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In Cleveland there is a mournful citizen who has a sad answer for the Shakespearean question: "What's in a name?" His lugubrious reply is -- "a lot of jokes." This emanates from an enemy of humor whose family name is "Solomon", and whose given name is "King".

Today in a Cleveland court King Solomon appeared in a domestic case, and told the judge -- he had made up with his wife. To which His Honor responded: "You have obviously settled your trouble with a Solomon-like wisdom." That brought the pathetic outbreak: "I wish" cried King Solomon "my parents had never given me that name. Every time I get a traffic ticket, the cop has to make a wise crack."

The Judge was sympathetic, but he couldn't resist remarking: "The original king Solomon had a thousand wives -- and ~~xxxx~~ you have trouble ~~xxxxxxx~~

with only one. ^{- Nelson -} Whereupon the poor fellow groaned again!

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NOISE

An odd bit of New York history was revealed in London today, when a British dignitary told ~~us~~ about a trip he made back in Nineteen Thirty Six. Lord Horder went as a representative of the "Noise Abatement League". New York was having a campaign against unnecessary noise and uproar. The slogan was -- "make New York a quiet city."

Today his Lordship told what happened. He received a cordial invitation to visit City Hall -- invited by Mayor LaGuardia who was official sponsor of the anti-noise campaign. The Mayor's letter said: "I am sending police cars with sirens to facilitate your transport."

So the anti-noise visit was made to the shrieking tune of ear-^(splitting)~~splitting~~ sirens.

TRANSITION

These are grave news days indeed. But, taking a second look at the wire, we ~~know~~ note that the human race is still up to its old tricks --

(as you'd expect it to be regardless of the sounds of war and the dangers of international crisis. So let's consider some of the lighter events of the day,)

here's something that won't weigh us down so heavily.

TIBET

The news from India is that Prime Minister Nehru is pressing urgently for a settlement in the Himalayan state of Nepal - where the revolutionary disturbances have been going on, the hereditary Prime Minister naming a new King. India is most eager for an end to the trouble in Nepal -- because of the Red invasion of Tibet. Nepal lies between Tibet and India -- and revolution there would give the Communists a dangerous chance to interfere.

So states the dispatch from New Delhi, which adds that nothing definite is known about affairs at Lhasa. One report is that the Chinese Reds have halted their advance upon the sacred city of the Tibetans. But another, pictures a giant caravan of a hundred mules ~~xx~~ and yaks on its way to India -- carrying national and religious treasures of Tibet. The Dalai Lama's caravan it is called. Indicating that

the sixteen year old living Buddha is going to be ready to flee to India, if necessary.

The string of one hundred pack mules and yaks is said to have arrived at the Tibetan town of Phari-dzong, some seventy miles northeast of the Indian frontier city of Kalimpong in the middle of the town. It has the highest Post Office in the world. And is near Mt. Chomolhari, sometimes spoken of as the most impressive of all the towering mountains in Tibet.

I wonder what's in that caravan? How many of the priceless things we saw a little more than a year ago? Wonders of art and antiquity -- that held our eyes in the great monasteries, and in the Potala, the fabulous palace of the Dalai Lama.

This week the book about our trip, written by Lowell Jr. was published. Called "OUT OF THIS

WORLD -- Over The Himalayas to Forbidden Tibet."

And some of the treasures the book describes, no doubt are now packed on the backs of those mules and yaks in the caravan that plodding across the Roof-Of-The-World, and clinging to those dizzy canyon walls. The book is filled with pictures, ^{many in color,} of the Dalai Lama, his Shangri-La palace, the city of Lhasa, the golden-roofed temples, the yak caravans, and that gorgeous mountain, Chomolhari.

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Bob Trumbull of the New York Times reports that the Lhasa government is guarding the Dalai Lama's capitol with an invisible "magic circle". The monk oracle at Nachung must have told them to do that. In Lowell's book there is a full page picture of this all-important yellow-robed mystic who lives behind a huge door painted with skulls. This young monk goes into a trance every few weeks. He gyrates, foams at

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the mouth and utters weird pronouncements. These are interpreted by the only official who can understand him. The oracle tells the Dalai Lama's government what to do. But if his advice is not sound -- then he doesn't last long as the State oracle.

At any rate tonight ~~in~~ the real Shangri-La is protected from the advancing Chinese Red army by an "invisible magic circle."

MacARTHUR - CHRISTMAS

Some days ago, when the ~~the~~ story came over the press wires that General MacArthur had said he would have the boys home from Korea by Christmas, I shook my head and told my associates ~~that~~ I was positive that ~~Douglas~~ MacArthur had never made any such statement.

I wonder if you have noticed with what glee some people have been saying recently: "See, that's what MacArthur gets for saying he'd get the boys home by Christmas, and so on, and so on."

Today the correction came, ~~as I fully expected~~
The General says he was misquoted, that someone ~~had~~
passed along ^{some jocular} ~~informal~~ remarks ~~that had been made~~ between
him and his field commanders when they were jokingly
talking about getting it over in a hurry. Says
MacArthur: "The evident physical impossibility of
fulfillment of the statement attributed to me should be

its own best repudiation." And then he adds: "At no time have I ever attempted to predict the course or termination of this or any other military campaign!"

...the American people for maintaining the interests of the United States. However, the Red delegates did not press for a vote against the report but requested that various delegations were waiting for instructions from their own leaders.

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SUBSTITUTE FOR UNITED NATIONS

In the Security Council of the United Nations, there was a marking of time today -- in the Korean crisis. That is what it amounted to, although American Delegate Warren Austin demanded fast action on the American resolution condemning the intervention of Red China. However, Austin did not press for a vote tonight -- saying he understood that various delegations were waiting for instructions from their governments.

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~~The worst ~~WEEK~~ worry is the possibility of an all-out war with Red China -- and tonight Secretary of State Acheson will give a radio report to the nation, which is described as "very important," ^{at 9:00 o'clock} over these CBS stations. Then Tomorrow President Truman will make a statement of policy at a news conference.~~

In London, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin expressed the view today that Chinese intervention in Korea was instigated by Soviet Russia. Addressing the House of Commons, Bevin asked: "Is there a Russian-Chinese conspiracy on a world-wide scale?"

The gravity of this angle is emphasized by an announcement of a British-French-American meeting in Paris next ~~Wednesday~~ Wednesday, -- to discuss the possibility of a new conference with Soviet Russia. Recently, Moscow made a proposal.

for a four-power conference, and Bevin stated that representatives of the three major western powers will meet to draft an answer. Moscow suggested a conference on Germany, but Bevin made it clear that any such talk ~~is~~ will have to include Korea -- which, later in the day, was echoed in Washington.

FOLLOW KOREA

TP The latest - a dispatch stating that the Reds have cut off one whole div. of Marines from their supplies.

In Washington this afternoon a confidential

report on the military crisis was given to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. ~~with Army officials~~

~~laying down the facts. Afterward, the committee chairman, Senator Tydings of Maryland, said they had been informed that the Reds were throwing into action the hugest masses of Chinese troops, regardless of losses. And those enemy losses were, in the Senator's words "astounding, almost unbelievable"~~

On the other hand, he declared -- the U.S. and South Korean casualties have been relatively small, in spite of the break-through and retreat.

The Army men warned the committee that the crisis was grave indeed, but they also warned against -- "over pessimism!" This was emphasised in a briefing of newsmen at the Pentagon, where ^{following} the statement was made:- "We have been in much worse situations than this."

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In ~~FOLLOW KOREA~~, substitute the following for the paragraph beginning "worst worry" and ending with the paragraph "news conference."

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TP (Tonight Secretary of State Acheson gave a report to the nation, in which he declared that the U.N. military forces are in Korea to stay, and charged the Chinese Reds with - "brazen aggression.")

The Secretary called the world crisis - "extremely serious," and said, "Nobody can guarantee that war will not come." Meaning, World War Three.

So he called on the United States and the other free nations to speed up their armament program for what the Secretary called - "the strategy of freedom." President Truman will follow tomorrow with a news conference declaration of American foreign policy - and what we are going to do.

(They follow with the paragraph "In London Foreign Secretary" (etc.)

KOREA

Northwest Korea is a scene of -- stupendous retreat. Everywhere, the roads are crowded with streams of vehicles, rolling bumper to bumper -- as the soldiers, armament and supplies of an army of one hundred thousand press on by every avenue of escape.

"Retreat" is a gloomy word, but it is the best news possible in such peril. Able to retreat after a break-through by an army of two hundred thousand Chinese Communists.

U.S. divisions threatened with encirclement -- pulling out to escape the trap. Smaller units of U N forces cut off, surrounded -- fighting their way out. One, a Turkish unit of the U N army. ~~went~~ American troops battled their way through a ring of Reds, to get the Turks out. But the Turkish commander is pictured as refusing to withdraw, saying: "We are killing plenty of them." Well, the Turks always were great fighters.

Hordes of Reds are swarming down the central range of mountains -- trying to sweep around to the west and cut off the retreat of the American forces.

One aim^{of theirs} is to join up with an army of ten thousand Red guerrillas in the mountains further south. Along the line of retreat, infiltrating Chinese put up road blocks -- and these have to be broken as the huge withdrawal goes on. A dispatch today from the British Commonwealth Brigade describes it as -- "the saddest sight since Dunkirk."

The American command is trying to establish a line of defense across the narrow waist of the Korean Peninsula, ^{north} about thirty miles of Pongyong, the captured Red capital. The massive Red break-through has compelled a general withdrawal of some twenty miles, and the hope is that a solid front can be formed to hold back what one dispatch calls -- a "human sea", "A veritable ocean of Red fanatics from China."

KOREA

The latest from Korea pictures a whole night of battle with bayonet and hand-grenade -- for the American Second Infantry and First Cavalry Division. The dispatch uses these words: "The Communists attacking incessantly, with nightmarish disregard for human life." At another place it says, "U.N. troops slaughtered wave after wave of Red attackers."

As the new day began over there, the Air Force was, in the words of the dispatch, "literally raining fire on the enemy -- flaming ~~Nepalm~~ bombs, and an unending hail of machine gun bullets and bombs. But the hoard~~a~~ of Chinese Reds keep coming, and ^{late} tonight ~~the~~ battle field dispatches are saying that the front "no longer exists." No stabilized battlelines anywhere.

~~Northwest Korea is, etc. etc. Pick up beginning of Korea story. A cut can be made beginning in the third line, with the words, "with army officials layin down the facts" And conti.~~