

Tonight at the U.N., the resolution concerning that thirty-eighth parallel was presented - ~~and~~ a move made by eight Western powers. Actually, the borderline was not mentioned at all - but there is repeated implication. The resolution deals with the whole business of establishing peace and order in Korea, and the clause most to the point reads as follows: " That U.N. forces should not remain in any part of Korea otherwise than so far as is necessary for achieving the objectives specified."

Which is a statement in the negative - "should not remain." The key to the whole thing is in the phrase "any part of Korea." Which, of course, would apply to North Korea, the Communist area above the thirty-eighth parallel. This implies that MacArthur's forces would be above that Red frontier, else how could they - "not remain" there? So it's a future tense.

Moreover, it is stated that this resolution is in accord with the original U.N. command - ordering General MacArthur to take military action against the Red invasion.

At that time, there was no mention where the U.N. forces should stop - no mention of any thirty-eighth parallel. ~~The~~ The implication ~~was~~ was that MacArthur was allowed to drive north of the parallel, if he saw fit.

So, today's move, which goes to the General Assembly for a vote, amounts to an implied confirmation of an implication, given in a negative form ^{and a future tense.} It's complicated grammar, most intricately diplomatic. But the resolution means - General MacArthur, go ahead! *The Assembly will vote on that.*

KOREA

It looks as if we might have a new brand of trouble in Korea - not from the Reds this time, but from the Free Koreans. Today, they pushed up to that thirty-eighth parallel and, at last reports, were hurling artillery fire at the Reds on the other side. The American command sent orders to them, stern orders - don't cross that thirty-eighth parallel.

The question of ~~whether~~ whether or not the forces under General MacArthur will ~~be~~ be permitted to strike into the home grounds of the Reds - that still remains for the United Nations to decide.

So measures had to be taken to keep the Free Koreans from going right ahead - beyond that puzzling parallel of latitude.)

~~which is the only international question right now in Korea~~

They ~~Free Koreans~~ may be a little simple-minded about it. They look - but they don't see anything resembling a parallel of latitude or longitude, or anything else. After all, what does a parallel look like? You see it only on the map.

In a way, those ~~Free~~ ^{Free} ~~North Korean~~ Koreans played us a mischievous trick. While American troops, driving from the

Seoul area, were pushing toward the parallel, there was fast action on the other side of the peninsula - east coast. There, the Republic of Korea Third Division put on a race for fifty miles, and out-ran all other units of the United Nations - and were first to arrive at the invisible boundary line between South and North Korea. The headlong dash of that R O K Third Division was a good illustration of the utter and abysmal defeat of the Reds. There was hardly any opposition, as they won the race to the thirty-eighth parallel.

It was all a surprise to the Americans ~~at the time~~

Today, two United Press correspondents, Glenn Stackhouse and Charles Corddry, flew over that sector in a C-47 transport - and the pilot, Major J.W. Ingram, had to check his map, to believe his eyes. Down there, Free Korean artillery was bombarding a hill - and the Major had to make a double "take", to be sure, from the contour of the coastline, that this was really the thirty-eighth parallel. That's how we know, from eye-witnesses, that the Republic of Korea Third Division was

FOLLOW KOREA

The latest is assurance from the Koreans. They say they will not cross the Red frontier, unless ordered to do so by the United Nations. This comes from Colonel Lee Sun Keun, who states that the Korean Third Division is holding positions within a stone's throw of the thirtiety-eighth parallel -- and they have received orders to stay where they are. Other Free Korean Divisions are moving up to the border further west to form a solid line along the parallel.

DESTROYER

In Korean waters, a United States destroyer struck a mine - the news disclosed today. The blast tore a hole in the side of the warship, and nine lives were lost. The vessel, though badly damaged, was able to reach port in Japan, under her own power.

MacARTHUR

The applause for MacArthur has been echoing far and wide, and today came the formal cheer, the big-time high level ovation. From - President Truman and the joint Chiefs-of-Staff in Washington. They sent praise from Olympus.- Jupiter and his attendant divinities, passing along their congratulations.

The Commander-in-Chief is, of course, President Truman. Actually, he's a bit more than that - having been a Captain. From his ~~war experience and his~~ battle experience as an artillery Captain in the First World War, Harry Truman can speak as a practical soldier. So, in ~~his~~ military terms, he today sent a message to General Mac Arthur, as follows:

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "Few operations in military history," said the President, "can match either your delaying action, where you traded space for time, in which to build up your forces - or the brilliant maneuver which has now resulted in the liberation of Seoul."

The Presidential syntax, or the grammatical niceties, may be a little complicated. But the simple fact is that

former-Captain-of-Artillery Harry Truman points to the military strategies evolved - a stubborn defense with a minimum of forces, while massing ^{his} ~~his~~ main strength ^{for} ~~the~~ the counter-blow. The other night we noted that this was classic strategy, the Napoleonic strategy - holding the perimeter with as little as possible, while preparing for the overwhelming counter-punch, the amphibious invasion.

FORMOSA

The Chinese Communists will join the U.N. debate on Formosa. Today the Security Council voted to invite them. The majority was seven to three - and in the minority, dissenting, was the United States. We, of course, accept the verdict - and now the Chinese Reds are invited to send representatives to argue the charge that aggression was committed, when the American Seventh Fleet was ordered to stop any Communist invasion of Formosa.

NEW YORK

Today in New York City, Governor Dewey conferred with Mayor Impelletteri and the new Police Commissioner, Thomas F. Murphy, who prosecuted Alger Hiss. The Governor is authorized to act, when any such scandal hits the metropolis - as the current uproar about police corruption in connection with gambling. So Governor Dewey stepped in - and the news of the conference is accompanied by word that new Police Commissioner Murphy today gave the New York Police Department the biggest shake-up in its history.

Murphy ^{(demoted 336} ~~impelletteri~~ plain-clothesmen - ~~the~~ ^{the} entire force assigned to the gambling and vice squads. So much corruption they are no longer useful. He put them all back into uniform as patrolmen. ~~no longer~~ ~~useful~~ Four acting police captains in the Inspector's office are ^{(reduced in rank -} ~~impeached~~ in the biggest shake-up ever. Governor Dewey states - there are revelations "wholesale, and staggering amounts of corruption."

FABULOUS FRISCO

At Bangor, Maine, a judge today turned loose a character known as - "Fabulous Frisco Ray." Fabulous Frisco was in prison for a robbery - and regarded as a desperado from the West. He said he was twenty-four years old, and put on the airs of a sinister character.

His story seemed to be one of ancient irony - the policeman turns crook, the detective commits a robbery. Last August Fabulous Frisco Ray opened a private detective agency in Bangor, setting up as a Western sleuth, able to solve deep mysteries of crime. But then, Fabulous Frisco was caught swiping a woman's handbag - was tried and convicted, and sentenced to four years in the state prison.

That was a week or so ago, and things looked bad for the character from the West. But today his mother showed up, and got him out. Fabulous Frisco Ray turns out to be a local boy, sixteen years old - who developed ideas of being a combination of Western detective, desperado, and what-not. His conviction was based on the age he gave, twenty-four.

But, since he's only sixteen, it comes under the heading of juvenile delinquency. Such was the ruling ~~in the town~~ today by Superior Judge Francis Sullivan, who ordered Fabulous Frisco Ray to be released from the state prison, and handed over to his mother on probation. So mama has taken Sonny boy home, and ~~I would~~ ^(I'd) like to hear what she has been saying to Fabulous Frisco.

Nelson - getting back to this 20th anniversary of mine - there is one comforting thought in my mind as I look at you. You also were in radio 20 yrs. ago. And you are still a young man - nothing patriarchial about you - no grey beard - no grey hair. That makes me feel better,