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One of the striking documents of the Korean war was released in Tokyo, today, by General Mark Clark, ~~Allied Commander, XXIX states~~ that the savage riots in the prison camps were planned, ~~and~~ master-minded by the ^{armistice} Senior/negotiator for the Reds ~~in the armistice talks~~ - General Nam Il.

The report gives chapter and verse - identifying the North Korean General as a citizen of Soviet Russia, and a former officer in the Russian Red Army. He and his Deputy, in the truce talks, had the assignment of plotting the revolts, which were organized as a part of Communist military strategy.

^{Ring} ~~talks~~ leaders in the prison camps were Communist agents - who, in the guise of soldiers, deliberately allowed themselves to be captured at the war front. One - identified as Jeon Moon Il, a Russian-trained Korean. He was one of thirty-six who were sent into North Korea to create a satellite ^{government} in Nineteen Forty-five. Later given an assignment for prison camp mutiny --

allowing himself to be taken prisoner.

(General Clark's account states that there were two aspects of Red strategy. One, to bring about mass escapes, if possible. Red captives -- to join Communist guerrillas in South Korea. That phase of the plan did not succeed. There were no escapes.

But the other phase of the Communist plan worked better. This was to create violence and incite prison camp killings as an aid to propaganda. The Reds used the propaganda in deadlocking the Armistice negotiations.)

All of which is a new angle of warfare, invented by the Communists. General Clark's report calls it: "A new area of total war." In the tradition of the West, prisoners of war are - out of combat. But the Communists use them as part of warfare -- in hostilities of a new kind.

Follow KOREA

A dispatch from Tokyo tonight announces the arrival of General Maxwell Taylor - new American Commander in the Korean War. The word in Tokyo is that General Taylor brought with him the outlines of strategy laid out by President Eisenhower. ¶ Tokyo is concentrating on the declaration by our new Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, who stated last night that President Eisenhower - "will find ways of making the enemy change his mind." ¶ All of which ties in with a statement on the Chinese Red Radio today, which said that the policy of the new American President would be, in the words of the Red Radio "deeds rather than words". All of which produces a feeling of expectancy in the Far East.

The Communists on the warfront are developing a case of -- "invasion jitters". ~~They are~~ Afraid of an amphibious landing on the North Korean coast. So says today's dispatch from the fighting line -- where there was no fighting. All quiet -- Communist artillery fire much lighter than usual. The Reds -- believed to be saving their strength for an amphibious thrust behind their lines, ~~which they intend to~~ ~~execute~~.

(Their belief appears to be based on the changes in ~~in~~ the U.S. high command -- General Van Fleet retiring. His place taken -- by General Maxwell D. Taylor. Today, the Chinese Red Radio said the change was "obviously" connected with plans for a "future amphibious offensive". To increase ~~the~~ the worry of the Reds -- General Lawton Collins, the U.S. Army Chief of Staff, is in Tokyo, conferring with our Commander, General Mark Clark. The Communist radio paid

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U.S. headquarters in Seoul st states that troops of four American Divisions have been court martialed for cowardice in the face of the enemy. This -- since the beginning of the truce negotiations, the year before last. The implication might seem to be that the hope of an armistice -- weakened morale.

Attention has been focused on the Sixty-Fifth Regiment of the U S Third Division -- a Puerto Rican Regiment. Ninety-three enlisted men, and one officer court-martialed -- for failure to obey orders in ^{combat.} ~~in the face of the enemy~~ (Today, Colonel Robert Lancefield, Judge Advocate of the Eighth Army, explained that, in the case of the Puerto Ricans, there were problems of morale because of language difficulty. Many speak very little English. ~~consequently~~, The Puerto Rican Regiment, ^{for the most part,} made a fine showing in battle.)

Other units now named are the U.S. Fourth Division,

The Oklahoma National Guard. Some soldiers of which were court martialled ~~for~~ for defection in battle early last year. The same goes for the U.S. Second Division, late in Nineteen Fifty One. And troops of the U S First Cavalry were court martialled for refusing to fight -- though the First Cavalry, on the whole made a glorious record in Korea. Judge Advocate Colonel Lancefield explains that misbehavior in battle occurs chiefly in units which have suffered serious losses. Or, where there are a large number of replacements, green soldiers. ~~"These two things" says the Judge advocate, "can happen together". Which explains a lot of the court martial cases.~~

However, the fighting morale of the Army in Korea is high --- all agree to that. The charge of cowardice comes up in only about ten percent of the court martials, in the Eighth Army, a minor factor.

ATOMIC

The indications in Washington are that the Eisenhower Administration will base its military strategy on the assumption --- that Soviet Russia has the atomic bomb. No matter -- what Former President Truman has to say. Today, at Kansas City, the recently retired Chief Executive stood by his belief, now expressed, that the Soviets have not been able to develop an A-bomb.

The White House has no comment. Press Secretary Jim Hagerty, today, referred the newsmen to the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee. Which has already stated its complete disagreement with ex-President Truman. So the White House might seem to imply - "the committee knows!"

Last night, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in his broadcast to the nation, said the Communist world is equipped -- with "modern weapons that include atomic bombs." Those are his words.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower, today, named former Governor Val Peterson of Nebraska, to be White House liaison man with government agencies. His title -- Administrative Assistant to the President.

This appointment does not need to be confirmed by the Senate -- which is one point of the matter. The President wanted ~~XXXX~~ to name former Governor Peterson as our Ambassador to India. But that ran into a Senatorial snag.

It's the custom ~~of the Upper House~~ for the Senators of a ~~Senate~~ State to have a say in the appointment of anybody from ~~the~~ their state. And, Nebraska's two Republican Senators, Griswold and Butler, indicated that they would ~~not~~ oppose Peterson. The reason -- a local Nebraska political feud. Last year, former Governor Peterson ran against Butler for the G O P Senatorial nomination -- and it was a bitter fight. ~~But the Nebraska Senators have nothing to say about the appointment to the White House staff -- so Peterson becomes an Administrative Assistant.~~

Meanwhile, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has reversed ~~itself~~ on a whole string of diplomatic appointments. Previously, the Committee had insisted that the nominations, about one-hundred-and-thirty of them, must be cleared by the F.B.I. But, the new Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, stepped in, and demanded fast action. Investigation by the F B I takes time -- and he doesn't want any delay in getting the posts filled. So now, the committee backs down in the question of F B I clearance, and they'll put the nominations through -- pronto.

~~These~~ These include General Bedell Smith, ~~who~~ as Under Secretary of State, Winthrop Aldrich as Ambassador to Britain, and President Conant of Harvard as U S High Commissioner in Germany, later to be our first Ambassador to Western Germany.

Today, Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin ~~says~~ ^{said} he has been getting what he calls "a tremendous amount" of

adverse mail on James Bryant Conant.

Democratic Senator Humphrey of Minnesota reports the same thing. One target of criticism is an address the Harvard educator made in Boston last year, when he decried private schools. Some took this to be an attack on the Catholic parochial school system.

The Senate Armed Services Committee gives unanimous approval to ~~Rep~~ Roger Kyes, named to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. Kyes, a former Vice President of General Motors has promised to get rid of his stock in G.M. nearly two hundred thousand dollars worth, and some other holdings, as well.

Charles E. Wilson was sworn in today ~~as~~ as Head of the Defense Department. ~~Wilson~~ ^{The} former President of General Motors who disposed of two and a half million dollars worth of G.M. stock after a good deal of controversy.

(~~The new Secretary promptly~~ issued an order *today*
forbidding all Defense officials to negotiate any contract
from which they might derive a profit.)

BASEBALL

This afternoon at Saint Louis, Fred M. Saigh, President of the St. Louis Cardinals was sentenced to fifteen months in prison, and a fine of Fifteen Thousand Dollars. For -- evasion of income tax. The case has been dragging along for some time, and today Saigh, changed his plea of not guilty to -- no contest. So it's a prison term for the President of the Cardinals.

When Saigh heard the sentence, he turned pale, and paid in an aside:- "Now there's no way I can stay in baseball."

BRITAIN

There were hysterical scenes today at ~~the~~ Wadsworth Prison in London. A crowd shrieking with emotion and attacking the prison, when the notice was ~~has~~ posted -- that Derek Bentley had been ~~is~~ hanged this morning. ^P The case has created excitement in England for days -- with a tense debate in Parliament, and widespread popular agitation. Nationwide protests against the infliction of the capital ~~is~~ penalty. But British law is grim and relentless when murder is involved. ^U Derek Bentley was a nineteen year old youth, who was caught in the robbery of a warehouse -- together with a sixteen year old companion. ~~his~~ The testimony was that Bentley, who was unarmed, was seized by the police. His companion was being arrested, and Bentley called out "give it to him, Chris". Whereupon the sixteen year old Christopher Craig, who had a gun, shot and killed Constable Sidney Miles.

The actual killer, because of his youth, ^{received} ~~was given~~ a prison sentence. But Bentley was given the extreme ^{penalty.} ~~sentence.~~

According to British law, anyone participating in a crime in which murder is committed, is guilty of murder.

Last night in London a crowd paraded through the streets -- in protest. This morning, five hundred people gathered in front of the prison entrance. They were silent, passive -- until a warden came out and posted the notice -- sentence executed.

Whereupon, yelling men and women charged forward. They smashed the glass in which the notice was to be framed, and battered at the prison door. Some actually forced their way in, as policemen emerged to quell the disturbance. The officers were mauled and scratched by weeping women who screamed -- "it's murder"!

The English are supposed to be staid and phlegmatic. But emotion ran wild in this latest example of the sternness of British justice.

QUEEN ELIZABETH

Fire broke out, this evening, aboard the Queen Elizabeth -- Britain's great ocean liner. The Queen was in drydock at Southampton -- for an annual overhaul, when flame and smoke ~~was~~ poured out of a cabin on the upper deck.

Only last Sunday, the Canadian "Empress of Canada" burned and capsized, at a Liverpool dock, a total loss after which, fire departments in the great British seaports were put on the alert. This evening, action was prompt -- and the ~~pi~~ blaze aboard the Queen Elizabeth was extinguished ⁱⁿ ~~within~~ ^{about} an hour. One cabin burned out -- that was all.

In the case of the Canadian liner sabotage was expected -- and tonight, at Southampton, the police are making a careful investigation aboard the Queen Elizabeth. What caused the blaze? It would have been a national disaster, if the Queen Elizabeth had ~~not~~ gone the way of the Empress of Canada/