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(A compromise on Korea was placed before the United Nations today - India offering a plan for an artifice. The ~~xxx~~ significant part of the suggestion is this: prisoners of war, who refuse to be repatriated, ^Would have their status decided by a conference later on.) Chinese and North Korean captives, who don't want to go back ~~xx~~ to the Reds, would stay on in camps, after the conclusion of a truce. Would be held - until their fate could be decided by high level diplomatic talks.

We hear that the American delegation is opposed to the scheme, as it stands. One obvious objection would seem to be that, prisoners refusing to go home, could be held in camps nobody knows how long - if the conference to decide their status were deadlocked. Conferences with Communists have a way of being deadlocked.

KOREA

The war in the air broke out again today - after a long lull, ~~up in the sky~~. Enemy jets made an appearance, and American Sharpshooters downed at least five, possibly seven.

Action on the ground also - after a brief lull. It's mostly a case of cannon fire today, an artillery duel. United Press correspondent Victor Kendrick gives a resonant report. "The sounds of artillery" says he, "reverberated through the Kumhwa Valley, like a giant kettle drum - and reechoed from mountain to mountain."

EISENHOWER

Word from Augusta, Georgia, ~~is~~ that President-elect Eisenhower is in fine shape, rested up, after ten vacation days, with some golf and lots of sleep. He'll need to be in condition for Tuesday -- when his reception in Washington will equal, or even exceed, the ovation he got as the conquering hero in Nineteen Forty-five.

The schedule at the White House is for him to have a private conference with President Truman - before they get down to business with advisers in the Cabinet Room. The last time they met was in June of this year - when the President ~~decorated~~ decorated the General for his work as Commander of the North Atlantic treaty forces.

June Second, only five and a half months ago; little more than a month before Eisenhower was nominated by the Republican Convention. Well, you know what happened afterward, the swift transformation of what had been an admiring friendship. The bitterness of the political campaign, the Truman attacks on Eisenhower.

→ But that's all over now - as the President welcomes the President-elect for a smooth transition of government. Before they get down to business, they'll have a personal chat in private - to renew that old friendship.

Korea will be a number one problem, as we've heard all along. But now something new has come up - the Hydrogen Bomb. The word is that the President will give the General a full account of what happened out on Eniwetok atoll -- the stupendous explosion. The blast that reverberates around the world -- H-bomb.

There's another Truman-Eisenhower conference on schedule - the feminine gender. Mrs. Truman will meet with Mrs. Eisenhower, to discuss domestic arrangements at the White House. The First Lady of the land invited the first lady-elect to a meeting. Mamie, as she likes to be called, accepted, for a date not yet named - conference on housekeeping.

FOLLOW EISENHOWER

From the South, we have a supposition that General Eisenhower may appoint prominent southerners to his cabinet - Democrats who supported him. At New Orleans, a convention of southern Governors is on, and the names mentioned are - Byrd of Virginia, Byrnes of South Carolina, Shivers of Texas. Byrd is named as a possible Secretary of the Treasury.

Governor Talmadge of Georgia makes the blunt statement: "The south deserves some recognition for the vote it gave the General." *And he added:—* "I think Governor Shivers of Texas should be made Secretary of the Interior."

H BOMB

The word ~~ix~~ in Washington is that investigations are being conducted throughout the task force out in the Pacific - the scores of ships that were engaged in the hydrogen-bomb tests. Purpose - to find out if regulations were violated, restricted date ~~ix~~made public. Meaning - that series of letters published in this country, telling of a stupendous explosion - the H-bomb.

~~There might be violations of two kinds:~~
~~The men in the task force may not have been properly~~
~~instructed about security regulations. Sailors who~~
~~wrote letters home, describing the blast - may not~~
~~have known - it was against orders. In that case,~~
~~officers responsible might be punished -- officers~~
~~who should have given instructions. Or those who~~
~~wrote the ~~ix~~ letters may simply have ignored the~~
~~regulations -- and they could be punished for that.~~

Meanwhile, (it is being taken for granted,
both here and in countries abroad, that a hydrogen-

bomb was tested. The official announcement made by the atomic Energy Commission is couched in language somewhat ambiguous, indicating a successful experiment. But not quite saying - it was an H-bomb.) Rightly or wrongly, everybody assumes - that it was.

COMMUNIST

Washington is having an atomic spy trial, and the feature today was - a talkative taxi driver, one of those conversational cabbies.

The trial of scientist X - charged with espionage -- the transmission of American atomic secrets to Soviet Russia. Identified as Dr. Joseph W. Weinberg, once employed at the Berkley^e radiation laboratory of the University of California. His lawyers claim the government used illegal methods ~~of~~ to get evidence - like wire-tapping. And -- today produced the talkative taxi driver.

Francis Malloy was a member of a grand jury that investigated Scientist X. After which he went back to his taxicab. Months later, he picked up a fare -- James F. McInerney, head of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. The taxi driver started a conversation about atomic spy business, and McInerney told him that the government had evidence against Weinberg that could not be presented in court.

About a month ago Malloy, by chance, picked up Joseph Sanelli, an attorney for the defense. So the talkative taxi driver got into conversation with him, and told him what Mcinerney had said - about evidence the government could not present in court. The next thing you know, Malloy was called as a witness for the defense. Today, he testified he couldn't remember exactly what the Department of Justice official told him in the taxicab conversation. Whether Mcinerney had mentioned "confidential. Or -- "illegal" information.

This is followed by a statement from Mcinerney he mentioned "confidential" information - from people who could not be named in court.

Atomic espionage and ^a~~to~~ talkative taxi-driver.

CORRUPTION

A New York investigation is bringing out some interesting facts of life in politics. A commissioner appointed by Governor Dewey, is holding hearings on corruption - and one witness today was a Tammany district captain, who had a job in Washington. Or, rather - not in Washington. No job - either; -- but I'm getting confused!

Joseph Ricca told of serving for thirty-seven years as a minor figure in ward politics - doing the political chores. As a ~~xxx~~ reward, he was given the post of clerk in the Washington office of former Congressman Edelstein. Then, in the office of Congressman Arthur Klein. He was on the Washington payroll for more than three years; but he never went to Washington. / - not even to collect his wages. / The salary checks - thirteen to fifteen hundred dollars a year, were mailed to him in New York. / Washington job -- ~~xxxx~~ with neither job nor Washington, only the pay checks.

(But the Tammany district captain only

complains. He says the salary wasn't enough to live on, and he had to work in a New York liquor store. "I never make any money in politics", he wails. "I always have to work on the side.")

This New York hearing began with a lot of testimony about Thomas Luchese (Lu-kay-say) called "three finger ^{Brown} ~~Brown~~". Alleged to be the successor to Frank Costello as racket boss. Costello - being in prison. In Washington, today, Attorney General McGranery ordered proceedings to deprive "Three-Finger Brown" Luchese of his citizenship, he being naturalized. And - deport him to his native Italy.

MISSISSIPPI

Extra

That story from Tupelo, Mississippi, takes a curious turn - the one about a northern newspaperman, abducted by terrorists wearing hoods. And told - to get out. They didn't want any Yankees at Tupelo, Mississippi. So Newell Anderson, circulation manager of a local paper went back to his native North Dakota. Today he said he would not return to Mississippi to answer a charge - that his "get out Yankee" story was a hoax.

He claimed the terrorists had slashed him with razor blades. The police chief of Tupelo declares that the marks on his face were more like pin scratches. Moreover - that, when questioned, he contradicted himself.

~~Anderson, up in North Dakota, declared that he wanted to clear his name - and the publisher of the Tupelo newspaper offered to pay his expenses back to Mississippi. But that offer was withdrawn today - when it was published in a Minneapolis paper. Anderson~~

CLUB

Here's one of those news dispatches that give us - the unexpected. The swankiest, costliest, most luxurious club in the armed forces. An officers Club? Not at all. It's a sergeants club. Cost - four hundred thousand dollars. Sounds like a millionaires' club. But it didn't cost the taxpayers a nickel - which makes it all the more remarkable.

At Chanute Air Base, Illinois, the officers financed a club for themselves. The sergeants decided they wanted one - and so informed ^{the} air base commander, Major General B. E. Gates, Nicknamed - "Hungry" Gates. Maybe the General looks a bit starved - or maybe he's just penurious with the taxpayers' money.

Today General Hungry Gates declared: "I told the Sergeants that people under me don't get something for nothing. They'd have to pay for ~~xxx~~ their own club. They wanted to know how? And I told them", says General Hungry Gates.

He advised them to promote entertainment at the base - and the Sergeants began by sponsoring

a circus. Which did a big business. There are forty thousand people at Chanute Base, including wives and children. Next, the Sergeants backed a carnival. They produced a whole series of shows - and in due time accumulated enough to finance a four hundred thousand dollar club. Swanky and exclusive - nobody but Sergeants admitted.

WEATHER

It was raining in the mid-west today, and that was the best of news for the farmers. It rained long and hard, drenching the wheat fields - after a drought that had lasted for two months. A long warm Indian summer, and the winter wheat crops were being dried out. Today, however, situation saved. In Iowa -- six inches of rain.

MT. EVEREST

(From the dim, distant Himalayas, a report of -
a heartbreaker. Telling - of a Swiss expedition that set out
to climb Mt. Everest. Tonight, at New Delhi, capital of India,
the Swiss Embassy is trying to get in touch with the
mountaineers who are reported to have gotten to within fifty
yards of the ultimate pinnacle of Everest.)

Months ago, in the Spring of this year, a Swiss
climber and a Sherpa - a Himalayan mountaineer, made a
previous attempt, and were less than eight hundred feet from
the top -- when they were driven back. So now, here's the
heartbreaker. This time, they - the same two climbers I believe -
were a mere hundred and fifty feet from the goal. (Only to be
driven back by the hurricane winds of the world's highest
mountain. A gale hitting them with such fury -- they could not
go on. So near, but the weather so bad -- they had to give it
up.) Unlike the British climbers, Mallory and Irvine, they are
returning alive.

Such, at least, is the brief report that comes out

of the Himalayas. With the Swiss Embassy at New Delhi trying to get in contact with the climbers.

PARIS

Here's a dispatch that seems to say - if you want to be safe and unmolested in Paris, just kidnap a woman on a public street. The more she screams, the safer you are.

This is brought out by a Paris newspaper, investigating crime along the Boulevards. Five times in one night, the newspaper experimenters put on a show of abducting a woman, who yelled her head off. In not one instance did the police appear - not a single Gendarme. Passersby, who saw the kidnappings, took no interest.

Witnesses replied - it was none of their business, and they didn't want to get mixed up in any trouble.

So no wonder the Parisian paper says - the
— Nelson —
safest thing to do, in Paris, is to kidnap a screaming
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woman.