

SUB EGYPT LT-RGMm. Nov. 19-'57.

(The British and Egyptians have agreed to a seven day truce in the Suez Canal zone.) The armistice was agreed on at a meeting today in the Canal City of Ismailia. From now on, according to the arrangement, Egyptian police will carry staves instead of firearms, and will join British military patrols in maintaining order.

The truce, though it's only temporary, is the more welcome - because, (over the weekend, violence was flaring all along the Suez Canal. Thirteen killed, and twenty one wounded) - and, today, Egypt's Acting Foreign Minister called it a "state of war."

A sensational Cairo morning newspaper, El Misri, went to press this morning with a startling front page story. Stating - that Egyptian underground fighters have been rounding up hundreds of poisonous snakes in the desert and releasing them in the British garrison towns of Fanara and Fayid. This is rumor - unconfirmed. Rumor of a plague of reptiles in Egypt, the ancient land of plagues.

ACHESON

Reactions to Secretary of State Acheson's speech to the U N assembly in Paris today seem to be favorable. Some foreign diplomats terming it the best speech Secretary Acheson "ever made." In it he again spoke of the necessity for examining in good faith the disarmament plan proposed by the West. He warned that world tension "had reached a dangerous point." Therefore he challenged the Soviets to help avoid the ~~xxxx~~"catastrophe of war."

The first step in the plan proposed by the ~~xx~~ United States, Britain and France would be to set up a U N disarmament commission within one month. This commission to investigate ~~xxx~~ and inspect the present state of world armaments - as a first step towards international controls. Said Secretary of State Acheson, "we can follow this broad, clear path, or we can fritter away the hope of the world".

In Korea today, the Reds promised to give their final over-all yes or no answer to the U N cease-fire plan, on Wednesday. At Today's Pan Mun Jom meeting, the Communists asked for a two day adjournment, to prepare their ~~have a~~ reply, ~~to the proposal.~~

It is ~~xxx~~ presumed that the question will ~~xx~~ now go to Peking, or perhaps the Kremlin, for final approval.

Speculation in Tokyo is hopeful. Observers believe that the Communists will accept the new allied plan, ^{which} ~~that~~ calls for the present battle line to become ^{the} ~~a~~ cease-fire line, provided ~~that~~ the rest of the Armistice terms, including the exchange of war prisoners, are argued ~~won~~ out within thirty days.

Following today's meeting, Major General Hodes said that the Communists had asked their questions about the U N proposal "with apparent sincerity, - That in contrast to some of the propaganda speeches we have had at earlier meetings."

Meanwhile, ^{the} Pyongyang radio has broadcast a speech by the North Korean Foreign Minister, which

tallies with two points of the U N plan. However, the North Korean broadcast tacked on two conditions - ~~the~~ withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea, and the trial of "war criminals."

ATROCITIES

(From Tokyo tonight comes word that General Ridgway will scale down considerably the figure for allied war prisoners murdered by the Communists.)
However, General Ridgway's report will probably go to Washington for approval before it is made public. A spokesman at Tokyo Headquarters today described Colonel Hanley's original figures as "unscientitic¹ --maximum estimates based on unverified accounts of Red atrocities".

British officials in Korea are looking into the story of a Red Joan of Arc. Seems like a paradox to tie communism to the medieval maid of Orleans, cannonized as a Saint. But British troops tell of a woman in a black robe leading a Chinese battalion to the attack. Soldiers of the Shropshire Regiment describe her as a ferocious-looking amazon, pistol in hand and shrieking wildly. Their positions were in danger of being captured; but they hung on, and were able to beat back the yelling Chinese and their shrieking Joan of Arc.

British Intelligence officers are cool and skeptical. But a spokesman, today, stated that he ran across a ~~xxxxxxx~~ translation of a Chinese poem about what he called -- "a chinese Joan-of-Arc-sort-of-person". Her exploits hailed in Mandarin verse - and the spokesman thinks she might be the same as the mysterious Amazon reported by the soldiers. ~~He explains,~~
~~"another is possible with the Chinese". Even a Red~~
~~Joan of Arc.~~

CHINESE IN AMERICA

A congressional investigation is demanded into stories that Chinese in America are being victimized by ~~an~~ extortion from Red China. Senator Knowland of California has asked for a formal inquiry into charges -- that blackmail has been sending a flood of American dollars ^{behind the Bamboo Curtain.} ~~into Communist China.~~ The Reds informing Chinese over here that their families, back in the oriental homeland, ^{tortured or} will be ~~killed~~ killed, unless rescued by ransom money.

Some suggest a formal protest to the United Nations. But officials at the State Department say that more definite evidence would ~~xxxxx~~ be needed - and that ^{evidently} is difficult to obtain. The Chinese here ^{being} ~~are~~ afraid to talk, for fear of Red reprisals against their families in China.

Most of the extortion information comes from so-called "mayors" of Chinatowns in New York, San Francisco, and other cities. They have been pleading with local Chinese not to send the money. [/] Because they cannot really know whether it will do any good -- and

the payment of the blackmail will only lead to further demands *anyway*.

So a congressional investigation is demanded -- to produce definite evidence on which to base a diplomatic protest through the United Nations.

ITALIAN FLOODS

From Italy -- ~~more~~ weather news. More heavy rains in the valley of the Po. More than a hundred lives lost so far, and a hundred thousand homeless. Because the rains have been coming down almost steadily for two weeks. The U S Air Force is helping the Italians. ~~Also~~ Also British planes, dropping food and medical supplies, and carrying out refugees.

Scenes reminiscent of Noah and the ~~deluge~~ deluge story in the Bible. The River Po, so ~~the~~ famous in history, flows across the broad plains of Lombardy. A region like our ~~the~~ Mississippi Valley, on a much smaller scale. The mouth of the Po, where it pours into the Adriatic, has many mouths. There two immense lakes have just appeared.

Several cities now are completely surrounded -- including Rovigo, with fifty thousand people. And Adria, with ~~the~~ thirty-two thousand.

These are now surrounded by the two lakes - resembling Venice amid her lagoons and canals.

CLEVELAND WEATHER

Cleveland, Ohio, a thirteen inch snowfall tonight -- and a blizzard. Schools closed - planes grounded; snow drifts seven feet high- that is in some places.

BASKETBALL

(In New York this afternoon, sentences were imposed on basketball players and on a sure-thing gambler who bribed them to fix games.) The prosecutor recommended mercy, suspended ~~xxx~~ sentences, for the players. Saying - they had already been punished enough. But the Judge refused.

He gave one player a year in prison. Three others - six months. Still another, an arranger of the fix -- ^{an} "indeterminate" ^{sentence} ~~That~~ Former basketball star, Eddie Gard, may have to serve as much as three years. Nine other players get -- suspended sentences. Heaviest of all, is the penalty imposed on the fixer who did the bribing, Sollazzo. He gets from eight to sixteen years.

Punishment - severe. ^{Yes,} But severest of all was the blame the ~~xxxxxx~~ court placed on the colleges, whose players turned crooked. (Judge ~~Re-Scud~~ Streit ^{declared} ~~said~~ he made a personal investigation, and found that the colleges fostered conditions, which, ^{he} said ~~is~~ -- helped to send basketball players to the penitentiary.)

"I found" he ^{goes on,} ~~relates~~ that the sport ^{has been}

commercialized and professionalized. Frauds and

probably forgery were employed to matriculate unqualified

students to college. I found flagrant violations

of amateur rules by colleges, coaches and players." Then

He pointed to ^{the} big money taken in by ^{some} ~~xxx~~ colleges

which, ~~was~~ ^{or} exploited the players.

"Football first," ^{went on} ~~declared~~ the Judge, "became infected with this contagious ~~xxxxxx~~ disease, and then transmitted it to basketball."

In Washington, meanwhile, a special committee of ten college presidents began an investigation of abuses connected with football. The Chairman ^{of this is} President ~~John~~ Hannah of Michigan State, ^{who said} ~~college~~, and tonight ~~he declared:~~ "This definitely will not be a whitewash of intercollegiate athletics!"

SUB ATOM BOMB

The missile detonated at Frenchmen's Flat, Nevada, today, -- was a baby atom bomb. So announced in a late dispatch this afternoon. It was what the dispatch calls a classroom demonstration. Designed to show the effect of a radio-active explosion on military equipment, fortifications and materiel. One supposition is that animals were used in the test, but this the officials refuse to confirm -- or deny.

Observers fifty miles away said the explosion of the baby atomic bomb shot high in the sky, a huge grotesque cloud, shooting skywards like a flaming rocket.

ENGLAND-ATOMIC HEAT

A dispatch from England might well mark today - as one of the epoch-making days of history.

(For the first time, atomic heating went into effect - a building supplied with ^{(heat \}~~XXXXX~~_\ from an atomic reactor. This at Harwell, Britain's great experimental station.)

The building[?] - headquarters, with eighty offices, each ^{with}~~office has~~ a radiator, linked with a hotwater system, in which the water ^{is}_\ heated by a nuclear reactor, an atomic

pile. The reactor amounts to a furnace, ^{and here's the}
exciting news for you, Dad: it will
need stoking once every thirty years. The quantity of

uranium in it lasts that long. Normally, the coal needed to heat the ^{is}~~the~~ building would come to seven-thousand-four-hundred-and-twenty ~~XXXX~~ dollars per year. Thirty years - nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

But, that same atomic furnace produces ^{extra} enough heat for a whole string of buildings - ~~and~~ ^{with} today's installation ~~was~~ only a beginning. TH Houses for some six hundred workers at Harwell will have atomic heating in the near future - by the simple process of

piping hot water from the reactor.

This, so far as is known, is the first peaceful use of atomic energy. Over here, we have ^{not} got ^{ten} that far. Soviet Russia has been claiming the use of atomic energy for mighty projects - like removing mountains. But that ^{is} behind the Iron Curtain. ^{So-} The British, so far as we know, get the credit - making today, perhaps, a marker in human history.

Yet, oddly enough, British newspapers and public today paid little attention to the beginning of atomic house heating. Which surprises American newsmen over there, although they think they know the reason why. Today one American remarked: "They simply don't care about heat!"

Dramatic reflection of the British preference for chilly rooms. Central heating - not considered a necessity. ~~No, they simply~~ don't care about heat, - not even atomic ~~■~~ heat. *Nelson!*