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*but* - The war in Korea may be over -  
The congressional reactions to the latest news about a peace ~~in Korea~~ vary from enthusiasm to caution. The enthusiasm is on the democratic side, with Republican Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan saying: "It all depends on the terms. There would still be much to be done after this meeting -- to determine whether they are sincere."

Republican Senator Wherry of Nebraska says he favors talking peace, but adds -- "a final settlement must be a lasting one, without appeasement."

All of which puts emphasis on General Ridgway's demand for - guarantees. He wants to make sure that the Reds ~~won't~~ won't take advantage of truce talks to strike a new blow - and this, presumably would have much to do with the establishing of a buffer zone between the hostile armies. Since we stand above the Thirty-Eighth Parallel<sup>2</sup>, it is likely enough that we will demand that the neutral strip of ~~it~~ territory be along the northern side of the Parallel.

Anyway, let's have a look at the historic

words ~~that~~ were ~~xxx~~ broadcast today - Supreme Commander General Ridgway's invitation to the Communist Commander. The text came through tonight, and here it is as put on the radio all over Korea:

"I am informed" said General Ridgway, "that you may wish a meeting to discuss an armistice providing for the cessation of hostilities and all acts of armed forces in Korea - with adequate guarantees for the maintenance of such armistice.

Upon receipt of word from you that such a meeting is desired," General Ridgway's message went on, "I shall be prepared to ~~xxx~~ name my representative. I propose," the American General concluded, "that such a meeting can take place aboard a Danish ~~xxx~~ hospital ship in Wonsan harbor."

The only Danish hospital ship in Far Eastern waters is a craft called Jutlandia, and undoubtedly that is the vessel the Supreme Commander had in mind.

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So, it looks as if the Korean war might be all over -- always supposing the Communist<sup>s</sup> don't block things with

impossible terms. However, it was Moscow that suggested the negotiations between the field commanders -- the Soviet proposing to end the Korean war.

All this accompanied tonight by a message from Red Korea -- denouncing western plans for the negotiation of a peace treaty with Japan. The Korean Reds demand that they be "considered" in any Japanese peace settlement.

## KOREA

A bitter battle in Korea gives the key to the tactics of the Reds - as negotiations for a cease-~~if~~ fire appear to be at hand. On the Seoul front there's a ridge just northwest of Yonchon - and that line of hills changed hands six times today, captured by U N troops, and recaptured by the Communists, one time after another.

The bitter Red resistance there appears to be for the purpose of ~~guarding~~ guarding the approaches to a new defense line. (All the way across Korea, the Reds are digging in north of the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, with deep trenches and ~~in~~ fortified bunkers - establishing a front to hold when and if negotiations get going.) That's the view of American officers over there - although the possibility of a new Red offensive is not ignored.

## SIAM

Tonight's news brings a bulletin telling of some sort of mysterious outbreak in Siam - traditionally the land of mystery. Today a unit of Siamese marines seized the Premier in Bangkok, and are holding him as a prisoner.

Premier Phibul was presiding over the ceremony of accepting a gift from the United States - a dredge. Whereupon the Siamese Marines grabbed him - and later gunfire was heard ~~ix~~ in the northern part of Bangkok. Tonight's dispatch states that "the significance of the incident is not yet apparent." Which is true of a lot of things in the land of the white elephant - significance not yet apparent.

IRAN

*Anglo-Iranian*  
The oil company is closing down all its

operations. ~~in Iran~~ Today in London, Basil Jackson, General Manager of Anglo-Iranian, stated that British activities will be ended within ten days. He said: "We shall never reach an agreement with Iran so long as Mohammed Mossadegh is Premier."

He declared the Iranians would never be able to run the oil fields and refineries, and would not get the money they need badly - which will bring about a critical situation in Iran. *If of course* the Communists over there will take full ~~xxx~~ advantage of this. "Russia is sitting in the front row, laughing until her sides hurt," said another company executive. But *British* they say they see no other way out.

At Abadan, meanwhile, British employees were ~~xx~~ waiting today for *the* order - to evacuate. They were under guard of Iranian police and soldiers, but crowds were gathering. The belief is that, the moment the British leave, there'll be an orgy of looting -- the many modern homes and offices plundered by the mobs. *What a sorry mess!*

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Red government of Czechoslovakia says it will hand back those two U S jet fighter planes that strayed into Red territory three weeks ago, and had to land; -- and, the two pilots will be released. This meets American demands, although it's a bit late - holding the planes and pilots that long. Moreover, this concession by the Communists is made in a note that is ugly in tone, with the usual red insults for the United States.

## ATOMIC

A report from Washington says the Soviets have - fifty atomic bombs. This estimate is attributed to U.S. Intelligence agents, based on information they got from a Russian atomic expert who fled through the Iron Curtain to Britain a year ago. He is reported to have stated that, at the time, Stalin had twenty-nine A-bombs - with a schedule calling for fifty, to be ready about now. Seventy-five -- by the middle of Nineteen Fifty-two.

The Russian Atomic expert is quoted as saying that the Soviet bombs were of the conventional plutonium type, the Russians concentrating on these - and not going in for experimental types, <sup>that would be more</sup> ~~more~~ powerful, <sup>and</sup> <sub>^</sub> more adaptable.

On our side, the number of A-bombs that we have is a top secret, but it's a sure thing that we have many times more than fifty. In fact, we have so many of the conventional plutonium bombs, that ~~we~~ <sup>now are said to be</sup> ~~were~~ <sub>^</sub> concentrating on more devastating types, including the hydrogen bomb and atomic artillery shells.



## CONTROLS

The passage of the Senate controls bill occurred amid scenes of uproar and confusion. The time - early this morning, as day was breaking. Some <sup>half-</sup>profane rogue might have muttered "oh say can you see, by the dawn's early light." The Senate had been wrangling and debating, all night, to push through a control bill weakened and watered down - in spite of protests from the President and Price Administrator DiSalle.

So now the roll was called, Senators voting - yes or no. Until - they came to Democratic Senator Herbert Lehman of New York. He spoke up and voted - "présent". Which began the noise. Was it a legal vote? Demands were shouted - Lehman should vote one way or the other.

Whereupon the New York Senator went into an explanation, full of emotion and fervor. He said the bill would merely legalize inflation ~~as~~ so he couldn't cast his ballot for it. But there had to be some kind of control bill, so he couldn't vote against it

Republican Senator Hickenlooper of Iowa replied that these reasons were insufficient, and demanded another roll call - to accept or reject Lehman's explanation. They had one, and the explanation was rejected. So the New Yorker finally and reluctantly voted "yes."

That being that, the roll call on the bill was resumed, until they got to Democratic Senator Benton of Connecticut. And he voted "present". This time the uproar was redoubled. Benton gave an explanation, similar to Lehman's, and the same thing happened all over again - a Senate vote on whether or not to accept Benton's explanation.

When this roll call got going, everything went all right until they came to Republican Senator Mundt of South Dakota, who suddenly developed a misplaced sense of humor. He voted "present". And the Senate went into a howling turmoil - with Democratic Senator Douglas of Illinois demanding that Mundt explain his reason. The South Dakota comedy didn't go that far.

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and Senator Mundt ~~xxx~~ changed his vote from "present" to "yes."

So now the roll call was resumed - on Benton's explanation. It was rejected, and the statesman from Connecticut was required to vote another way. He did, by speaking up and saying - "uncertain".

By now the pandemonium was out of control, as the Senate milled around. Through the windows came the light of daybreak, and somebody should have sung: Kathleen Mavourneen, the <sup>gray</sup>~~gray~~ dawn is breaking." It was four A.M. before the rumpus was over - Benton of Connecticut finally switching his vote to "yes", and the controls bill was passed.

That sort of thing happened only once before in Senate history. Today Senate Parliamentarian Charles L. Watkins, said that, in Eighteen Ninety-three, Senator DuBois of Idaho voted - "present". Which was in connection with a silver bill - in the old riotous days of free silver. The Idaho Senator argued for two days, and never did change his vote.

CONTROLS - HOUSE

The House of Representatives passed an extension of economic controls today, continuing the present law for another month. But the Congressmen included a ban against price rollbacks, like the much debated rollback of the price of beef.

This temporary measure ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ has just been passed by the Senate - designed, as it is, to continue the controls, which expire tomorrow. This will give time for a new permanent measure to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>(be enacted.)</sup> The Senate has taken action on this, but it still remains for the House to pass a permanent bill.

## PILOTS

There's a truce in the airline strike. This afternoon, nine hundred pilots and co-pilots agreed to go back to their planes - ending their walkout, while negotiations for a settlement continue. This is a temporary back-to-work -- a sort of aeronautical cease-fire. The idea of "truce" in the air.

## ARMY COOK

Old-time Army talk about the company cook, ended in gunfire at Indianapolis - where Sergeant William Jagloski is in a hospital tonight. Shot by a tavern-keeper -- after the question of the company chow turned into a bowl of chili, poured into the lap of a G I.

The Sergeant was eating quietly at a table, saying nothing to nobody - when several men of his company, sitting nearby, started in on him. Telling about the kind of chow they got at Camp Atterbury, they voiced the opinion that Jagloski ~~was~~ was just about the worst cook in the army.

The Sergeant took 'it as long as he could, then picked up his bowl of chili, walked over, and dumped the contents into the lap of one of his tormentors. The chili was hot - in both meanings of the word.

To quiet the uproar, the tavern-keeper ordered the ~~Sergeant~~ Sergeant out of the place, which ~~led~~ led to a new fracas, and the firing of a shot - sending

the company cook to a hospital. The G I's won't be eating his chow for some time to come.

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...the champion of the world...  
...national champ.

There were memories of the southern confederacy at a marble playing contest today - when a thirteen year old nicknamed Windy Allen, won the national championship. Windy, from Fairdale, West Virginia, showed up wearing an old confederate Army hat - left over from some civil war ancestor. When he scored the final shot, defeating thirteen year old Robert Kupchak of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Windy pulled a confederate flag out of his pocket, and waved the Stars and Bars of the lost cause - giving a confederate yell.

Later, the thirteen year old explained how he won the championship at marbles. ~~He said he~~

<sup>d</sup><sub>^</sub> developed strong finger muscles - by ~~me~~ milking cows, down on a Dixieland farm, *said the new national champ.*



## ANIMALS

At New York today, a housewife arrived, with a strange family - three jungle born children, three jaguars, an anaconda, and a huge land turtle.

Mrs. Sasha Siemel, a one-time Philadelphia Society girl, who married a professional jaguar hunter in the Matto Grosso jungles of Brazil; Sasha Siemel, called - "the Tigerman." In the Matto Grosso, they've been peacefully raising a family of their own children - far from the turmoil of civilization - peace in the jungle. The ~~Tigerman~~ Tigerman returning to this country, with Mrs. Tigerwoman following him - and with the odd household that landed in New York today.

Actually, she left a large part of her family back at her home in the Matto Grosso - an anteater, a giant macaw, two foxes, a red wolf of the jungle, not to mention assorted monkeys.

## BEAR

Some people say that anything can happen in California -- and something sure did today. Bakersfield officer Jack O'Brien of the humane society, was driving along a highway today, when he saw a man wrestling with a bear. The two were rolling around in the dirt - and the bear was a five hundred pounder.

Officer O'Brien shouted "are you training him?"

"No" replied the wrestler, "I am not training him."

Officer O'Brien, true to duty, waded in and ~~he~~ started wrestling with the bear, -- and, finally got the animal into his automobile. He looked for the man he had rescued, but this individual had run away.

Officer O'Brien took the bear to the humane society headquarters - where he found a report. Some oil drillers calling in and saying that they were looking for their pet bear. Officer O'Brien, ~~xx~~ nursing bruises and bites, muttered some choice

## ENDING

Tonight I am saying: Solong, not until this coming Monday, but until a few weeks have gone by; meaning that we are having a usual hiatus of several weeks off the air, during the summer. The first time this happened to me, two years ago, it gave us a chance to go to Tibet, with broadcast reports from the sacred city of Lhasa. Last year, to Alaska, for a stay with scientists on a great glacier, including jet take-offs from an ice cap - with the Air Force. So this time - what? Well, I'm planning to be off to points where news is breaking.

On this my final broadcast for a few weeks, I am happy that I have news about what looks like the windup of the war in Korea. That's what it looks like tonight.

And now Nelson, what's your advice or message -- for the summer?

Here's hoping this will be a summer of peace and all that you long for. Now, solong for a little while!

**NOTE:** From July 2 through August 24, 1951 --  
the "Summer Hiatus" -- L.T. was off  
the air.

During this period he travelled in  
Europe, North Africa, and South  
America.