

KOREA - TRUCE L.P.-P.G. Thurs. June 25-53,

Tonight, President Eisenhower's envoy is talking with Syngman Rhee - on that bedeviled question, an armistice. Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson is presenting a secret plan, sent along by our own President and Secretary of State. Some sort of compromise - to bring the South Korean President into a truce agreement.

Syngman Rhee, ~~meanwhile~~, is showing signs of being in a mood for a compromise. In a public speech, he said he might find an armistice acceptable - if he got a mutual security pact with the United States. Which, we hear, is actually being offered by the presidential envoy.

In his address, Rhee also laid down the condition that - either Chinese forces must be withdrawn from South Korea, or the political conference following an armistice must have a ninety-day limit. Hitherto, the South Korean President has been insisting on - both, Chinese withdrawal and a ninety-day limit. Now, he'll take either the one or the other. This was confirmed later on, by an official spokesman for the

South Korean government.

The Syngman Rhee declaration was made in connection with a popular demonstration against an armistice. ^{The parade} It was big, but it was also - a frost. Today's dispatch from Seoul tells of thousands turning out - but they were unenthusiastic, and seemed to be bored. They marched through the streets, but there was little shouting. Banners were waved - in a lethargic, feeble way.

This lack of public enthusiasm could be a tip-off -- that the South Korean people may, at heart, want an armistice. Which could be a factor in the discussion, tonight, between Syngman Rhee, and the Eisenhower envoy.

KOREA - EISENHOWER

The President is reported as thinking that, perhaps, it might be better to have talks with Syngman Rhee -- outside Korea. Maybe on Okinawa or in Japan to avoid the atmosphere of excitement in Korea.

INDIA

At the UN, India, tonight - proposed a meeting of the General Assembly to consider the Armistice crisis in Korea. But this was immediately opposed by American Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge, who said that a debate in the Assembly would only hinder negotiations to solve the problem.

KOREA - WAR

On the war front, the Reds have started a blaze of action. Laying mass attacks against the South Koreans.

On the western and central front, eight thousand Chinese came surging forward. At last reports, the South Koreans were holding their positions. The final issue of the battle - still undecided.

AIR FORCE - PRISONER

A federal judge has ordered the Air Force to set free a former Sergeant - now held in Korea, on a charge of killing a Korean civilian. The crime occurred while Robert Toth was in service in Korea. Later, he was discharged, returned home to Pittsburgh, and got a job there as a steel worker.

Recently, Toth was arrested by military police of the Air Force, put on a plane, and flown to Korea - to be ~~put on~~^{tried} ~~tried~~ for murder. Lawyers representing him charged that he was "abducted, kidnapped, shanghaied." They asked the court for a writ of habeas corpus. Which was granted today by Federal Judge Holtzoff in Washington. On the ground that the military authorities have exceeded their powers, under civil law.

("It is a serious matter," said the judge, "for the military police to arrest a civilian, and remove him to a far distant point for trial - when there is no provision in any statute authorizing this to be done.")

So the Air Force was ordered to bring the former Sergeant back to this country, and turn him loose. An appeal ~~is being taken to the higher courts~~

is being taken to the higher courts - the whole issue delayed until they can decide.

BERLIN

East Berlin will have a mass rally of workers - demonstrating for Communism and in support of the puppet government. The order was issued today - by the Red bosses.

The last time they cooked up a demonstration - it turned into that East Berlin revolt. The crowd got out of hand, went anti-Communist, and stormed in a rebellion that spread throughout the Soviet Zone. Now, apparently, the Soviet commanders think they have the situation so well in hand, the revolt so thoroughly crushed - that they can stage another parade. This one - all out for Communism. East Berlin workers got the order tonight.

Meanwhile, the Reign of Terror goes on. A flood of reports telling - of more executions by Soviet firing squads. Hundreds of new arrests in East Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden. Red raiding parties rounding up workers who participated in those outbreaks.

Reports continue - that a purge is being prepared for the Communist government of East Germany. With indications

that this may take a turn toward a new moderate policy.

One rumor is that "bourgeoise" politicians will be introduced into the Communist regime, non-Communist elements. And even that the Red government may be headed by a non-Communist puppet, as a front.

(The signs continue to be contradictory - the Reign of Terror, accompanied by news of political moves toward conciliation.)

GERMANY

The West German Parliament voted a new election law today, and one result of the measure would be - to keep Communists out of the West German legislature. The provisions of the law are complicated, but one feature is that any party receiving less than five per cent of the popular vote, would be prevented from seating a parliamentary representative. This would mean - no more Communist legislators.

STATE DEPARTMENT

A former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State gives the opinion - that the policies of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles will be frustrated by- "Leftist" bureaucrats. J. Anthony Panuch, who was an official in the Department a few years ago, told the Senate Internal Security Committee today about what he called - "an anonymous bureaucratic elite." Committed - to Leftist philosophy. He says they will "skillfully resist" orders intended to root out Leftist influence.in the State Department.

~~Back in Nineteen Forty-Six, Panuch wrote a memorandum, in which he accused Alger Hiss of exercising a "Svengali-like influence" over the late Edward Stebbinius, then U.S. delegate to the United Nations. Today, he told the Committee he was "always suspicious" of Hiss, who is now serving a prison term, on the charge of perjury, connected with Communism.~~

BOOKS

A State Department official declares that the problem of banning Leftist books in American Information libraries abroad, has brought - great discredit to this country. The way - the problem has been handled.

Martin Merson, a consultant in the Department, told a Congressional Committee that there are one hundred and eighty-eight U.S. libraries overseas, headed by one hundred and eighty-eight librarians. Who have to interpret - what is a Communist? What is a fellow-traveler? Neither the administration nor Congress has ever provided - any such list. The result is - confusion.

Merson said that Secretary of State Dulles has been forced to spend, what he called - "many, many hours, far too many hours," in dealing with the problem of books. The Secretary of State should never have had the burdensome and perplexing job thrust on him - says the Department official.

A later dispatch informs us that the State Department is preparing a new directive in the matter of the books.

ATOMIC

Gordon Dean of the Atomic Energy Commission says the United States, now, has atomic weapons powerful enough to ~~destroy~~ destroy Russia ^{virtually,} He thinks that the Soviets should be informed of this, in case they have any idea of beginning a war.

"It ~~will~~ ^{would} be a great pity," says the retired Chairman, "if a war was started by Russia ^{because} she did not know that we have the power to retaliate to the point of destruction."

TAX

President Eisenhower won a smashing victory in Congress tonight - when the Rules Committee of the House voted to bring about action on a bill to extend the Excess Profits Tax. The measure has been bottled up in the Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of which has resisted all White House pressure. The President urging - the Excess Profits Tax be continued for another six months. ~~One~~ Congressman Reed of New York, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee was dead set against letting the bill come to a vote.

But he ~~was~~ ^{has been} by-passed - the administration leaders in Congress going to the Rules Committee of the House. By a technicality of procedure, that Committee could ~~send~~ send the measure ^{to} the floor of the House ^{for a vote} ~~and~~ Congressman Reed argued angrily. But in vain. The Rules Committee voted to by-pass him and his group. The administration - winning out in the long violent wrangle.

MURDER

In London today, the Notting Hill murderer was convicted, and sentenced to hang.

In Old Bailey, that court of grim renown in the history of crime, the austere ritual of British justice was enacted. The prisoner-at-the-dock, the drab fifty-five year old clerk, John Christie - who confessed to the murder of seven women. The judge, wearing the traditional wig. The jury of nine men and three women.

The Justice, Sir Donald Finmore, in the summation, told the jury that the "real issue" was whether Christie was insane.

The jury was out an hour and a half, and then brought in the verdict. The foreman announcing: "We find him guilty. That is the verdict of all of us."

The Notting Hill murderer was asked - ~~had~~ had he anything to say? He was pale and trembling - and shook his head.

Meanwhile, a clerk of the court stepped behind the

judge. In the hands of the clerk - a black cap. The age old symbol - of the sentence of death. The clerk drew the black cap over the wig of the judge. Who thereupon pronounced the solemn words: "You have been found guilty of murder by the law, and for that crime - there is only one sentence known to our law."

The formula of British justice - in one of the most atrocious criminal cases that Old Bailey has ever known.

FIRE

In Philadelphia, they put out a big fire with -

"wet water." ~~And don't you ever~~ Well, whoever heard of - "dry water?"

~~But here is the story -~~

~~This new fangled stuff is the latest in fire fighting, and that~~

But, wait a moment, here's the story!

~~And don't you ever~~

A huge warehouse, crammed with crude rubber, caught fire, and burned for two days. The fire hoses doused the blaze with streams of ordinary water. But - no go. Then they tried "wet water", and extinguished the fire in two and a half hours.

Fire Chief George Hink says: "It's a new episode in the history of fire fighting." *P* He explains that many ~~kind~~ kinds of burning material simply shed ordinary water, which just rolls off - like water off the proverbial duck's back. But this new fangled kind penetrates burning substances, sinks right in, gets them wet through and through. That's why they call it - "wet water."

SAUCERS

At Brush Creek, California, two veteran gold miners have asked the ~~sheriff~~ sheriff for permission to shoot at a flying saucer that comes navigating with a crew of tiny men. We've had a lot of weird flying saucer yarns - this one gang going so far as to propose gunfire against midget invaders.

John Black and John Van Allen operate a small gold mine in the Marble Creek area - where, they say, the saucer landed twice, near a stream. Each time a little man got out, scooped up a minute pail of water, and handed this to someone inside the saucer. They describe the little man as wearing a "knee length parka." Sheriff Fred Preston says the two gold miners have a reputation for sobriety, and it can't be just a case of pink elephants. But he's not giving them permission to shoot anything. "I told them - they'd just better grab it," says the Sheriff. He thinks they should sneak up and seize the saucer, the next time it lands - and the little man climbs out for a pail of water.

The Sheriff adds - he has notified the Air Force,

which is an avid collector of flying saucer stories. This
one - a beaut.

JUDGE

In Detroit, Judge Joseph Gillis had a puzzling case to decide - and the way he did it makes him a regular Solomon. Three men were arrested for rolling dice in a public park - a hot crap game. Brought before His Honor, the evidence against them was - a pair of dice. Which the cop had seized. But all three denied ownership. Each one vowed - the dice didn't belong to him. So how did the Judge decide that question? He turned on the policeman, and bawled him out. Said the cop: could be prosecuted for false arrest, and roared: "Give those dice back to the rightful owner!"

The cop obeyed, holding out his hand - with the dice. Whereupon George Thompson reached out and grabbed them.

The Judge said: "Ninety days!" George having made the mistake of reclaiming his own property.

Now let's listen to the Swamy Girl
— and then Nelson Case.