

U.N.

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The U.N. tonight passed the program to authorize the General Assembly to employ military forces against future aggressors - should the Security Council be tied up by Soviet veto. The vote was by the political committee, but that makes it as good as final - because that political committee consists of all the United Nations. The General Assembly will still take a formal vote, but the result is a foregone conclusion. A two-thirds majority is needed, and tonight that was exceeded. The vote - forty-eight to five, with six abstaining.

This proposal, designed by the United States, and co-sponsored by six other nations, constitutes a revolutionary development in the U.N. The meaning is made vividly clear by a quick look at past events. When the Red blitzkrieg in Korea began, the Security Council voted action to crush the Communist aggression - using American Forces and naming General MacArthur as U.N. commander. But that was possible only because the

Soviets were boycotting the Security Council - demanding that Red China be admitted. If the Moscow delegates had been on the job, they would have cast a Security Council veto - and stopped everything. Their absence was a big Moscow mistake, and the Reds are not likely to commit any such error again. But there is no veto in the General Assembly - which now will be authorized to use armed force against aggression. And - no veto.

SUB KOREA

In Korea the forces of the United Nations are closing in on the red capital. Earlier in the day the South Korean radio stated that its own soldiers had driven into the city.

After days of almost unopposed advances, the advancing columns ran into fierce resistance, as they approached Pyongyang. Ten miles south of the city the U.S. First Cavalry was stopped by bitter Red defenses based on a ridge of hills. Similarly, the Free Koreans, driving from the East came to a halt eight miles from the Communist capital - stubborn opposition.

To the West, however, British troops reached the Taedong River, which flows through Pyongyang -- while American forces, advancing along the west coast, captured Chinnampo, which is the seaport for the capital, twenty-three miles away. Thus, the city is being assailed on three sides, and its capture is only a matter of time - short time.

TRUMAN

Word from Washington tonight gives a few hints of what went on in the secret discussion between President Truman and General MacArthur. We are told, for example, that the supreme commander now agrees with the administration policy on the question of Formosa.

(A few weeks ago, a MacArthur declaration was suppressed at the instance of President Truman - a statement that our military security in the Pacific requires that Formosa be kept out of the control of the Communists. This country must make sure of that. The Truman view was that the disposition of the strategic island was up to the United Nations.)

Last night, in his address at San Francisco, President Truman made no mention of Formosa. But there was a sort of indirect reference in the following statement: "When General MacArthur and I discussed the whole problem of peace in the Far East," said the President, "we recognized that this is far more than a military problem." The MacArthur view hitherto has been that of a military commander, considering a military problem.

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But here's the latest -- a dispatch from Tokyo which states that there was no Truman-MacArthur agreement on the subject of Formosa. The question of that island was not discussed. This, of course, contradicts the report put out in Washington.

~~a military problem.~~

That now famous conference at Wake Island culminated in a mix-up today, when the President returned to Washington. ~~(The appropriate ceremonies were all set, but all was confusion - because of fog.)~~

The Presidential plane was on schedule - but National Airport was covered with a blanket of white mist, - ~~(so dense that the ceiling was hardly more than a hundred feet. Visibility - less than an eighth of a mile. The pilot slowed down, the plane loafing in the sky - in the hope that the Washington fog would clear up, as the day advanced. Nothing doing - so that the~~
The pilot had to fly for a landing at the Andrews air base in Maryland, where the ceiling was fifteen hundred feet. *And that's okay - Fair,*
Visibility -- two miles. *Not so good either, but he*
made it in fine style.

Meanwhile, the big reception was waiting in the fog, at the National Airport - Mrs. Truman, Secretary of State Acheson, high officials of all sorts. They waited and waited, and then heard that the plane

was going over to the Maryland flying field, a few miles away. They jumped into motor cars, and went racing - and never mind the speed limit. When they got to the Andrews Airfield, the President was waiting. He had to hang around for a few minutes before the reception committee showed up. They were to receive him, but he was there to receive them - the mix-up ending with a Truman laugh.

DRAFT

Word from Selective Service headquarters -

that married men without children may soon be called up for the draft, and the armed forces may follow that by conscripting fathers of families and veterans of the Second World War. This was stated today by Colonel Joel Griffing, chairman of the manpower division. He said that it is entirely likely that married men will have to be drafted in the near future -- and, after their numbers are exhausted, the fathers and veterans may have to be called.

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PALESTINE

The political crisis in the State of Israel grew more complicated tonight, with President Chaim Weizmann calling upon Phinas Rosen, leader of the Progressive Party, to form a caretaker government - until new elections can be held. This followed a defeat in Parliament, the Knesset, for ex-premier Ben-Gurion - who was voted down when he tried to form a temporary government consisting of his own Labor Party, ^{the} Mapai.

There's a state of confusion in Israel, with everything ^{up in the air} ~~in the balance~~ until new elections are held - six or eight weeks from now. The outlook is the more perplexing, because it is agreed on all sides that, in the elections, the balance of power will be held by new arrivals. There are some three hundred thousand refugees, newly come to Palestine, and they'll be voting for the first time - bringing a highly uncertain element into the battle of ballots.

SUB LEAD DEWEY

New York's Governor Dewey lashed back at the Democrats tonight -- by pointing out that the late Franklin D. Roosevelt agreed to run for Governor of New York, after he had been promised that his debts would be paid. Which is answer to charges arising from that much-debated letter, in which Lieutenant-Governor Hanley said he agreed to run for the Senate on a promise that his financial obligations would be taken care of.

The Dewey counterblast goes back to events of Nineteen Twenty-Eight, which have been related in books by former Postmaster General Jim Farley and New York Democratic leader Edward Flynn. Both state that, before F'D'R' would run for Governor, he was promised by financier John Raskob that money would be put up to pay off debts ~~as~~ incurred in connection with the Warm Springs foundation. The total came to Two Hundred Thousand Dollars - in return for which Franklin D. Roosevelt accepted the nomination that was eventually to lead him to history in the White House.

In Washington, a demand has been received for a Senate investigation of that Hanley letter, - ~~an inquiry into charges that Governor Dewey was involved in a pay-off deal. Today Gillette of Iowa, etc.~~

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But his "great" was

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another pitcher winner, but that was the American

finer Dykes, who was third baseman of Conn. State's

(The ball club was named the "Lions".

Three months later the owner of the team was

CONNIE MACK

Connie Mack has retired. The grand old man of the national game stated today: "I'm retiring from baseball. I'm retiring as manager of the ball club."

of the Athletics
He will stay on as president - but that will be little more than a formality for the eighty-seven year old veteran.

Cornelius
He was born McGillicuddy, but that name was too long to fit into baseball scores. So he retained only the first syllable. *of the McGillicuddy*
He won nine American League Pennants, five World Championships, with some of the greatest teams the game ever saw. But his "downs" were as remarkable as his "ups." Today he said ruefully:

"I've had more tail enders than all other American League managers combined." His great hope was to produce another pennant winner, but this year the Athletics were a dismal tail-ender all over again. His successor is Jimmy Dykes, who was third baseman on Connie Mack's last championship team.

(The ball club still stays in the family.

Three months ago, the control of the team was

purchased by Connie's two sons, Roy and Earle. There was talk in the past that all was not harmony between the aged manager and his sons - and Connie himself realized that, at eighty-seven, the years have caught up with him.) ^{Connie} He quits on his golden jubilee, celebrating fifty years as manager of the Athletics.

SAFECRACKING

News from the world of education - Chicago has a school for safecracking. Which certainly sounds like a new addition to the curriculum - how to blow a safe.

AT Cadillac, Michigan, the police have arrested a robber, who states that he is a "graduate" of the new institution of learning. Dale Line of Ewart, Michigan, says he attended lectures given by a professor, an up-to-date course of study illustrated by motion pictures. The tuition was two-dollars-and-a-half per lecture. The professor explained to the students the various ways of blowing a safe, and the motion pictures gave the technique of ultra-modern burglary.

The prisoner seems to have been a talented pupil, graduating Magna cum Laude, because at Cadillac, Michigan, he broke into a store, and did an expert job in breaking open a safe - getting eight hundred dollars. So now it looks as if he'll continue his studies in another kind of educational institution, the state prison. Where the lesson is - crime does not pay.

PEARLS

Chicago today received a gleaming treasure, a hoard of pearls, a million dollar consignment of the gems of the ocean. For which Chicago can thank - General Douglas MacArthur.

They're cultured pearls, produced by the Japanese, who are pioneers at harvesting under-water fields - *— especially Mr. Mikimoto who started it.* Since the outbreak of the war in the Pacific, markets have been closed to the pearl growers, and they gathered large stocks on hand. So now the supreme commander has authorized the shipment of these, and today a million dollars' worth arrived in Chicago - to be sold at auction.

There's a fifty thousand dollar necklace, together with rare examples of the black pearl. It took fifty years of "pearl breeding" to develop the dusky gem -- the opposite of the white shimmering beauty of the traditional pearl

KISS

Surprise news - from the Island of Capri. That's the world famous haunt of romance, but Capri begins to sound like New England, of puritan days - when kissing in public was against the law. That's exactly the misdeed reported today -- a blonde sent to jail for giving a boy friend a kiss in public.

Hard to believe the Romantic Isle of Capri could be so severely ²mor~~an~~ and sedate. But here's what happened.

On a moonlit night, in the main square of the town, the blonde was kissing the boy friend -- when she was arrested. The police declare there were nineteen other guys waiting their turn. Which was too much, even for the romantic Island of ~~Capri~~ Capri, and today the blonde was given three months in jail - for that marathon kissing bee, *Nelson*.