

BRADLEY

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~~There's a striking phrase in today's news~~

("the wrong war, at the wrong place, at the wrong time, and with the wrong enemy (exclamation)." Those were the words of General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who today began his testimony before the ^{Senate} ~~State~~ investigating Committee. General Bradley was referring to General MacArthur's ~~xxxx~~ strategy for expanding the war against Communist China.) Which, he said, would involve the United States "in the wrong war."

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(The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of staff said bluntly that Russia is the real enemy,) and that carrying the war to Red China "would probably delight the Kremlin more than anything else ~~we~~ we could do. Red China is not the powerful nation seeking to dominate the world," said Bradley, who then went on to answer point by point General MacArthur's proposal for enlarging the war by bombing Chinese bases in Manchuria, setting up a naval blockade, and using nationalist troops from Formosa. "I think our global

strategy is paying off" he said "and I see no reason to let impatience alter it in the Far East. Certainly, the course of action we are pursuing has avoided a total war, which could only bring death and destruction to millions of Americans, both in the United States and on the battlefield."

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The session today ended in an atmosphere of tension. This came when General Omar Bradley refused to describe private talks he had with President Truman on April sixteenth -- that is, just prior to the dismissal of General MacArthur. General Bradley had previously testified that the Joint Chiefs backed MacArthur's dismissal from a strictly military viewpoint. However, he refused to answer a question put to him by Senator Wiley of Wisconsin on the grounds that his conversations with the President were a private matter.

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SUBSTITUTE KOREA

In Korea tonight the lull seems just about over. With the usual blowing of whistles and bugles the Chinese have launched attacks on the South Korean troops defending the Eastern flank of the U.N. line in the Inje region. The Chinese push was preceded by three-hour artillery barrage by one hundred and five millimetre enemy guns.

At Eighth Army Headquarters Allied officers are still not sure whether this enemy attack means that the Spring offensive has been resumed -- with full fury. An 8th Army spokesman reports "a general increase in enemy offensive action." Not much news is getting through the security blackout, but most of today's dispatches mention the Pukhan and Choyang Rivers in central Korea where the Reds continue to swarm southwards. Indications are that in spite of the attack against the south Koreans in the east, the main thrust will come on the central sector.

The weather is described as "ideal for the Reds."

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For thirty-six hours rain has been falling without a break, grounding Allied planes and preventing air strikes against the Red build up. The only air activity today seems to have been by B 36's which flew their bombing missions over North Korea by radar.

AIR DROP

In Tokyo today, Far East air headquarters gave out a story of the highest air drop of the Korean War. This was made yesterday by nine flying box cars -- to U N forces dug in right on the tip-top of a high mountain. It had proved impossible to get enough rations and ammunition up the steep slopes, so the Army called in the Air Force. Soon big planes were on their way, with thirty-five tons of supplies. And they pin-pointed their parachute drops.

JAPANESE SPY

In the Tokyo spy trial, American intelligence believes that Red espionage may have had a dramatic effect on military strategy in Korea last fall.

They think that spy work may have brought on the final desperate offensive of the Korean ~~XXXX~~ Communists, when they went all out to smash the old Pusan beachhead.

This "last-gasp offensive" was launched just ~~five~~ five days before the Inchon landings - that amphibious invasion which outflanked ~~the~~ and utterly destroyed the North Korean army. The timing was such that you might suspect the Reds had advance notice, and struck with everything they had to destroy the Pusan beach-head -- before the Inchon landings could be made.

In the Tokyo trial, it is disclosed that one defendant, named Iwamura, had full information about plans for the amphibious invasion. "The Super Top Secret" was in his possession when he was arrested - ~~last~~ last autumn. He was captured before he

could transmit the documents to Red Korea. But he also had a ~~xxx~~ radio for communicating with the Korean Reds. So U.S. Intelligence at Tokyo thinks that he sent the secret information by radio -- and that prompted the final attempt to smash the Pusan beach-head. They failed. But a spy job may have touched off that "last gasp" offensive.

EMBARGO

The Senate this ~~fix~~ afternoon rushed through a bill calling upon the United Nations to halt shipments of war materials to Red China. Earlier today the House Foreign Affairs Committee had unanimously approved a similar resolution.

The U N committee on sanctions yesterday passed the same proposals, which now go to the General Assembly for a vote Thursday - with bitter objections likely from Russia and her friends.

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INFLATION


Fighting words from Washington, ~~These~~ from Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston, who today addressed a conference of some nine hundred industrialists and military ^{people. He} ~~officers.~~ ^{ed} Warning that inflation will lead to economic disaster unless checked. ^{Said Eric} Johnston: ~~said:~~ ["] "Gentlemen, I am going to be tough. If you don't like ~~me~~ what I do, go complain to the President and Congress. If they are going to kick me out, that's all right with me". ^{I don't} like the job ^{anyhow}. ^{Then he added,} "Here is one bureaucrat who'd like to get fired."

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YANGTZE

In Central China, the great Yantze Kiang River today burst its banks. Reports from Hongkong tell of flood waters swirling across vast areas of wheatland. The Yangtze is always high at this time of year, from melting snows in Tibet - ^{far up on the} Roof of the World - where it has its source. Adding to those waters this year has been incessant rain in the ^l lower valleys during the last few weeks. ^{With} ~~there is~~ still no break in sight, in the Monsoon. In Hongkong the report is that this may prove the early stage of one of the worst inundations in the history of ~~an~~ a river ^{that} ~~always~~ ^{for 1000s of yrs. has been} feared for its ~~terrible~~ floods.

Shanghai newspapers today report soaring prices, especially rice, despite rigid controls imposed by Peking.



FOLLOW YANTZE

In the Indian parliament today, the Food Minister announced that India is negotiating with Red China for a million tons of good and grain. Despite reports of serious floods and rising grain prices, China has already supplied fifty thousand tons of grain to India, direct from Chinese ports - by-passing British Hongkong.

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INDIA

In London today, American Ambassador Walter Cliford, called at the British Foreign Office, to look finally made up its mind to vote tomorrow on the bill for sending two million tons of wheat to India. This emergency measure was introduced some three months ago, but has been shelved, due to bickering about what form the loan should take. Also, because of India's critical attitude towards America's role in the Korean war. Tomorrow's final draft provides half the ~~XXXXXX~~ grain as a gift and half as a loan, to be paid off "on easy terms."

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IRANIAN_OIL

In London today, American Ambassador Walter Gifford, called at the British Foreign Office, to look over the final text of Britain's latest note to Iran, about those threatened oilfields, which are of vast importance. The report is that he had given his approval to the final text, which will be delivered in Teheran tomorrow. This oil matter in Iran is almost as important to us as it is to the British.

In London, word is that the note calls for immediate negotiations, to try and reach a compromise between Iran's desire for nationalization and the British hope to keep the Anglo-Iranian oil company's concession. It is rumored that Britain will offer a bigger split for Iran. Also - undertake to help stabilize and improve the economy of the ancient land of Persia on the edge of the Iron Curtain.

RITA

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News about Rita Hayworth gives promise of an interesting financial transaction. The lawyers handling her divorce case say they hear the Aga Khan will arrive in the United States this month - father of Ali Khan, the husband with whom the film star has broken. Rita is demanding three million dollars -- as a trust fund for her daughter Yasmin. Ali is dependent on his father, and the Aga Khan will have to be consulted about any financial settlement.

Well, he is the spiritual leader of twelve million Moslems, who pay him a sort of religious tithe -- making him one of the richest men in the world. Famous is the story of how, on his birthday, the Aga Khan is given his weight in gold - and he is a bulky heavy weight. He knows plenty about finance, and how to bargain - and he may have a pretty problem on his hands.

Rita Hayworth says that, if three million dollars are settled on Yasmin, she will rear the child as a Moslem. Otherwise, the granddaughter of

of the Aga Khan, spiritual leader of ~~the~~ twelve million mohammedans, might be brought up---~~xxxx~~ a Christian. Which could be embarrassing for so eminent a potentate of Islam. So now they say the Aga Khan will arrive in the United States this month - for the interesting financial transaction.

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So what did he do with the loot? You guessed it - same old story - he played the horses. But it's not the same. He didn't lose the money on the ponies - he won! He parlayed the penny anti-thrifts in the Post office -- into a small fortune. After paying all expenses, the subversive was able to pile up forty-two thousand dollars - money won ~~xxx~~

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SWINDLE

Here's a bit of news that might tempt you to exclaim - same old story. But -- don't. It is not the same old story.

In Chicago today, a postal clerk, ~~XXXXX~~ convicted of embezzlement, was given a sentence of three years in prison. He ran an ingenious kind of stamp fraud. He bought up quantities of used stamps, cancelled. As a postal clerk, his job was to accept parcels, people ~~XX~~ paying him the money -- and he supposed to place the stamps on the packages. Instead, he pasted on the cancelled stamps - and kept the money.

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Have you had much luck with the barstails?