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Korea was in a fog of rumors today. Reports of all kinds were circulating.

A South Korean official declared that Syngman Rhee had received another message from President Eisenhower, urging him to accept the truce terms. This is denied flatly by the White House - over here.

Another rumor in Seoul is that President Syngman Rhee is feuding with his army Chief-of-Staff, Lieutenant General Paik Sun Yup. The military Chief-of-Staff disagreeing with all that opposition to the armistice - and Syngman Rhee might fire him. This emanates, we hear, from a high government source - but it's denied by a spokesman from Syngman Rhee.

There's another rumor with a startling sound - that, at prisoner-of-war camps, South Korean guards have turned loose anti-Communist captives. Supposed to have happened at a camp near the port of Pusan - where South Korean soldiers are on duty. ~~xxxxxxx~~ ^{They're} ~~xxxxxxx~~ said to share in the opposition to the truce terms. Which, of course, require that a neutral

commission shall take charge of prisoners who don't want to go back to the Reds. So the South Korean guards took their own way in showing their disapproval - by opening the gates and releasing prisoners. Yes, that could be serious - but the story is denied by the U.S. Command.

~~Nothing directly today from Syngman Rhee, as the rumors go circulating. However, the National Assembly of South Korea today appointed a committee to direct ~~the~~ ^{its} campaign against an armistice, ~~with increased~~ ^(and there were more) demonstrations at Seoul, and at Pusan. ~~These~~ These were staged mostly - by students.)~~

The Chinese Communist Radio says that armistice arrangements are being delayed - by the military advances the Reds have been making - in savage drives against our defense positions. The truce line - would have to conform with new changes on the battlefield.

~~Today, however, the Communist attacks had died down. ~~xxxx~~ South Korean troops were plugging gaps where the Reds had cracked through. Dispatches from the front picture the~~

SUB LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS IN KOREA

It was raining today in Korea. The line of battle - turned into mud. Our Air Force grounded - by the weather. But even so, the Chinese threw another attack against the position known as "outpost Harry". For over four hours, American defenders fought the Reds off. And "outpost Harry" is still in our hands.

South Korean troops are plugging gaps ~~XXXXXXXX~~ elsewhere along the battle line. Dispatches from the front picture the ground littered with Chinese bodies - where the waves of the "human sea" were cut down. But our losses were heavy too.

A weird story comes from the central front. It states that a Chinese Colonel has ^{surrendered} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ to our troops. And he says that he has been hiding from his own forces for over two years. While the war went on, he lived near a Korean village - getting food from the villagers. Now he surrenders. But, so far, he has given no reason for his desertion from the Reds. Nor does he say why he did not give up sooner - why he stayed between the lines for those two years.

CHINA

Acting Republican Senate Leader, Knowland of California, declares - that, if necessary, the United States should veto the admission of Red China into the United Nations. He said this in the first interview he has given since he took over the floor leadership from Senator Taft of Ohio - who is incapacitated by a hip ailment.

~~It is understood that, in the event of an armistice, the Soviet bloc will try to get the regime of Mao Tse-Tung admitted as a member of the world organization. Which move would get plenty of support from our allies - including the British. (Congress is opposed, and the new acting floor leader, Senator Knowland, says - we should resort to the veto to stop it - just as ~~the~~ Soviet Russia has vetoed ^{many, many,} so many proposals.)~~

ROSENBERGS

The Rosenbergs made another appeal to the Supreme Court today - their fifth. The lawyers for the condemned atomic spies have been putting in pleas to the lower courts, one ~~another~~ ^{after} another. These have been rejected, and now the lawyers ask the high tribunal for a stay of execution - the date of which has been set for Thursday of next week. They say they want a delay, so ~~they can appeal from the~~ ^{they can appeal from the} ~~they can bring their appeal on the~~ decisions of the lower courts.

This is the fifth Rosenberg plea to the Supreme Court. Three rejected, one still pending - now still another.

~~Today's action will go to Justice Robert Jackson, because~~

~~he will be the one to reply~~

In New York, the statement is that advocates of clemency for the Rosenbergs will picket the White House on Sunday for twenty-four hours. They'll stage what they call a "vigil for mercy." This, we are told, will be led by ^{Christian} ~~the~~ ministers and Jewish rabbis.

CHICAGO

Chicago has another mystery of politics and crime.

A Republican state legislator kidnapped last night, gangland style - and, today, - the police were making a citywide search. No result - and they are afraid Assemblyman Clem Graver may be a ~~murder~~ murder victim of the underworld. If so, he would be the sixth political figure ~~target~~ killed in the past five years. The last one, a year ago - when a Republican ~~was~~ ^{ward} committeeman was murdered.

Clem Graver of Chicago was a member of what they call - the "West Side Bloc." That's a group of legislators, both Republican and Democrats, who often vote as a unit in the State Assembly. Political opponents have long accused them of acting in favor of the mobs of Chicago.

Last night, Graver returned home from a political meeting, and put his car in the garage. He was then seized by several men, who thrust him into an automobile - which drove off. His wife, and others, witnessed the kidnapping.

Today
There seem to be no clues. ~~Associates~~ ^{Associates} declare that

Graver had no known enemies. The leader of the "West Side Bloc" says he's utterly mystified by the kidnapping. That leader is State Representative Peter Granata - whose brother, ~~the~~^a State Commissioner, was killed in Nineteen Forty-eight.

Today's news appears to be another ^{evil} page in the history of Chicago's mobs.

STEEL

U.S. Steel has just signed a wage agreement with the Union - giving the steel workers a pay boost of eight and a half cents an hour. That's the result of a series of bargaining sessions. The Union and Company having begun negotiations last month.

U.S. Steel calls today's agreement - "an honorable compromise." And commends the Union - for accepting it.

The wage hike sets a pattern for the whole industry. Late dispatches tell of other companies signing similar contracts.

MILWAUKEE

A dispatch from Milwaukee states that a Federal Mediator has called an emergency meeting to end a strike. The walkout has been on for thirty days, tying up six great Milwaukee plants.

What kind of strike? The answer is painful - for Milwaukee. It's a brewery strike.

We all know about "the beer that made Milwaukee famous." Actually, six brands are turned out in that metropolis of the foaming suds. Six great breweries, with seventy-five hundred employees on strike. So what's the result?

No, there is no lack of beer in Milwaukee. ^{But} There ~~is~~ a lack of - Milwaukee beer. Taverns running out of the local brew -- ^{the beers that make St. Louis famous.} getting their supplies from other cities. That's the humiliating part of it.

Taking coals to Newcastle was as nothing compared with - taking beer to Milwaukee.

EISENHOWER

Today's news about President Eisenhower concerns fishing - he hooked his finger. In the Black Hills of South Dakota, the presidential angler ^{has been} ~~was~~ having pretty good luck. He caught a large trout - and another one not so large.

Also - several too small to keep. Taking the hook from the mouth of one he was throwing back, he had that usual mishap - stuck the hook in his finger. Nothing serious - it happens to

fishermen every day. *Better than our ex-ambassador to Britain, Lew Douglas, who hooked one eye -*

and lost it. R All that was last evening, and the President was out

at the trout stream again today, ~~wadd~~ wading in hip boots, ~~casti~~

casting the dry fly. All - ^{so} ~~very~~ different from President *Cal*

Coolidge, when he went fishing out there. ~~in his administration.~~

Last night I noted that Cal ~~Coolidge~~ was no fisherman. ~~and~~

*T*he local people fixed it - so he'd be sure to catch a trout.

T didn't quite know how the trick was arranged, but today

United Press correspondent Merriman Smith tell us.

The local experts impounded a lot of fish from a trout farm, and dumped these into the stream. To make sure the

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fish wouldn't get away from the President, they had a section of the stream fenced off with chicken wire. So the few yards of water were loaded with trout - and coolidge couldn't help catching a fish. Life out in India years ago when a European king or duke went tiger hunting they would drug a tiger and turn it loose where his Nibs would be sure to get it.

ROOSEVELT

This afternoon, a granddaughter of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt married the son of an Italian immigrant barber. Sara Delano Roosevelt, wedded to Anthony di Bonaventura, a pianist. They met when she was at Bryn Mawr, and he was studying music at the Curtis Institute, a young prodigy of the piano.

The ~~wedding~~^{ceremony} today was in a Catholic Church on the lower East Side - Little Italy. ^{Rud} Park Avenue trouped down to the wedding, kinfolks of the bride on both sides, the Roosevelts and the Whitneys. The church and the street were jammed with local people - cheering the society wedding in Little Italy.

CHILD

At Elk City, Oklahoma, a two year old child was trapped in a well today - and there was no way to pull her out. But little Karren Daniels was lucky.

When she fell into the old, disused well, the barking of the family dog gave the alarm. However, her parents and the neighbors were helpless - she was trapped fifteen feet down, in such a way that they could do nothing. But, nearby, there's an oil field, where trucks were standing loaded with digging equipment. So the oil diggers hurried to her rescue and sank a shaft down to the place where the girl was wedged. It took three and a half hours, but tonight Karren was bright and laughing at the family dinner.

EVEREST

Today, the first members of the Mount Everest Expedition came back to civilization. Two native porters, Sherpas - who arrived at the city of Katmandu, weary, travel-worn, bedraggled. There, in the capital city of the kingdom of Nepal, newsmen were waiting - but the two Sherpa porters would say nothing. They had orders to be silent about the conquest of Mount Everest, until the main body of the expedition has come in.

That, they said, would be - tomorrow. When the British climbers, headed by their leader, Colonel John Hunt, are expected. Among them, of course, will be the New Zealander, Edmund Hillary, the Britisher who actually scaled the topmost pinnacle of the world's highest mountain.

But - Tensing will not be along, the Sherpa guide who climbed with Hillary to the summit of Everest. Tensing will not reach Katmandu until a week later. Staying behind - in command of the main body of native porters, who are bringing back the heavy equipment. Carrying ponderous

material down the icy slopes of Everest.

Tensing was in charge of the Sherpa porters, to begin with - and he sticks to his professional job. Colonel Hunt will remain in Katmandu until he arrives - the expedition leader waiting until the entire party, Sherpas and all, have come back.

The British climbers will take Tensing along to New Delhi - where they ^{are} ~~are~~ to get a magnificent reception from the government of India. And ^{then} Tensing may fly to London, to participate in a British ovation.

In his own country, the King of Nepal will welcome him at Katmandu, with a military ceremony. King Tribhuvana to give Tensing a special medal - struck in honor of the Sherpa guide.

The 3-Dimensional vogue ^{has hit} ~~is in~~ the newspapers. Today, the first 3-D picture was published. Same principle as third dimension in the movies. You've got to look through something - or you'll only see a blur.

This novelty does not ~~appear in any~~ occur in any of our great institutions of journalism. But - in the Waukesha, Wisconsin, Daily Freeman. That's no newspaper with a circulation in the millions. But, today, the Waukesha Freeman published a full page ~~ad~~ ^{|- all 3-D -|} in colors - the page including glasses through which to look at it. Actually, these are made of cellophane, and are tacked to the paper. The principle is - one red and one blue, which act pretty much as lenses.

So 3-D hits the newspapers - at Waukesha, Wisconsin.

