

SUB LEAD KOREA J. P. H. News. Oct. 19 - '50.

The latest tonight tells of American and Free Korean soldiers pushing through the business district of Pyongyang. We think of the red capital of North Korea as an oriental town, ~~xxxx~~ which it is. But, during the long Japanese occupation, a section in western style was put ^{up}. This is what the G I's and their south Korean allies are now clearing out - eliminating the last vestiges of red resistance. They are encountering little more than sniper fire -- in the capture of Pyongyang, which was the headquarters of the Red regime in north Korea.

The First Cavalry led the way into the city, winning the race - beating the Free Koreans by a mere eighteen minutes. Driving through the East half of Pyongyang they came to the Taedong River, which runs through the middle of the town. The Reds blew up the bridge at that point -- but, under cover of heavy artillery fire, soldiers of the First Cavalry got across the remaining girders of the damaged span. They established a bridgehead, and that was followed by the advance through the business section. There is no ~~out~~

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definite word about Americans known to have been held in Pyongyang. But air
observers report that, north of the city, they sighted

between fifty and a hundred American prisoners of war - waving to the pilots, not to attack them. The air observers declare that these prisoners did not seem to be guarded. Possibly they were just left there by the fleeing communists.

TRUMAN

The President reveals that, at Wake Island, there was no agreement on Formosa. At a White House news conference today, he was asked - had he and General MacArthur settled the debated point? He said that Formosa did not even come up for discussion.

This follows contradictory reports. Yesterday, in Washington, government officials declared that President Truman, in the words of the news dispatch - "Had sold MacArthur on his policy of complete neutrality toward Formosa." But, last night, a dispatch from Tokyo gave a denial of this. A statement emanating from sources close to the supreme commander declared that no agreement on Formosa had been reached.

The President says there was no Formosa question to be considered - American policy having been settled four or five weeks before the conference on Wake. Which would go back to the time when the White House intervened and suppressed a MacArthur statement that this country should make sure the Reds don't get Formosa. So the policy was not a topic for Truman-MacArthur discussion.

"Because," said the President, "General MacArthur is loyal to his nation, his position, and his Commander-in-Chief." Meaning, of course, the President.

This may have been illuminating, but it did not include both sweetness and light. The President seemed irritated because the question was brought up. He spoke angrily and in tones of impatience - shedding light, perhaps, but not sweetness.

U.S.

The United States admits that American planes attacked an airfield inside the territory of Soviet Russia. Two jet fighters got off their course, with bad navigation and bad judgment, ^{and} assailed an airport sixty miles inside Soviet Siberia. The United States expresses regret, and offers to pay damages - for what really was a large mistake of navigation. But then, those jets are fast. —————>

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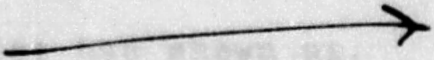
The latest -- a statement that the commander of the squadron has been relieved of his command, and disciplinary action is being taken against the two flyers, who committed the error.

HOOVER

In all the discussion of American foreign policy, there ~~will be~~^{were} some words of hard common sense tonight - spoken by former President Herbert Hoover, in an address on the radio, ^{- only a few moments ago.} He ~~told~~^{took} up a series of questions that we've got to face. How far can we carry the burden of the west in the cold war against Soviet Russia? To what extent can we continue to provide the great bulk of the armament - and the fighting strength as in the case of Korea? Are we in danger of burdening ourselves so much and so long, that we will have an economic collapse? That's what Stalin expects - and will his hope come true? Questions ^{calmly and clearly} discussed by former President Hoover on C.B.S. tonight. *I hope you were listening. He told us things we ought to know and ponder over.*

SUB LEAD COMMUNIST CONTROL

Word from Madrid is that the Spanish government is astonished and indignant because of today's action by the United States -- barring Spaniards from entrance to this country. That is, members of the Falange, the only political party in Franco Spain. A one-party country -- totalitarian.

Congress was trying to hit ~~rover~~ at Communists, but also included a lot of other people. An indefinite variety, hard to figure out. Just how would you tell which of the nations of this earth are 

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totalitarian.[?] Today's inclusion of official Spain is a blow for ~~R~~ Democratic Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, who sponsored Communist Control. Because he has been advocating a restoration of good relations with Franco Spain - and now his own bill hits the Spaniards.

~~Other provisions are not being enforced so promptly. For example,~~ Communists and Communist front organizations are required to register with the Department of Justice. Voluntary registration is requested, and the deadline for that is - Monday. But, so far, not one Communist has shown up.

So now the law requires that they be made to register, but ~~it~~ that cannot be done, until a board has been set up. ~~a subversive activities control board~~ The Truman administration has not created any such board. ~~and, furthermore, the Reds can appeal to the courts.~~ ~~had~~ Attorney General McGrath says it will be two or three years before the registration business can go into effect.

CRIPPS

In London, Sir Stafford Cripps has resigned. The news, just in, states that Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer has retired from office. Grim and severe, Sir Stafford Cripps was the boss of the British austerity program, hardship. They call^{ed} him - Mr. Austerity. He enforced the harsh regime of skimp^y living with an iron will; - and now^{he} sees Britain, under the Labor Government, beginning to turn the corner, on its way to recovery.

At the age of sixty-one, he resigns as Chancellor of the Exchequer - because of ill health. He's a vegetarian and a teetotler, and he doesn't smoke - really austere. But for a long time he has been afflicted with an intestinal malady, colitis. On Monday of this week, he came home from a trip to Switzerland and Italy, where he hoped his health would improve. But the British public was shocked to see pictures of him on his return - haggard, feeble, leaning on a cane. (The word got around that he would have to resign - and today he did. He hopes a year of complete rest will enable him to return to public life.)

KOUKHOBORS

At Toronto today was a throng of sightseers - also a throng of cops to keep the sightseers from seeing anything. This was at the railroad station, where fourteen prisoners arrived on their way to jail. ~~Which necessitated a march through the station, and we only need to add that the fourteen prisoners were women - and Doukhobors (women)~~

They were convicted in western Canada, for the two crimes of arson - and nudity. In the troubles of that peculiar sect, they've been burning houses and barns, and expressing their defiance - by taking off their clothes. ~~Numbers have been put in prison, and the jails out there are crowded. So the fourteen women were sent across country.~~

They were transported in a special passenger coach - and, on the way, they ^{again} expressed their defiance. They took off their clothes, so, when they arrived in Toronto they were like fourteen versions of mother ~~Ex~~ Eve before the fall. Thus, without a stitch on, they were marched through the station - while a cordon of

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police was thrown around the scene, to keep the sightseers away.

From the glimpses that were had, it was nothing like the Ziegfeld Follies of old. The Doukhobor women, all ages and from various farms, would never get a job in ^{Mike Todd's glamor girl Peep} ~~a girl glamor show~~ on Broadway.

But it sure made a remarkable sight - marching ^{a la Garden} ~~made~~ ^{A Eden} through the railroad station at ^{the great city of} Toronto.

LETTERS

And now - somebody else wrote a letter; in New York's howling political campaign, another epistle appears -- following that famous Hanley letter, which blew up in the face of the disconcerted G.O.P.

Today ^{the} New York ^{newspapers camp} ~~World Telegram and Sun~~ came out with an example of typewriting and signature from the Democratic side. Written by Senator Lehman, who is running for reelection.

It's a letter expressing faith and confidence in Alger Hiss. When that former State Department official was accused of Red espionage, Lehman wrote to him, and said: "I want you to know that I have complete confidence in your loyalty." And added: "You have been very badly treated."

Not long afterward, ^{Hiss was indicted, then} ~~he~~ was convicted and sentenced to prison, on the charge that he committed perjury when he denied Red espionage. In an effort to raise funds for the defense, letters from eighty prominent persons were mimeographed and circulated. One of these was the communication from Lehman. The Senator

states that he did not know his letter would be used in the business of collecting money to defend Alger Hiss.

Today Lehman issued a formal statement pointing to a number of prominent people who had believed Hiss innocent.

TP All of which adds a new blast of noise to the bedlam of the political campaign in New York. The battle has reached a pitch of wrath and violence that will appear to any fancier of the old - knock 'em down and drag 'em out.

The Democrats began by falling on their face - in the New York scandal of cops and gamblers. That sensation of police corruption has been rising to greater heights, or *rather* sinking to lower depths--with chiefs of the department under fire, getting out, threatened with jail or sentenced to jail.

Nor were matters made any better by acting Mayor Vincent Impellitteri when the Democratic organization nominated Judge Pecora for mayor. Impellitteri, running as an independent, is campaigning up and down the big town, hurling charges that he was doublecrossed *by the Democratic bosses.* The story he tells is a wondrous tale of how he was deceived, deluded and lied to by *Democratic* party

leaders, who were putting across a big time political deal. He says they tried to buy him off, by offering to make him a big-time judge - giving him a place on the State Supreme Court. But Impellitteri was just plain mad, and ~~went in~~ *since then he's been going all out trying* to smash the alleged political deal.

All of which made it look like smooth sailing for the Republican ticket, Dewey for governor and Hanley for the Senate. But, just at that propitious moment, the G.O.P. stumbled with a loud reverberation, tripping over a piece of paper -- that Hanley letter. (Republicans have been busy answering charges that Hanley was paid off to step out of the race for governor and run for the Senate.)

Governor Dewey comes forward, and points to a couple of books -- turned out respectively by former postmaster general Jim Farley and Bronx Democratic leader Ed Flynn - they tell how, in Nineteen Twenty-Eight, Franklin D. Roosevelt's debts were paid off, to persuade him to run for governor of New York - which

was to lead him to history in the White House. Big businessman John Rascob arranged for the payment of two hundred thousand dollars' worth of debts, incurred by F.D.R. in the Warm Springs Foundation, for the battle against infantile paralysis. Dewey says that was okay - and the implication is that it would be a precedent in the case of Hanley's debts, which he incurred by making himself responsible for financial obligations left by his father.

The Republicans are also pointing out, what everyone knows, that both Tom Dewey and Joe Hanley are poor - because they have given the best years of their lives to public service - and obviously have not profited financially thereby.

Today the Republicans also are represented as being cheered by the publication of the Lehman letter -- praising Alger Hiss; and once again we are

reminded how, from time immemorial, the human race
has been warned against the temptations of ~~it~~ love
and letter writing. But, people will fall in love,
and people will write letters, *Nelson!*