

SUBSTITUTE KOREA ¹² P.M. Tues. Aug. 29 '50

The whole Korean front was ablaze, as the day began in the Far East -- it is Wednesday over there. All along the line the Communists lunged forward in a series of attacks, -- the bitterest battle focusing in the extreme northeast, the seaport of Pohang.

There the war news pictures a grim personal angle -- on the Red side. Captured prisoners stated that the Communist commanding general received orders on Monday - to capture the town of Pohang in forty-eight hours, or be executed, face a firing squad. The deadline was hours ago -- and, at last reports, Pohang had not fallen -- though the town was surrounded on three sides.

The Reds threw a road block across the main highway to the South, but this was broken up by American tanks. The Reds recaptured the town of Kigye which the Free Koreans had seized from them. And the latest pictures the defenders driven back toward Pohang

SUBSTITUTE UNITED NATIONS

The Security Council of the United Nations is going to debate the American protection given to Formosa. This was voted tonight, the Council agreeing to a demand made by Moscow delegate Malik who is the Council President. He repeated the contention of the Chinese Communists that the United States Navy guarding Formosa is an "invasion" of Red China. Malik wanted to brand the Washington government as an aggressor, but the Security Council merely decided to stage a debate. There was a turndown likewise for a Soviet demand of the Chinese Reds to be invited to participate.

MILITARY TRAINING

President Truman today took action that virtually kills any bill for universal military training. He's for it - but not this year. In a letter to Congressional leaders, he explains that the Armed Forces are too busy with Korea to start on a job of universal military training - right now. There have been plans in Congress to pass a bill to train all young men, but the President wants it put off until next year - and that would seem to be that.

CONGRESS

The House of Representatives, this afternoon, passed a drastic bil - to control American Communists. The measure would compel all Communists and members of other Red organizations to register with the Department of Justice, make them put Red labels on their propaganda, bar them from jobs in the government and defense industry, and deny them passports. The bill would make it a crime for any government official to contribute funds or give any help to a Communist outfit, and would make it illegal to deduct contributions to Red causes from income tax.

BRIDGES.

Today on the west coast a union call went out to longshoremen, ordering them to stop work - and attend meetings, which were being held immediately. Meetings to discuss what happened today - the C.I.O. expelling the labor group headed by Harry Bridges, who has been convicted ^{of} perjury connected with Communism. The council of the C.I.O., charging the union with following the Red party line - tossed out. Which completes action by the C.I.O. - in expelling eleven Communist-dominated unions.

At the same time, the C. I. O. have instructions to form a rival longshoremen's union on the west coast - to take away the members of the Bridges outfit. In San Francisco, Bridges' own local has already repudiated his leadership.

So that's why the dock workers were called off the job to attend emergency meetings today, and decide what to do as a bitter labor battle seems to be about to break out. ^{all of which} might cause a waterfront strike and a tie-up. Which could be ~~mighty~~ serious, in view of the Korean war. ^{So far the long shoremen have worked faithfully at loading ships for Korea.}

LEWIS

Amid the roar of war, we hear still another roar - the voice of John L. Lewis. The burly boss of the coal miners is famous for big strikes and big words. The way he can heave the king's English around would excite the envy of Dr. Samuel Johnson, that ponderous lexicographer. Today John L. Lewis let loose a verbal ton of bricks, which crash on the old grey head of William F. Green, President of the American Federation of Labor.

It all has to do with the strikes, or rather - no strikes. A.F. of L. President Green in talks with the C.I.O. is proposing a pledge: whereby union labor will forego strikes during the Korean war crisis. But this, today, was rejected by John L. Lewis - who stated that the coal miners will do their own pledging, if any. But John L. Lewis didn't say it in such simple words. He can be ponderous, even when he's brief, as was illustrated two years ago when the coal mine union seceded from affiliation with the A. F. of L. Lewis did it ^{then} in two words, a telegram reading; - "We disaffiliated"

Today, he descends upon the mild A.F. of L. president, with a letter that hurls the following: "I am ever distressed," writes Lewis to Green, "when I have to disturb the calm placidity of your ordered existence. Yet I suggest that the rights of American workers in industry should not be bartered to appease your innate craving for orthodox respectability."

Then, referring to the no-strike discussion, the letter to Green says: "Any mess that you cook up with the C.I.O., if you can cook up any mess with the C.I.O. - will, of course, have to be eaten by you and you alone. We do our own cooking!" roars John Lewis.

TIBET

The news from the Himalayas continues to be a fantasy - still more violent shocks reported today, in a convulsion of the highest of mountains. The government of New Delhi estimates that, after a great loss of life, ten thousand people are still marooned by floods along the wild mountain border of Assam and Tibet. There, as we heard yesterday, the mighty Brahmaputra River ^{or Tsang Po - is} reported to have been thrown out of its course, and sent into a new channel. A river as big as the Mississippi - and you can imagine the floods.

Today's dispatch states that a hundred and fifty villages have been inundated, people taking to the treetops, and waiting there for rescue. The Indian Government has mobilized a huge fleet of shallow-draft boats - to navigate the flood waters and save lives. There are grim descriptions of the carcasses of thousands of wild animals, the beasts of the jungles overwhelmed by the floods - as the deluge descended upon ^{the} tigers, elephants, and the one horned rhino too.

Geologists believe the quakes will go on for

years. They refer back to the cataclysm of Eighteen Ninety-Seven, the worst earthquake in modern history, when the shocks in the Himalayas lasted for ten years - more than five thousand counted. This present cataclysm may be just as bad.

A geologist in India points out that, the crust of the earth out there has been in motion. Those highest mountains in the world have been growing taller in the past couple of hundred years. Mount Everest, the world's loftiest peak, when calculated some thirty years ago, measured - twenty-nine thousand and two feet. Recently, Everest was measured again, and the calculation showed twenty-nine thousand and two hundred feet - nearly two hundred feet higher. So, based on that, the supposition is that, during the present quakes, the Himalayas are being thrust up - still growing.

There's no confirmation of giant volcanic eruptions - merely statements by villagers, who tell of a fiery glow in the distant sky - away off in regions unexplored. That's where the epicenter of the

earthquake is calculated to be, deep in the Himalayas, areas uncharted and unknown.

The Imagination is staggered by the thought of those sky towering peaks in eruption! Last year when we were in Tibet, at just this time, we gazed at the ^{lofty} ~~long~~ *wall* of the Himalayas, and told about ^{those awe-inspiring} ~~them in recorded~~ *mountains in our daily broadcasts,* ~~broadcasts on this program.~~ One phrase was - the ramparts of the world. But, suppose they are spouting fire. Well, we only go back to the Roman poet, Lucretius, who said - "the flaming ramparts of the world."

FOLLOW TIBET

After news like that, it seems petty and insignificant, to return to the doings of those little crawling things, the human race. But here's a dispatch from Czechoslovakia - about Tibet. The Communist radio states that Chinese Reds are about to march into that secluded land on the Roof-Of-The-World. The reason -- to foil American imperialism, and there's a villain in the piece.

The Czechoslovak Red radio puts the accusation in the following words: "The strategic position of Tibet and its uranium ore stimulated the Washington strategists to gain influence over Tibet. A year ago" says this Communist propaganda, "an American expedition was sent to Tibet, headed by an agent of the O.S.S. -- Lowell Thomas, who modestly calls himself a radio commentator." Those are the words from Red Prague.

So, to the liars in the Kremlin, who falsify just about everything, I am not on the radio. I am a special government agent.

There are no limits to what the Communists will say if they think what they say will help them gain their point. ~~Surely~~ Surely a house built on such shifting sands - on a fabric of lies - will collapse!

PRINCESS

Today in London, Buckingham Palace, Prince Philip, husband of Princess Elizabeth, heiress to the crown, took pen in hand and filled out a form - a birth registration. He wrote in the name of the new baby - Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise. ~~Ordinarily, the names of royal children are not announced until just before the christening, and the new princess will not be baptized for some days. However, the registration today was necessary - to get a ration book for one baby girl, according to regulations laid down by the Labor Government. So now the usual rations for imports will be available for her tiny royal highness, Princess Anne Elizabeth Alice Louise of Edinburgh.~~

The surprise for Britain is the first name - Anne. In the royal family there is nobody named - Anne. Well, it was the same way in naming the little girl's brother - Charles. No Charles in the royal family. So, why the novelty in the matter of names?

But both Charles and Anne were famous in the house of Stuart, from which the present royal family is

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descended in a round about way. There was the unfortunate Charles the First, who stood for the divine right of kings, fought a war against Parliament and was beheaded by Oliver Cromwell and his puritan regime. There was Charles the Second, the merry monarch, the most famous royal play-boy of them all. And - there was Queen Anne, the last British sovereign of the House of Stuart. So, in these times of Labor Government Socialism, the British royal family harks back to the proud Stuarts for surprise names.

But there's something still more singular, if you want to delve into the pages of history. This matter of names goes back to the great quarrels of religion in the Seventeenth Century. The Stuart King, James The Second, became a Roman Catholic - and, for that reason, lost his throne. He had two daughters, reared as Protestants - and the crown went to them. First, to Queen Mary who was married to William of Orange. They are famous now in history as - William and Mary. Then to Queen Anne - and her reign was made glorious by the

victories of Marlborough, whose chief descendant today is Winston Churchill. The two queens had a brother, and he would have been king except that he was a Catholic. His name was - Charles. In exile, he made vain attempts to win the crown, and so did his son, another Charles - Bonnie Prince Charlie of brave romance.

All of which is recalled vividly by today's naming of Princess Anne. Her brother - is Charles, and they call him Bonnie Prince Charlie. Strange turn of reminiscence in these days of the Labor Government.

WAITRESS

~~In this broad land of ours, there's one guy looking for a blonde. There may be more than one, for all I know - but not in exactly the same way as Eugene Martin of Mount Carroll, Illinois, who wrote a letter to the mayor of Joliet, asking~~

~~Gene asks~~ the mayor to help him find ^{a certain} blonde - saying how last week ~~he happened to drive through~~ ⁱⁿ Joliet, ~~and stopped at a beanery for a bite. That was when~~ he met ^e the blonde ~~with~~ waitress, ~~who served the hash. He says she is~~ of medium build and blue eyes, ^{with} ~~radiant~~ - radiant blond hair." Also - "A smile as big as all outdoors." ~~Well, outdoors is pretty big - so the blonde certainly must have been working the smile.~~

"She'll remember me," Gene writes, "because I'm the guy she played the song for." On the old juke box, of course.

The letter asks ^{ed} the mayor ~~of Joliet~~ to send along the name, address and telephone number of the blonde. To make sure, a map ^{was} ~~is~~ enclosed, a hand-drawn

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chart showing streets and avenues, and marking the

location of the restaurant. ~~Well, that would seem to~~

~~fix it,~~ But there's one trouble ^{developed -- it was} ~~not~~ not a map of

Joliet. Some other place, The right blonde, but the

wrong town, ~~Helena~~