

KOREA

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The battle in Korea has turned into a thundering artillery duel. Today's dispatches from the war front picture massed batteries of American guns blasting the Chinese Communists on the hill called Old Baldy. ^R This ~~is~~ follows the ~~re~~ repulse of two counter attacks -- the G I's ~~xxxx~~ floundering through a sea of mud and up slippery slopes. But -- failing to dislodge the Reds from the positions they had captured. The counter attacks ran into a storm of cannon, mortar and machine gun fire -- ^{so violent} that they could make little progress. So a halt was called, while ~~preparations~~ ^{preparations} were made for a third ~~is~~ counter attack. The Communists meanwhile -- holding as much as three fourth of the strategic hill which, dominates the invasion route to Seoul.

The weather has been atrocious -- and paradoxical. The dispatches repeating the words -- rain and mud.

But today, ~~it~~ it is dusty. A dust laden wind -- sweeping the battle field. The explanation is that the wind, blowing today, ^{is} from the Gobi Desert. That vast expanse of arid land in northwestern China. The Gobi desert is far away from Korea, but today's dispatch calls the dusty ~~blow~~ breeze -- a wind from the Gobi.

ADD KOREA

At the break of day -- tomorrow in Korea --
American air power went into action. For a change,
the weather was clear, and swarms of allied fighter
bombers came ~~xxx~~ swooping down on Old Baldy,
raking the Communists with bombs and flaming Napalm.
All this -- while the artillery duel continued.

SUB BOHLEN

The Senate vote on Charles E. Bohlen was put off today -- the decision to be made on Friday. This followed an angry debate -- in which ~~Senator~~ Senator Knowland of California accused Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin of questioning his honesty. Knowland is for Bohlen, McCarthy against. The vote on Friday seems to be a sure thing -- following a report by Senator Taft of Ohio today. He, with Senator Sparkman of Alabama studied the F B I file ~~of Bohlen~~ and says the record shows no evidence reflecting on Mr. Bohlen as a security risk. Which it is believed clinches the approval of the Senate for the nomination of Bohlen as U.S. Ambassador to Moscow.

REORGANIZATION

President Eisenhower has handed to Congress a plan for the reorganization of the Department of Agriculture. One purpose -- to administer farm programs in closer cooperation with local areas. And, adapt agricultural projects to regional and state and local conditions. Under the reorganization, the authority of Secretary Ezra Taft Benson would be increased, and he would create three new high ranking jobs.

The plan is much like that submitted by President Truman in Nineteen Fifty -- but Congress rejected it. So now the Eisenhower Administration tries it all over again -- without much variation.

SEGREGATION

The White House announces that racial segregation will end in all schools and army posts. Schools, that is, which are operated ~~by~~ with federal funds.

In some cases, schools on military property are run by local state authorities -- and some of these have racial segregation. Ways will be sought to end these conditions too. So says the White House announcement.

GEORGIA

Here's a startling headline, after a fashion. Election returns from Muscogee County, Georgia -- where they elected two members of the County Commission. Which sounds like petty political news of little or no importance. But the two winning candidates are -- Republicans. The first time that a Republican has won any office in Muscogee County, Georgia, since the days of the reconstruction.

In the November election, Georgia went Democratic as usual -- although General Ike piled up a large vote. So now, the G.O.P. trend in Dixieland seems to continue -- in Muscogee County, at any rate.

At any rate this is an indication of the strength of the Eisenhower administration.

News from Norway - forecasting the winner

The convention of the auto workers union of the Nobel Peace Prize this year. Who'd you guess? at Atlantic City has re-elected -- all top officers, well, the dispatch names -- Harry Truman, which includes Walter Reuther, the President. The result of the election was a foregone conclusion -- declared strongly for the ex-President. In Turkey and the three thousand delegates of the auto workers Greece. President Celal Bayar of Turkey and Field Marshall Papagos, the Greek Ninth Premier, want the union staging snake dances ~~xxxx~~ in the convention hall, as they shouted their support of the Reuther leadership.

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TRUMAN

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The word is that two countries have declared strongly for the ex-President. ~~It~~ Turkey and Greece. President Celal Bayar of Turkey and Field Marshall Papagos, the Greek ~~Minis~~ Premier, want the Nobel Peace Prize to go to Harry Truman, for his contribution to the preservation of world peace, while checking the aggressive expansion of Soviet Communism. Turkey and Greece would, obviously be thinking of themselves. Both of them - kept free from domination by the Reds.

QUEEN

In London, ^{today} Queen Elizabeth the Second

ordered a period of mourning for Dowager Queen Mary -- one month of official mourning, which would end -- about five weeks before the ^{date} ~~start~~ of the Coronation.

Members of the Royal Family state that the Queen Mother left a last wish -- that the Coronation of her granddaughter should not be delayed. All ^{of her} ~~her~~ ^{life she} long ~~she~~ displayed a great sense of the responsibility of royalty. So, during the final days of her illness, she stated her desire -- that her death should not interfere with plans for the culminating ritual of royalty.

Buckingham Palace announces that the funeral will be held next Tuesday, at Windsor Castle.

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CHURCHILL-QUEEN

Today's dispatches from London might give the impression that the chief mourner is -- Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister.

When the House of Commons adjourned in honor of the late Queen Mother, he remained behind, sitting there, hunched over, lost in thought, staring into space. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden walked over to him and said something but the Prime Minister seemed not to hear him. Then, finally, he rose, and walked out of the House of Commons, his head bowed down.

It is not so surprising that Winston Churchill, the elder statesman of Britain should take the passing of Queen Mother Mary so hard. They were -- two of the last great Victorians.

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COLLEGES

At Boston, a college stunt has been called off -- good sense prevailing. The Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee is beginning hearings in the city of the bean and the cod -- summoning ~~in~~ at least eight colleges in Massachusetts to present evidence concerning Red efforts to penetrate institutions of learning. So, a bunch of students, opposed to the investigation of colleges, plan^{ned} to picket the sub-committee. They ~~concocted~~^{concocted} what they thought a clever gag -- based on the sixty-four dollar question about Communism. They'd carry signs reading "I am not, and never have been -- a member of Congress." Good for a laugh, they thought.

However, the Harvard Liberal Union stepped in. ~~The Harvard group is~~^{They're} opposed to anything that might endanger academic freedom -- ~~and is prominent~~^{but they called} ~~in a nationwide committee of college students,~~
~~rallying in the cause of academic liberty.~~

~~So now the Harvard Liberal Union calls~~
the picketing plan "stupid and irresponsible." That

put a quietus on the project and ~~so~~ there won't be a parade of placards. The sixty-four dollar question will not be answered with a quip. "I am not, and have never been -- a member of Congress."

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INDIAN TREATY ROOM

Here's an answer to a question I asked on this program the other night. We noted, at the time, that President Eisenhower was holding his news conferences in the old State Department Building, in a chamber called -- the Indian Treaty Room.

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provided for the peaceful withdrawal of U.S. Troops from the lands of the Sioux beyond the Missouri River. The Chiefs did the signing by 'touching the pen'.

The letter tells us how, two years later, several Chiefs of the Sioux were persuaded to come to Washington for a reinterpretation of the treaty. They now included a great brave of the Sioux, who was coming into prominence, Chief Sitting Bull.

"In Washington" the letter continues "they listened to the Great White Father, President Ulysses S. Grant, tell them that the real meaning of the treaty was -- that they must leave their rich and happy hunting ground, and move to barren land further West, land without buffalo.

"The Chiefs accepted this" say the two Colonels "because they had allowed their spirits to be captured in the black image box." That is, they were photographed by the newly invented camera, and x

that worked magic upon them. Such at least was the Indian version of what happened.

"This all took place" says the letter "in the newest and biggest government building at the time, the great reception room there." So that's how the Indian Treaty Room got its name.

"It should be noted, however" writes the Colonel "that Sitting Bull, somehow or other, got his spirit back from the black image box. He realized that the Indian Treaty was something that is given by one hand and taken away by the other. So, he fought it for twenty years."

The culminating event of those twenty years was -- Custer's last stand. When in the battle of the Little Big Horn, General Custer and his force of U.S. Cavalry were wiped out by the braves of the Sioux. Sitting Bull remained the Chief of the Sioux, until he was killed in Eighteen Ninety.

So those are memories in the background as President Eisenhower holds his news conferences in the Indian Treaty Room.

WOMEN

From Omaha -- an illuminating explanation of -- why women prefer tall men for husbands. "r do they? The little shrimps don't seem to have too much trouble in the business of catching a wife. But, anyway, a scientist Dr. Victor Levine, tells us -- that women prefer tall husbands, because they are "so docile and manageable." "A pint-sized woman" says the professor "can twist a giant around her little finger; but not the shorter fellow!"

He points out that Napoleon was five-two; Hitler and Mussolini -- five-five; Stalin, five-four. "And they were" in the professor's words: "pugnacious and dominating."

Well, the mighty can be ruled by the weak. Nelson, that should be followed by one of your famous -- or infamous puns. The mighty ruled by the weak. Huh!