

SUB LEAD KOREA

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Late news from Korea -- a Red warplane shot down by an American fighter. This happened over Kimpo Airport, near Seoul - while six American transport planes were ~~xxx~~ taking off with more than one hundred and eighty Americans, evacuating them to Japan. The Red warplane was a Russian-made Yak fighter, but it is not clear whether the craft was flown by a Russian or a Communist Korean. Nor do we know what action it may have been taking against the transport loaded with American refugees.

The dispatch from Seoul merely states that the Red plane was shot down by an American F-82 Mustang -- attached to the Air Force under the command of General MacArthur in Japan. All day long the word came through that MacArthur's fighters were escorting evacuation planes -- and now here's an explanation from the headquarters of General MacArthur. The Mustang was in the words of the statement -- "forced to shoot down a Yak fighter which interfered with the evacuation efforts."

Further word from General MacArthur's headquarters announces that Red tanks entered Seoul at nine thirty A.M. so they ~~are~~ are now occupying the city - this hour being about noontime in Korea.

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~~The fall of Soeul may be announced at any time~~

~~The city on the verge of being surrounded, at last~~

~~reports.~~ ^{It} ^{is} always a portentous event of war, when the capital of a nation is captured by invaders - and in this case it will signalize the brutal, blatant, surprise of the latest Red aggression.

^{North Korean}
It is apparent now that the assault begun on

Saturday was launched with overwhelming power. Reports from MacArthur headquarters in Tokyo indicate that the drive was hurled with a mass of seventy tanks, ~~armoured~~ armoured supported by concentrations of heavy artillery. An overpowering weight of war machinery - for Korea, that is. Because the opposition, the South Koreans, are armed with rifles and machine guns - only light ~~arm~~ equipment. Hitherto the Reds, as in Greece, have incited guerrilla warfare. But, this is a bolder ~~stroke~~ stroke - like a Hitler Blitzkrieg. The main invading column, from North Korea, drove relentlessly

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to take the capital city. Seoul is on the west coast of central Korea, about a score of miles to the south of the boundary, ^{the boundary being} the thirty-eighth parallel of latitude.

Red tanks ~~and~~ and artillery broke through the line of defenses, ~~and went~~ ~~cut~~ ~~around to the south of the city,~~ driving toward the coast. ~~A flanking move to cut~~

Seoul off from the south. ~~The South Korean Government~~

~~is described as ready to flee by plane to a new capital in the southern part of the Far Eastern peninsula.~~

Perhaps the most decisive news today came from the United Nations at Lake Success. The U. N. has observers in Korea, and they sent a cable reporting that the Reds may conquer the entire country within, what the cable calls - "a matter of days". The commission, of course, has the task of putting forward the U. N. resolution ordering Korean Communists to stop! - cease fire! and withdraw their forces north of the boundary! But Soviet Russia says that everything the U. N. does is illegal - ~~while~~ ^{so long as} the Chinese Nationalists are still seated. ~~So you can imagine the~~

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KOREA - WASHINGTON

In Washington, the universal cry is - rush military aid to southern Korea, armament, munitions, supplies. But not - soldiers. [President Truman takes the lead in calling the invasion by the Red puppet - unprovoked aggression. He does not mention Soviet Russia by name, but his meaning is clear. "Those responsible for this act of aggression," he declares, "must realize how seriously the Government of the United States views such threats to the peace of the world." With which - he gives the order to send weapons as fast as possible. In Japan, General Douglas MacArthur is responding with quick plane-loads of ammunition and light artillery.]

Republicans in Congress echo the call for military aid, but say the United States is under no obligations to go to war - to defend the south Korean Republic. This was the opinion of a Republican conference called today - described as "unanimous". But, later on, Republican Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire declared in a Senate address that the

time has come to take, what he called "A calculated risk" of war. He said we should call - "The Communist bluff." G. O. P. Senator Knowland of California declared that General Claire Chennault, of Flying Tiger fame, has offered to take a new group ^A to volunteer American war flyers to Korea, and show the Reds those "Flying Tiger" tactics that slashed the Japanese in the China war.

From the Korean side, an old echo - too little and too late. Representatives of the government of President Singham Rhee speak in discouraging tones of - not enough American armament, not in time. They received light weapons and equipment, whereas the Red satellite is driving with masses of Russian artillery and Soviet made tanks.

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One irony is that Chiang Kai-Shek, on Formosa, offers to send military ~~xx~~ help - forces of soldiers and some warplanes. The Generalissimo, driven out by the Chinese Communists and refused help from America, argues that the defense of Korea is important for his own position in Formosa. So he'll send - "fighting aid". His tone must be ironical, as he says it.

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FOLLOW KOREA - WASHINGTON

Here's the latest. Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter, chief of U. S. Intelligence, was called before a Senate Committee to answer the charge that his espionage system was caught - "flat footed." It was a secret session this afternoon, but we are told that the admiral stated - that his intelligence agency had reported unusual troop concentrations in north Korea recently. Last week, for example, he gave notice of a massing of Red soldiers. To newsmen, he said afterward that the invasion had been expected for a year." "But," he added, "you cannot predict the timing."

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The surprise of the attack is illustrated by the fact that some of the world's great press associations had no news correspondents in Korea - when the blow was launched. The Associated Press did, and so did the United Press - the U. P. having ^a~~one~~ man in Seoul. There had been little to report from the Korean capital during the past few weeks. ^{But} Correspondent Jack James was there to transact commercial business, as well as to send out news *that might break,*

The U. P., through the Korean Press, ^h~~has~~ been serving forty-eight newspapers ^{in Korea -} and it is often part of a bureau manager's task to handle the commercial business of making sales and collections, as well as to do the job of a reporter, filing news copy. But the weekend headline started a flock of newsmen flying to Korea - as other Americans were being evacuated *from there.*

have to twist things a lot to explain - saying it was
the Korean Communists who were attacked, innocent
victims of aggression.

KOREA - TOKYO

In Japan, General MacArthur has ordered the suppression of the Tokyo Communist newspaper, which came out today with the same line as New York's own Daily Worker, which, of course, is the Moscow line - that the innocent Red satellite was attacked, the southern Koreans ~~are~~ the imperialist aggressors. The old Hitler technique - launch an invasion, ^{at the same time} ~~with a~~ claim of being invaded. General MacArthur calls the party line, as expressed in the Tokyo Communist newspaper, a perversion of the truth, a tissue of lies - and instructs the Japanese Government to suppress the Red sheet.

Well, the Communists have a difficult propaganda job on their hands - how to harmonize the sudden Red stroke of war with the current Moscow peace offensive. All over the world, in this country too, the peace talk has been a big line of anti-American propaganda - with petitions and signatures for peace. So now the Red puppet suddenly launches a war - making the peace offensive look like a criminal joke. So the Reds

KOREA - CRISIS

Tonight, there's one great question mark - what is the meaning of the sudden blow launched by the Reds? What are the Soviets up to? We can't answer. We can only point to a series of facts, which have been in the news during the past few years.

There are two countries divided into Soviet and western zones. In Europe - Germany, with Austria as pretty much the same thing. In the Far East - Korea, split between the Reds and the Americans. A couple of years ago the Soviets tried a push in Germany, the Berlin blockade, trying to force the western powers out. But that didn't work, was defeated by the air lift, *— at colossal expense to us,* ~~so now~~
Now comes this there's a push on the opposite side, the Far East - in that other divided country, Korea.

We note one important difference - there were American troops in Berlin, and a Soviet invasion of the western sector would have brought about fighting with American soldiers which would probably have brought *on* about a Third World War. But there are no American forces of occupation in Korea. We withdrew the U.S. Army

a year and a half ago, January, Nineteen Forty-Nine. That was when elections were held and a new democratic government established - in Southern Korea - sponsored by the U.N. We sent armament to Free Korea, and the Reds are being opposed by American weapons. But there are no U.S. Army troops - no immediate prospect of a Red clash with defending American soldiers. That's the big difference.

Russian troops were also withdrawn from Korea - at least, so we are told. But the Soviets built up a Korean Red army, which they trained and equipped. *They had plenty of war material for the job - Russian also Japanese!* There, once again, we have an analogy with Germany on the East - where the Russians have organized a formidable Red Army in the guise of a police force. Red propaganda has been proposing that both sides, Soviet and western, withdraw their troops of occupation. To this American military leaders reply that, if all soldiers of occupation were taken out - western Germany would be seized by that Red police Army. And that's the sort of thing happening in Korea right now.

When the Soviets took over Manchuria, next door to Korea, they received the surrender of a powerful Japanese Army, and seized a huge arsenal that Japan had been storing up for years. From time to time, a dozen years ago, the news mentioned that Quantung Army, with its mountains of weapons and munitions. These fell into the hands of the Soviets, when the atomic bomb forces the surrender of Japan - the Red Army just walking in, and taking over the enormous arsenal. All of which carried out a secret agreement made with Stalin - at the Yalta conference of the Big Three.

It has been said time and again that the Soviets used the huge store of Japanese weapons to equip the Chinese Communists - which would account, in part, for the Red sweep in China. The Russians also equipped the Korean Red forces - and today what kind of modern armament could the Korean Reds possibly have? Those Japanese tanks. They have them. Also Russian tanks.

Can the Red satellite, armed by the Soviets, be stopped by the ~~xxx~~ forces of the liberal democratic regime - fighting with weapons provided by the United States, whatever we have sent to them? They are the worse off because of a powerful Red Fifth Column in southern Korea, ready to help the invaders.

~~For us Americans the question has an ugly form. Will we take another humiliating slap, following the Communist victory in China? Will the Soviet-sponsored ~~xx~~ puppet regime take over all Korea, without being able to do anything much about it - and thereby deliver another heavy blow to American prestige in the Far East?~~

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The fall of Free Korea will be another humiliating slap for the United States -- a heavy blow to American prestige in the Far East. The case of Korea is different from that of China. We never were an occupying power in China, which was never under our control. But in Southern Korea, ~~which~~ we took over after the war and supervised the establishment of the free Korean Republic, sponsored by the United Nations. We were pledged to help the South Koreans, and there are people around the world who will say -- what good is American aid, when Soviet aid is so much more effective?

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1/4 And now Nelson, I'll turn the microphone over to you.