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SUBSTITUTE LEAD KOREA

(The latest from Korea tonight pictures the Chinese Communists in a massive, two-pronged offensive aimed at Seoul.) The Reds have captured the town of Munsan, twenty miles northwest of the capital, and are striking down the main highway. U.N. forces are falling back, followed closely by masses of the enemy.

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FORMOSA

Secretary of State Acheson reveals that Chiang Kai-shek agreed to use American military aid only to defend Formosa against a Communist invasion. The national regime on the island conceded that point six weeks before General MacArthur suggested an attack of the Red mainland by Chiang Kai-shek's army. So this diplomatic agreement, revealed today, ^{seems to rule} ~~is ruled~~ out any chance of the MacArthur advice being followed.

CHINESE RADIO

Hongkong reports the most horrifying radio program in radio history - the broadcast of a Red trial in Communist China. At Canton, there was a Chinese version of one of those fantastic, inhuman court proceedings, so familiar to Communism -- and it was put on the air, beamed at Hongkong and nearby Macao. (Presumably, the purpose was to warn Chinese in those places of what might happen to them if they oppose the Reds. Advance notice was given by a Leftist newspaper in Hongkong - advertising that most horrifying of radio programs.)

(At Canton, the Red proceedings were held in the open, and a huge throng of Communists attended. Microphones were placed, and an announcer gave a play-by-play account. He told how the judge took his place, and the prisoners were brought in. There were four of them - including one-time officials, a Minister of Education, a Magistrate, a Trade Union Leader. Then, over the radio went the shrieking accusations) - the Judge and the Red Chief of Police yelling at the prisoners for two long hours, charging them with every possible crime.

(After which the judge ordered the police to lead the victims through the crowd of assembled Reds. He shouted to the crowd: "Beat them. Hit them. Spit upon them - take your vengeance."

Over the radio came the sounds of the mob, beating, hitting. That - and the screams of the victims. Then the judge sentenced them to death, and they were paraded through the streets of Canton, to their doom.)

The news has been telling of a ferocious Red purge in China, and today - the Communist terror went on the air.

PARIS CONFERENCE

(^{The} ^{Conference} News from Paris) brings a noisy lot of screaming -

by Gromyko) (In the French capital, conferences have been dragging on for weeks - deputies of the Big Four trying to arrange a meeting of the Foreign Ministers. ^{Today} Gromyko went into a violent rage, predicting utter disaster for the American and Allied forces in Korea, and (his insults came to a climax when he called Winston Churchill a "cannibal.")

That's a favorite word in the Red vocabulary, ~~and the Soviet~~
~~delegates got a soft smile when he pronounced it. "It was only~~

"When we hear such speeches by Churchill and other cannibals," he ^{shouted} ~~cried~~ - referring to an anti-Soviet declaration by Britain's wartime Prime Minister, who was a partner of Stalin and Roosevelt.

The Gromyko climax came when he howled: "Listening to Churchill and his cannibal advocates - even Cleopatra would have blushed." Just what Cleopatra had to do with it, isn't clear.

At this point, the British delegate said His Majesty's

Government had been insulted - not to mention Cleopatra.

So the proceedings were halted on that theme - cannibals
and the Queen of the Nile.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

In Czechoslovakia, the American Embassy presented a demand to the Red Government ~~at~~ today - calling for an investigation into the disappearance of an American newspaperman, William Oatis, of the Associated Press. He left his office on Monday, and hasn't been seen since.

A Czech employee of the A.P. Bureau has been likewise ~~now~~ missing since Monday. Another, disappeared last week, and two more were arrested earlier. The Associated Press Bureau in the grip of Red terrorism - and now the disappearance of the American newspaper man - the A.P. Foreign Correspondent.

COMMUNISTS

In the investigation of the Hollywood Reds - a ^a dramatic change of heart. (Back in Nineteen Forty-seven, Film Director Edward Dmytryk was one of the "Hollywood Ten" who went to jail, rather than answer the sixty-four dollar question. But today, before the Committee on Un-American Activities - Dmytryk was altogether different.) ~~He answered the sixty-four dollar~~

~~question.~~ ^P Yes, he was once a Communist. He ~~was once a~~ joined the Party in the Spring of Nineteen Forty-four, when Russia was our ally in the Second World War, and he believed the Soviets were sincere in wanting peace. ^P But he quit the next year, when the Communists tried to force him to put Red propaganda into a film he was directing. This was a feature called "Cornered", starring Dick Powell. The script was written by Film WRiter John Wexley - and today Dmytryk stated that Wexley tried to put a "tremendous amount of Party line speeches," into the film. Dmytryk objected, and ^{the dispute} ~~was~~ was brought before a meeting of Hollywood Communists, and finally carried to John Howard Lawson. ~~John Howard~~

~~Lawson is a member of the "Hollywood Party" and has been a member of the Communist Party for many years. He is a member of the Communist Party and has been a member of the Communist Party for many years.~~

(Today Dmytryk described ^{John Howard} Lawson as the "high lama" of Hollywood Communism, and said Lawson told him - if he couldn't accept Communist discipline, he had "better get out of the Party." So Dmytryk did.)

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To climax all this change of heart, (Dmytryk said that the Korean War and the recent atomic spy trials had convinced him that, in his words - "the Communist Party is certainly guilty of treason.")

OVERTIME

Here's one for all you clock watchers, so anxious to be off the job right on the dot - and go home. This - ought to make you blush with shame. It's about a faithful worker who toiled twenty-three and a half hours a day for three consecutive days. He didn't watch the clock. ~~He worked~~
~~twenty-three and a half hours out of twenty-four for~~
~~three~~ days.

This remarkable example of industry comes up at a congressional investigation of overtime, at an airbase built near Sampson, New York. The payrolls show carpenters drawing three hundred dollars a week, plumbers five hundred a week - mostly overtime. The climax comes in the case of a foreman named J. Izzo. He worked ~~Monday through~~
~~Thursday~~ - Friday, twenty-three-and-a-half hours, ~~and~~
~~and~~ a-half for overtime. Saturday - twenty-three and a half hours at double pay for overtime. Sunday - twenty-three and a half hours, double pay.

Today, Congressman Mahon of Texas, member of an

investigating sub-committee, gaped in amazement and said -
"Nobody could stay awake that long." Then the Congressman
frowned and growled - "outlandish abuses of overtime pay."

(No explanation in the remarkable exploit of staying
on the job is given. But, after all the uproar, there's an
announcement from the airbase - overtime has now been
limited to eight hours a week.)

PLANE CRASH

Here's the latest - in the airplane crash near Key West, Florida, today - a collision between a Cuban airliner crowded with passengers, and a Navy patrol plane. The Navy plane was on a training mission of - "blind flying." At the Key West base, a spokesman declares: "We don't know if the crew was flying blind at the time of the collision. But, when they do, one of the pilots has clear visual observation at all times."

However that might be, there was a crash in mid-air, at two thousand feet - the Navy plane immediately exploding. The big skyliner kept on in even flight for half a mile, then plunged into the sea. All lives lost - forty-three. ~~It is~~ *The Cuban Airline claims the passenger* ~~not clear whether or not the Cuban airliner was flying in~~ *plane was flying on its correct* ~~the zone restricted by the Navy.~~ *scheduled course.*

RITA

In Paris, it was announced today that a "communique" would be issued tomorrow. "Communique" sounds like a war bulletin, but this one will be about Prince Aly Khan and his wife, Movie Actress Rita Hayworth. There are insistent rumors of a break-up of the marriage of the son of the Mohammedan religious leader, the Aga Khan - an estrangement between Aly and Rita. Their romance and wedding were a headline sensation, but Aly remains in Europe, while Rita has come to the United States, with their daughter, Jasmin, and gossip says they have separated.

At a villa on the Riviera, Aly has been consulting with his lawyer, and today the lawyer, returning to Paris, said he had discussed what he called - "the entire question." So tomorrow he will issue - a "communique."

A glimpse into the international set was had today in a lawsuit at Los Angeles. There's a legal contest over the will of Lady Elsie de Wolfe Mendl, who for many years was a leader in the social circle of London, Paris, ^{and} New York. Back in the days of the royal abdication in London, Lady Mendl figured in the news, prominent in the coterie frequented by Edward the Eighth and Wallis Warfield Simpson - at present the Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

(Lady Mendl died last year at the age of ninety-one, and left a large part of her two-and-a-half-million dollar fortune to her secretary, Mrs. Hilda West Douglas. So now the claim is that she was not mentally competent when she made her will. Part of the testimony concerns the people that surrounded her, while a social leader in the international set.)

Testimony was given by the well known author, Ludwig Bemelmans, who says that ^{part} ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~present~~ of the guests who enjoyed her hospitality were - "free loaders." They thronged around her to wine and dine - gratis. "They were colorful in

their conversation and personalities," says Author Bemelmans, "and they constituted only about ten per cent of her visitors."

The hospitality of Lady Mendl was lavish, Bemelmans paying tribute in these words: "She was very kind," says he. "She always fed anyone who had on a clean collar."

So that's the picture of life in the international set-with all those free-loaders.

OPERA

New York's Metropolitan Opera played in Atlanta last night, and today's news tells of a huge social success. The cynosure of all eyes was a venerable dowager - groomed in sumptuous magnificence. She wore a turquoise evening gown, in the latest Parisian style, with a magnificent corsage of orchids, and a blazing display of jewels. She carried herself with an air of aristocratic distinction, haughty, aloof, ~~thin~~ ^(and) ~~conceited~~ looked, every inch the social leader - Mrs. Vanderbilt herself.

Today, the secret was revealed. The magnificent dowager was a ninety-one year old newspaper seller, who for years has peddled papers at the corner of Broad and Walton. Mrs. Arizona Bell - who, long ago, was a bareback rider in the circus of Buffalo Bill.

Her social triumph last night was the ~~game~~ doing of a newspaper - the Atlanta Constitution. A girl reporter took Mrs. Arizona Bell to a dress shop and beauty parler. Orchids, jewels - then to the opera.

Today, the whole thing was philosophized by the ninety-one year old newspaper vendor, who used to be a bareback rider for Buffalo Bill. "If you just keep living long enough," says she, "there's not much that won't happen to you."

14 Do you agree with that philosophy, Nelson?

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North of Seoul, however, the huge enemy push continued to roll on, scoring further gains today. There, the Allied front has been thrown back to a line eleven ^{below} miles ~~above~~ the [^] ~~^~~ Thirty-Eighth Parallel.

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