

SUBSTITUTE KOREA

At the war front fighting has begun again between the retreating Eighth Army and the Korean Reds. This was the first contact with the enemy for several days, during which time, the Eighth Army pulled out rapidly to avoid an encirclement. Tonight's report of a renewal of battle brings that same oddity, about which we have heard before -- the appearance of horse-riding cavalry. In the enemy force, were spotted -- platoons of troops on steeds. The oldtime cavalry.

In Tokyo, there's no word on where the Eighth Army will try to make its stand. General MacArthur's spokesman said today that there are several natural defense lines available, if the Allies can hold them against overwhelming odds. But he didn't of course say where.

Today General J Laughton Collins, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, was at the war front. After looking things over, he said the Eighth Army seemed -- "quite competent to take care of itself." General Collins

added that he could see no possible use for the atomic bomb as a tactical weapon in the Korean War.

In Washington General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, denied reports that he told a Congressional Committee about plans for a possible "Dunkirk" in Korea-- a general withdrawal by sea. He said he merely spoke of the possibility of having to evacuate troops in the extreme northeast -- where they had pushed almost to the border of Soviet Siberia. He said these far-advanced units are now moving back for a concentration at a beachhead -- and might have to be taken out.

Note:

~~Be sure to kill FOLLOW KOREA.~~

SUBSTITUTE UP

Tonight India and thirteen other countries asked Red China to stop the invasion of Korea at the thirty-eight parallel. The nations making this move are Asiatic and Arab -- and their appeal, issued at the UN, calls upon the Chinese Communists to halt at the old border line -- so as to help ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~adverting~~ a Third World War.

The latest -- both the United States and Great Britain support this appeal. The American okay is not exactly enthusiastic -- the State Department declaring tonight that our government does not oppose the move, although nothing was known about it in advance. The British reaction is cordial. Tonight ~~the~~ ^{his} aide to Prime Minister Attlee called the move -- "a very fine one." ~~He~~ They indicated all-out support for the proposal in which India takes the lead -- calling on the Chinese Reds to stop at the thirty-eight parallel.

SUBSTITUTE TRUMAN - ATTLEE

Word in Washington is that President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee, during their second meeting today, agreed on a firm policy in the Korean crisis.

The report states that neither Truman nor Attlee have ever ~~xxxx~~ wavered in their resolve to resist the Red invaders. They have never, not for a moment, considered a withdrawal ^(from) ~~in~~ Korea. Instead, the two Chiefs of State today agreed to press for action against the Chinese Communists in the United Nations -- as part of their policy of firmness.

CONGRESS

While the Truman-Attlee conferences were on today, the Republican Policy Committee of the Senate held a meeting - to decide what the Republicans in the Senate should do in the face of the Korean War crisis. Taft of Ohio, fresh from his Election Day triumph, took the lead, and ^(declared) ~~said~~ the Administration was not consulting the congressional Republicans, in dealing with the Korean War. He said that, in the adoption of policies, the G.O.P. members were merely told the facts - about what was being done. But - were not consulted, were not asked for advice. The Senator drew a distinction between being given the accomplished fact and being taken into the discussion before the fact is accomplished.

All of which goes back to the old argument about the bi-partisan foreign policy - what is it? Do you just tell 'em? Or - do you ask 'em? That's what Taft of Ohio wants to know.

SUBSTITUTE ROSS

In Washington, the tension of the Korean crisis caused a casualty today -- in the death of Charles G Ross, secretary to President Truman. This afternoon, as Press Secretary, he held a briefing conference with some fifty newsmen -- giving them facts about the talks between President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee.

TP Charlie Ross seemed alright, ^{He} then went on working -- the distinguished ⁶⁵~~51~~-year old newspaper man doing his bit in this tense, critical ^{time.}~~work.~~ At his desk in the White House, he started making a recorded talk for a radio network -- and, in the middle of this, he slumped suddenly. A heart attack. It was stated later that Charlie Ross had suffered several similar and much milder attacks recently. This one -- fatal.

He was an intimate friend of President Truman, having gone to school with the President, back in Independence, Missouri. ~~He was~~ A distinguished newspaper man, a Pulitzer Prize Winner -- and a good friend to so many of us who deal with the news.

I myself had one bond with Charlie Ross that had. We both edited the same ^{western} mining camp newspaper many years ago.

EXCESS PROFITS

In Washington this afternoon the House voted overwhelmingly to levy a seventy-five percent Excess Profits Tax on corporation earnings. — *the vote*
378 to 20.

SUBSTITUTE COPLON

The U.S. Court of Appeals reverses the conviction of Judith Coplon in her second trial. But the Court says it is "plain" that she is guilty. A new trial is ordered, on the ground of a technicality. Namely, that the former government girl, accused of Red espionage, was arrested by the FBI without a warrant.

This, of course, has nothing to do with the first trial and conviction of Judith Coplon -- that being still on appeal.

TIBET

It seems that, every day or so, I am compelled to say - this is the final height of the fantastic. Which applies to the weird world of Communism, and especially - Tibet. Today we have the story of the - "teacup murder." The poisoning of a high Tibetan lama, by a British radio operator. Weird oriental mystery and intrigue - to prevent Communist control of the roof-of-the-world. Such is the tale set forth by the Central News Agency of Red China, and the British radio man is Bob Ford. Which has an intimate meaning for this program.

Last year, when we were in Lhasa, we got to know Bob Ford - in a curious way, not face to face. I've told previously about ^{the} a radio set-up of the Tibetan government - run by Reggie Fox, a London Cockney. Bob was Reggie's assistant, a one-time radio ~~signal~~ man in the Royal Air Force, whom Reggie brought up to Lhasa several years ago. Bob Ford ^{sent} ~~was~~ out with a radio set, to flash back reports about conditions along the ^{far off} northern border, where the Chinese Reds were threatening - ^{deep in central Asia.}

I've told previously how Reggie Fox, in Lhasa, was able to get into radio contact, occasionally, with American ham operators. The same goes for Bob Ford - who, on the wild frontier of northern Tibet, used to while away his time by talking with radio hams over here, *and all around the world.*

Lowell, Junior, and I were with Reggie Fox, *a number of* times ~~and again,~~ when he *was in touch with* ~~got reports from~~ Bob Ford - all in plain English, nothing secret. Sometimes we joined Reggie, in talking *short wave* by ~~radio~~ to Bob, and I recall the last thing I said to him - just before we left Lhasa. He was then at Chamdo, a Tibetan *not too far from* fortress ~~on~~ the Chinese border - a dangerous place if there was an invasion. So I said: "Be careful, Bob, ~~and don't be~~ *let* captured ~~by~~ the Reds. *get you!*"

Which was prophetic warning. Because, a few weeks ago, the news told that Chinese invaders had *descended* ~~seized the~~ *upon* ~~fortress of~~ Chamdo, *400 air miles no. east of Lhasa -* and one of the prisoners they took was - Bob Ford. *we* felt bad about it then, and feel worse about it now - as you may judge from the following story:-

The Red China news agency accuses him of poisoning a

prominent

Tibetan lama named Gada Hutuktu - a monk on a mission of Communism. Gada Hutuktu is described as preaching to the Tibetans at ~~the fortress town of~~ Chamdo - urging them to accept the rule of ^{the} Reds. They say he was on his way to Lhasa, intending to appear before the Dalai Lama, the sixteen year old living Buddha, in an effort to persuade him and his Ministers to go over to the side of the Communists.

The Red accusation is that at Chamdo, Bob Ford, the British radio operator, compelled Gada Hutuktu to drink a cup of poisoned tea. But that failed to kill the Communist lama. The end of the melodrama is related by the Red Chinese news agency, as follows: "Ford gave Gada a second cup of poisoned tea, and the next day he died." In this way, Gada Hutuktu was prevented from carrying his Communist mission right on to the Dalai Lama at Lhasa.

Now, what's the purpose of this fantastic story?

We can only surmise the worst - that it was invented to put

FRANCE--REARMAMENT

From Paris tonight we learn that France is considering a new Dutch Plan for including German troops in a WestEuropean Army. Premier Plevin has called for a full Cabinet meeting tomorrow and high officials in Paris are sure that the new plan will be accepted.

Announcing that France was considering using German troops ~~today~~, Plevin said -- we believe that the present crisis calls for complete unity -- even if we must give up "conceptions which are dear to us". But, the latest Dutch plan, as did the earlier French one, fails to take into account growing German sentiment against re-~~armament~~. In Bonn, Socialist leader Schumacher, said that plans for including German troops in an Atlantic Pact Defence force had "no chance of acceptance by West Germany". Word is that Chancellor Adenauer's party would also vote against the Dutch Plan.

Bob Ford on trial, the usual Red courtroom proceedings to discredit the anti-Communists of the West. The "poisoned cup of tea" is an old gadget of Chinese melodrama. - and it now appears in the international realm of Red propaganda.

D.P.'S.

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There's a sad story on the wire tonight -- from South Carolina. The tale of the seven thousand inhabitants of four little towns -- Ellenton, Dumbarton, Jackson and Snelling. ^{They} ~~Who~~ call themselves "The first D.P.'s of World War III."

In South Carolina they are learning tonight the heartbreak behind official words from Washington:--^{the} ~~words:~~ "it will be necessary to evacuate the local population."

For Ellenton and its surrounding little communities lie in the way of the great billion-dollar hydrogen-bomb explosive plant. ~~As~~ ^{saying} They ~~say~~ in Ellenton today: "It is

bad enough to have to leave home -- but much much worse to know your home is going to be wiped from the face of the earth. That you will never again be able to go take a look at Main Street -- the vacant lot where you played baseball as a kid -- the railroad terminus, or the little movie theatre in a converted grocery store.

~~For~~ They will be gone, destroyed. " ~~It's such a shock you just can't believe it.~~ That's how the local storekeeper

put it. ~~"The more it comes home the worse we feel."~~

But in Ellenton no one has raised his voice against the government for planning to pull down ^{the} ~~house~~

town. The reason, strange as it may seem, comes from the man who gave the order -- the President himself.

A few weeks ago Mr Truman was looking over plans for the project. He studied the map a long time. Then quietly asked: "Isn't there some way we can spare these little towns?" "No, -- no other site is so good," said the experts. "Those little towns must go."

So from Ellenton tonight, we learn the feeling of the locals who say: "If the President could not save Ellenton, I ~~don't~~ guess there is ^{not} anything we can do. ^{This will be} ~~We must make~~ our sacrifice for ~~the~~ national defence

LAMPPOSTS

Britain handed Hungary a strong diplomatic protest today -- all about a dog. Last week in Bucharest, a member of the British Embassy staff set off for his evening walk -- took along his dog for its nightly exercise. Strolling ^{down} ~~along~~ the street, his dog decided to stop -- right in front of a building occupied by Red officials. Quickly, a planclothesman appeared, arrested the Englishman and his dog -- holding him for almost two hours.

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So, today we learn of this latest development in the East-West battle of diplomatic notes -p the case of the dog that stopped ^{and the Red cops who were insulted thereby.}

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And now Nelson - a final word from you.