

KOREA

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(In Korea today, the Chinese launched a savage attack through the east coast mountains. While the enemy withdrawal all along the central and western fronts went on, the new Chinese break-through in the east drove southwards, more than twenty-five miles below the Thirty-Eighth Parallel) U.S. Eighth Army headquarters announcing the new Chinese assault, blacked out all details of the width and depth of the breach. But front reports are, that the spearhead of the new assault is spreading through the towering mountains.

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Meanwhile on the east central front the Eighth Army announces renewed attacks against the heroic Second Division. -- ~~the Indian Heads~~. The Reds' attacks are described ~~in the communique~~ as "unsuccessful". But word is that U.N. troops have had to pull back to new defence positions on that east central front.

SECRET WEAPON

Here's one of the most sensational headlines we've had in a long time -- and it may explain much about the overwhelming defeat of the Red offensive in Korea. A secret weapon - always a fascinating theme. It has been known that two secret weapons had been put into action on Korean battlefields, and this apparently is one.

The story was in the London newspapers today, and stated that the deadly device was the development of the napalm bomb, a species of super-flame thrower -- hurling the jellied gasoline. Who invented it? That's one of the fascinating angles. We are told that the secret weapon was devised by G.I's in the ²war, who applied the principle of napalm, used in such devastating fashion by the Air Force.

The story printed in London tells of a scene of fantasy and terror:- Somewhere on the warfront, the secret

weapon is ready. Ten Chinese Reds ~~run~~ come charging. The American officer gives the word to fire the secret weapon - and, immediately, the ten Chinese are enveloped in a flaming burst, ~~sheeting fire high in the air.~~

The story goes on to say that those ten Chinese Red soldiers disappeared completely, having simply disintegrated.

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A great area of earth was scorched, where the flaming explosion took place, and we are given the further weird detail that not only does the new secret weapon destroy everything within reach, by fire; - but the blast and fire exhaust the oxygen in the air, and suffocate other enemy soldiers.

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Late word from Tokyo. The new secret weapon is revealed as a fifty-five gallon drum of napalm, buried in the ground like a mine and covered with a light layer of dirt. The explosive charge on the bottom of the drum is wired to a detonator behind our lines.

CASUALTIES

Those casualty figures we had yesterday were so remarkable, they must have had many of us thinking -- the Reds in their latest offensive, losing seventy thousand, while the U.N. forces lost only sixteen hundred and nineteen. It seems almost incredible. And I wondered was there anything similar in famous battles of the past?

Of course, there was that ~~big~~ classic battle of annihilation, back in ancient times -- when Hannibal encircled and utterly destroyed a great Roman army, with minimum loss to his own forces.

There was, moreover, the battle of Fredericksburg in our own Civil War, in which the Northern Army lost more than twelve thousand, while Robert E. Lee's casualties were about four thousand.

But the real analogy is found in another famous clash, also in American history -- the battle of New Orleans when the British were defeated by the

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Americans under Andrew Jackson in the war of 1812. Here are the official figures, given ^{by} ~~in the Encyclopedia~~ Britannica:- Of an army of nine thousand, the British lost two thousand. Of an army of four thousand American casualties numbered -- seventy-one. Sounds fantastic -- a mere seventy-one. But then, school books tell how it happened -- Andrew Jackson posting his army of Southern Riflemen behind fortifications of cotton bales, British Redcoats attacking in long lines, as if marching on parade. They were mowed down.

Which, in a way, was like the Red mass assaults in Korea -- the human sea surging forward against powerfully fortified positions and deadly fire.

MINES

Reports from Tokyo today tell of floating mines recently found drifting in the Sea of Japan and the straits between the islands of Honshu and Hokkaido. Japanese police who discovered and brought the mines ashore, report them as Soviet-made, and probably from the waters off North Korea.

BRADLEY

General Omar Bradley, testifying before the Senate Investigating Committee, today summarized the aims of the United Nations in Korea. "We hope that by inflicting severe casualties on the enemy and proving to them that they are not invincible, that they cannot gain anything by aggressive action that it is too costly a matter, that they have been let down by Russia in getting in it, that they will be willing to negotiate a peace with the United Nations."

In reply to a statement by Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa, which asserted the present strategy is indecisive, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs replied: "The chiefs of staff are unanimous in believing that we should fight this war as we are now fighting it, and in addition their staffs believe that way. If we are following the wrong tactics in trying to get a decision, then all of our people, all of our top people who are responsible for worldwide strategy, and who have knowledge of our capability, are all wrong, and you are right."

HEARINGS

The Senate Investigating Committee had another stormy session today, at which Chairman ~~Richard~~ Russell of Georgia rebuked Senator Wiley for charging a "whitewash" in the hearings - also for demanding that President Truman be called as a witness. Russell said he had no intention of forwarding to President Truman Senator Wiley's letter which charged that the President had lowered "an iron curtain" on testimony about the dismissal of General MacArthur.

Meanwhile, ~~Republican~~ Senator Tobey of New Hampshire said the hearings have taken "a very distinct political trend". ~~Senator~~ Tobey urged his colleagues to "ring down the curtain" on the investigation, "for the good of the country," as he put it. ~~In his usual colorful and powerful language, Senator Tobey said:~~

"Some Senators, with absolutely no military training or *said Sen. Tobey,* gumption or common sense, are harrassing the nation's military leaders ~~g~~ with questions. Russian Premier Josef Stalin is the only one who is gaining anything from it at all," ~~said~~ Tobey. *he added*

"When it is all over, MacArthur will still be deposed, and

Defense Secretary Marshall will still be the man in charge of the defense of this country.'

IRAN

The British Cabinet today discussed the latest development in the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute. Word from London is that (Great Britain has promised not to use military force to protect its oil interests in Iran without consulting the United States first.) Also considered at today's meeting was the question of what to do should Iranian oil be cut off.

This would, of course, mean gasoline rationing in Britain.

But officials in London still believe there's a fair chance of a settlement of the oil dispute. It is understood that the British Government accepts the nationalization of the oil company as an accomplished fact, but still has hopes of an agreement on compensation to the Oil Company and for joint operation of the oilfields in the future.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee has decided to call another Cabinet meeting for Thursday, to discuss a report from the British Ambassador in Teheran.

Meanwhile, in Iran thousands of Moslems today demonstrated against what they termed "unwarranted American

interference" in the oil dispute. Reports from the capital describe the demonstration as orderly, with no disturbances reported, and American citizens walking through the streets unmolested.

AMBASSADOR

Admiral Alan Kirk, American Ambassador to the Soviets, has a problem - how to get out of Russia. The Ambassador was due yesterday in Berlin, and was then to have flown on ~~xxxx~~ for a private visit to London. Today, however, he is still in Moscow, with no means of travel. The special Air Force plane which normally carries the Ambassador, is grounded in Berlin, awaiting clearance by the Soviets. This is normally given without any trouble, but this time the Russians say that the Poles must approve, because the plane flies across Polish territory.

So our Ambassador must remain in Moscow, snarled by Soviet Red tape.

FLEET

The battleship MISSOURI, ~~the~~ BIG MO, will head a thirteen ship American good-will fleet on a cruise to Europe this summer. Starting in Norway, and sailing south down the Atlantic coast, the trip will end in Portugal. Then head for the Caribbean for gunnery exercises. The MISSOURI, recently back from Korea, and the battleship WISCONSIN, just recently taken out of moth balls, will carry two thousand midshipmen from Annapolis and from the Naval Reserve.

EGYPT

In Egypt, thousands of government doctors went on strike today, for higher wages. The trouble started ten days ago, when seven hundred surgeons at Cairo's University Hospital went on strike against the government. Today, more than half of Egypt's medicos are out, with only those in private practice still working.

BRITISH_BOMBER

Britain reports a successful test flight of its new four-engine jet bomber. The British seem to be ahead of everybody else in the development of jet -- having produced a highly successful medium bomber, with two jet engines. Now -- a heavy bomber with four. The test flight today went off so well that the Royal Air Force promptly placed an order for a considerable number of the bombing speedsters. This new jet has a wingspan of one-hundred-and-twenty feet; a fusilage of seventy-eight feet, and can fly at altitudes ^{up to} of sixty thousand feet, at a speed of six hundred miles per hour.

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JADE

From Ukiah, California, tonight, comes news of a fabulous discovery. Two prospectors today filed seven claims to a deposit of jade in a rugged mountain area of Mendocino County, in northern California. The search for jade began a year ago, when one of the prospectors, Charles Stockton, discovered jade pebbles in a creek near his home. The word spread, and soon a thousand explorers were searching those remote mountains. But most of them became disappointed and went home. Stockton, however, kept up his search, and last week hired a pack train to penetrate a valley where no one else had ventured. There he made his find, of emerald green jade with sheets of white and mauve pink.

~~The greatest rulers of the East have always treated this stone with great reverence, especially the Chinese. And it was on jade tablets and fishbowls that the poems of emperors were recorded. One strange thing, however, is that no jade is found in China. The materials used came either from Chinese Turkestan or Burma. Samples from the new deposits~~

have been sent to the University of California, which reports them as of "very good quality, clarity and hardness." One wonders now who will buy this valuable stone. Perhaps it will go to Red China, to be carved as a non-strategic material.

KING

That most American trade of press agent was ennobled today, when a King and a Queen took jobs with a New York publicity firm. Peter and Alexandra of Jugo-slavia, monarchs in exile. They must go to work to make a living. They have a small income, but not enough.

Their employers, ~~are~~ Roy De Groot Consultants, ~~Incorporated~~, who explain: "The King and Queen could take the cheap way of getting publicity tie-ins, with pictures of the King drinking a glass of liquor or the Queen - displaying nylons. Or -- they could take jobs. They decided to do that," says the statement.

So now the announcement that Their Majesties are available for what the announcement calls -- "consultant services and publicity appearances for a limited number of prestige clients". Which means what?

Well, King Peter will start in by helping to

introduce a new type of sports car, while Queen
Alexandra will assist in the promotion of women's
fashions, ~~most expensive.~~ Their Majesties!-- the press
agents! Why there you are, Nelson!

INTRO TO SIR HAROLD BOULTON (early May 22/51 bc.)

As all of my friends and acquaintances know, I have always had more than my share of curiosity about the world in general. For many years I roamed. Of course, I have been tied down for twenty odd years -- by radio. Except for two journeys around the world. I mention this because I am leading up to a distinguished visitor who is with me; a man whose life work has to do with travel. At the moment he is here to lure Americans across the Atlantic. Apparently that's easy. Except when we are compelled to stay at home, as a people we go places. Mostly to Europe.

America has vast new world responsibilities, and the more we know about other countries, the better will be our chances of helping solve world problems.

Am I right, Sir Harold? I beg your pardon, I neglected to explain that my distinguished visitor is Sir Harold Boulton, from the British Travel Association.

SIR HAROLD: You are right, Mr. Thomas. In fact, your own travels have stimulated the imaginations of people all over the world. Your insight into the character of peoples of other lands, and your personal understanding of their problems, achievements and aspirations, have been important not only here in your own country, but in other lands where you are almost as well known. Not only through your radio broadcasts and film work, but also through your many books, beginning with LAWRENCE IN ARABIA more than thirty years ago, and your personal appearances when you lectured in nearly every English-speaking city in the world -- because of all this you have contributed greatly toward the achievement of the goal which we all share -- that goal being better international understanding.

On behalf of my countrymen and my immediate colleagues I came tonight to pay this tribute to you.

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L.T.; Many thanks, Sir Harold. That's all quite

undeserved. Europe, as usual, is going to be a mecca for Americans this summer and autumn. Hosts of them are going over for the Two Thousandth anniversary of the birth of Paris. Also for the FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN. Your festival, we know, has been designed to show how the people of Britain are getting along on the road to postwar recovery. There are few more interesting and delightful things that a traveler can do than journey the byways of England, along the coast of Cornwall, the Hills of Wales, and the lowlands and highlands of Scotland.