

KOREA

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(The Red break-through in Korea has been checked.

That's the news tonight. The Communists drove for twenty miles on a front of ten miles, jamming a wedge in the center of the Allied line, forty thousand Reds pouring through. But this enemy lunge has been contained,) though it still threatens the vital highway from Seoul to Chunchon. But that threat was reported twenty-four hours previously - so the situation seems to remain the same.

However, though the Red advance may have been checked in the central mountains - the Communists are pushing forward to the north of Seoul. In that western sector, Allied troops, under heavy pressure, have retreated from the line of the Imjin River, and fallen back toward the capital. The battlefront is now about twenty miles north of Seoul, with the Reds infiltrating behind the Allied front - and a new frontal attack by the Reds began at nightfall today.

The bulletins continue to give a frightful picture of enemy losses, under a hurricane of steel and fire, hurled by

massed American artillery. Hundreds of warplanes, fighters and bombers, swarmed over the line all day, plastering the Reds with fragmentation bombs, rockets, machine gun bullets, and flaming jellied gasoline. The Communist losses are said to be running at least ten to one, compared with the Allied^{s.}

Our high command is confident of holding off the waves of the Red "human sea," but they^{are} not under-estimating the magnitude of the⁷² Spring offensive by the enemy. Today, the new Supreme Commander, General Ridgway, flew to the front, and stated that this was the supreme bid for victory by the Communists and the outcome of the titanic battle might be decisive.

MacARTHUR

General MacArthur will testify on Thursday of next week, May Third. Today he agreed to appear on that day before a Senate investigation of the Far Eastern policy battle, which led to his dismissal. We don't know if it will be a public hearing, or behind closed doors. That has not been decided, yet. Committee Chairman, Senator Russell of Georgia, is in favor of private proceedings - since the hearings will involve major questions of national security. But, on both sides in Congress, Democratic and Republican, there is an increasing demand to let the public in on the MacArthur testimony - which may have large political repercussions.

MacARTHUR - CHINESE

Today We have a statement that the joint Chiefs-of-Staff do agree with the MacArthur contention that Chinese Nationalist troops in Formosa should be used in the Korean War. Which view, we are told, is also shared by the new Supreme Commander, General ~~Ridgway~~ ^{Ridgway} - and, in fact, by all senior officers in the Far East.

This comes from General Courtney Whitney, personal adviser to MacArthur. Today at a news conference, he declared that the Chiefs-of-Staff sent a message to MacArthur in Tokyo, a message that he refused to disclose. But he intimated that it endorsed the use of some six hundred thousand Chinese Nationalist troops. He said that General Ridgway expressed the same view shortly after he took command of the Eighth Army, and sent a message to that effect, through MacArthur, to Army Chief-of-Staff General Collins, in Washington.

All this is given as advance notice of the MacArthur testimony before a Senate Committee next week.

The Army gives an explanation of the story that an attempt was made to censor General MacArthur's address to Congress last week. This charge was played up last night by Radio Commentator Henry J. Taylor, (who said that the ousted Supreme Commander was called upon to submit a copy of his speech to the Pentagon, ~~Building~~. Whereupon the General demanded an order in writing - which was not forthcoming. If he had been subjected to censorship, he would not have made the address before Congress.)

Today, Major General Floyd Parks, Army Chief of Public Information, declared that the whole thing arises out of a mistake. He says the Army never had any idea of censoring the MacArthur speech, ~~and this is~~ ^{So here's} what happened:- Newspaper reporters wanted an advance copy of the address to Congress, and applied to the Pentagon. They talked to a subordinate officer, asking for a copy - and this officer relayed the request, through Army channels, to the General, upon his arrival in San Francisco. This request for a copy, for the

/a copy to be censored./

reporters - was misinterpreted as a demand for ~~communism~~.

Which it was never intended to be.

The Army Information Chief states that General MacArthur is not expected to submit any of his public statements for clearance. (He explains that, although MacArthur remains a five-star General at full pay, he is not considered to be on active duty - since he has no assignment, following his removal as the Supreme Commander in Tokyo. Officers on active duty are required to submit public statements for censorship - but not those who are inactive.)

COMMUNIST PARTY

At the hearing on Communist registration, ~~the lawyers~~
~~for the Reds won a point today, when they prevented a witness~~
~~from giving an opinion of the Communist Party - as it is right~~
~~now.~~ ^{again today was} The witness, Benjamin Gitlow, one-time Secretary General
of the American Communist Party, twice ~~the~~ Red candidate for
vice-president ^{of the U.S.A.} He broke with the Party in Nineteen Twenty-nine

~~and the lawyers argued that he wouldn't know about Party~~
~~affairs - after he was ousted from leadership. The board~~
~~conducting the hearings agreed, and so Gitlow was only~~
~~allowed to tell about Communism during the 'Twenties.~~

X TP ^{today} His testimony featured - the Ogpu, ^{which he said} ~~as the Soviet~~

~~Secret Police was called at the time. He said the Ogpu~~
organized Red espionage throughout the world, and one of its
top ranking agents, ~~was~~ Nicholas Dozenberg, ~~this Dozenberg,~~
he declared, was one of the founders of the American Communist
Party.

(Gitlow testified about the financing of the Party.

He said that the American Communists worked for Amtorg, the

Russian trade agency in New York, and - kicked back part of their wages to the Party. Also - Amtorg paid high rates for advertisements in the American Communist press. ~~This bears on the government claim that the American Communist Party is subsidized by Moscow.~~

~~Everything that Gitlow said about Moscow control applied only to the time in the 'Twenties, when he was a Communist big-shot. So what about matters later on? Did Moscow still control the Party - or were things entirely different? The witness was not allowed to say, and you'll just have to make your own guess.~~

COMMUNISTS

There was lively entertainment at the hearings on Hollywood Communism. Today two people from filmland refused to answer the sixty-four dollar question. Movie Actor Morris Carnovsky and Literary Agent George Willner would not say whether or not they were, or had ever been, Communists. But it was entirely different with Character Actor Marc Lawrence. ~~He did not give refuge in silence. In fact, silence is what he did not give of.~~

He put on a skit worthy of any character actor, talking fast, with a rich Brooklyn accent. He said he had been in and out of the Communist Party - twice. A ~~Party~~ member back in the 'Thirties, then again from Nineteen Forty-Four to Nineteen Forty-Six. ~~One~~ ^{The} reason - "dames." He said he acted on the advice of Lionel Stander, a movie actor, who gave him the romantic angle. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

"Standar said you get to know the dames more," he related.

"I thought it was a good idea - you could learn something. But I never loined anything!" *said he.*

He ~~said he~~ ^{told of} attended ^{ing} Red parties in Nineteen

Thirty-Two, because of a girl who played the piano there.

Another reason for joining the Party was - curiosity.

"I'm a curious kind of shmoe," said the character actor - and added: "I went to these parties where intellectuals read from books. Very confusing. I got a lotta headaches." Giving a reason why he quit the Party, he said: "I don't like speeches."

Can't think of any better reason! - if you don't like speeches!

CRIME COMMITTEE

The Senate Crime Committee will be continued. That was decided today. Having made sensations under Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, who refuses to continue as Chairman, the investigators will resume their task of exposing nationwide crime. Now - with ~~Senator~~ O'Connor ^{the new senator from} ~~of~~ Maryland as the new Chairman.

ATOMIC

It was stated in London today that the secret of the Hydrogen Bomb has been discovered. By Dr. Klaus Fuchs, in his prison cell. (This follows rumors of atomic research ~~being~~ done in jail by the German-born scientist, convicted of Red espionage; - for transmitted ^{ing} atomic secrets to Soviet Russia.)

A London weekly newspaper publishes the following:

"Among scientists, it is common gossip that the formula for the key to setting off the H-bomb was evolved by Klaus Fuchs in his cell at Stafford Prison." (This is followed by the statement that, with the aid of the convicted spy, Britain has found, what the magazine calls - "the elusive key to set off the Hydrogen Bomb, which so far has baffled American scientists.")

The story draws a denial from the Ministry of Supply, which operates British atomic research plants. A spokesman said: - "Fuchs is not working for us, and has not worked for

us since he has been in prison." He said he could not comment on the statement that the British have a solution ^{to} ~~of~~ the problem of the H-bomb.

SOVIET SOLDIERS

This is the Sixth Anniversary of the meeting of American G.I's and Red Army troops on the River Elbe - which marked the utter defeat of Nazi Germany in the Second World War. So this is an occasion for grim reflection - on American-Soviet alliance in those days, and how different things are today.

At Frankfurt, in Germany, the commemoration took a dramatic form, when an announcement was made by three Russians, former Soviet Army men - two captains ~~and~~ of Red armor, and a sergeant of infantry. Political refugees - who escaped from behind the Iron Curtain, and found sanctuary in the West.

To celebrate this anniversary of the meeting on the Elbe - they've written a letter to Stalin.

They tell the Soviet Dictator - who won the war. Behind the Iron Curtain, the victory is attributed to Stalin and his "military genius." The three former Soviet soldiers inform the Communist autocrat, the war was won by Russian soldiers and the Russian people, through their sacrifices -

and by the armies of the Western Allies.

They tell Stalin what happened to Russian soldiers after the war. "Instead of the free and better life you promised us," they write, "you surrendered us soldiers to the terror of your police apparatus. When we returned home," they add, "we found our families in indescribable poverty - and ourselves in the claws of a political police."

The letter concludes with the former Red Army men ↗ advising Stalin to abolish his political police, release political prisoners, and hold free elections in Russia.

PETAINE

At a fortress island off the Atlantic coast of France, an aged man sat up in a prison bed today, and gazed at a giant birthday cake - with ninety-five candles, ninety-five flickering lights.

He said: "It is very beautiful, but ..." Then his voice trailed off in silence - there were so many things expressed by those words, "beautiful, but..."

It was Marshal Petain - whom France once acclaimed as a national hero, and then condemned ^{for treason.} ~~for treason.~~ The victor in the Battle of Verdun, during the First World War; - then the head of the Vichy Government, which collaborated with Hitler's Nazis in the Second.

He was doomed to life imprisonment, in the fortress on a grim, bleak island. He was an old, old man when sentenced five years ago - and, of late ^{he} has been desperately ill, not expected to survive. But he was resolved to live, until his ninety-fifth birthday, and that came today. In his prison cell, he was barely able to sit up. He wore prison pajamas, and on

his head was a knitted brown cap - when once he had known the pride of the stately uniform and the gold encrusted cap of a Marshal of France!

Thus he gazed at the birthday cake with ninety-five lighted candles, brought by his family. And said: "It is very beautiful, but..."

MARRIAGE

Here's about husbands who are teaching their wives a lesson. At Baltimore, a tavern keeper is doing it by means of thirty days in jail.

He was taken into court for striking his wife, - He socked the little woman. Today he pleaded that he had provocation. He said wifie threw the garbage pail at him - also the kitchen toaster. The Missus denied this, by saying she never flung the toaster at her spouse. "It was too hot to handle," she explained. The garbage can, we take it, was not so hot.

The judge gave the tavern keeper a choice between a fine of a hundred dollars or thirty days in jail. "I'll take the thirty days," replied the husband. "And let her run the business, - that will teach her a lesson!" Oh the headaches of running a business!

Next - Jack Benny and his wife, Mary Livingston. Not that the comedian has been ducking garbage pails and toasters - not even a violently hurled powder puff. The trouble in the Benny family is that the Missus wants to stop working. She's a star on the Jack

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Benny show, but refuses to go on his television program - and wants to quit his radio hour.

So what is Benny doing about that? Today in Hollywood he said: "I'm taking her on a vacation. We're going to Las Vegas for ten days." But what good will that do - in Las Vegas with all that gambling? That's just it. Benny says: "I hope she loses money - so she'll have to ~~keep~~ keep working to pay off."

Quite a system, ~~to~~ have wifie go broke, to keep her working! Anything! to keep the little woman working; would you say so Nelson?