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Former President Hoover's radio address tonight was immediately supported by Republican Senators in Washington. Taft of Ohio declared: "Mr. Hoover presents very forcibly a point of view which should have immediate consideration for Congress."

Senator Bridges of New Hampshire backs up the Herbert Hoover contention ^{*- here were his exact words: -*} ~~that~~ "no promises should be made to put any more American land forces in Europe until the American people and Congress have an opportunity to explore the whole question," in the words of the former President.

^{*- in one of the most impressive speeches he ever made*}
The Hoover argument ^{*is*} is that the Korean war is lost - as there is no possibility of enforcing the decree of the United Nations against the power of Red China. He thinks that, with western European countries disunited - we might get into another ^{*still*} ^{*greater*} Korea in Europe. He thinks we have no chance of competing with Soviet Russia as a land power, and should concentrate on our Navy and Air Force.

But there is also dissent on the Republican

side. Senator Smith of New Jersey, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, upholds President Truman's right to send more American troops to Europe to serve in General Eisenhower's unified command.

(The congressional Democrats, of course, attack former President Hoover, and called him - an isolationist.)

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Acheson is flying home from the Brussels conference, which decided to create the unified western European army, and named General Eisenhower as its commander. Secretary of State Acheson will report to the President, to Congress, and the public.

KOREA

There's little news from Korea tonight, the chief item being a Red attack that captured a hill at the perimeter of the beachhead. But the position was quickly retaken by U.S. Infantry - and the chief interest lies in the fact that the hill is described as overlooking the evacuation harbor. A sign of how much the beachhead has shrunk - as the embarkation goes on, methodically.

The concentration of naval guns and land ~~xxxxx~~ artillery continues a curtain of fire and steel, an explosive ring of defense - and the Reds have not been able to make any massive assault. They are confining themselves to mere probing attacks - trying to find a weak spot.

Tonight's dispatch from U P Correspondent Jack Burby says the Communists have not been able to capture one single position, which was not immediately retaken. All positions abandoned, as the U.S. forces drew in for the embarkation, were evacuated according to plan.

From the Eighth Army in the western sector,

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WAR POWERS

In the House of Representatives today, the administration failed to get action on the bill to give the President emergency powers. But this delay is only slight. There was a motion to take up the bill without sending it to the rules committee - which required a unanimous vote. Republican Congressman Halleck of Indiana objected, and the emergency power bill had to be sent on to the committee. But the committee acted at once, and okayed the measure - for action on the floor of the House tomorrow.

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CIVIL DEFENSE

The House of Representatives has passed the bill for Civil Defense - voting more than three billion dollars for the construction of bomb shelters and other measures of safety in our large cities - should there be an atomic attack. Local government, states, and cities, ^{to} ~~will~~ bear half the cost -- the Federal Government the other half, in a ^{bomb shelter} three year program.

TAX


This afternoon the Senate passed the Excess Profits tax. Which war levy on corporations is expected to bring in some three billion, two hundred million dollars. Action was taken at record breaking speed - the measure deliberated and passed in three hours. The bill would impose an ~~xx~~ excess profits tax of seventy-seven percent - and would also raise regular income taxes of corporations ~~xxxx~~ from forty-five to forty-seven percent.

The House of Representatives has passed a measure limited strictly to excess profits. The two versions now go to a committee, to be adjusted.

WAGE-price

Late news from Washington. The wage-price control program is attacked from two sides tonight -- the automobile unions, and the motor car industry.

Union leaders tell President Truman that "cost of living" wage increases must be permitted until ceilings are imposed on all food prices and rents - to keep the cost of living from going up. The auto industry contends that the companies cannot go on giving "cost of living" wage increases, without hiking prices.

Both the unions and companies argue that it was a mistake to single out the motor car industry for a roll-back of prices to the level of December First. 

FOLLOW WAGE PRICE

The latest. The government rejects the request from General Motors for a modification of the order to roll back the prices of its automobiles. This was announced formally in Washington tonight.

KOREAN CHILDREN

6 Today the Air Force in Korea was carrying out what they call "operation Little Orphan Annie." In the Seoul area, they're flying out a thousand children, waifs and strays of war. This host of orphans had been taken to the port of Inchon, to be taken away by a vessel of the South Korean Navy - but the ship failed to arrive. So an airlift was organized - "operation Little Orphan Annie."

The story goes back to a humane project, which began when American Air power first arrived at Seoul - after the liberation of the city several months ago. U.S. pilots found a child, half dead, lying on the grounds of a Korean orphanage -- which had been abandoned in the fighting for the city. They picked up and took care of the waif - then decided to get the orphanage going again, and support it. They *all* ~~riched in~~ *came through* with contributions, and Korean war orphans were taken in by the score. The Air Force plan was to expand the whole thing into a child welfare center for Seoul.

But the fortunes of war took that unlucky turn, and Seoul, menaced by the Reds, is being evacuated. At the orphanage, the children were moved out, taken to Inchon - to await the Korean ship that never arrived. There they were marooned for three days - until their plight was discovered by Air Force Chaplain R. L. Blaisdell, of Hayfield, Minnesota. He took fast action, the airlift ~~was~~ was organized - and began today. U.S. planes flying out a thousand children - "operation Little Orphan Annie."

NEPAL

In the distant, exotic land of Nepal, a "palace revolution" is reported. The word is that the Premier, ^{now} has been supplanted - as a means of making things more agreeable to the Government of India. Nepal, in the Himalayas between India and Tibet, has been in the news recently - with strange political eruptions. The kingdom of the Gurkhas has long ~~had~~ had a singular system - whereby the king is a mere figurehead, and actual rule is exerted by the Premier, the Chief Minister, an hereditary position held by members of a powerful, dominating family.

Trouble arose when the puppet king fled to India, and the Premier named a new sovereign - a mere child. That was followed by ~~violence~~ insurrection, and some fighting -- and the government of India ^{announced} ~~etc~~ [^] not like what was going on. India demanded some democratic reforms. So now Nepal has a change - a new premier.

Today's dispatch states that General Mohan Shamsher Jung Bahadur Rana has been superceded. His

place has been taken by General Babar Shamsheer Jung Bahadur Rana. Those two names are mighty impressive -- but they sound a lot alike. Each General has five names, four of which are the same, ending with Rana.

Which tells a good deal of the story. Both are Chieftains of the Rana family - which long has monopolized the ruling office of premier. So one Rana succeeds another Rana - which might seem to indicate that nothing has changed greatly in the land of Nepal.

INDIA

A fantastic story from India - a weird
evil of plague, magic, superstition ~~magic~~ and a
"miracle shepherd." There was an outbreak of cholera
in the lowlands, and thousands of people went flocking
to a hill town, seeking the wonders of the "miracle
shepherd of Rantalai." Who is ~~is~~ said to have
discovered a magic drug - the powdered bark of a
mysterious tree. So he could check the cholera.

9 They crowded the hill town, thousands milling
around. So how did it all work out? What wonders of
cure/were accomplished by the "miracle shepherd" and
his magic powder? Well, a murderous epidemic of
cholera broke out in the teeming mass of Hindus.
That - and a plague of dysentery and smallpox. So
there was a nightmare of death and panic - and tonight
thousands are reported to be fleeing in wild fear
from ^{Rantalai} the hill town of the "miracle shepherd."

FREIGHTER

Out on the Pacific Ocean, there's a freighter on fire--and the skipper hopes to reach the Fiji Islands in about a week. That is, if the ship doesn't burn up in the meantime.

The Canadian Steamship Ivor Jenny sailed from London nearly six weeks ago, bound for Wellington, New Zealand - and all went well across the Atlantic, through the Panama Canal and the Pacific. Then, three days ago, radio contact with the Ivor Jenny was lost - as if the ship had vanished.

Today came a wireless message - fire in the hold of the freighter. Ship and ~~the~~ crew in the peril of blazing disaster - out in the vastness of the South Pacific; But, reported the skipper they were keeping the fire in check - although they couldn't put it out. They are heading for the Fiji Islands, fighting fire all the time - and hope to reach the Port of Suva in about a week.

All proving - that the seafarers of this

modern world still run into the peril and terror of the ocean. Navigating for a couple of thousand miles -- in a burning ship.

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STUDENTS

Ohio State University announces that William Jaynes and Richard Marshall will be graduated together - and in exactly the same way. Which is no surprise - it's just the same thing all over again.

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So now they've taken their final examinations, and it would be a surprise ending to say - that both flunked, each getting the same

zero in everything from English literature to
mathematics. But, not at all. The pair of school-
mates are climaxing their two fold scholastic record
by graduating, both of them, with the highest honors,
Summa Cum Laude.

MOUSE

Here's another one of those attempts to kill a good old bit of knowledge-- an age-old truth. What kind of bait is best in a mouse trap? As if everybody didn't know -- cheese. Why, that familiar edible has another name - rat bait.

But here comes the Professor with a new scientific discovery - a long list of things that are better than cheese for catching ~~mice~~ mice. Among them are - raisins and gumdrops. Whoever baited a mouse trap with a gum drop? But there's still another kind of rat bait - a fluffy bit of cotton. Not that the rodents eat cotton - they use it to feather their nests.

All this emanates from the Illinois College of Agriculture, in collaboration with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - an impressive lot of professors. I wonder - how would you bait a trap to catch a professor? *Nelson?*