by an unending stream of people -- on business. Frank Sharpe -- the chief receptionist. Shaking hands with with all.

Now, ^{on} retiring, ^{they gave him} ~~and gave~~ a farewell party. At which -- he shook another one hundred and fifty hands. Frank has had enough. So when we greet him -- let's keep our hands in our pockets, and ^{give him} ~~make a~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ a low bow, or just hello, or hi. Hi Mike!

EMPLOYEE

In the New York City Water Department, Nicholas Lana was back on the job today ^{— and it's a} ~~startling~~ story which has New Yorkers marveling.

Last week, the Water Department fired Joseph Porgie. But that -- was Lana. The seventy-four year old employee had been on the city payroll forty-five years -- under a false name.

Back in Nineteen-Hundred-and-Eight, he wanted to get a city job, and went to Al Smith, the man who was later to become Governor of New York, a candidate for the Presidency, and a figure of national renown, ^{who} ~~he~~ was then a young Assemblyman. Lana says that Assemblyman Al Smith gave him a card, and told him to hand it in at the Water Supply Department -- to get a job. The card bore the name of Joseph Porgie.

Lana did as he was told, and was hired. They marked him down as Porgie, and he let it go at that. "What's in a name?" Shakespeare asked -- so long as you get the job.

Now, how do you explain the card Al Smith gave

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him? An investigation shows that, back in Nineteen Eight, a Water Department job was awarded -- to Joseph Porgie, who, for some unexplained reason, never showed up to take it. Apparently, Assemblyman Al Smith had Porgie's card for the appointment, and -- if Porgie didn't want the job, let Lana have it. I suppose he never dreamed that Lana would go on the city payroll -- as Porgie.

But Porgie he was, for nearly half a century, until fired last week, and deprived of his pension rights -- a goodly pension, after all these years.

He made an appeal, and Mayor Impellitteri found -- that he had always been a good employee, and never mind the name. So today he went back to his old job, pension and all -- as Lana -- not Porgie.

This may sound a bit like a fish story, but it's on official record in the books of New York City.