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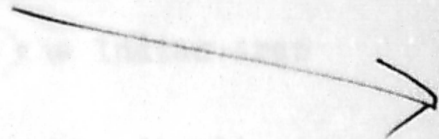

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another way in which the enemy is being ~~harassment~~ harassed.

On land, the drive of probing spearheads continues all along the battlefront. But - no enemy. The Reds have withdrawn, and ^{for} twenty miles north of the U.N. defense line, patrol parties ~~were~~ unable to find any sizeable force of Reds - no opposition.  Air scouts report indications of enemy defensive preparations not far to the southeast of Seoul - raising the surmise that the Communists intend to dig in along that line. Other evidence from the air seems to show that masses of Reds have taken to the hills, trying to hide from American air power, ^{these} ~~these~~ planes that swoop to attack. Another guess, repeated in dispatches from Korea, makes the supposition that the Communist army may have withdrawn - waiting for the result of diplomatic negotiations in the U.N.



U.N. FOLLOW KOREA

In fact That idea was presented at the U.N. today - in full diplomatic dress. The delegate from India suggested that the Chinese Communists ~~may~~ have drawn back - ~~in the possibility of~~ awaiting a possible diplomatic settlement. He said that the lull at the warfront, in his words - "may not be without significance."

P An insistent report is around that the Chinese Communists have agreed to an immediate conference to negotiate a truce - a "cease-fire." This - with no conditions, no string attached. They are willing to accept the proposal to that effect - put forward by India and the Arab countries. *P* India, taking the lead, is urging the formula, and wants the U.N. to consider the plan before voting on the American resolution to brand Red China as an aggressor. In this the Indian delegation is supported by the British - and the move gains impetus from the reports that Red China has agreed to the Indian-Arab proposal. An immediate conference to stop the fighting - and negotiate on all questions.

ADD U.N. FOLLOW KOREA

A British spokesman tonight gave a British view of the American attitude. He said that Britain fears what he calls "American exuberance". Which might set off a general war.

TRUMAN

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President Truman adds his voice to the demand that Red China be declared an aggressor. At a news conference today, the President urged strongly that the American resolution be put through the U.N. "For my part," he said, "I believe in calling an aggressor an aggressor."

SENATE - INDIA

A Senate committee today took a hand in foreign policy - in a rather sharp way. The Foreign Relations Committee shunted aside a bill to send American grain to India. There's a threat of famine over there, and the bill would ship two million tons of American foodstuffs - aid to India. But the Government of Prime Minister Nehru is taking a stand contrary to American policy in the Korean War - Nehru yesterday speaking out against the U.S. resolution to brand Red China as an aggressor. So now the Committee puts off the aid to India bill, until a sub-committee studies the whole question of American relations with India. Using food relief - as an instrument of international policy.

BIG FOUR

The word from Washington is that our Government will firmly oppose any participation by Red China in a four-power conference. This has nothing to do with a Far Eastern parley that is being talked about - to end the Korean War. It concerns a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four, which Soviet Russia suggested for a discussion of German affairs - but the Western countries want other subjects included, like Korea. The news from Moscow is that the Soviets will insist that, if any such four-power conference goes into Far Eastern questions, like Korea - Red China will have to take part. This, the U.S. Government will oppose, says Washington.

BEVIN

Britain is watching the reports on Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin - who is ill with pneumonia. ~~Th~~ Today the doctor said - the patient is getting a bit better.

British concern about Bevin was reflected in the House of Commons today, when Conservative Opposition Leader Winston Churchill expressed anxiety about the illness of the Foreign Secretary of the Labor Government. (Which, in a way, would be something like hard-boiled Republicans in the Senate worrying about the health of Secretary of State Acheson.)

(All of which indicates the importance of Ernest Bevin in the political scheme of things over there.) The sixty-nine year old veteran of the British Labor Movement, has the respect of the Conservatives - especially for his powerful stand in lining up with the United States against Soviet Russia. ~~But that is not~~ The important part of ~~it~~ which lies in Bevin's influence over the Left Wing of the British Labor Party. They are opposed to the strong British-American tie -

and Bevin has a way of keeping them in order, by lecturing
the left wingers
like a severe schoolmaster.

This explains why Bevin is not being replaced -
though he has long been in failing health. It explains -
why Prime Minister Attlee, while Bevin is ill in bed, has
taken personal charge of the British foreign policy, for the
time being.

CONTROLS

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The latest from Washington. Wage-price orders were approved today, getting a final okay. They're to be issued tomorrow. The decree putting a ceiling on prices is ready, ^{but} ~~and could be issued now. But the wage ceiling order~~ needs a bit of polishing up, to get the language straight. It will be ready tomorrow - and a price-wage freeze will be proclaimed.

The plan is to roll back prices to the level of January Second - while the wage formula will be more flexible. The general idea will be to peg the wage scale at ten per cent higher than January of last year.

FOLLOW CONTROLS

A later dispatch tonight states that the National Production Authority is preparing to put steel, copper and aluminum under almost complete government controls.

DRUGS

The smashing of the drug ring in New York brings forward a hero - an undercover agent of the Federal Narcotics Bureau, who did some rip-snorting detective work.

He's a Negro, who went into the Harlem underworld, and cut a figure that had the ~~tough~~ toughs of Harlem gaping. He wore a rakish beret and a trench coat with a huge fur collar. He smoked the biggest of cigars, and flashed the biggest roll of bills you ever saw. He talked and strutted like a hard character, a tough guy in the chips.

Puffing on the big cigar, and flashing the overgrown bankroll - he was in the market for marijuana, cocaine, heroin. In no time the petty drug peddlers, infesting street corners, flocked around him.

~~But~~ It was harder to get in with the big-timers - it took six months. But he gained so much prestige that, finally, the inner circle accepted him, and he was able to make an appointment with an underworld boss of the drug traffic. This was an individual for

whom the F.B.I. had been hunting a long time.

At the place of the appointment, Federal agents were waiting, and the arrest was made - of number one ~~importance~~ importance in the smashing of the drug ring. To date the police have seized twelve major wholesalers of narcotics - all the result of the dangerous work of the Negro undercover man, who was risking his life every day for six months.

They've got a poet over in the Army in Korea, Corporal Marion Newcomb, of Philadelphia, and his verses have been attracting attention. The Corporal writes about various objects of war. A hand grenade, for example. So here are the lines entitled:- "Portrait of a Hand Grenade." As follows:

Encased in patterned painted steel
You have no heart, you cannot feel.
Grim, gray grenade - the hour is near.
For you and I can take our stand
Against the foe in any land
And blast the enemy.

Another is a quatrain, headed, "On Mail From Home", going this way:

I wonder if the folks I left
Will ever know how much I fret
When days grow longer waiting here
For lines from those I love so dear.

RAIN

A statement of official alarm was put forth at Santa Fe, New Mexico, today. A large part of New Mexico threatened with ruin, because of a lack of rain - drought. And the official blame is placed on - the rainmakers.

The trouble is in the water-shed of the Rio Grande, where farms and cattle ranches are facing ruin. Today, state official Robert McKinney declared: "Unless there is rainfall or snow in the mountains far above normal, during the next sixty days, there will be no crops raised in the irrigated areas, and there will be no grazing for livestock.

He blamed ~~the rainmakers of the Rio Grande~~ what he called - "commercial rainmakers," operating up in Colorado. He said they divert the natural fall of water along the upper Rio Grande, and intercept the rainstorms of winter that, normally, sweep down into New Mexico.

This ~~is~~ follows a survey showing that, on farms along the Rio Grande, more than half of the water wells are dry.

BASKETBALL

The news wire this afternoon brought another story about the basketball game at Shanghai - between Russian and Chinese teams. Some people may be tempted to perceive some sort of international significance in this - especially along the line of wishful thinking. But it is a fact that the account emanates from the news agency of Red China, giving official backing for the painful squawk against the Soviet basketballers.

The Russians brought their own referees - who ran the game. They brought their own set of rules, and forced these on the Shanghai team. In China, they play basketball according to the American regulations, but the Russians are used to another kind. "International rules," ^{they called it.} ~~said they~~ Moreover, they imposed a different kind of backboard - and a much heavier ball. The Chinese accepted the new fangled backboard, but objected to the ball - which, they claimed, weighed as much as something you'd use in bowling. But the Soviet referees fixed that - and the heavy ball it was.

Once, during the course of the game, a Chinese player

sprained ~~am~~ his ankle. But the referees made him keep on playing. This, they explained, was to show ~~that~~ in their own words, ^{that} "it was not the fault of the Russians."

The irony was that all this trick stuff was not needed. The Russian basketball players were larger than the Chinese, much taller. Also - more skillful, with better teamwork. They could have won with Chinese referees, rules and equipment. As it was, they piled up a monstrous lot of points, a score lopsided enough to be shameful. Which, says the dispatch, caused the Chinese to "lose face" no end.

The crowd at Shanghai didn't like it. And, from time to time, there was an outbreak of booing. Whenever that happened, a Communist official would give a warning over the loud-speaker, saying to the crowd: "Now, criticize your own behavior, and follow the dictates of international courtesy." The Chinese must have wondered about the international courtesy-Kremlin style.

But, according to the news agency of Red China, the

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the worst was yet to come. After the game, the Russians lectured the Chinese team on how to play basketball, explaining how you do it. That left the humiliated Chinese - with no face at all. The purpose of the basketball matches was to enable the Chinese to learn from what ^(was) ~~was~~ called - their "Soviet brothers." They sure did learn - brother!

THIEF

At the old city of Shrewsbury, in England, Clifford Moyle, twenty years old, faced the magistrate. The charge - he stole ^{one-}~~9~~_{^ ^} hundred-and-forty-four jam tarts. Called upon to explain, he told the magistrate - he was hungry. But, after stealing the hundred-and-forty-four jam tarts, he found he could eat only ^{one}~~9~~_{^ ^} hundred-and-eight of them. Or, as mama said to sonny boy: - "Your eyes are bigger than your stomach."

14 Nelson - how many jam tarts do you think you could handle?