

MARSHALL

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Secretary of Defense Marshall gave an outline today of the military strategy the Administration advocates in Korea - as against General MacArthur's proposals for an attack on Red China for a quick victory. The Secretary did not promise any rapid success, summing up the strategy in the following words:

"Inflict terrific casualties on the Chinese Communist armies. That, he indicated, would finally persuade the Reds to negotiate."

He admitted that the man power of China is almost inexhaustible - but not trained and equipped man power. He said that the Chinese Communist divisions in Korea have been badly mauled already -- "torn to pieces" said Marshall, "so that they are not capable of effective action, and will not be for some time to come."

"Our losses" he argued - have been very small. That is, in comparison with the losses ~~of their position~~ in the general picture of the war. He says that, on one

of the Reds. These, he estimated, have been from five hundred thousand to eight ~~hundred thousand~~ hundred thousand casualties.

He decried General MacArthur's description of the war as a "bloody stalemate." That, he said, is bad for the morale of the American troops over there - whose fighting spirit right now is particularly high.

Marshall referred back to the Second World War, when he was Army Chief of Staff. He said there was a time when American newspapers referred to our troops in Italy as the "forgotten soldiers." Which led wives and mothers at home to write to the soldiers over there - a deluge of mail that was very bad for ~~the~~ morale. So, when Secretary Marshall left the Yalta conference, he went to Italy to look into the matter. There he was told by an American Corps Commander that the effect of the flood of letters on military morale was so bad that he doubted if he could use his troops

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effectively for the next advance that was planned. So Marshall, Chief of Staff, went on a speaking tour among the G I's to explain their position in the General picture of the war. He says that, on one day alone, he made twenty-five addresses at Army posts in the Appennines, the mountains of Central Italy.

Today, he amplified his contention that the MacArthur proposals might bring about an atomic war. He said the Soviets have a powerful air force in Eastern ~~Six~~ Siberia -- and, if we bomb Manchuria, the Russian planes might retaliate with attacks on Japan and Okinawa. We would strike back -- and the atomic war would be on.

Secretary Marshall revealed that in the dismissal of MacArthur, the Administration discussed a sort of compromise. There was a suggestion that the Supreme Commander might be relieved of the direction of the war in Tokyo, but left as the occupation chief in Japan. But this was discarded, because it would bring about a "divided authority", which would make

it very difficult for the new commander in Korea --  
General Ridgway, *was the way he put it.*

ADD MARSHALL

The hearing today brought forth an explanation of why the famous Wedemeyer report was kept secret. Secretary Marshall said that this was because General Wedemeyer recommended that Manchuria be placed under a U N trusteeship - a trusteeship in which Soviet Russia would participate. Marshall was then Secretary of State, Nineteen Forty-Seven, and he kept the Wedemeyer report from being made public, ~~Because~~ of that angle of Soviet participation and a Manchuria trusteeship.

He also said that the Wedemeyer suggestion for a South Korean scout <sup>(force)</sup> ~~XXXXX~~ officered by Americans was rejected -- because the South Korean government was likely to object to the idea of American officers.

## JAPANESE PEACE

From Washington tonight, the first reaction to Russia's proposal for a Japanese peace treaty conference. Michael McDermott, State Department spokesman, flatly rejects Russia's proposal to give Red China a vote in drafting the treaty. McDermott also accuses the Kremlin of seeking "a double veto" over a Pacific peace. "The Soviet effort" he said, "is to get a veto, and now through Communist China a double veto." He said it was all propaganda, another Russian attempt to stall off a Japanese ~~peace~~ peace.

FOLLOW JAPANESE PEACE

Word is that Paris and London will turn down the Russian proposals later this week.

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# KOREA

Word just in from Tokyo. ( All along the  
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KOREA

In Korea today, allied forces kept up their drive <sup>back</sup> toward the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, with gains up to eleven miles or more. Resistance earlier in the day is reported as light, but late word <sup>speaks of</sup> ~~was~~ increasing enemy opposition. Following a ten day lull, the Reds are now believed to be ready to launch their second offensive. <sup>U.N.</sup> Today's thrusts were intended to throw the Chinese off balance, before they could strike.

Air reconnaissance reports more than ~~ten~~ ten thousand enemy vehicles rolling south during the last three nights. <sup>Of these</sup> Our flyers claim about seven hundred vehicles and more than three hundred railroad cars been knocked out. <sup>Meaning that 90%,</sup> ~~but many more have get through,~~ carrying ~~in~~ ammunition, weapons and reinforcements for the Reds, <sup>has gotten through.</sup>

On the western end of the front, the South Koreans, the only <sup>U.N.</sup> ~~troops~~ <sup>still</sup> ~~to remain~~ in North Korea, are tonight reported back at Kongson, ten and a half miles <sup>above</sup> ~~about~~ the Thirty-Eighth Parallel.

General Van Fleet, on his visit to the front today, said he found his men fit and confident. As one officer of the famous U.S. Wolfhound Regiment told him, "We're ready to go any time you give the word!"

As a colorful ceremony in a dusty Korean schoolyard, with the Commonwealth Twenty-sixth Brigade drawn up in a hollow square, Van Fleet praised the courage of the Gloucestershire regiment for their epic stand. "Within a week," he said, "this part of our Eighth Army front... your fight will be down as one of the most brilliant battlefields of modern times."

In the background, behind the bugles of the Royal Wiltshire Rifles, and overhead, firing in the process, were the flags of Britain, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Regimental colors of the Gloucestershire Regiment.

## KOREA - CITATION

In Korea today, ~~Lieutenant~~ General James Van Fleet paid calls on allied units in the front line. After visiting a Philippine Battalion and the Turks, the Eighth Army Commander presented the American presidential unit citation to the first Battalion of the British Gloucestershire Regiment.

At a colorful ceremony, in a dusty South Korean schoolyard, with the Commonwealth twenty-ninth Brigade drawn up in ~~an~~ a hollow square, Van Fleet praised the remnants of the Gloucestershire regiment for "its epic stand." Without doubt, you saved this part of our Eighth Army front. <sup>"he said."</sup> your fight will go down as one of the most valiant battlefield stands of modern times."

In the background, skirled the bagpipes of the Royal Ulster Rifles, and overhead, fluttering in the breeze, were the flags of Britain, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Regimental colors of the Gloucesters

A distinguished Englishman, Maj. W<sup>m</sup>. Amerod, told me today that this was the first time in British history this had ever happened.

# IRAN

Iran's Communist party, the Tudeh, today demanded the withdrawal of all American military advisers working with the Iranian army. Though outlawed and working underground, the Tudeh party made its demands in an open letter to the Premier, Mohammed Mossadegh. Amongst the other points were that Iran officially recognize "the great peoples' Chinese government." <sup>Those are the</sup> ~~in other~~ <sup>— meaning</sup> ~~words,~~ <sup>also</sup> Red China. That the government establish Iranian sovereignty over the Bahrein Islands in the Persian Gulf, <sup>and</sup> nationalize the enormously rich oil deposits in that independent Arabian state. <sup>Another:—</sup> Also, call off the present state of Martial law in the oil province of Khuzistan, and prevent the Anglo-Iranian oil company of Britain from keeping any foothold in the country.

<sup>TP</sup> In conclusion, the Persian Reds <sup>say, again</sup> ~~claimed~~ "our nation will not fight against the great peace-loving and non-imperialist Soviet government. <sup>! " And it</sup> Our nation will not allow its sons to be sacrificed for the war mongering British and Americans." <sup>At least,</sup>

<sup>see on:— "our</sup> <sup>That from the Persian Communist party which has gone underground—but not far underground.</sup>

## BALKANS

The London Daily Telegraph reports heavy Russian <sup>(troop)</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~ movements in the Balkans. The Daily Telegraph quoting exclusive reports from Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary, tells of greatly reduced passenger service on the railroads in those countries bordering Tito's Jugoslavia. Passenger services cut down to allow for Russian troop trains.

These movements are said to follow Russian action in taking over the defense of the whole Black Sea coast, from Bulgaria to the Caucasus. However, Britain's Foreign Office ~~is~~ disclaims knowledge of ~~in~~ any Russian moves. Says it has information only of "routine shifting of Soviet troops" in those three neighbors of Jugoslavia.

## JUGOSLAVIA

Jugoslavia, that land of contradictions, where Communism is anti-Stalinist, and Tito is friendly to the west, comes up with yet a stranger paradox. Word from Belgrade tonight tells of that Communist state turning away from socialization. ~~It~~ Tito encouraging private enterprise, in an effort to increase production.

~~Last weekend the Jugoslav government~~ <sup>has</sup> relaxed controls in the building industry, also in agriculture, farmers have previously been <sup>forced</sup> driven into Soviet style collective farming. <sup>We hear</sup> Marketing is being thrown open, and some food rationing has been cancelled. In Belgrade, for instance, privately operated restaurants are being granted licenses - the first private enterprise allowed <sup>there</sup> in the catering field since the war. So, <sup>we have</sup> ~~now we have~~ ~~a~~ Communist state that is not only anti-Stalinist, but anti-Socialist, <sup>going all-out -- or almost all-out</sup> and ~~all~~ for -- free enterprise.

## SUPPLY

Britain's Lord Privy Seal, Richard ~~W.~~ Stokes, flies to Washington tomorrow, to discuss the critical issue of raw materials for rearmament. Word is that Stokes' mission to Washington was suggested last week by <sup>our</sup> Defense Mobilizer, Charles E. Wilson, during his visit to London.

~~Though the post of Lord Privy Seal is that of a "Minister without portfolio" Stokes, who was ~~appointed~~ appointed on the death of Ernest Bevin, has been assigned special duties as Director of raw materials and strategic supplies. The assurances he seeks in ~~Washington are~~ *Britain wants more* ~~of increased quantities of sulphur, molybdenum, copper, zinc, and cotton for Britain's thirteen billion dollar arms program.~~ *Hence the Lord Privy Seal is flying here.* ~~In return, the United States to receive increased shipments of tin, antimony, cobalt, rubber, and steel from the sterling area.~~~~

## CONGRESSMAN

On the Third floor of the Capitol Building today, the House Foreign Affairs Committee approved a Senate resolution "extending to the people of Russia, not the government, a friendly hand." The Chairman, John Kee, rose to his feet, asked representative Richards of South Carolina to take the chair, and collapsed into the arms of Committee members. In a dramatic exit for ~~this way ended the life of~~ the seventy-six year old West Virginian Democrat, who always had said <sup>that</sup> he wanted "to die in harness." Which he did today.

Some twenty minutes later, when the House met, <sup>Congressman</sup> ~~representative~~ Richards told of the death of the scholarly chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, ~~in these words: "He died with his boots on - he wouldn't have chosen any other way."~~ <sup>whereupon</sup> The House then adjourned out of respect for their colleague.



MORAN

( In New York, a jury today returned a verdict of guilty against James J. Moran, one of the feature characters in the television extravaganza, the Kefauver crime investigation. Moran ~~is~~ a longtime friend of former Mayor William O'Dwyer, now U.S. Ambassador to Mexico. He was questioned about the connections with a racketeer of the numbers game, Louis Weber.

At the hearings, there was a twister of grotesque melodrama, when Weber testified he did not know Moran <sup>had</sup> never even met him. After which, Moran told the committee he had known Weber from twenty to thirty years and said that Weber had called on him at his office. But -- not more than three to six times. Weber <sup>testified he had never known Moran, where</sup> was promptly held for perjury, and so <sup>he</sup> was Moran -- on evidence that Weber had seen Moran in his office many times. As many as a hundred times-- a steady visitor indeed.

Put on trial Moran called no witnesses in his defense -- and did ~~not~~ not testify, himself.

It took the jury an hour and fifty-three <sup>(minutes)</sup> ~~minutes~~ to find him guilty. Sentence to be pronounced later. He is liable to five years in jail and a two thousand dollar fine. In addition to which, Moran faces still other perjury charges and a possible accusation of evading income tax.

Today's conviction brings to a strange culmination the long time association of two men. William O'Dwyer -- the immigrant who rose from the rank of policeman to that of Judge, District Attorney, Mayor of New York, and now Ambassador to Mexico. ~~is~~ Morgan - who began his public career as a clerk in the Kings County Court. The two first met when O'Dwyer became a Judge in that court.

Thereafter they rose together - Mayor O'Dwyer appointing Moran to the post of First Deputy Fire Commissioner. Then, last year, just before O'Dwyer resigned as Mayor, he gave Moran the post of City ~~Water~~ <sup>of Water Supply,</sup> Commissioner, a life-time job at <sup>15</sup> ~~fifty~~ thousand dollars a year. Moran was forced out by Mayor

**Vincent Impellitteri, after that contradictory testimony before the Kefauver crime investigation.**

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## NEW YORK POLICEMEN

More than twenty New York City policemen were indicted today on charges of conspiring to obstruct justice -- and forty-three others were named as co-conspirators. All this in connection with the gambling scandal that hit New York a year and a half ago.

At that time there were disclosures of a twenty-million dollar racket which paid five percent of its enormous profits to Brooklyn policemen -- so it is said. Among the principal figures was gambler Harry Gross, who stated that he had paid a million dollars in protection money for his bookmaking business. Gross, together with one of his principal assistants, went on to testify before a grand jury, which now has indicted a whole host of New York City policemen.

## KOREAN ASSEMBLY

There was a weird scene today in the Korean National Assembly -- where a legislator was defending himself against a charge of embezzlement. Lee Chai Hyung was on the rostrum making a speech in his own defense, and one of those listening was assemblyman Kwak Sang Hoon. Kwak was just minding his own business apparently -- and doing nothing to provoke what happened.

Suddenly, Lee jumped out from the <sup>(rostrum</sup> ~~XXXXXXXX~~ leaped upon Kwak, and bit him -- sank his teeth in his cheek. Kwak! Which was like a cue for the other Korean lawmakers - who immediately began pummeling each other all over the place. They fell over seats and battled down the aisles in a scene of wild confusion.

*TP* Some mysterious twist of Korean politics; Nelson  
When Lee Chai Hyung bit Kwak Sang  
~~and Lee bit Kwak.~~  
Hoon